

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JULY 16, 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, Supervisor Coldagelli and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Eveleth Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Gary Ulman, Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith, Steve Shykes, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Luukkonen, and SEH Engineer Matt Reid.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Chief Koivunen was in attendance to inform the board on the new emergency sirens that are planned to be installed in the Cities of Eveleth, Virginia and Mt. Iron. Chief Koivunen explained the old sirens are malfunctioning 50-60 percent of the time, and the area cities have decided it is time for replacement. Since Fayal is a bordering entity, with a population of over 1,800, Chief Koivunen suggested the installation of sirens for emergencies would add to the public safety of Fayal citizens. Cost would be about \$19,000, and Eveleth would not charge Fayal for the software, which runs \$5,000.

Discussion on placement of the siren. Chief Koivunen suggested one be placed at Vet's Park. Clerk Sersha stated she is in favor of the warning system, but not if only one is to be purchased for the Ely Lake area. Sersha stated we should either buy two, so the southern portion of the township is also covered, or buy none. The board agreed. Referred to New Business.

Bill Luukkonen was in attendance to inform the board he plans to build a house and garage on property he purchased on Pleasant Lake. Mr. Luukkonen plans to access his property by using a portion of his neighbor's driveway, but continuing on to his property using the right-of-way. Mr. Luukkonen asked if the township would have any objection. Clerk Sersha explained to Mr. Luukkonen the township has no interest or liability in the right-of-way, and does not have the authority to allow extension of the driveway. The property owners within the plat own the right-of-way and the property owners should go to court and petition the ROW to be vacated in order to assure that everyone has use and access to their property. Mr. Luukkonen thanked the board for the information.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

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

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Total revenues were \$42,547.17 and expenditures were \$85,545.17. Ending balances are:

Mt. Iron Bank-	\$85,324.52
Miners Checking-	\$436,240.97
Assessment Savings-	\$450,768.84
CD Savings-	\$556,958.48

For the month of July to date, there have been revenues of \$483,145.04 and expenditures of \$37,061.04. All departments have been funded at fifty percent.

We have received the following donations for the ballfield project- Quad Cities Rotary Club- \$1,000, Virginia Rotary- \$200, Fortune Bay- \$150, Arcellor Mittal- \$250. Letters of thanks were sent immediately.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2013 PUC Variance Hearing for Russ Troutwine, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 2013 Wastewater Operator's Report, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 11, 2013 PUC Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2013 EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Clerk Sersha reported she had been contacted regarding the Joint Rec future audits, and was asked if she would participate in annual auditing, along with a clerk from one of the other entities, in order to save the money to have it performed by an auditing firm. Clerk Sersha stated the by-laws stipulate an annual audit must be done by a certified accounting firm, and felt that is the way it should remain. The board agreed.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2013 Eveleth-Fayal Cable TV Regular, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the May 2013 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 2013 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 2013 Police Report, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mike Wiskow, Eveleth Public Works- The aquaduct between St. Mary's and Ely Lakes was closed on June 21, 2013. Placed on file.

SLC Planning-Findings of Facts, Conclusion and Decision on variance request for Richard & Patty Anderson, 4525 Woodlawn Point. Variance for garage approved. Placed on file.

Office of Administrative Hearings- Reconvened hearing will commence July 29, 9 am, Gilbert City Hall on the request from the Pontinens and other property owners to detach from Gilbert and attach to Fayal. Referred to Steve Kniefel.

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

Sam Lautigar, Gilbert Public Works- Gilbert would be interested to buy our E-1 Grinder pump. They are looking for a spare and would be willing to loan it out if someone needs it. Referred to Supervisor Erjavec.

Earl Wilkins- SLC Public Works will hold a pre-construction meeting on the reclaim/overlay of Ely Lake Drive at the Midway Garage, 8:30 am, Wednesday, July 17

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert Sewer Agreement- Gilbert adopted the agreement that was presented to them at their last meeting.

However, the agreement did not include the changes Fayal requested, due to an error in communications by the attorneys. The correct agreement with the changes, has been forwarded to Gilbert for their consideration.

Motion to reject the sewer agreement passed by the Gilbert Council at their last meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Eveleth Utility Proposal- Nothing at this time.

Supervisor Branville-

Union Contract Negotiations- A meeting was held this morning and another is scheduled two weeks from today. The union has a counter proposal to submit.

Archive Storage- A quote was received from A to Z Carpentry to put on two layers of 5/8" fire code sheetrock on all ceilings and walls of the storage room. This would not include taping or painting. Labor was estimated at \$2,400-\$3,300 and materials estimated at \$600-\$700. Clerk Sersha stated she would like the room taped, painting can take place in-house. Supervisor Branville will obtain a quote for taping.

Motion to approve the A to Z Carpentry quote for the archive storage room, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Ballfield- Fencing has been installed. When the agri-lime was delivered, the driver drove on the sod and there was damage. Mark Forte has contacted J & B Construction regarding damages, which will be deducted from their bill. We will wait to hear if the bill is going to be discounted before paying. Supervisor Branville suggested the hill by the ballfield be trimmed for security and safety purposes.

Hwy. 53 Realignment- Nothing at this time, route still not decided.

Supervisor Pernu-

Tractor Mower- The mower is cracked and cannot be repaired. The Mesabi Trail Authority will mow for \$85 per mile, so they will be hired. Chairman Tamaro stated we should get rid of the white car, white pickup and the tractor. Discussion on replacement of the tractor/mower.

Golf Course Road- Matt Reid of SEH submitted plans and specs for the project. Estimated cost is \$127,741.90 for a reclaim/overlay paved with a two inch lift. Mr. Reid stated he will advertize for bids, with a bid opening on August 14.

Motion to call for bids for the Golf Course Road project, with a bid opening on August 14, 10 AM, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Ely Lake Drive/Woodlawn E./Park Intersection- An agreement was received from St. Louis County to have the intersection redesigned and reconstructed in conjunction with the CASH 96 project being done by the county. Cost would be shared as follows: Fayal- \$10,000, St. Louis County- \$15,000.

Motion to enter into the Agreement with St. Louis County for CASH 96, Woodlawn Drive East and Park Drive intersection, with Fayal paying \$10,000 and St. Louis County paying \$15,000, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Blight- The property has been mowed, and a letter was sent to the property owners to keep the grass cut.

Chairman Tamaro-

Detachment Hearing- Reconvened hearing will be held July 29, 9 am, Gilbert City Hall. Steve Kniefel to attend.

Demolition of Blighted Building- The fire department has offered to burn the building. Chairman Tamaro stated that is a bad idea because the township will then be responsible for hauling debris and filling the area. If we proceed with the IRRRB demo, we will be reimbursed for all costs.

Motion to proceed with obtaining two quotes for the demolition and removal of the blighted building located at 7511 Ely Lake Drive, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to award the demolition and removal of the blighted building at 7511 Ely Lake Drive to the lowest responsible bidder, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-02 Approving Vacation of Township Road 6714 Also Known As "South Airport Drive", made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro called for discussion. Tammaro stated Fayal has not been provided with written authorization from the airport to allow people to use the road for walking etc, which was a condition of Resolution 2004-09. Gary Ulman stated that the FCC will not allow the airport commission to make such a statement in writing, but assured the board verbally the commission does not have a problem with people walking their dogs etc, on the road. Supervisor Erjavec stated it is a safety concern to allow the road to remain open, and there is a township road (East Thunderbird) a half mile down where people could walk their dogs. Supervisor Branville agreed it is a safety issue for the road to remain open. Gary Ulman stated there are no plans to tear up the road, it will still be there, only gated and people can walk around the gate. Chairman Tammaro stated the airport has not met all of the conditions in Resolution 2004-09 by not putting in writing they will allow access to people wanting to walk on the road.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-02 Approving the Vacation of Township Road 6714 Also Known As "South Airport Drive" and waive the condition requiring access by the public be mitigated, (Condition d. of Resolution 2004-09), made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Erjavec, Branville, Pernu and Coldagelli voted yes. Tammaro voted no. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville reported new transmitters and receivers are needed for the overhead garage doors. A quote from Overhead Door for 4 new transmitters and receivers was obtained. Cost is \$770.

Motion to purchase and replace the 4 transmitters and receivers from Overhead Door, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu submitted a quote from Ziegler for grader repair in the amount of \$9562.07. If we drive the grader over there ourselves, we can save \$750 for transportation.

Motion to authorize the grader repair at the quoted cost from Ziegler, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu reported new rear backhoe tires are needed and presented a quote from Pomp's Tire in the amount of \$2,349.98. Discussion. Supervisor Branville suggested we obtain another quote. Tabled until the next meeting.

Supervisor Pernu reported he and Supervisor Erjavec will attend the Pre-Construction meeting for Ely Lake Drive tomorrow at the county garage.

Supervisor Coldagelli read a recommendation from the Fayal Fire Department Membership Committee to hire Ryan Elkington.

Motion to hire Ryan Elkington as a probationary firefighter for the Fayal Fire Department, pending favorable results from a physical exam and background investigation, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu.

Supervisor Coldagelli reported a new cell phone is needed for the police department, and suggested we get an Iphone.

Motion to purchase an Iphone for the police department, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Coldagelli reported she will be attending meeting at the IRRRB on Friday. The IRRRB has \$1 million allocated for 130 townships and they are asking for suggestions for funding projects.

Supervisor Coldagelli questioned what is wrong with the Eveleth water? Coldagelli stated it stinks, tastes terrible and killed her fish. Chairman Tammaro stated they are working on it and are well aware of the problem, and Fayal may be getting a fine because of the Eveleth water.

Chairman Tammaro tabled the 2014 Joint Rec budget proposal until the next meeting.

Discussion on the distress system sirens.

Motion to enter into the agreement with Eveleth and purchase two of the sirens, to be paid from the Capital Equipment fund, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to donate \$100 to the SLC Rescue Squad, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the bills, and the PFA loan payment, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Branville.

Supervisor Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk