

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

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*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JUNE 7, 2011**

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: Charlie Erickson, Brad Reifsteck, DeLyle Pankratz, Scott Smith, Mark Forte, John Damberg, Ryan Turner, Dennis Pernu and John Gerzina.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

John Damberg introduced Ryan Turner and John Gerzina of DSGW, an engineering firm. Mr. Gerzina and Mr. Turner gave a presentation about their firm and their abilities to obtain funding and engineer a new fire hall. A slide show was given on the firm's accomplishments and area buildings engineered by them.

Mark Forte was in attendance to request an upgrade of the Fayal baseball field to Little League standards. Mr. Forte explained there can be no games scheduled for the field unless it is brought to those standards. Mr. Forte distributed sketches to the board of the field showing what needs to be done. Parent volunteers are willing to help with the project. Discussion. Supervisor Tamaro stated the dirt work can be done by our employees. Engineer Brad Reifsteck offered to do the survey work. The biggest cost will be for the agri-lime.

***Motion to allocate up to \$5,000.00 of past accumulated mining effects funds for the baseball field project made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Mark Forte will spearhead the project and Brad Reifsteck will do the survey. Dirt work to be done by Fayal employees, Clerk Sersha to oversee the financial aspects. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- For the month of May 2011, all bank statements have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues received for the month were \$43,488.24 and expenditures were \$75,643.61. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$42,956.69
Assessment Savings-	\$460,319.34
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$772,426.32

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

***Motion to accept the March 15, 2011 PUC Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the March 15, 2011 Public Hearing minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the May 2011 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the May 2011 Police Report, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the May 4, 2011 E-F Joint Cable TV Commission Regular Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

SEH- Copy of letter to KGM Contractors stating Fayal is in receipt of the Notice of Award, Contract Agreement, Certificate of Insurance, Performance and Payment Bonds. Four copies of the Notice to Proceed have been forwarded to KGM for the 2011 Street Maintenance Improvements project. Placed on file.

Peggy Sloan- Proposed plat of property for the Korpela property on Long & Horseshoe Lakes, and request for sewer line extension. Referred to New Business.

SLCATO- Regular Meeting minutes of March 23, 2011. Next meeting is June 22, 7 pm. Fayal Town Hall. Placed on file.

Supervisor Pernu reported a draft letter from the Eveleth-Virginia Airport to John Babich was distributed to each board member. Letter referred to Airport Advisory Committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Effluent Rate Study-** Waiting to get the information from Gilbert.

**Eveleth Water Rates/Agreement-** A letter was sent May 25 to Eveleth from the PUC agreeing to the new rate structure and requesting a 5 year extension of the agreement.

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Building Committee-** There are now three proposals from engineering firms. The committee will be meeting and they will review the proposals and make a recommendation.

**Fayal Sign-** John Damberg will be meeting with Mesabi Sign later this week.

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Basketball Court-** DeLyle Pankratz was in attendance to inform the board of his concerns regarding the placement of a basketball court alongside Ely Lake Drive, between the volleyball court and the gas line. Mr. Pankratz stated he was not notified of the impending changes taking place right across the street from his home. Mr. Pankratz stated there is a lot of noise and traffic and no ordinance in place, and all the neighbors across the street made it known a few years ago when the planning committee proposed a soccer field and parking lot in that location, they were against any further development in that area.

Supervisor Pernu reported he met with Mr. Pankratz and a new location between the skating rink and playground was chosen. The court will be 40' x 65'. Supervisor Tammaro apologized to Mr. Pankratz and stated he will be sure to inform Mr. Pankratz of any future projects taking place at the town complex.

***Motion to approve the basketball court at a cost of \$80 per ton for blacktop, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Solar Project-** Deferred to the next meeting.

**Joint Rec-** Supervisor Tammaro met with representatives from Eveleth, Gilbert and the school district regarding the agreement. Changes to the agreement will be forthcoming.

**Cable TV**- Eveleth is questioning why we want out of the joint agreement, and they would like to make a presentation to the board at a future meeting. Supervisor Tammaro told them there has been no movement on programming, but they have a year before we leave the agreement to make changes.

**Chairman Kniefel-**

**Animal Ordinance Revisions**- Deferred to the next meeting.

**SLCATO Meeting**- The St. Louis County Association of Township Officers will be holding their June meeting at Fayal Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to add volunteer coverage to our workers compensation insurance coverage, as advised by the League of Minnesota Cities, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Clerk Sersha reported the cost would be approximately \$135 a year. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel reported he spoke with Peggy Sloan regarding the development and request for sewer extension on the Korpela property. Kniefel stated he just received the plat and has not had time to review it.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Scott Smith, Charlie Erickson, Dennis Pernu, Brad Reifsteck and John Damberg were in attendance but had no comment.

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

***Motion to close the meeting to discuss litigation with Attorney Bruce Williams, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Regular Meeting closed at 8:18 PM.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:20 PM, and a motion by Supervisor Tammaro was made to adjourn. Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

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