

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**DECEMBER 20, 2011**

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

Audience members in attendance were four E-G High School students, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith and Brad Reifsteck.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- For the month of December 2011 to date, there have been revenues of \$354,371.49 and expenditures of \$65,776.02. Tentative balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$174,654.30
Assessment Savings-	\$476,179.10
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$705,096.36

Mining effects report is due January 15, 2012, total received for 2011 is \$52,279, balance unspent is \$12,653.63.

Delinquent utilities were certified to SLC auditor.

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

***Motion to accept the November 11, 2011 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the EFGSD Joint Rec meeting minutes of December 14, 2011, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MN Dept of Health- Sanitary Survey Report for Fayal Township Public Water Supply. Referred to PUC.

Fayal Fire Dept Membership Committee- Recommend hiring Lyle Hammond as a firefighter, contingent upon passing a medical evaluation and background check. Referred to New Business.

Joanne Mannikko, Clerk of Leonidas- Requesting a bid for providing fire protection for City of Leonidas. Referred to New Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Gilbert Wastewater Contract**- Closing summations from Bruce Williams and Jackie Corradi were received Dec. 15. The judge now has 90 days to rule.

**Supervisor Branville-**

**DSGW Contract-** A standard form of agreement between owner and architect was received in the amount of \$4,700, for signature by the town chair, for the complex plan. Referred to Chairman Kniefel for review and signature.

**Supervisor Tamaro-**

**Solar Project-** The Hometown Electric bill should have been referred to SEH for payment and not the township. Tamaro referred the bill to SEH, and advised the bill be pulled from tonight's claims.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Erjavec reported the PUC voted to increase water and sewer rates. Water to be increased 50 cents per 1,000 gallons, up to 4,000 gallons and from \$6.00 to \$6.50 per thousand over 4,000 gallons, which is the conservation rate. Sewer to be increased \$2.00 per month.

***Motion to increase the water rate 50 cents per thousand gallons, up to 4,000 gallons and to \$6.50 per thousand over 4,000 gallons, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to increase the monthly sewer rate \$2.00 per month, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. The monthly rate will now be \$42.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Erjavec reported Dale needs 14 credits for his wastewater license. Classes are being offered January 12,13 & 14.

***Motion to allow Dale to attend wastewater classes on January 12,13 &14, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel stated we tabled the adoption of Resolution 2011-04 GASB 54 at the last meeting for input from Walker, Giroux & Hahne. Clerk Sersha stated she forwarded the policy and resolution to them for review, and they are in agreement with the policy.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-04 to Establish a Fund Balance Policy in accordance with GASB 54, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

Clerk Sersha reported on this years mining effects funds, total received was \$52,279, and only \$39,625.37 has been spent. A balance of \$12,653.63 needs to be allocated.

***Motion to commit up to \$500 for the grooming of the snowmobile portion of the Mesabi Trail in Fayal Township, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to use the remainder (\$12,153.63) as seed money for a building or improvements to the town hall complex project, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Pernu submitted the 2012 Yardwaste site calendar to the board for review. Yardwaste site openings would be: April 20,21,22,27,28,29 and May 4,5,6 in the spring and October 12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27,28 in the fall.

***Motion to accept the 2012 Yardwaste calendar, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel submitted the solar manual contract received from SEH.

Steve Shykes reported the appointment of new firefighter Lyle Hammond has been put on hold, due to a change in his schedule. Tabled.

Discussion on the request from City of Leonidas for fire protection. Referred to Fire Department. Clerk Sersha will email their clerk to tell them the issue will not be discussed until their next meeting in January 2012. Issue tabled upon input from fire department.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Brad Reifsteck, Scott Smith and the four E-G High students were in attendance but has no comment.

Steve Shykes reported the fire department held their elections. Steve Shykes was re-elected as Chief, Scott Smith as Assistant Chief, Mike Knutson as Captain, Bryan Sampson as Lieutenant, and Rich Sather as Secretary-Treasurer.

***Motion to pay the bills, except the Hometown Electric bill for the solar project, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk**