

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MAY 6, 2014**

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 and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Coldagelli was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Joe Begich, Jerry Ulman, Steve Shykes, Polly Sorcan and Matt Reid.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Joe Begich was in attendance regarding the proposed co-location of the Eveleth-Gilbert, Virginia and Mt. Iron Schools to one location in Mt. Iron. Mr. Begich stated we have great schools in Eveleth and Gilbert and we do not need to close down our school. Mr. Begich stated the Eveleth and Virginia city councils have gone on record opposing the co-location plan and he asked that the Fayal Board do the same. Referred to New Business.

Todd Rosati was in attendance with a concern of people not obeying the speed limits and 4-wheelers speeding and causing property damage. Mr. Rosati asked for extra patrolling. Supervisor Pernu stated he has spoken with our police chief about this issue already.

Jerry Ulman, Steve Shykes and Matt Reid had no comment.

**REPORTS**

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report**- All bank statements for the month of April 2014 have been received and reconciled. Revenues were \$47,866.93 and expenditures were \$138,026.93. Ending balances are:

Miners Bank- \$456,294.58

Assessment Savings- \$439,992.16

Mt. Iron Checking- \$120,454.44

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

***Motion to accept the April 2014 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the April 2014 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

FEMA- Invitation to attend community meetings regarding Lake Superior Coastal Flood Risk. May 1, 9am to Noon, County Building, room 270, 1316 N 14<sup>th</sup> St. Superior, WI. Placed on file

SLCATO- Annual Meeting minutes of April 24, 2013. Placed on file

Mesabi Humane Society- Contract for animal patrol for May 1-Sept. 30, 2014 Cost is \$550 per month. Referred to Old Business.

Couri & Ruppe Law Office- Township legal seminar, Saturday, Oct. 4, 9-4 Cotton Town Hall. Registration, materials and lunch are free. Placed on file.

Sen. Al Franken- Thank you for the recent resolution regarding Hwy.53-135 intersection. Placed on file.

Green Again Lawn & Landscape- Quote for weed and feed services for summer 2014. Referred to New Business.

Mike Wiskow- Aquaduct is closed effective April 30. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor-Notice of filing for 2014 elections. Fayal filing period is July 29-August 12, 2014. General election is Tuesday, November 4. Placed on file.

Eveleth Area Community Foundation- Fayal Township Little League Ballfield has been awarded a \$1,000 grant. Referred to New Business.

MN Power- The electric meter for the floor heat in the fire hall stopped recording accurately, and we were not billed for all the electricity used. A new meter was installed and a billing statement will be sent. Amount owed is about \$650. Placed on file.

SLC Public Works- Proposed Traffic Sign Policy for Comments. Referred to Road & Bridge.

Lee Branville- Thank you card.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Sewer Rate Study-** The board reviewed the rate study prepared by Bill Paulson of Walker, Giroux & Hahne. The study calls for an initial increase in the sewer rate of \$7.00 per month, due to the increase in cost of wastewater treatment implemented by Gilbert.

Supervisor Erjavec read aloud and introduced Resolution 2014-05.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-05 to Establish Residential and Commercial Sewer Use Fees in Accordance With the Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Erjavec, Pernu, Branville and Tammaro voted yes. Coldagelli was absent. Motion carried.***

**Natural Gasline Extension-** An email was received from Pam Sarvela of MN Energy updating on the progress of the project. More will be known in the next two weeks as to whether the project will go forward or not.

### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Supplemental Employees-** Supervisors Pernu and Erjavec met and reviewed costs for an additional part-time equipment operator. The funds are not available in the budget at this time.

***Motion to table the subject of supplemental employees to a later date, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Pleasant Lane Culvert-** The application is being submitted to the DNR.

**Mesabi Humane Society Animal Control-** The contract we received is missing the addendum with the cost for patrol, and will need clarification.

***Motion to approve the contract with the Mesabi Humane Society for animal patrol effective May 1 - September 30, contingent upon receiving the addendum to the contract, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

**North Airport Drive**- This road should be upgraded from minimum maintenance to a full service road since there are residents living on it now. Supervisor Pernu will bring a formal resolution to the next meeting.

**Chairman Tammaro-**

Chairman Tammaro stated the following items will be kept on the agenda, but not addressed at tonight's meeting: Fire Relief PERA, Code of Ethics, Road Assessment Policy.

**IRRRB Sewer Connection**- Matt Reid reported he met with Mike Skenzich of the IRRRB. They want to connect if we can get the cost down to under \$200,000. Funds will be available in the next fiscal year, which starts in July.

**Telemetry**- Matt Reid reported SEH is having one of their electrical engineers come here on May 12 to look over the project and meet with Dale.

**Blight Complaint**- The problem is getting worse, and now people are throwing more stumps, branches etc. onto the site. Clean up is to be done by June 1, according to St. Louis County.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUC Vacancy**- We will continue to advertize on the monthly bills for a new member.

***Motion to approve the weed and feed lawn services for Green Again Lawn & Landscape for the township grounds, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville will be meeting with Range Pest Control to discuss the fly problem in the fire hall.

Supervisors Branville and Pernu and Clerk Sersha will be meeting with town employees Al Jurenic and Joe Zavodnik on Friday at 8:00 AM.

The board reviewed a quote in the amount of \$24,822.26 from Nuss Truck & Equipment for a sweeper that picks up sand from roads. Chairman Tammaro stated he would like a demonstration of the sweeper, and questioned if it is available on the state bid?

***Motion to accept the Eveleth Area Community Fund grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the ballfield, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to oppose the plan for the co-location of the Eveleth-Gilbert, Virginia and Mt. Iron Schools, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion on a summer meeting schedule.

***Motion to hold the first meeting of the month at 8:00 AM and the second meeting of the month at 6:00 PM for the months of June, July and August, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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