

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

**MAY 7, 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 and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Coldagelli was absent.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Supervisor Branville abstained, due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

SLC Assessor Pat Orent was in attendance. Mr. Orent reported on the April 17 Open Book meeting, held in place of the local Board of Equalization. Mr. Orent reported the purpose of the meeting is to review Fayal properties and make any necessary changes to any neighborhoods in the township. Three property owners appeared at the Open Book meeting. No changes in valuation were made to Fayal properties this year.

Mr. Orent also informed the board he has been hired as the SLC Assessor for the City of Gilbert. Mr. Orent stated he will be testifying regarding valuation at the detachment and annexation hearing currently going on between property owners in Gilbert that are petitioning to annex to Fayal Township. Mr. Orent stated he will be testifying as to property valuations only, and the property area in question is all valued the same.

Discussion on board training for Board of Equalization. At least one supervisor must be trained prior to December 1 of each year. Next year Board of Equalization will not be held in Fayal, and an Open Book meeting will be held at the SLC Assessor's office in Virginia.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**

Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith and SEH Engineer Matt Reid had no comment.

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-** For the month of April 2013 there were revenues of \$47,857.27 and expenditures of \$125,198.26. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Checking- \$342,526.68  
Assessment Savings- \$450,600.33  
CD Savings- \$556,750.27  
Mt. Iron Checking- \$249,185.01

Clerk Sersha explained to the board that in order to extend medical benefits to Joe Zavodnik, our contract with Health Partners must be amended to allow for the extension of medical benefits from date of hire, instead of the 180 consecutive days now listed in the contract.

Clerk Sersha explained to the board that Health Partners will not extend medical benefits to Joe Zavodnik because our contract states that an employee must work 180 consecutive days in order to qualify for benefits. Also, the start date would have to be May 1. Sersha stated the board has already authorized benefits for Mr. Zavodnik from his start date, so we are obligated to provide them.

Sersha then outlined the options: 1. Amend the contract with Health Partners to allow for medical coverage from hire date, 2. Amend the start date to May 1 for Joe Zavodnik, 3. If unable to procure benefits from Health Partners, pay for COBRA coverage under Mr. Zavodnik's former employer, or 4. Rescind the authorization for medical benefits for Mr. Zavodnik, and extend the start of benefits to 180 consecutive days. Referred to New Business.

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

***Motion to accept the April 2013 Police Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the March, 6, 2013, March 20, 2013, May 1, 2013 minutes of the Regular Eveleth-Fayal Public Access TV, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the April 2013 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

SLC Planning- Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing May 14. 9 am, Northland Office Center for variance request from Richard & Patti Anderson, 4525 Woodlawn Pt. Variance application from Danny Stanaway to build new cabin at 4127 St. Mary's Court. Referred to Planning.

SLC Planning- The joint cooperation with St. Louis County for the CDBG and HOME Programs will be automatically extended, unless we chose to discontinue participation. Placed on file.

CARE Commission- Thank you for post grad party donation for E-G High School. Placed on file.

MN Revenue- The annual hearing on unmined iron ore assessments for the year 2013 will begin at 10 am, Tuesday, May 21, Eveleth Public Library. Placed on file.

SLCAT-Minutes of the March 27 2013 Regular Meeting. Next meeting is May 22, Midway Town Hall, 7:00 PM. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Eveleth Wastewater Proposal-** Nothing at this time.

**Gilbert Wastewater Agreement-** Scott Neff forwarded the draft agreement to the board.

***Motion to table the agreement and refer it to the PUC for their input, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Road & Bridge-** Al & Joe have been patching roads. Training is going well with new employee. Will be meeting with engineer and road employees on Thursday to look at Golf Course Drive. Road employees will check on St. Mary's Court road to see if anything can be done to alleviate the mud problem, may re-gravel. This is in response to a complaint from Ed Vest at this year's Annual Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Tamaro stated he has not had time to finish the resolution for the MN WARN. Still tabled.

Supervisors Erjavec and Branville reported they will be meeting next Monday to discuss the union contract, which has been open since January 1.

**Motion to amend the Health Partners contract to allow for medical coverage to be obtained on date of hire, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville asked if the contract is amended, are we obligated to offer coverage to every employee on date of hire? Clerk Sersha stated the option would be there for the board's consideration, but it would not bind the board to offer coverage if they chose not to. Sersha explained the union contract states 180 consecutive days for benefits and that does not need to change. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to adjust the date of hire for Joseph Zavodnik to May 1, 2013 for medical insurance purposes only, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville, made a motion to pay for COBRA coverage for Mr. Zavodnik until such time we are able to obtain coverage from Health Partners. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville submitted an estimate in the amount of \$2,969.25 from Green Again for Weed & Feed services for the town complex grounds. Branville stated that is a lot of money to pay to kill dandelions. Supervisor Pernu stated prior to them spraying, the entire grounds were nothing but dandelions, and it has really helped. Clerk Sersha stated the amount is the same we have been paying, and has not increased from years past.

**Motion to accept the proposal from Green Again in the amount of \$2,969.25 for weed and feed services for the town grounds for the year 2013, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisors Branville and Pernu reported they will be meeting with Mark Forte to work at getting the ballfield finished for use this spring.

Supervisor Pernu reported he will be meeting Thursday, 9 am, with SEH Engineer Matt Reid and the Road employees to look at black top projects in the township for this year.

**Motion to accept the resignation of Jan Mesich from the E-F Public Access TV Board, and send a letter of thanks, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Branville stated he would like to represent Fayal on the Highway 53 Committee. Branville will contact them to find out when the meetings are held.

Discussion on the requests for reimbursement for gas by two firefighters when they attended training in Indianapolis. Chairman Tammaro stated our policy states the town will not pay for gas for an individual's vehicle—We either pay a mileage reimbursement for private vehicle use, or a township vehicle must be used. Tammaro requested the fire department submit a mileage reimbursement.

Chairman Tammaro reported he was contacted by Eveleth and Virginia about the possibility of a civil distress siren being placed in Fayal. More to follow.

Clerk Sersha obtained a quote for a laptop from Roger's Online. Sersha stated the laptop could be used by all departments and employees and would be very handy during meetings.

**Motion to authorize the purchase of an HP Probook business grade laptop from Roger's Online in the amount of \$899.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to adopt a summer meeting schedule to hold one meeting per month in June, July and August on the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Branville, except for the 5 Seasons bill, which Branville would abstain from paying, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Erjavec questioned why there was a mileage reimbursement request from Diane Dickson for personal car use when the staff car was available? Supervisor Branville stated we need to have clarification.**

**Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu, amended the motion to pay the bills, except the mileage reimbursement request from Diane Dickson for further clarification, and abstained from payment of the 5 Seasons bill. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

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