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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Tamaro. Present were: Chairman Tamaro, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Coldagelli and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Rich Sather, Matt Reid, Jerry Ulman and Scott Smith.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Erjavec abstained, due to his absence at the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2014 Board of Canvass, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville abstained. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Rich Sather, Matt Reid, and Jerry Ulman had no comment. Scott Smith reported there has been another retirement on the fire department. Referred to Supervisor Coldagelli.

REPORTS

Clerk Sersha gave the Oath of Office to Lee Branville and Richard Sather, and congratulated them both. Their 4 year terms will start with the first meeting in January 2015.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements for the month of October 2014 have been received and reconciled. Revenues were \$268,134.01 and expenditures were \$263,763.00. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank- \$560,026.59

Assessment Savings- \$319,731.01

CD Savings- \$537,588.28

Mt. Iron Checking- \$253,972.25

For the month of November 2014 to date, revenues are \$28,458.81 and expenditures are \$58,072.89.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 12, 2014 EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 14, 2014 Variance Public Hearing for Kydd/Beaudy family, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Public Utilities Commission meeting and the October 2014 Wastewater Operator's Report, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 8, 2014 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 2014 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 2014 Police Report, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Coldagelli noted Chief Thompson would like to apply for a grant for a new MDC. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize Harvey Thompson to apply for a grant for a new Mobile Data Computer, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2014 E-F Cable TV Regular meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

MN Power- Letter requesting an on-site visit to review the solar equipment we have installed and a conversation to gather insights about our experience with solar energy.

Chairman Tammaro reported on the repairs that were needed on the solar panels and stated his displeasure with their durability. Tammaro has been trying to contact the company and has had no call back. Tammaro also stated the IRRRB should be informed.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Health Insurance Deductible- Discussion on the change in deductible on the employee health care insurance plan. As of November 1, 2014 - October 31, 2015, the deductible has changed to \$3000/\$6000 instead of the \$2500/\$5000 as in other years. The employee health savings accounts are always funded January 1 of each year, but the renewal on the health insurance is November 1, leaving the employees unfunded for the months of November and December.

Motion to fund the employee health savings accounts \$2500 on November 1 of each year instead of January 1, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on whether or not to fund the increase in deductible for the employees. Consensus of the board is the union contract states the accounts will be funded at \$2500/\$5000, so that is the amount the accounts will be funded.

PUC By-Law Change- Supervisor Erjavec reported at the last PUC meeting a by-law change was introduced. The by-law change reads: to amend Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Fayal Utilities Commission by adding paragraph D as follows: D. "Failure of the voting member, as a Fayal utilities customer, to remain current with respect to all of their utility bills. For purposes of this paragraph only, a member shall be considered current if they have no delinquent utility bills, or if there is a balance owed, the balance owed is less than three months of the members typical monthly utility bills."

Supervisor Erjavec reported the change should come to the board in January 2015.

Town Board Meeting Schedule- Supervisor Erjavec stated the meetings should go back to the 7 pm time for the winter months.

Motion to go back to the 7 pm time for the first and third Tuesdays of each month for regular town board meetings, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville-

Hwy. 53 Realignment- A decision has been made to use the E-2 design which would take the far east loop around by the landfill and go across the Rouchleau Pit. Cost expected to be \$220 million, with construction starting late summer, early fall 2015.

Supervisor Pernu-

Sweeper- Still en route. Road department has been busy plowing and sanding.

Supervisor Coldagelli-

MHS Contract- A new contract for May-September patrol will be forthcoming.

Firefighter Resignation-

Motion to accept the resignation of Rob Spolar of the Fayal Fire Department, with thanks, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville reported he has been requested by a resident to have the board send a letter to MN DOT asking if a by-pass lane can be put in on Hwy. 37 for the turn off to East Long Lake Road.

Supervisor Branville reported a resident has requested a street light on Ely Lake Drive. Clerk Sersha stated there is a process in place to make the request. The resident must make application to the PUC and the request will be evaluated and decided upon by the PUC.

Supervisor Coldagelli reported the Comprehensive Plan meetings have been going well, and there is a visioning meeting tomorrow at 6:30 PM.

Motion to designate Clerk/Treasurer Judy Sersha to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the non audit services for the 2014 audit, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro reminded the board to start on their 2016 budgets, and stated we must look at zeroing out balances in a few departments.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk