

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 15, 2014

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

Audience members in attendance were Scott Smith, Steve Shykes and Charlie Erickson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Scott Smith and Steve Shykes had no comment.

Charlie Erickson was in attendance to inform the board about people feeding deer in the neighborhood and the problems it is causing. Mr. Erickson asked if an ordinance could be adopted that would prevent people from feeding deer if it becomes a nuisance. Mr. Erickson reported he spoke with the DNR and this can be regulated by a township or city if there is an ordinance in place. Discussion. Chairman Tamaro will refer the matter to Chief Thompson and ask for his input.

REPORTS

Motion to accept the April 9, 2014 minutes of the EFGSD Joint Rec meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 10, 2013 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements for the month of March 2014 have been received and reconciled. Revenues totaled \$40,680.38 and there was a transfer of \$220,000 from Miners to Mt. Iron Checking. Expenditures were \$71,552.38. Ending balances are:

Miners Bank- \$409,790.34

Assessment Savings- \$439,992.16

CD Savings- \$557,585.87

Mt. Iron Checking- \$264,631.89

For the month of April to date, there have been revenues of \$19,622.17 and expenditures of \$90,621.49.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

MN Dept. Of Health- Water sample results. Placed on file.

SLC Assessor- 2014 Sales book. Land is down 14% and buildings are up 4%, and we are at 94.3 for median sales based on 22 sales. Open book meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 1-2 pm, Northland Office Center. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor- Election Judge training will be held June 30, 12:30 pm, and July 17, 12:30 pm, Clinton Town Hall. Placed on file.

SLC Environmental Services- Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the Virginia Landfill Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8 am to 1 pm starting May 8. Will be posted at usual posting places.

Jodi Pontinen- May be re-filing to detach from Gilbert and attach to Fayal if Gilbert does not create rural taxing district as they have agreed to do. Placed on file.

Range Quality Pest Control- Pest control services contract for 2014 in the amount of \$375. Referred to Supervisor Branville.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert Water Agreement- Nothing at this time.

Gilbert Sewer Rate Increase- We have not received an explanation on why we are being charged an increased rate for debt service. Chairman Tammaro reported he spoke with Gilbert Mayor Skenzich and was told we would receive an explanation, and that we paid the increase last month in good faith. Supervisor Erjavec suggested a letter be sent requesting the information.

IRRRB Sewer- Nothing at this time.

Sewer/Assessments Study- Walker, Giroux and Hahne have indicated the study should be provided by May 6. The PUC can then study it at their next meeting and action can be taken by the board meeting of June 1.

Natural Gas Line Extension- Pam Sarvela of MN Energy attended the last PUC meeting. The project is planned for two stages- 1) Ely Lake extension to include Differding Point and Cedar Island Drive and 2) St. Mary's Court. The more people that participate, the lower the cost will be for everyone. The estimates given at the meeting were \$3,500 per household, to be paid over a 15-20 year period. Letters from the gas company will be sent to those affected by May 1.

Supervisor Branville-

Hwy. 53- Nothing at this time.

Insurance Claim- The damage to the fire hall has been turned into the insurance company. A claim was also submitted for damage to the stairs and rail on the new building.

Supervisor Pernu-

Pleasant Lane Culvert- Nothing at this time.

Supplemental Employees- Discussion on how to fill vacancies when employees are on vacation etc.

Motion to table the supplemental employees issue for further study, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Coldagelli-

Code of Ethics Policy- Have not heard back from the union. Supervisor Coldagelli will contact Joe Pershern.

Fire Relief PERA- Supervisor Coldagelli reported she is still working with the Relief Association on obtaining the quote. Firefighters Steve Shykes and Scott Smith were in attendance and stated they like the present relief association, and the person who invests their funds lives in the township.

Blight- Supervisor Coldagelli will check with St. Louis County on the complaint of blight near the ballfield. The area is to be cleaned up by June 1.

NEW BUSINESS

PUC Vacancy- We still have one vacancy.

Supervisor Erjavec reported the PUC voted to increase the sewer rate by \$5 at their last meeting. The board would rather wait to increase until the study is completed by WGH.

Motion to table the PUC recommendation to increase the sewer rate, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville stated he will contact Range Quality Pest Control about our annual contract and do a walk-thru with them. There is still a problem with flies in the fire hall.

Supervisor Pernu reported Joe Begich would like to attend one of meetings regarding the proposed new school. Chairman Tammaro stated Mr. Begich is welcome to attend any of our meetings at any time. Supervisor Pernu asked that Mr. Begich be put on the agenda for the May 6 meeting.

Supervisor Coldagelli received the contract from Mesabi Humane Society for animal control, but had not had the chance to review it. The cost has increased by \$50 per month, and she will report at the next meeting.

Supervisor Coldagelli reported Mark Forte asked that we apply to the Eveleth Foundation for funds for the ballfield. Clerk Sersha stated she did apply last year, but we were turned down because the project did not fit their criteria. Supervisor Coldagelli reported we were asked to re-apply, and will tell Mark Forte to go ahead with the process.

Motion to make no objection to the St. Louis County Board for the request for renewal of 2014-2015 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, dba K & B Drive In, located at 7946 Pine Drive, Eveleth, MN 55734, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to make no objection to the St. Louis County Board for the request for renewal of the 2014-2015 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License for John Roger Rinne, dba John Roger Rinne, Eveleth Golf Course, 4276 Golf Course Road, Eveleth, MN 55734, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk