

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

*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Anthony Tamaro, Chairman*

*Supervisors: James Pernu, Lee Branville, Mike Erjavec, Heidi Coldagelli*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**APRIL 2, 2013**

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 Deputy Clerk Zattoni. Clerk Sersha was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Sandy Ahlin, Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith, Emily Major, Dano Zebro.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2013 Special Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Danielle Zebro of the Mesabi Humane Society was in attendance to make a presentation to the board for animal control services they can provide to the town. Ms. Zebro proposed having the Mesabi Humane Society patrol problem areas of the township for stray and running at large dogs. The proposal would be for a trial period of six months, April-September, with an additional 8 random hours of patrol at a cost of \$500 per month. The Humane Society will collect our \$50 fee, per the ordinance and will not release an animal unless it has current rabies vaccination or has the vaccination within 72 hours. If no one claims an animal that has been picked up, after seven days they will find a home for the animal. Ms. Zebro also explained that they will still charge the \$50 fee to pick the animal up and this would be over and above the \$500 per month fee. Discussion on whether the ordinance should be amended to allow for collection of the fee from the animal owner. Chairman Tamaro stated this proposal is exactly what we were looking for, but asked the board where the money was coming from to pay for this? Supervisor Branville stated it can be paid from the law enforcement budget.

Ms. Zebro also requested a list of all the tag numbers for animal licenses. Supervisor Branville requested a reminder go into all the PUC bills that animals need to be licensed, and that a special notice be put on all the posting boards.

Ms. Zebro stated the town will be provided with a monthly report on when they were here, whose animals were picked up, and they will run Monday-Sunday.

Sarah Anderson, Director of the MHS asked that in our notices we put their Facebook address on because they advertize stray animals on the site and also give out information.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Scott Smith had no comment.

Jerry Ulman reported on the opening of the yardwaste site, which will be the last two weekends of April and the first weekend in May. Chairman Tamaro stated if there is still snow, we can always extend it.

SEH Engineers Pat and Emily Major had no comment.

Sandy Ahlin had no comment.

## **REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report-*** This report is for activity for the period of March 1 - 20, 2013. Revenues were \$26,315.85 and expenditures were \$65,987.99. Balances are:

Miners Checking- \$281,553.52  
Assessment Savings- \$450,419.42  
Mt. Iron Checking- \$371,702.01

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

***Motion to accept the February 12, 2013 Public Utilities Commission minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the February 2013 Wastewater Operator's Report made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the February 13, 2013 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the February 2013 Police Report, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the March 2013 Police Report, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the March 11, 2013 EFGSD Joint Rec minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Klun Law Firm- They have been retained to represent Roy & Jodi Pontinen, James & Julie Jarvi and Thomas and Jennifer Nemanich in the Matter of D-496 Gilbert/Fayal Township (annexation). Placed on file.

MAT- Clerk & Treasurer's Bond Certificate. Placed on file.

Excel Business Systems- Unique service parts for our copier are no longer available from Toshiba. If we are interested in a new copier, leasing is available as well as purchase. Placed on file.

SLC Fair- Request for donation. (Have never made donation to the fair)

E-G Band- Thank you for support and contribution. Placed on file.

Mitch Brunfelt- Request for continuance in the matter of D-496 Gilbert/Fayal Annexation, due to resignation of Gilbert Clerk Susan Harper. Placed on file.

Walker Giroux & Hahne- Understanding of services to provide to Fayal Township for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2014, and 2015. Costs for each respective year for auditing services- \$15,100, \$15,450, and \$15,800. Referred to New Business.

Lake Country Power- Contractors will be checking meters for accuracy. Placed on file.

Deputy Clerk Zattoni reported all the required background checks for the new hire have been received, and he has passed with flying colors. Referred to Old Business.

MN Dept. Of Health- Sanitary Survey Report for Fayal Township Public Water Supply. Placed on file.

SLC Assessor- An open book meeting will be held for the 2013 Assessment for Taxes payable 2014. Referred to Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**New Hire-** The new R & B employee will be starting after Clerk Sersha gets back.

***Motion to extend benefits, per the union contract, to Joseph Zavodnik as of his start date, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Gilbert Wastewater Treatment Agreement-** Supervisor Erjavec reported he and Chairman Tammaro met with Gilbert officials a couple of times since the last meeting to discuss a 25 year agreement. Gilbert has made a proposal to increase the rate to \$5.05 per 1,000 gallons. We are currently at \$4.82, and the increase from Gilbert was to be \$6.82. Also, the Fayal Differding Point customers will now be billed to Fayal at actual water usage, instead of the flat rate used in the past. We should save about \$300 per month by doing this, so in total we should only see about a \$200 per month increase. At this point, it would be cheaper to stay with Gilbert than build a line to Eveleth. Chairman Tammaro stated he wants to make sure we are not going to be charged a monthly service charge and that our rate will only increase if Gilbert raises the rate on their own customers before the agreement is accepted. Discussion.

***Motion to accept the \$5.05 per 1,000 gallon rate from Gilbert for the treatment of wastewater, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Erjavec stated we will do this tentatively until we see the Schedule A. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Hiring-** Supervisor Branville stated we received so many good applications for the equipment operator position, and we will keep the applications on file for up to a year.

**Town Hall Floor-** Will be addressed after the spaghetti feed.

**Complex Addition-** The building is completed, and it looks good. As far as the roof on the older portion of the building, we will wait to see if there are any funds left over before proceeding.

### **Chairman Tammaro-**

**Detachment Hearing-** Former Chair Steve Kniefel will be attending on behalf of Fayal.

**Board of Equalization-** An Open Book will be held at St. Louis County Assessor's Office in Virginia on April 17, 2013 at 1:00 PM. Town Board members can attend but cannot comment. The reason for this is the supervisor's training has lapsed prior to December 1 of last year. The board supervisors were to attend the training in December, but it was later found the training had to be completed prior to December 1 of the prior year.

### **Supervisor Coldagelli-**

**Fire Dept. Purchase-** Therese Elverum obtained four quotes for the 11 AED's she would like to purchase for the fire department. Two of the quotes were for over \$20,000, one for \$15,310 and the one from Heart Smart was for \$10,105. Also, the cost of a trainer would be reduced from \$5-600 to \$175 if the Heart Smart proposal was chosen. Discussion. The units will be in different locations, one in the town hall, others in the trucks, and places like the ShortStop were going to purchase their own to have for use in an emergency by the first responders.

***Motion to approve the Heart Smart Technology purchase for 11 AED's at a cost of \$10,105, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Chairman Tammaro stated we will clarify with Clerk Sersha which fund will pay for the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Erjavec reported an Iphone has been purchased for the wastewater operator, but he needs to be trained.

***Motion to authorize Dale to attend beginner Iphone class in Virginia at a cost of \$30, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville.***

Supervisor Branville reported the neighbor across the road from the recycling is having problems with papers etc blowing into his yard. Branville states he wants to look into possibly fencing that area around the recycling bins.

Supervisor Coldagelli reported the fire department needs a cabinet to store gas cans and flammable products. Cost is approximately \$800, to be paid from the fire budget.

**Motion to authorize the \$800 to purchase the cabinet, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the contract with the Mesabi Humane Society at a cost of \$500.00 per month, and a cost not to exceed \$100 per animal for housing, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion on possibly amending the ordinance to include us recouping our housing costs. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to retain Walker, Giroux & Hahne to perform the township audit for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to authorize 33 hours of office manager wages for Diane Dickson for the period of time the office manager was on vacation, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Tammaro, Branville, Pernu and Coldagelli voted yes. Erjavec voted no. Motion carried.**

**Motion to have the billing clerk pay back the township for two months of medical premiums for her son, and going forward have the monthly premium deducted from her paycheck, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Zattoni  
Deputy Clerk of Fayal

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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