

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 19, 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 Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Branville was absent.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All accounts have been reconciled for the month of March 2011. Total revenues received for the month were \$35,786.46 and expenditures were \$77,438.72. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$112,480.29
Assessment Savings-	\$456,027.76
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$759,056.01

For the month of April to date, there have been revenues of \$18,608.92 and expenditures of \$47,270.82.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2011 and March 16, 2011 E-F Joint Cable TV Commission, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2011 Special Meeting of the E-F Joint Cable TV Commission, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2011 EFGSD Joint Rec Commission made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of Letter from Brad Reifsteck to Bruce Williams regarding a status report on gathering preliminary information from the City of Gilbert to conduct a sanitary sewer rate study for Fayal. As of March 15, no information from the City of Gilbert has been received. Placed on file.

Clerk Sersha reported the casual labor committee has hired Crystal Latvaho to clean the town hall. Sersha also reported a request has been made by Charles Erickson and his son to perform community service as part of the requirements for his son's church confirmation. Mr. Erickson proposed painting the skating shack and fixing the dents etc from the pucks and sticks. There would be no cost to the township.

Motion to authorize Charles Erickson and his son to paint the skating shack at no cost to the township, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert Wastewater Treatment Contract/Mediation/Litigation- Nothing at this time.

Sewer Rate Study- Nothing at this time.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Street Improvements- Brad Reifsteck of SEH sent out five proposals and two were received– 1) Mesabi Bituminous- \$84,917 and 2) KGM- \$83,949. The estimated engineering cost for the project was \$100,000.

Motion to award the street project to KGM in the amount of \$83,949, as recommended by the engineer, and pay for half of the project with mining effects funds, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Brad Reifsteck will take care of the notice of award, insurance bond etc.

Dump Truck- The International chassis will be here around the first of May, then will be shipped to Towmaster and should be ready for this year's plowing season.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported that when Range Cornice was here to remove snow from the roof, damage was done and there were 12 holes that needed repair. Range Cornice was contacted and they came out and fixed the damage at no cost to the township. Supervisor Pernu was satisfied with the repairs and if there are any further problems, Range Cornice will come out and take care of them.

Supervisor Tamaro reported to the board the sewer program is outdated and will have to be replaced at some point. The cost could be up to \$20,000. Supervisor Tamaro wanted the board to be apprised of the situation and be prepared to pay for the new program.

Supervisor Tamaro reported he met with Brad Reifsteck and Mike Larson of SEH regarding our waterline grant. Mr. Larson has advised we request the IRRRB change the grant's use to have solar panels installed at the town hall. The IRRRB is also giving out public works grants, and Supervisor Tamaro suggested we pursue a grant to put up a storage building. The board agreed.

Chairman Kniefel reminded everyone the Board of Equalization has been continued to the May 3 Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. There was one case that had some validity for the assessor to review and this week another case has been submitted to the assessor, so the board will be taking action on two cases before the close of the Board of Equalization.

Chairman Kniefel stated he had one more item of new business. This issue came up when Supervisor Branville was the liaison and it is something we need to move forward on. Chairman Kniefel reported he spoke with Harvey regarding a video camera for the squad car. Chairman Kniefel stated he thinks it is an excellent idea, and is a very common practice for law enforcement. Chief Thompson prepared a memo for the board's consideration. The memo cited benefits being: Officer Safety- if something happens to the officer, it is caught on tape, Liability issues- Would show any allegations by a citizen against the officer to be true or false, Supervisors- Would show if officer's interactions with citizens are handled in a professional manner, Evidence- best evidence for a trial and, Future use- if police department is discontinued the unit could still be put to good use.

Information and a quote from MPH Industries was also attached to the memo. Chairman Kniefel stated it would be a good investment, and cost would be about \$3,500-\$4,000, plus installation.

Motion to authorize the police chief to purchase appropriate video equipment for the squad car, from mining effects money at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Discussion on installation. Kniefel stated we will leave that to Harvey to coordinate that. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu reported that town hall cleaning will now be done by Crystal Latvaho, grass cutting by Dennis Pernu and yard work will be done by Pat Skalko. We will try to get one more year out of the lawnmower.

Chairman Kniefel reported that County road 629 (Cedar Island Drive) is scheduled for a reclaim overlay in 2013. Kniefel has been out with Rich Young looking at some of the drainage structures (culverts) on the road. There are some things that have been modified over the years that need to be addressed. Service Drive has a big drainage issue. Kniefel stated he is hopeful some of these issues can be looked at and addressed, rather than just blacktopping. We may have to do a joint project with the county on some of these underlying problems to get things resolved as this project develops.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Brad Reifsteck will have another quote for the next meeting on Thunderbird Trail.

Charles Erickson stated he has been asked by several parents in the neighborhood if there is a possibility of setting up a basketball court? The board was receptive to the idea. Discussion on using one of the volleyball courts. Supervisor Tammaro will look into having the R&B crew prep the area and there may be a possibility we could include the blacktop in with the road project.

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 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk