

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 20, 2010

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 Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance was Jerry Ulman and Jim Johnson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the period of April 1-19, 2010 there were \$16,830.50 in revenues and \$65,761.61 in expenditures. Tentatively, balances are as follows:

Miners Bank- \$89,305.90
Assessment Savings- \$408,161.49
Mt. Iron Checking- \$770,321.78

A Certificate of Deposit was purchased in the amount of \$10,000 for the O'Laughlin Assessments. Rate is 0.53% for 12 months.

First Quarter cash balance for Fayal Water Company is \$8,479.39 and Fayal Sewer Company is \$90,601.82. FSC loan payment is due in August.

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

Motion to accept the February 16, 2010 Public Utilities Commission minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the March 9, 2010 PUC minutes, no quorum present, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April 14, 2010 EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April 7, 2010 and April 13, 2010 Joint Cable TV Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

MAT Attorney Kent Sulem- Reply to question of whether voters at an annual meeting can eliminate the police department. Mr. Sulem replied the town board has full discretion. Placed on file.

Shred-it- Due to privacy laws, they are requesting we sign a Service Agreement with them. Referred to New Business.

League of MN Cities- They are asking us to convey to our legislators the importance of not further reducing city programs in any form during the final weeks of session. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning- Variance hearing for Deborah Hunter was held Tues. April 13, 9AM, Northland Office Center. Placed on file.

ARDC- Grant application for Regional Transportation Advisory Committee In-Kind Transportation Planning Grant Program. Placed on file.

AFSCME- Grievance. Referred to New Business.

SLCATO- Annual meeting minutes of 2009. 2010 Annual Meeting will be April 28, 7 pm, Cotton. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert Sewer Rate- Nothing at this time.

Sewer Ponds- Erjavec reported he is writing a reply letter to a landowner who had questions on the proposed project.

Supervisor Branville-

Police AFSCME Contract- Branville reported he and Erjavec met with Harvey Thompson and his AFSCME representative. Mr. Thompson has accepted the board's offer of 3/3/2 increase in salary and Martin Luther King holiday. No increase in uniform allowance.

Motion to ratify the contract between the Town of Fayal and the AFSCME Essential Unit, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu-

Cold Storage Garage Doors- The electrical work has been done and the doors have been ordered.

Tennis Courts- Pernu obtained an estimate from Paolo for crack sealing the tennis courts. Patches would be done in the same color and the white lines would be redone. The estimate is for \$1800 and is good until May.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Joint Rec Appointments- Reappointments need to be made, retroactive to January 1, 2010. Currently Tim Thompson and Boyd Carlblom are Fayal's representatives. Mr. Carlblom is not interested in serving another term, but Mr. Thompson has agreed to stay on.

Motion to appoint Tim Thompson to the EFGSD Joint Rec Board as a Fayal Representative, effective January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

The two year term will be posted.

Chairman Kniefel-

Scout Camp Road- The SLC reclaim bid overlays were received for county road 536 and township road 6705. The bid came in for the township portion at \$25,008, from Ulland Brothers. Kniefel stated he expects the county board to award the project at their next meeting on April 27.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize Steve Verkovich and Albert Jurenic to attend training updates in Two Harbors for their water operator licenses, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Erjavec reported he received a request from billing clerk Diane Stewart to attend the sewer pond certification seminar in Fergus Falls.

Motion to authorize the training for Diane Stewart, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion. Tamaro questioned if we need two persons trained for ponds at this time? Pernu stated it is early in the process to have another person trained. Kniefel questioned the need, and stated if we go forward with the project, we can look at training another person at a later date. Tamaro, Pernu, Kniefel and Branville voted no. Erjavec voted yes. Motion fails.

Supervisor Erjavec submitted an estimate Dale received from Ritter & Ritter to clean the lift stations. Cost is \$175 per station.

Motion to accept the estimate from Ritter & Ritter and authorize the work to be done, contingent on authorization from the PUC, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Police/Fire Liaison- No change, Supervisor Branville will stay on as Liaison to both departments.

Assessor Contract- Requests for Proposals were sent out within the past couple of years for an independent assessor and the issue has been studied. No change to assessor, will stay with St. Louis County.

League of MN Cities Request- No action taken.

Motion to extend the contract with Shred-It, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Absentee Ballots- Clerk Sersha reported on the new laws regarding the acceptance of absentee ballots in Fayal Township. New legislation mandates that in order for the township clerk to be appointed as a deputy registrar to administer absentee ballots, a two person absentee ballot board be established, either by resolution or ordinance. The board must be made up of one person each from the two political parties. The ballot board will accept, reject, and count all absentee ballots separately from the ballots voted on election day. An internet connection, with separate email addresses, a wand scanner and label maker must be purchased and the two person board must be compensated. Discussion on implementation costs to the township for this service. Clerk Sersha stated the county provides this same service, and at no additional cost to the township. Absentee ballot applications can still be obtained at the clerk's office, but will be forwarded to the county auditor for their administration.

Motion defer to St. Louis County the administration of absentee ballots in Fayal Township, at least for the this upcoming election year, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Absentee ballot applications can still be obtained at the clerk's office, but will be forwarded to the county auditor for their administration.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman was in attendance and reported on the spring yard waste. Mr. Ulman requested the town have some of the compost screened for residents to take home for use in their gardens etc. An estimate will be obtained on costs.

Jim Johnson of SEH reported he met with the Road & Bridge crew on resurfacing Woodlawn Circle and Boulevard, and looked at the tennis courts. Mr. Johnson will get recommendations and cost estimates for the next meeting.

The board discussed the grievance from the AFSCME public works unit. The grievance is for changes in coverage to dental insurance. A written response is needed within three days.

Motion to deny the grievance, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro suggested the billing clerk and wastewater operator split their shifts to attend the PUC meetings, instead of paying overtime for them to attend. Chairman Kniefel stated flex time is negotiated.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Supervisor Branville abstained from the payment of the Five Season's bill. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk