

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Tony Tammaro, James Pernu, Lee Branville, Mike Erjavec*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MARCH 6, 2012**

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 Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Jerry Ulman, Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Brad Reifsteck and Kelly Sather.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the month of February 2012, there were revenues of \$111,840.06 and expenditures of \$184,881.07. A reimbursement request was submitted to the IRRRB in the amount of \$80,802.40 for the solar project. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$99,714.35
Assessment Savings-	\$453,213.23
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$659,948.97

Health Partners has requested we pay our monthly bill online, to avoid paper billing. Short discussion. The board saw no need to pay the bill online, will continue to pay by check as usual.

Century Link has analyzed our phone bill and stated they can beat our current phone carrier's price, TDS Metrocom. The board instructed Clerk Sersha to use her discretion on the matter.

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

***Motion to accept the February 2012 Police Report made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Jackie Junek, Eveleth Clerk- The Eveleth City Council and School Board would like to have a listening session regarding people's input on Joint Rec programs. They are asking if we would like to be a part of the session. Supervisors Tammaro, Branville and Pernu all expressed interest. A decision will be made which two supervisors will attend once the meeting has been set.

Kelly Sather, Franklin BEARS PTA Treasurer- Request for \$100 donation for help in increased costs to rent a larger venue for their Annual Family Bingo fundraiser. Referred to New Business.

SLC Fair- Request for donation. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning- Board of Adjustment will hold public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 9:10 AM at Northland Office Center for variance request from Jeffery and Amber Jola, 3902 Long Lake Road West. Placed on file.

Arrowhead Procure- By-laws and amendments. Placed on file.

League of MN Cities- Safety and Loss Control Workshop will be held April 19, Giants Ridge. Placed on file.

MAT- Urban Shortcourse will be held April 19, Rockwood's Conference Center, Otsego, MN. Placed on file.

Steve Shykes, Fire Chief- Request for 17 new pagers to replace pagers not capable of being programmed with narrow band frequencies. Referred to New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Wastewater Contract-** Nothing new. As for the monthly billing, the last payment sent in for the Differding Point sewer portion of the bill was calculated, by us, using actual water meter readings instead of the per customer flat fee. This is the method Gilbert uses to calculate their own customer bills. By using the actual gallons pumped, the bill was about \$180 less, and that amount was submitted to Gilbert. The newest billing from Gilbert has a statement that reads: Until a new contract is negotiated, the Differding Point sewer will continue to be calculated as in the past. They are now charging \$482.00 for the 25 customers, instead of the flat fee of \$350 we paid in the past. Short discussion. The bill for Differding will be paid in full, as requested by Gilbert.

**(Clerk's Note- The Differding bill was calculated by Gilbert as follows: \$4.82 per 1,000 gallons, 25 customers, each using 4,000 gallons, or \$19.28 per customer)**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Erjavec reported he received a complaint from Jeff Cerar that his lilac trees were damaged when Dale plowed out the hydrant. Erjavec reported he inspected the area and the trees are planted about 22 feet from the road centerline, and questioned if they are planted in the road right of way. Erjavec spoke with Cerar and told him to wait until spring to see if the trees are damaged, and if they are, to bring the issue to the board for a decision.

Supervisor Pernu reported he will be meeting with Brad Reifsteck and Mark Forte regarding the ballfield. Supervisor Tammaro stated he would also like to attend that meeting. Plans are to start with the project as soon as the snow is gone.

Supervisor Tammaro reported the solar project is moving along, and the solar units will be put up when the snow and ice are gone.

Supervisor Tammaro reported the washer/dryer combo for the road department was delivered and installed.

Chairman Kniefel stated there are two liquor licenses that need renewal, one for K & B and the other for the Eveleth Golf Course.

***Motion to approve the request for renewal of 2012-2013 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License and ON-Sale Wine License with Authorization to Sell On-Sale Intoxicating Malt Liquor for CANDY'S LAND OF EVELETH, INC d/b/a K & B DRIVE INN Located at 7946 PINE DRIVE, EVELETH, MN 55734, with special reference to good moral character and repute, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the request for renewal of 2012-2013 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License for JOHN ROGER RINNE d/b/a JOHN ROGER RINNE (EVELETH GOLF COURSE) Located at 4276 GOLF COURSE ROAD, EVELETH, MN 55734, with special reference to good moral character and repute, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreements with the Cities of Virginia and Eveleth, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Tammaro questioned if the mutual aid was covered by the coalition? Fire Chief Steve Shykes explained the coalition agreement is very broad, and these agreements are addressed specifically to each individual community and the Virginia agreement is only for the corporate limits within the city. Motion carried unanimously.***

Fire Chief Steve Shykes explained the need for some new pagers for the fire department, as the band width is changing this year. Shykes requested \$7,055, plus tax, from this year's mining effects funds. Discussion. Tamarro states there are other plans for this years mining effects funds.

***Motion to authorize the fire department request for the pager purchase, but use fire department budget funds, and we will evaluate later in the year if there is a deficit in the fire fund, transfer funds from unreserved to the fire fund, made by Supervisor Tamarro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to donate \$100 to the Franklin School PTA, made by Supervisor Tamarro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

The board took no action on the donation request from the SLC Fair.

***Motion to accept the 2011 Audit as prepared by Walker Giroux & Hahne, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamarro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to authorize an update of GASB 45 for post employee benefits, as recommended by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to present to the people at the Annual Meeting a 2013 levy recommendation of \$526,800.00, made by Supervisor Tamarro, support from Supervisor Erjavec.*** Supervisor Branville stated he is torn because everyone knows his feeling on the police, and he is also torn on whether it is in the best interest of the town because now we have been dipping into funds and we have always been fiscally very responsible, and it does not look like we are going to change on the police anyway. Branville further stated he does not like to see us draw down on the funds because there are other things in this town that are important. Branville stated he was going to vote against putting the police back in but has re-evaluated his position, and we have made some progress in dealing with the situation in that it is going to be put to a vote by the town, and he does not see it making any sense to keep digging ourselves in a hole since the police are here and we have to fund it anyway. Branville stated he just wanted to make that statement. Chairman Kniefel stated that as we are all well aware, it is just our recommendation. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Brad Reifsteck, Jerry Ulman, Kelly Sather and Scott Smith were in attendance but had no comment.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes commented to the board that they just eliminated any carryover funds from last year and this year in the fire department by paying for the pagers from the fire budget. Discussion.

***Motion to purchase the pagers with unallocated funds, made by Supervisor Tamarro, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Erjavec asked if this was in place of the previous motion? Supervisor Tamarro stated it is an addition to the previous motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Fire Chief Shykes reminded everyone of the FD Spaghetti Feed on March 25, Fayal Town Hall, and stated tickets are available from any firefighter or at the door.

Clerk Sersha reminded everyone of the Annual Meeting next Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 PM.

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

Clerk Sersha asked the Board for authorization to pay the bills for the second half of the month, since the second meeting is cancelled. The Board made that authorization in the past, and agreed the bills can be paid and presented at the next regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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