

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 3, 2012

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 billing Clerk Dickson. Clerk Sersha was absent.

Audience members in attendance were: Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith, Jim Johnson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2012 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the period of March 1-22, 2012 there have been revenues of \$40,868.85 and expenditures of \$73,433.68. Tentative balances as of that date are:

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| Miners Bank- | \$129,436.97 |
| Assessment Savings- | \$453,188.54 |
| Mt. Iron Bank- | \$577,614.90 |

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

Motion to accept the February 8, 2012 Fire Dept minutes made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Scott Smith commented they served 468 spaghetti dinners. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the February 2012 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. The new truck is repairable. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the March 2012 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Kniefel reported on the Police Armor system- there are grants available so it shouldn't cost much. The Sheriff Dept will be conducting the training. They want everyone to be online by the end of the year. Scott Smith says it is a totally different system, you will be assigned a talk group and they can shut you off if needed. Shykes will be trained to teach the fire dept.

Motion to approve the Joint Rec Board minutes of March 8, 2012 made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

MN Power- They have changed our monthly electricity rate. Since we use less than 2500 kilowatt hours per month we have been placed on a non-demand rate. Placed on file.

Jaclyn Corradi- Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Response to Motion. Placed on file.

Century Link- Asking us to keep them informed of any road construction projects in order for them to coordinate with them to resolve facility conflicts without the need for relocation. Placed on file.

3-D Concrete & Construction- Proposal for 48' x 68' x 6" slab on grade. \$16,900.00. New business.

Blackwood - Proposal for 48' x 68' x 6" slab on grade. \$17,742.25. New business.

SEH Memo- re: Golf Course Rd Reconstruction. Placed on file.

League of MN cities- 2012 Safety & Loss Control workshops \$20 April 19 Biwabik. Talk to Judy to register.

Gmen enviromental services re: garbage services. Placed on file.

Nortemp- no longer in business, recommending Mesabi Heating for service. Placed on file.

SLC Assoc of Townships Annual Banquet Wed April 25, 2012 Cotton community center \$20 per person reservations by April 20th . Meet and mingle 5:30, meeting 6:00, 6:30 dinner & 7:30 speaker Allen Lipke. Talk to Judy to register.

MN Rural Water- Engineering for Non-engineers training session April 24, 12 St. Cloud \$100 per member. Placed on file.

SLC Assessors Dept.- Will no longer be printing the assessment books. They bring the laptops. Chairman Kniefel reports he attended the last Township meeting in Cotton, Guest speakers were Dave Sipola, Mark Monicelli. Township Association is trying to pass a resolution saying they are in opposition to the true county system. Commissioner Nelson established a 3 panel sub committee to review the study. Chairman Kniefel did get a copy of the Blue ribbon report, Dawn Cole is on the committee. True county system would mean the City of Duluth would have to get on board, the Townships don't want to lose the option of hiring their own assessor. Report will be available at the town hall.

Chairman Kniefel reminds everyone the Board of Review will be held next Wed April 11, 2012 from 1-2 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Wastewater Contract- Supervisor Erjavec reported he went to court last week. The judge did not specify whether we should be paying \$4.32 per customer for the debt service, and whether we have to pay the Jamnick and Walker Giroux, Hahne bills. He questioned whether Jamnick was a factual witness or a expert witness. He will rule on it soon.

Ball field- Supervisor Pernu met with Brad Riefsteck, Mark Forte, Supervisor Tammaro at the field. They are going to coordinate with Al and Steve to get the work done. Riefsteck is planning to have the field ready to play on by July 1, 2012. There may be more work to be done after that. Supervisor Branville asks how much Fayal put into this. \$10,000 from mining effects money, \$10,000 from the MN Twins, \$10,000 from Justin Morneau. Clerk Sersha and Mark Forte are tracking all of the funds. They are thinking a concession stand, maybe lights, power from the lift station.

Solar power project- Supervisor Tammaro reported he has been working with Hometown Electric to complete the rebate application. We may get \$20,000 rebate. The solar project should be completed by June.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported the playground has been pressure washed, inspected, fence removed. After attending meeting at NESCU they found out we need another sign and daily inspections will be done and recorded in a book, kept in the office, in case of litigation.

Supervisor Pernu reported the nets are up on the tennis and volleyball courts, the basketball court is being used.

Supervisor Tammaro reported he is working with Ryan Turner looking at some options for getting more room for storage. The proposals were received to install concrete in the barn. Possibly put a wall down the middle, put in a couple more doors. Then the R & B could have half and the Fire Dept could have the other. Also, looking at another Morton building for the public utilities generators and

truck, Also put the squad car in there. This would free up the garage for R& B. Possibly putting an office in it for Public utilities. We are just looking at options, nothing is for sure. The 17th Ryan Turner should have a proposal. Also, still looking at offsite for the Fire Dept but that would be a very long range project.

Supervisor Tamaro reported he received a call from the union saying they will picket if we use non-union for the concrete.

Supervisor Kniefel states we have been discussing engaging Walker, Giroux, & Hahne to give us expertise in establishing new sewer rates. We received a formal engagement letter, we should formally approve it, the scope of work is what we asked of them. They estimate their fee \$2500 - \$3500.

Motion to approve the formal engagement letter with Walker, Giroux, and Hahne for a sewer rate study, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Asst. Fire Chief Scott Smith reports Chief Shykes will be out for 3 weeks, contact Scott for any concerns.

Supervisor Branville asks Asst, Chief Smith to accompany him to a property on Long Lake for a blight, possible fire hazard inspection this week.

Asst. Fire Chief Scott Smith asks permission to wash off the tennis courts for fire training. Supervisor Pernu says ok.

Jerry Ulman reports slow weekend for brush pile but he did have 30.

Jim Johnson SEH, reports he and Brad Riefsteck met with the Virginia waste water treatment project manager last week, she is coming up next month for a meeting and would like to have her meet with Fayal to discuss some options for waste water.

Chairman Kniefel reports SLC went out for bids for a reclaim overlay for Cedar Island Drive. 20 some drainage structures will be replaced. And drainage improvements made. Drainage will go down the property line between Hammer and Fords this will abate the drainage under Hammers house, there will be a shallow drainage culvert on our sewer easement, going to the lake.

Chairman Kniefel says Keith Nelson reported at the annual meeting that Ely Lake Dr is scheduled for a 2013 reclaim overlay. Fayal was promoting a re-build not a walking path. Total rebuild would be 2018 or so. Up to the board if we want to formally complain. County was here one time. This is happening all over the county.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dickson
billing Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk