

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 19, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kniefel at 7:00 PM. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Stewart, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Mike Erjavec, Steve Shykes, Jim Bertucci and Eric Garman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 Regular Meeting, with the correction to be made to list Supervisor Pernu as present at the meeting, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- The ending balances as of May 31, 2007 are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking-	\$483,041.51
Miners Bank-	\$137,347.76
Assessment Savings-	\$397,117.46

For the period of June 1-19, 2007 there were \$26,370.56 in receipts and expenditures of \$50,228.08, leaving a tentative balance in Mt. Iron Checking of \$437,586.75 and at Miners Bank \$163,718.32.

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

Motion to approve the June 18, 2007 PUC minutes made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville withdrew his motion because the minutes had not been approved by the PUC and distributed to all the board members.

Motion to accept the May 2007 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Sheriff Ross Litman- Mutual Aid agreement. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning- The plat of East Shores of Pleasant Lake has been approved by the SLC Board. Copy of Board of Commissioners Resolution 336. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Airport Zoning Meeting- A meeting was held last Monday with the Airport Commission and St. Mary's Lake group. Mike Lewis of the State zoning has been consulted and he gave ideas on how to solve the problem. A residential neighborhood zone can be established for homes in Zone A & B. More research is being done to incorporate this into the new airport zoning ordinance. The Airport Commission is in favor of this option and has dropped their appeal of the recent variance request to build a garage in the area. Supervisor Branville stated that he and Chairman Kniefel are both on the ordinance committee and will work in the best interests of Fayal residents.

Gilbert Rates- We have had no response from Gilbert to our last letter regarding the rate negotiations.

Fayal Water & Sewer Rates- The PUC met on June 18 and has recommended at least an interim rate increase. They are recommending a \$1 increase in sewer rates and 50 cents per month for water. Much discussion on how much to increase the rate. Supervisor Branville stated he does not want to raise the rate now, and then raise it again in six months. The final rate from Gilbert is unknown at this time, but will probably be an amount near what has been proposed. The PUC is also recommending a water rate study so rates will be fairer to those who use less water.

Motion to raise the sewer rate by \$2.00 per month immediately, take the PUC recommendation to do a water study and look at the sewer rate every year pending the annual audit, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to take the PUC recommendation to immediately increase the monthly water rate immediately by 50 cents per month, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Louma Septic- Two written quotes were received: A-1 Services Inc.- \$9,180.00 and JBN Incorporated- \$9,200.00. Discussion.

Motion to accept the quote from A-1 Services for \$9,180.00 for a mound system for the Louma property, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Branville, Tammaro, Stewart and Pernu voted yes. Kniefel voted no, stating the original system should have been repaired. Motion carried.

Supervisor Branville questioned Jim Bertucci of A-1 when the system would be completed? Mr. Bertucci stated it should be done by September.

Supervisor Pernu-

Park Landscaping- Everything has been going good, but there are approximately 50 stumps to be removed. A quote was received from Calgaro Tree Service for grinding the stumps at a cost of \$639.00.

Motion to accept the quote from Calgaro Tree Service for stump grinding, with the project to be paid from mining effects funds, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Sparta Sewer- Supervisor Tammaro reported he received a call from John Jamnick, and Gilbert has accepted our proposal, in principal, for their use of our sewer line and is going ahead with the project. Gilbert is starting the public hearing process for the project.

Chairman Kniefel-

AFSCME Contract- A response was sent out today to AFSCME'S latest proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Stewart stated he studied the Sheriff's Mutual Aid Agreement and has only one concern, that being section 5.1 where it is stated that we may be charged for assistance after 8 hours. Discussion. Fayal's primary law enforcement is the Sheriff's department, so the board felt that this section would apply primarily to city police departments.

Motion to approve the SLC Sheriff's Mutual Aid Agreement and authorize Chairman Kniefel to sign it, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu reported that two Fayal residents, Nate Garland and Joe Turchi, will be returning from Iraq later this week, and questioned if it was agreeable to the Board to put up a welcome sign on the town's sign. Chairman Kniefel stated the sign is for community notices and the board agreed the welcome sign should be put up.

Supervisor Pernu reported the Pepsi machine is not being maintained and is always empty. Pepsi will be contacted and told to either maintain the machine, or remove it.

Supervisor Tammaro submitted a quote from Northwest Sealing, obtained by Steve Verkovich for crack sealing on Scout Camp Road. The quote is for 43 cents per lineal foot including all labor and materials, total cost approximately \$2,000.00.

Motion to accept the quote from Northwest Sealing for crack sealing on Scout Camp Road made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Chairman Kniefel questioned if Thunderbird Trail should be done as well? Supervisor Tammaro will check with Verkovich. Motion carried unanimously.

The travel policy upgrade was tabled at this time.

Chairman Kniefel stated the next meeting falls on July 3 and questioned if the board wants to re-schedule it.

Motion to cancel the July 3 meeting and hold one meeting on July 17, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Steve Shykes and Eric Garman questioned if there was to be another garage built behind the fire hall? Supervisor Tammaro stated that we are looking into it. Shykes and Garman asked if the fire department could have input on the building. The Board advised them to meet with the employees and establish their needs so they can be included in the proposed building. Supervisor Pernu questioned if the air conditioner has been received for the fire hall? Shykes answered it has not, but the department will be obtaining one.

Mike Erjavec suggested another meeting with the same people that attended the Sparta meeting, be set up to discuss water and sewer rates with Gilbert. Supervisors Tammaro and Branville will try to set up another meeting with the Gilbert Mayor, Clerk and Mr. Jamnick to discuss the water and sewer rates with them before the issue goes to mediation/arbitration.

Jim Bertucci was in attendance but had no comment.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date _____

Attest: _____