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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MARCH 15, 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: Charles Erickson, Jerry Ulman, Mark Peterson, Jamie Lindseth, Mark Terrio, Dawn Cole, Adam Sersha, Steve Shykes, Mike Priest, Russ Troutwine, Harvey Thompson, Brad Reifsteck, Jim Johnson. Later in the meeting Peter Bertucci, John Damberg, Dennis Pernu and Donna O'Connor arrived.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Charles Erickson, of O'Laughlin Square, was in attendance. Mr. Erickson stated he was in attendance to receive answers to the questions he asked of Supervisor Branville at the Annual Meeting that were not answered at that meeting, and that most of them would be about the police.

Mr. Erickson stated that in 2008 Supervisor Branville voted to buy a 2008 Expedition and new radar for the police department. Mr. Erickson asked what happened between Point A- 2008 and now, Point B, where you want to get rid of the police department? Supervisor Branville stated he is listening to what the people want at the Annual Meeting, there was a large turnout and it was ongoing. Branville stated we are a very conservative board when it comes to finances. We have good fund balances, and he would like to see them stay that way. Branville went on to say he is of the belief we have adequate coverage from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, which we are already paying on our taxes. Branville stated our taxes are high, and he is trying to save some money for the township and there is a large group of people that think the sheriff coverage is adequate.

Supervisor Branville stated he has never said he wants to get rid of the police department, but made a recommendation that we try to get by without a police department on a trial basis for a year to eighteen months, but he was voted down for lack of a second. Branville stated he would like to keep the police department, but try it without for awhile to see how things are.

As for saving money, Mr. Erickson questioned why, hypothetically, you don't go after the fire hall? Supervisor Branville stated we do not receive fire protection from anyone else, but we already have the St. Louis County Sheriffs-- why pay double? Branville also cited increased homeowners insurance costs for residents if we do not have our own fire department and the EMS and rescue the department provides.

Mr. Erickson asked Supervisor Branville if, his reason is to save money, then how about the health insurance benefit for the employees? Supervisor Branville answered that at the time, there was a huge savings but there has already been an increase this year. Branville went on to cite advantages to being in the cooperative such as the stop loss, and that he felt more comfortable with the agent we had due to his experience, and that exposure and risk with a new company is high. Branville stated the agent we have now is a great guy who has been here several times to explain things, it is a good company, he lives in the township, but that as a company changing from where we were to where we are now was exposing the township down the road to greater risk. Branville stated the second part of the equation of the health plan was that the employees pay no part of the premium, like they did with the former plan. When the rate goes up in the future, that will now have to be re-negotiated at the bargaining table. Branville stated he thought that was giving up a lot, and it is tougher for the board and taxpayers to go back.

Mr. Erickson stated, as an example, the fire department gets \$60,000 a year, and they want to build a new fire hall. Erickson questioned how much that would cost the taxpayers? Supervisor Branville stated it is just in the talking stages now.

Mr. Erickson asked Supervisor Branville if it was true that there was some personal conflict between Branville and Harvey? Supervisor Branville stated the only personal conflict he had was the way Harvey handled a certain dog complaint, and became over zealous with the dog complaint, and Branville didn't like the way it was handled. Branville stated Harvey accused him of interfering with a police investigation rather than coming and asking how we could work this out. Branville stated Harvey wrote to the board asking to have him removed as police liaison after last year's Annual Meeting, and that he is a like a bully in the sandbox—if he doesn't like something he comes to the board. Branville stated he is the elected official that is trying to do something he has been asked by the residents to do. Branville stated it was he who pushed for Harvey to be re-hired after he retired and that Mr. Erickson is trying to make it into a personal issue, and it is not. Mr. Erickson stated it is a witch hunt and he wants to bring it all out into the clear. Supervisor Branville stated it is all in the record and you can go back and read it.

There was more discussion between Mr. Erickson and Supervisor Branville about the issue, with Mr. Erickson telling Supervisor Branville he is the bully in the sandbox and Branville maintaining he is only trying to save the township money and Mr. Erickson is making it personal. Mr. Erickson stated to Supervisor Branville he should take a look at himself. Chairman Kniefel stated we should move on, but asked Mr. Erickson if there was anything else? Mr. Erickson stated he works at Fayal part-time and if there is a guy like this on the board, he will turn in his key and no longer work here.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All accounts for the month of February 2011 have been reconciled. Receipts were \$102,989.98 and expenditures were \$63,536.69. Ending bank balances are as follows:

Miners Bank- \$75,835.07
Assessment Savings- \$457,164.03
Mt. Iron Checking- \$831,079.74

For the month of March 2011 to date, there have been revenues of \$19,200.27 and expenditures of \$16,768.72.

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

Motion to accept the February 2011 Police Report, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the EFGSD Joint Rec minutes of March 9, 2011, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. E-mail from Jackie M-Junek, Eveleth Clerk regarding changes Eveleth wants to make to the joint powers agreement referred to New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February 2011 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the January 12, 2011 Fire Department Business Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February 9, 2011 Fire Department Business Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Ziegler Family- Thank you for flowers. Placed on file.

SLC Assessor- Board of Equalization will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2011, 1-2 PM, Fayal Town Hall. Placed on file.

CARE Commission- Thank you for donation to Post-Grad Party, which will be held June 2, Mesabi Family YMCA. Placed on file.

Brad Reifsteck, SEH- Agreement for Professional Services between Fayal and SEH for providing engineering and construction services for Thunderbird Trail crack sealing and Woodlawn Circle overlay and Woodlawn Blvd overlay in connection with the 2011 Street Maintenance Improvements. Total estimated fee is \$5,000. Referred to Old Business.

Brad Reifsteck, SEH- Agreement for Professional Services between Fayal and SEH for providing engineering services in connection with the sanitary sewer rate study. Fee is not to exceed \$1,000, including expenses and equipment. Referred to Old Business.

MN DNR, Tim Russ- Letter regarding the dry hydrant located at Pleasant Lake public access. In order to cancel the lease, removal is required and site must be restored to original condition. Referred to New Business.

Joe Pershern, AFSCME Staff Representative- Letter and grievance filed on behalf of Harvey Thompson as a result of a motion by Supervisor Branville to lay off the police officer. Article III, Section 14 of the current AFSCME contract clearly states that before any action is taken, the issue will be discussed with the union. Mr. Branville's action of making a motion to lay off the police officer is a clear contractual violation. Referred to Chairman Kniefel.

Chair Steve Kniefel- Reply to grievance stating that it is agreed that the Union's exclusive representative will be notified in the event a general layoff is contemplated. Kniefel further states since the board took no action on Mr. Branville's motion to layoff and it did not prevail, it is moot. Placed on file.

Joe Pershern, AFSCME Staff Representative- Letter thanking Mr. Kniefel for his prompt response and assurance the contract will be adhered to. Letter was sent to clarify the issue of the grievance and states that at no time did the Union accuse the Board of taking action in violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, however individual board member Branville did take action by making a motion to lay off the Chief of Police and Mr. Branville should be informed that his action alone was a violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Placed on file.

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2011. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert Wastewater Agreement- Gilbert has served us with a lawsuit, we have 20 days to respond. Engineer Brad Reifsteck has requested information from Gilbert for the rate study, but Gilbert has not responded and Mr. Reifsteck has been unable to go forward with the study.

Motion to approve the Agreement for Professional Services between Fayal and SEH for providing engineering services in connection with the sanitary sewer rate study. Fee is not to exceed \$1,000, including expenses and equipment, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel reported the MPCA has interceded with the wastewater contract issue and has offered the Bureau of Mediation services to mediate at no cost to either Fayal or Gilbert. So far, Gilbert has not agreed to mediate.

Motion to be available to mediate if the Bureau of Mediation Services are available, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville-

Building Committee- Supervisor Branville reported he met with John Damberg and Steve Shykes. The meeting mainly consisted of refreshing themselves on the scope of the project proposals submitted by SEH and Architectural Resources. The engineering firm of DSWG would also like to put forth a proposal. The group will be meeting again before the next regular meeting.

Supervisor Pernu-

Town Hall Floor Tiles- Supervisor Pernu and Albert Jurenec will be meeting with a professional on Friday regarding the loose tiles in the town hall.

Supervisor Tamaro-

2011 Street Maintenance Improvements- Supervisor Tamaro stated he would like to table the SEH proposal until the scope of the projects are better defined.

Dump Truck Specifications- Another quote was obtained from Mac Truck. The quote was for the truck only and the cost would be \$87,906. The quote received from Skubic Brothers for an International with the same specifications was \$72,648, and they have offered a \$5,500 trade-in allowance for the old truck. The box, mounting and lights were quoted at \$42,544 from Towmaster Inc. Mac Queen quoted the plow, sander, post and wing at \$22,847. The add-ons altogether total \$65,391, and would be compatible with either the Mac or the International Truck. All quotes were obtained via the MN State Bid.

Motion to enter into a contract with Skubic Brothers for the purchase of a new 2012 7400 SBA 4x2 International Dump truck in the amount of \$72,648, less \$5,500 trade-in for a total purchase price of \$67,148 and purchase the add-ons quoted by Mac Queen and Towmaster totaling \$65,391, for a grand total of \$132,539, with the purchase to be paid in the following manner: \$33,000 from the Road & Bridge fund and \$99,539 to be paid from the Capital Equipment fund, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Tamaro stated the truck will be ready for the next plow season and will replace the 1992 plow truck. Motion carried unanimously.

EFGSD Joint Rec Agreement Changes- Discussion on the proposed changes by the City of Eveleth to the agreement.

Motion to agree to the changes proposed by the City of Eveleth to the Joint Rec agreement, with the agreement coming back to Fayal for final approval, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro apologized for missing the Annual Meeting and stated he was too sick to attend. Supervisor Tamaro wanted it noted for the record that he wholeheartedly supports the police department as it stands, and he wants that known.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported the riding lawn mower has extensive wear and a new one will need to be purchased this spring. Al will be doing an inspection on our current mower, and we may be able to get another year out of it.

Regarding the inclusion of crack sealing the town hall parking lot, Supervisor Tamaro stated that could be incorporated into this year's road sealing projects. The parking lot was supposed to be crack sealed a few years ago, but we have been waiting to see what the Planning Committee is going to do. Chairman Kniefel stated the crack sealing can be done with a change order on this year's projects.

Chairman Kniefel stated that in Fayal Township we have a tradition where we allow the Annual Meeting to set supervisor's salaries, even though they do not have that authority. The board usually abides by their recommendation. This year there was a motion at the Annual Meeting to increase across the board, the supervisor's salaries, by ten percent. Kniefel stated if that is to take effect, there needs to be a board motion.

Motion that in accordance with the Annual Meeting recommendation that we increase the supervisor's salaries, by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu, for discussion. Supervisor Pernu stated he thinks we have earned that money just for being at the Annual Meetings. Supervisor Pernu stated he puts in a lot of time, and simple arithmetic its about \$8 per day and there are many meetings, and weekends where you are called out, and no one requests mileage. Supervisor Erjavec stated he has to go with what the people voted for, because he does not want them to come back next year and complain about it, and there was a clear majority, so he is going to vote in the affirmative.

Supervisor Branville stated he realizes we all earn that money, and he wholeheartedly supports it, but he is going to vote against it because he will look like a hypocrite because he is trying to save money. ***Kniefel, Erjavec, Pernu and Tamaro voted yes. Branville voted no. Motion carried.***

Motion to accept and approve the 2010 Audit Report as prepared and submitted by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to make no objection to the request for renewal of the 2011-2012 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License and Wine License with Authorization to Sell On-Sale Intoxicating Malt Liquor for Candy's Land of Eveleth, Inc. d/b/a K & B Drive In, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to make no objection to the request for renewal of the 2011-2012 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License for John Roger Rinne, d/b/a Eveleth Golf Course, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

As for the dry hydrant located on Pleasant Lake, Chairman Kniefel stated the lease has already been paid. There had been some confusion on the lease because the dry hydrant was installed improperly and the water quality was poor, but it is cheaper to pay the lease than it is to remove the dry hydrant. The one on Long Lake was removed some years ago, but there are others that are still active.

Chairman Kniefel stated he would like to get back to the police question. Kniefel stated there has been much discussion on the role Fayal Township should play on police protection and Supervisor Branville has stated at the Annual Meeting it is to save money. Kniefel stated in his opinion, we do need supplemental police protection and we are not going to get it any cheaper than we are getting it now. But, the only way to resolve this question is to put it on the ballot, and let the people decide.

Chairman Kniefel introduced and read aloud Resolution 2011-01 to call an election to provide police protection in Fayal Township. The resolution uses the question from MN Statute 365.21: Shall the Fayal Town Board be allowed to provide for Police Protection?

Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution 2011-01, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Chairman Kniefel called for discussion. Supervisor Branville questioned the phrasing of the question, and stated it is ambiguous because obviously the people have voted at some point to have police protection, because it is being provided. Chairman Kniefel stated he phrased it that way because the question is stated as such in that particular statute. Supervisor Branville stated that he still did not like the way it is phrased, it should be a yes or no question. Chairman Kniefel stated it is a yes or no question— yes you are going to provide it, or no, you are not. Supervisor Branville then asked if it comes up as a no, does that mean we have to eliminate the department altogether? Chairman Kniefel stated yes, we would. Supervisor Branville stated he has always advocated from day one that he did not want to eliminate the department, he wants to go on a trial basis by not staffing the existing police department, and we try it with just county coverage, and we set up some kind of parameters so we can gauge it and look at the types of calls etc., then after that trial period, we can look at it and if we still need a police department, we would still have the mechanism in place. Supervisor Branville does not want to take the chance that we lose the police department. Supervisor Tamaro stated we could wait another two years and put it back on the ballot. Supervisor Branville reiterated that he would like to leave everything in place. Supervisor Erjavec stated that according to what he understands, we have no money until January 1, 2013 anyway to go with Branville's scenario of hiring the sheriffs. Branville stated we do not have to staff the department, we are running on carryover funds and we have adequate reserve funds, the idea was not to pay for it because we have county coverage already and we do not have to pay for additional coverage—only on an as-need basis for our ordinances and Sheriff Litman sent us a proposal for \$55 per hour—those are all details that could be worked out, and that is minimal money. There was then discussion on where the money is going to come from to keep the township police on staff now. Supervisor Tamaro stated we will deficit spend. Supervisor Branville again explained that if you throw it out to the voters and you lose—it's done—then you don't have your police department and you have to wait and try to get it back again. Supervisor Branville stated his plan is to see how it works, monitor it and the police department is still on the books, and if we see a crime rise in Fayal Township or determine that we want a police officer staffed again, we can put him back in. Chairman Kniefel stated that all being said, this election is not for another year and eight months—if the board decided not to staff it for the next 18 months, would that not constitute your trial period? Supervisor Branville stated he is still going to be working here. Kniefel stated that is up to the board, and up to Harvey.

Supervisor Branville stated maybe the people in the town would want this brought up sooner than two years from now. Chairman Kniefel stated he would not support that if we had to do it sooner for the following reasons- 1) the reason we moved our township elections to November is that's when everyone shows up to vote and 2) with a question like this, its too easy to stack a special election one way or the other. Chairman Kniefel stated he felt we are going to get the best cross section of the town at a regular election rather than a special election, and there is no urgency. There are also additional costs involved with a special election- we are obligated to have the handicap accessible machines, election judges etc. Supervisor Branville thanked Chairman Kniefel for bringing this forward. Supervisor Tamaro added it will be a presidential election that year, Kniefel added it also allows 18 months for it to come out in the community, rather than having all the wrangling and bringing people to the Annual meeting to make disparaging remarks, this will put an end to it. Supervisor Branville stated he is in complete agreement with Chairman Kniefel. Chairman Kniefel stated we can let it take its course, there is factions on both sides of the issue and the dialog can take place, and that is when it gets decided. Supervisor Pernu stated an election is the way to go, it alleviates all the headaches we have been going through for the last two annual meetings, and it is the only fair way. Supervisor Branville stated that is the people's right to come to the annual meeting, and they are people that care about it. Chairman Kniefel stated no one is denying that, but a lot of time is being spent, we just spent \$150,000 on a new truck, and we have spent months on the police. Supervisor Branville stated \$30,000 adds up. Supervisor Branville again thanked Chairman Kniefel for bringing forward this resolution. **Kniefel, Erjavec, Branville, Pernu and Tamaro voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Adam Sersha was in attendance and stated that it looks like board has settled the dispute about the police.

Jerry Ulman was in attendance but had no comment.

Jamie Lindseth was in attendance but had no comment.

Michelle and Bob Woods were in attendance. Mrs. Woods questioned what is the response time of the deputies? Chairman Kniefel stated that is a loaded question. Mrs. Woods stated she has been through this for four years when they lived in Biwabik-the deputies cannot guarantee you a response time, they could be out in Buhl. Mrs. Woods stated it is her personal opinion it is worth the \$35,000 if it saves one life. Supervisor Branville stated the response time is great, if it happens to be during the 20 hours the township police is here. Mrs. Woods stated she has heard too much on the scanner where the sheriffs cannot get there. Chairman Kniefel stated the sheriffs department is stretched just like other personnel, and that is the ballot question-should we be supplementing that so we improve that response time?

Adam Sersha questioned if there are similar townships that have this type of contract, and have we gotten any feedback from any of them on their satisfaction with the sheriffs department? Chairman Kniefel stated that it was pointed out at the annual meeting there are a lot of townships that do not have contracts with the sheriffs department, most of the smaller ones do not, they fall under that umbrella. There are a number of townships that contract with the sheriffs for the enhanced hours and that would be an option that we have today and we would have after this ballot question goes. Mrs. Woods stated that is extremely costly. Kniefel agreed, it is \$55 per hour- you contract with the sheriffs department and is done on an overtime basis, the deputies sign up for extra duty to fulfill whatever contract we make with them. Chairman Kniefel cited Canosia township as an example, they contract with the sheriff for enhanced coverage and also fall under the umbrella. Mrs. Woods asked if they would come and sit in her front yard and clock some of the people that are driving by about 50 mph? Chairman Kniefel answered if we contract with them to do that specifically. Supervisor Branville questioned why our police officer can't do that, and stated he has had cars passing him early in the morning, also he has had the same complaints on Cedar Island Drive. Mrs. Woods stated she will not let her eight year old daughter wait for the bus by herself, because they go by so fast. Supervisor Pernu stated he made the point at the last annual meeting that he would like to increase the hours from 20 to 40 per week. There was more discussion on speeding in the township.

Mike Priest was in attendance. Mr. Priest asked why we are only getting \$5,500 for our old 1992 dump truck as a trade-in. Supervisor Tamaro explained the old truck did not pass the DOT, it needs a lot of work, and it is rusting real bad.

Mr. Priest then asked if there is a location for the new fire hall, one that is centrally located? Chairman Kniefel explained there is a committee with Supervisor Branville and Steve Shykes that are working on that, but no decisions have been made yet. Mr. Priest suggested the airport. Supervisor Branville answered that is one of the preferred locations.

Mark Peterson was in attendance and stated he came because of the police, and felt this is a fair solution. Mr. Peterson stated it is a good time to have it along with the presidential election so there is a better turnout, and not next week so people will have a chance to know about it.

Dawn Cole was in attendance and stated she came tonight to be more involved because she has been a little remiss in getting to know what is going on. Ms. Cole stated that earlier in the meeting Mr. Erickson had brought up the subject of insurance, and questioned if someone could clarify that in terms of dollars saved, and what exactly has transpired? Chairman Kniefel answered that was a project taken on by Clerk Sersha, and our agent Jamie Lindseth is here, so Kniefel asked if either would like to explain the insurance change.

Clerk Sersha explained that the township employees were formerly covered by BlueCross/BlueShield medical insurance through the Northeast Service Cooperative. The insurance was the standard medical with out of pocket \$20 co-pays for clinic visits and also \$10-60 co-pays for drug coverage. The monthly premium was split 90/10, with the township paying 90 percent and the employee paying 10 percent. The last year we had the BC/BS the total monthly premium was over \$8,000 for the five employees and the employees were each paying about \$200 per month with the township paying the remainder. The town board had received a request from Jamie Lindseth to give a quote for the township's general liability, property and vehicle insurance. Previously, we had previously been doing our insurance business for many years from an agent in Virginia. After receiving the quote from Mr. Lindseth, the town was able to get the liability insurance through the League of MN Cities and the savings was about \$3,000 per year. At that time, Clerk Sersha stated she asked Mr. Lindseth if he sold medical insurance and if we could get some quotes. The employees filled out medical questionnaires and they were submitted to three companies. What we found out was, with a high-deductible policy, the rates were much less than with conventional insurance. Health Partners, which is a high-deductible policy, \$2,500 for single and \$5,000 for family came in with the lowest monthly premium at about \$3,200 per month for all five employees, compared to the over \$8,000 per month we had been paying through Northeast Service Cooperative. When it was all calculated, even with the township paying 100% of the deductible (\$22,500 per year for five employees) and 100% of the monthly premium, the township still saved over \$40,000 per year on health insurance. By changing the medical insurance, and even with the township paying \$100% of the deductible and monthly premium, the employees were able to receive raises, which they had not received in many years. The employees also saved the \$200 per month they were previously having to pay for their monthly premium.

Clerk Sersha went on to explain that there have been increases with the Health Partners insurance since 2009. But even so, using the 2010 BCBS rate of \$108,486 (less 10% paid by employees) per year versus the 2011 Health Partners annual rate of \$64,786 (includes the deductible) the town is still saving about \$33,000 this year.

Clerk Sersha also disagreed with Supervisor Branville's earlier statement that the employees do not have a stake in the health insurance, because the money that is put into the health savings accounts does belong to the employees. The employees did earn the money and they have to spend it when they go to the doctor. The savings account gives the employees the incentive not to run to the doctor for a hangnail, they are not using the insurance, they are staying under the deductible amount.

Clerk Sersha also reported that information had been brought to the board regarding Northeast Service Cooperative giving Fayal a \$40,000+ refund, had we stayed with them in 2010. Sersha stated she went to the co-op and spoke with Mike Grahek, who told her that was a miscalculation and the refund would have been around \$14,000. Sersha attended one of their meetings and requested the a pro-rated refund for the 10 months in 2009 that Fayal purchased insurance from them, but the request was denied. Sersha stated even if we had received the refund, savings still would have been realized.

Ms. Cole commended the board and Clerk Sersha for looking into the health care costs. Ms. Cole went on to say that we all know not only in government are health care costs extraordinary, but also in the private sector as well, and to be able to continue equivalent benefits at a savings to the taxpayer is to be commended and she is very appreciative of that.

Fire Chief Shykes was in attendance to inform the board liaison and the audience that the fire truck will be back tomorrow, it was out for repairs. Shykes also wanted to inform the residents in attendance the fire department started 25 years ago and was started from scratch. The department has come a long ways in 25 years, it has updated every piece of equipment with top-notch stuff. Almost \$600,000 of grant money has been received in the last five years to make the updates possible. Mr. Erickson stated he is not picking on the fire department, he was just using it as an example. Chief Shykes stated he takes it personally when people start talking about the fire department. Shykes went on to state he is personally in favor of the police department and he wants more coverage. As the fire chief, Shykes stated he wants more law enforcement on their calls, not less, and the department is definitely in support of having the police department. Shykes stated as the moderator at the annual meeting, he thought he had to be neutral and could not say anything, but personally and as the fire department, we support the police department.

Dennis Pernu was in attendance and asked if there was a vote on the board when the township changed health insurance plans? Clerk Sersha stated the town board approved it. Mr. Pernu asked if anyone on the board voted against it? Supervisor Branville stated he did. Mr. Pernu stated he wanted people to know that. Supervisor Branville stated that prior to Mr. Pernu coming to the meeting tonight he made it clear as to why he voted the way he did, and he can read it.

Peter Bertucci was in attendance and stated that it is nice to have a local cop and to keep things local. When we lost our planning and zoning, everybody was crying, so the best thing to do is to keep control.

Supervisor Tammaro reported we had some wiring work done on the town hall after power was lost in the kitchen during a weekend.

***Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec.
Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____