

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

*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Tony Tamaro, James Pernu, Lee Branville, Mike Erjavec*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MAY 5, 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 were Steve Shykes and Jerry Ulman.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 Board of Equalization, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report-*** Bank statements for the month of April have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues for the month were \$39,829.63 and expenditures were \$94,693.46. A transfer in the amount of \$89,000.00 was made from Miners Bank to Mt. Iron Checking. Tentative balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$20,832.83
Assessment Savings-	\$408,161.49
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$822,862.13

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

***Motion to approve the April 2010 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Walker, Giroux & Hahne- Three year Engagement letter for audit services for 2010-2012. Total annual costs- \$13,300/\$14,100/\$14,900. Referred to New Business.

Chairman Kniefel- Response letter to AFSCME Local 484 on grievance filed April 19, 2010. Placed on file.

City of Eveleth- They are expecting delivery of the new ambulance this week and appreciate Fayal's support. Request for funds. Placed on file.

Iron Range Youth in Action- Request for donation for them to go south on July 10 to help build homes for those who lost theirs from Hurricane Katrina. Referred to New Business.

City of Gilbert- Gilbert Wellhead Protection Plan for the City of Gilbert, Part 2. Referred to PUC, placed on file.

City of Gilbert- Demand for payment and notice of rate increase. Referred to New Business.

Jan Jackson- Expressing interest in doing assessing for our township. Fee is St. Louis County schedule, less 15 percent. Referred to New Business.

MN Revenue- Annual hearing on unmined iron ore assessments for the year 2010 will be Friday, May 21, 10 am, Eveleth Public Library. Placed on file.

Eveleth-Fayal Cable Commission- Agenda for May 5 meeting, to be held Eveleth City Hall, 3:30 PM. Placed on file.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Actions taken by the PUC-** At their last meeting the PUC directed that: 1) A response letter be sent to Joyce Stanaway concerning the purchase of her property. Supervisor Erjavec took care of this. 2) The payments that were being made on the Fayal Water Company loan instead be used half for operating expenses and half for maintenance contingency. This was done starting January 2010. 3) Stop payments to the cable tv commission. The town board instead signed a joint agreement with the City of Eveleth for the formation of the Eveleth-Fayal Cable TV Commission.

**Gilbert Sewer Rates-** The demand letter from Gilbert for increased rates was referred to the PUC.

### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Office Manager Contract-** A proposal was received and a meeting will be set up shortly.

### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Tennis Courts-** Supervisor Tammaro and SEH Engineer Jim Johnson inspected the courts. Mr. Johnson is of the opinion the courts are still in good shape and can be crack filled. NW Sealing of Cloquet will route the cracks 3/4 inch wide, deep apply hot rubber sealant, topcoat cracks with color matching crack filler and paint the white lines. Cost is \$1,800.

***Motion to authorize the above mentioned work with NW Sealing, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Supervisor Tammaro-**

**Tennis Court Fencing-** One post will need to be pulled and the fence realigned.

**Baseball Field-** Two to three games are scheduled per week this summer. Six loads of sand will be delivered, and benches are being built. A porta john will also be installed.

### **Chairman Kniefel-**

**Grievance-** A quorum of the board must meet within one week to address the grievance.

***Motion to set a special meeting for the purpose of addressing the grievance on Tuesday, May 11, 9 AM, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Clerk Sersha will post the meeting and contact Joe Pershern of AFSCME and Steve Verkovich, union steward.

***Motion to approve the letter of engagement from Walker, Giroux & Hahne for three years of audit services, as per the agreement, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to donate \$250.00 to Iron Range Youth in Action, for the purpose of sending Eveleth-Gilbert area youth to build homes for Katrina victims, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

The Board took no action on the proposal from Jan Jackson for assessing services.

Supervisor Branville requested that Fire Chief Shykes have one of the firemen use the fire truck to spray water on the compost pile. Chief Shykes stated he will see to it that it is done.

Supervisor Pernu reported the town hall complex area will again be sprayed for dandelions this year. Spraying will also be along Miller Trunk to the Ely Lake Park entrance.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Shykes reported we were denied a grant for a new building, but added that no one in Minnesota received one.

Chief Shykes also reported the SCBA compressor and station have been installed and are running. The fire department has been awarded a grant for a thermal imaging camera. Shykes asked that the purchase be approved for up to \$10,000, as prices are due to increase.

***Motion to find quotes for an imaging camera not to exceed \$10,000.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chief Shykes thanked the board for approving the IFC Conference that he and Matt Hoffman attended recently.

Jerry Ulman reported that many people wanted to extend their thanks to the board for having the yardwaste site. Over 500 people used the site during the time it was open this spring. The compost is not ready to be screened yet.

***Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville abstained from the payment of the Five Seasons bill. Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

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