

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 2, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Coldagelli and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Scott Smith, Rich Sather and three E-G High School students.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Scott Smith forwarded three quotes for new turnout gear for four of the firefighters. Mr. Smith requested the money received from the City of Virginia for fighting a fire at EvTac be transferred to the fire department relief association. Referred to New Business.

Rich Sather and the three students had no comment.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- This report is tentative because the bank statements have not been received. For the month of November 2014 there were revenues of \$55,276.34 and expenditures of \$75,682.35. Balances are:

Miners Checking-	\$583,917.40
Assessment Savings-	\$311,483.87
Mt. Iron Bank-	\$185,572.27

Clerk Sersha reported David Ochis was sworn in on November 19, 2014 to a four year term as supervisor.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of October 22, 2014. Next meeting is Jan. 28, 2015, Cotton, 7 pm. Placed on file.

St. Louis County Environmental Services- 2015 Solid Waste Tipping Fee Schedule. Placed on file.

MAT- Financial statements for MAT and MAT Insurance Trust. Placed on file.

Eveleth Area Community Foundation- Request for donation. Referred to New Business.

Joe Pershern, AFSCME Rep- Request for meeting to discuss changes to health insurance deductible. Referred to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

PUC By-Law Change- The PUC will be voting on the change at their next meeting.

Health Care Deductible- The deductible amount was changed by the insurance company from \$2500/5000 to \$3000/6000. A letter was received from Joe Pershern of AFSCME citing a MN statute that the change is subject to negotiations. Discussion. The board maintained they are sticking to the contract, and the amounts provided for in the contract and any change can be negotiated in the next contract. Chairman Tammaro will write a letter to Mr. Pershern.

Supervisor Branville-

Hwy. 53- Nothing new at this time.

Supervisor Pernu-

Waste Site- Cliff Shermer has offered to take chip and haul out the site, at no cost to the township. Supervisor Pernu states this is preferable to burning the piles.

Motion to allow Cliff Shermer to take the yardwaste pile, as long as he has the proper insurance and signs a hold harmless agreement with the township, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

Gilbert Water Agreement- We received a water agreement proposal from Gilbert. Referred to PUC.

Budget- The fire and buildings & grounds departments are running in the negative. After the 2014 audit is completed, decisions will be made about transfers to those departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sersha submitted a list of properties with delinquent utilities to the town board for certification on pay 2015 taxes.

Motion to certify the list of delinquent utilities to the 2015 property taxes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu reported we still do not have a delivery date for the new sweeper.

Supervisor Coldagelli questioned why we do not provide a cardboard recycling area. Chairman Tammaro stated cardboard can be recycled in the bins but must be sliced up. We do not want the mess of allowing large boxes etc.

Discussion on the money received by the fire department from Virginia for firefighting. Scott Smith explained that Virginia has a contract with EvTac for firefighting and they get paid extra if there is a fire at EvTac. Virginia was paid by EvTac's insurance company, and forwarded a portion to Fayal for their assistance.

Motion to transfer the \$2500 received from Virginia for firefighting from the fire department budget to the fire department relief association, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the three quotes for turnout gear for the fire department. Costs are: **Municipal Emergency Services- \$1920 each, TNT Fire Protection- \$2055.50 each, Emergency Response Solutions- \$2228.71 each.** Fire department is recommending Municipal Emergency Services at a cost of \$1920 per set. The fire department would like to buy four sets from the \$10,000 allocated from mining effects money received this year. The remainder would go to purchase helmets, boots and gloves.

Motion to purchase the four sets of turnout gear at \$1920 each, and use the remainder for additional accessories, to be paid from mining effects, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Clerk Sersha states she spoke with Chief Shykes regarding the turnout gear. The plan is to purchase more turnout gear each year. To maintain consistency and uniformity, the fire department would like to make future purchases from this same company, even if the price changes in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tamaro introduced and read aloud Resolution 2014-10.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-10 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement With the Department fo Public Safety and Fayal Township, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2014-11 regarding on-site septic, which the MN Association of Townships is recommending be adopted by townships.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-11 to Define and Implement Effective Individual Septic Treatment Systems, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sersha reported there are several Christmas decorations that need to be disposed of, but that are in good shape. The items were in the town hall for inspection by the board. Sersha recommended donating the items to the Disabled American Veteran’s Thrift Store in Virginia.

Motion to donate the items to the Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store in Virginia, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

The board took no action on the request for donation from the Eveleth Community Foundation.

Chairman Tamaro stated he would be out of town for the next regular meeting but stated what a pleasure and privilege it has been to work with Supervisors Erjavec and Pernu over the years. Chairman Tamaro thanked the two for all of their hard work and dedication to the township.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Erjavec.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk