

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Anthony Tammaro, Chairman*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**APRIL 1, 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: Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Matt Reid and Greg Buckley.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Pam Sarvela of MN Energy was scheduled to be at tonight's meeting, but due to weather conditions, she will be attending the April 8 PUC. Ms. Sarvela will be making a presentation on plans for the extension of gas lines around Ely Lake.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes was in attendance to inform the board on proposed fire department by-law changes, those being: 1) Attendance requirement of at least 75% to qualify for relief benefit was moved to another article, 2) Added to election of officers- If not present at election, cannot be nominated. This was changed to allow for the submission of written letter, if unable to be present at the election, indicating they would serve as an officer, if elected, 3) The EMS Director must now keep records of the certification of all first responders.

***Motion to approve the three changes to the fire department by-laws, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**

Scott Smith and Steve Shykes had no comment.

Greg Buckley was in attendance to volunteer to be on the PUC and the E-F Cable TV Committee.

***Motion to appoint Greg Buckley to the PUC and the E-F Cable TV Committee, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report-*** Bank statements for the month of March 2014 have not been received yet, so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$38,416.69 and expenditures were \$66,247.92. There was a transfer from Miners to Mt. Iron checking in the amount of \$220,000.00. Ending balances are:

Miners Bank- \$403,571.79

Assessment Savings- \$439,824.83

Mt. Iron Checking- \$253,235.24

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

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

***Motion to accept the March 12, 2014 E-F Cable TV minutes made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the March 2014 Police Report, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the February 12, 2014 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from***

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

MN Energy- Notice to Counties and Municipalities of the evidentiary and public hearings on their last two rate cases. Placed on file.

SLC Assessor- Open Book review for Fayal will be held April 16, 1-2 PM, SLC Assessors Office, Virginia. Placed on file.

City of Virginia, Mayor Louis Russo- Urging us to adopt a resolution or letter in opposition to MN DOT plan to development of an intersection of Hwy. 53 and Hwy. 135 that provides a lesser level of service than the existing interchange. Referred to New Business.

Iron Range Youth in Action- Thank you for donation. Placed on file.

Arrowhead Procure- Membership agreement, needs to be signed by chair and clerk. Referred to New Business.

SLCATO- February 26, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. Annual meeting and election will be April 23, 5:30 pm, Cotton. Reservations for dinner due by April 18. Placed on file.

Jon Cherry, Polymet- Thank you for Resolution of Support recently approved by the town board. Placed on file.

Mike Wiskow, Eveleth- Aquaduct between Ely and St. Mary's Lakes was opened on March 31, 2014. Placed on file.

Jakes Grading- 2014 Road maintenance prices. Referred to Road & Bridge.

Mediacom- They will be making changes to their channel lineup. Placed on file.

Bobber Stop, Adam Venne- Thank you for plowing the airstrip. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

***Hwy. 53 Realignment-*** A letter from Virginia's Mayor Russo was received. They are asking that we pass a resolution opposing the plan for the intersection of Hwy. 53 and 135. Discussion.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-04 in Opposition to the Minnesota Department of Transportation Plan to Development of an Intersection of State Trunk Highway 53 and 135 That Would Provide a Lesser Level of Service Than the Existing Interchange, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville will be attending the Hwy. 53 realignment meetings and reporting back to the board.

**Supervisor Pernu-**

**Brush Pile-** Supervisor Pernu asked Fire Chief Shykes if the fire department would be able to burn the brush pile at the pit. Shykes will speak with Albert Jurenic and get it done.

**Pleasant Lane Culvert-** Matt Reid of SEH reported the permit application and preliminary plan has been submitted to the DNR, and we are waiting to hear back from them. Discussion on cement culvert, would be too costly to purchase and install. Mr. Reid recommended we use an aluminum coated culvert versus a galvanized pipe culvert.

**Supervisor Coldagelli-**

**Code of Ethics Policy-** The updated version has been sent to the union and all employees. Just waiting to hear back.

**Supervisor Tammaro-**

**Best Management Practices-** Nothing at this time.

**Road Assessment Policy-** Nothing at this time.

**Dogs-** Chairman Tammaro states he has been seeing a lot of dogs running again and suggests we contact the Mesabi Humane Society and re-institute another contract with them for animal control. Supervisor Coldagelli will contact them.

**PUC Computers-** Support will no longer be available for the two PUC computers. Two quotes were received from Roger's Online. One quote for an upgrade to Windows 7, cost \$612.88 each, the other for new computer towers, cost \$1,078 each.

***Motion to approve the purchase of two new computer towers for the PUC, per the quoted cost of \$1,078 each from Roger's Online, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Erjavec reported we have not heard back from Gilbert on a water agreement.

**IRRRB Sewer-** Matt Reid spoke with Mike Skenzich, have not heard back.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Natural Gas Line Expansion-** The presentation by Pam Sarvela of MN Energy has been re-scheduled to April 8 and will be held in conjunction with the PUC Regular Meeting. It was noted a portion of the project is going to be in Gilbert. Chairman Tammaro will notify Gilbert of the project and invite them to attend our meeting.

**Gilbert Sewer Rate Increase-** Chairman Tammaro stated we have still not heard back from Gilbert's engineer, John Jamnick on the debt service increase. Tammaro will contact Scott Neff.

**Sewer/Water Rate Study & Assessment Projection-** Since Gilbert has raised the sewer rate a new study is needed. A study should also be done for the sewer assessments to determine if any adjustments need to be made.

***Motion to have Walker, Giroux & Hahne do a sewer and water rate study and an assessment projection, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Supplemental Employee List-** Supervisor Pernu stated the need to create a list of persons available to fill-in for town employees in the case of a staffing shortage. Part-time laborers are also needed for lawn mowing, hall maintenance etc. This would be a list we could refer to if the need arises.

***Motion to table the request for casual labor and equipment operators for two weeks, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Pernu reported the need for new cell phones for the road employees. The PUC also needs one new phone. iPhones were purchased previously for the police and one PUC employee.

***Motion to upgrade the phones for the Road & Bridge and PUC employee, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Fire Relief PERA-*** Supervisor Coldagelli reported the fire department is going to go ahead and obtain the quote from PERA for their retirement. We have until the end of the year to decide whether to join or not.

***Annual Meeting Directives-*** A motion was made at the annual meeting to form a police committee consisting of town supervisors and citizen member. The purpose of the committee is to look at costs for obtaining extra police protection.

***Motion to set up a committee consisting of Supervisors Heidi Coldagelli, Lee Branville and citizen members Ejay Dawson and DeLyle Pankratz, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to authorize signature by the chair and clerk of the Arrowhead Procure membership agreement, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Board of Equalization-*** An open book meeting will be held this year at the SLC Assessor’s office on April 16, 1-2 pm. Supervisors Erjavec, Branville and Coldagelli all attended Board of Equalization training on March 18 in Cotton, and we will now be able to have a local board.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-3 To Establish a Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Pursuant to MN Statute 274.014, Subd. 3 Paragraph C, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Clerk Sersha informed the board there are three printers and a battery back up that need to be disposed. Roger’s Online will take the property and dispose of it at no cost. If we bring it to the landfill, there would be a cost.

***Motion to authorize the disposal of the town property, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Pernu reported the heat had been left on in the skating shack. Discussion on running a waterline to the new building addition. Cost prohibitive.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

