

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JULY 15, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Coldagelli and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Scott Smith, Richard LaPine, and Steve Synhorst.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Richard LaPine was in attendance concerning his sewer access charge. Mr. LaPine was recently sent a bill for \$7,000 for sewer access on his property, due to the property having been recently split up between family members. Mr. LaPine stated he thought the charge was unfair and wanted the board to relieve him of the charge. Chairman Tammaro stated our sewer ordinance states that any division of property with access to the sewer must pay the sewer access charge, and we can make no exceptions. Chairman Tammaro stated we have had several people that have paid the charge, but we would do a payment plan. Clerk Sersha provided Mr. LaPine with an amortization schedule and contract for a payment plan. Mr. LaPine then left the meeting.

(Clerk's Note: The amortization schedule and contract is the same as offered to other Fayal property owners whose properties were divided and who have paid, or are currently paying, and is a \$7,000 promissary note for five years, 60 monthly payments, at 3.5 percent interest.)

Steve Synhorst of KLJ Engineering was in attendance to inform the board on an aeronautical manufacturing business proposed to be located at the Eveleth-Virginia Airport. If built, the business could eventually provide up to 500 jobs. Referred to New Business.

Scott Smith, Assistant Fire Chief was in attendance to inform the Board the ISO rating for the Fayal Fire Department is now a 5. This means Fayal residents homeowners insurance should go down, and average savings to homeowners could be \$75-100. Mr. Smith stated individual homeowners will have to contact their insurance companies and inform them of this new rating in order to take advantage of this savings. The new rating is effective October 1, 2014. Clerk Sersha will post the new rating on the posting boards, and a notice will also be sent in the monthly sewer bills.

Mr. Smith informed the board that to keep this rating, we must keep in mind that Truck 81 will have to be replaced at some time in the near future. Chairman Tammaro asked if our mutual aid agreements with surrounding communities could be taken into account to keep this rating. Mr. Smith stated that is a possibility in the future.

Mr. Smith stated he thought the proposed business for the airport would be a huge advantage for Fayal.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements for the month of June 2014 have been received, and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues totaled \$40,974.10 and expenditures were \$74,213.25. Ending balances are:

Miners Bank- \$310,824.13

Assessment Savings- \$440,156.70

CD Savings- \$557,794.39

Mt. Iron Checking- \$211,501.44

For the month of July to date, the first half apportionment has been received in the amount of \$475,496.86, of which \$162,329.69 was designated to special assessments, \$4,521.98 to Fayal Sewer, \$33.99 to Fayal Water, \$143,270.07 to Road & Bridge and \$165,341.13 to General. All departments have been funded at fifty percent. There have been \$17,214.03 in expenditures this month.

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

Motion to accept the July 9, 2014 EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes, made Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 11, 2014 Fayal Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 2014 Police Report, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Rescue Squad- Request for donation. Referred to New Business.

ISO- Our current ISO fire rating after the recent Public Protection Classification survey is 5/5X, effective Oct. 1, 2014. Placed on file.

IRRRB, Steve Peterson- Formal acknowledgment that the grant to Fayal Township for a project for a sewer extension to the IRRRB is for the benefit of the IRRRB and not for any other current or future parties. Page 3 of the grant has been replaced noting this change. Placed on file.

Sixth District Court- Notice of Conciliation Hearing in the matter of John Koebensky vs K & B Drive In and Fayal Township. Default hearing July 30, 8:30 am. Clerk Sersha informed the board that we must reply to the court or a default judgement will be made. Sersha stated she is waiting to hear back from the insurance company as to how they are going to proceed, but in the meantime, this needs to be answered and there is a \$10 fee.

Motion to file the form to contest and pay the \$10 fee, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

ARDC- Contract for preparation of the Comp Plan. Referred to New Business.

Kay DeChambeau- Request for a lower sewer rate for senior citizens. Mrs. DeChambeau stated she pays the same as a big family. Referred to PUC.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Natural Gas Line Extension- The Open House held by MN Energy was very well attended with much interest from the residents. Thirty households have already signed up, they need 50 to move forward with the project.

Supervisor Branville-

Hwy. 53 Realignment- The next MN DOT meeting will be August 7, and Supervisor Branville will attend.

Supervisor Pernu-

Pleasant Lane Culvert- The wetlands permit will be issued in two days, then we can seek quotes for the project.

Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour- The event will take place Saturday, August 2, with the bike tour starting in Fayal. Bikes will be stored in the Fayal garage starting Friday evening.

The Mesabi Trail is offering to add us to their insurance for those two days at no cost to Fayal. Coverage would be for \$1 million.

Motion for the Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour to add Fayal to their \$1 million insurance policy for the duration of the event, at no cost to the township, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Coldagelli-

Fire Dept. PERA- The application has been sent in and Supervisor Coldagelli will be meeting with the Relief Association soon.

Chairman Tammaro informed the board that upon the fire department's election of officers, those recommendations must be brought to the town board for approval.

Chairman Tammaro-

ARDC Contract- The contract for services for the update of the Comprehensive Plan has been received. Cost is \$10,710, of which half will be paid with an IRRRB grant.

Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the ARDC Contract for Services for the update of the Fayal Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$10,710, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2015 EFGSD Joint Rec budget was received totaling \$116,967.00.

Motion to table the Joint Rec budget until the next meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Erjavec reported the PUC is recommending we take property owned by the State of Minnesota off the accounts receivable since the property is tax forfeit.

Motion to remove State of Minnesota, C278L35, CVT 340-0010-01847, Account #522 off of the accounts receivable and stop the monthly billing for sewer, since this property is tax forfeit, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville reported he received a question concerning dust control on River Lane. Referred to Road & Bridge.

Chairman Tammaro read aloud Resolution 2014-08.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2014-08 Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Make Application To and Accept Funds From the IRRRB Comprehensive Plan Grant Program, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to donate \$100 to the St. Louis County Rescue Squad, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint the following as election judges for the August 12 Primary and the November 4 General Election: Eleanor Eck, Jule Erjavec, Jean Stickney, Carol Pellin, Bob Mavec, Cathy Korva, Nick Domiano, Tony Tammaro, Rosie Pernu, Carolyn Vest, Thomas Dean, Becky Dean, Sharon Crep, and as Head Election Judges- Nancy Roseen, Linda Brown and Roberta Zattoni, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sersha stated she is holding election judge training on July 24, and may be training some new judges. Those persons will be brought to the board for appointment at a later date.

Motion to set the wages for Election Judges at \$10.00 per hour, and Head Election Judges at \$10.50, plus pizza and snacks, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Erjavec, Coldagelli, Branville voted yes. Tammaro and Pernu abstained. Motion carried.

Short discussion on the business proposed to be located at the airport.

Motion to go forward and work with Eveleth on the proposal, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Pernu, Branville, Erjavec and Tammaro voted yes. Coldagelli abstained, stating conflict of interest. Motion carried.

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

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk