

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JULY 17, 2012

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: Jodi and Roy Pontinen, Scott Smith, Steve Shykes, Brad Reifsteck, Bill & Benny Denny of 3D Concrete.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Jodi Pontinen was in attendance to inform the Board of a petition that she and her husband Roy, and three other property owners have filed with the State of MN to detach from the City of Gilbert and annex to Fayal Township. The properties total 104 acres, are rural in nature and contiguous with Fayal, located on a county road and receive no city services from Gilbert. The reason for the petition is because Gilbert's property taxes are about twice the amount of Fayal's. Gilbert makes no distinction in their tax rate for properties that receive no city services. The board thanked Mrs. Pontinen for the information.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the month of June 2012, all bank statements have been received and reconciled. Revenues were \$36,252.73 and expenditures were \$85,663.37. There was a transfer of \$152,000.00 from CD savings to Mt. Iron Checking. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$83,045.30
Assessment Savings-	\$453,850.10
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$623,213.49
CD Savings-	\$429,504.35

For the month of July 2012 to date, there have been revenues of \$492,637.22 and expenditures of \$46,899.33. All departments have been funded at fifty percent from the first half tax apportionment received from St. Louis County.

Filings for two supervisors, four year terms and one clerk/treasurer for a two year term, open on July 31, Monday-Friday 8 AM to Noon, until August 14. The state primary election will be held on August 14, polls open 7 am until 8 pm.

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

Motion to accept the June 2012 Police Report, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 2012 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the July 11, 2012 EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- Variance application for Richard and Jeremy LaPine for sauna setback. Placed on file.

Land Stewardship Project- Information from the legislation session relating to townships. Placed on file.

Fayal Firefighters Relief Assn financial audit for year ending Dec. 31, 2012. Placed on file.

SLCATO- Regular Meeting minutes of May 23, 2012. Next meeting is Sept. 26, 7 pm, Cotton Community Center. Placed on file.

State Demographic Center- Fayal Township 2011 population estimate is 1,801, household estimate is 787. Placed on file.

SLC Rescue Squad- Request for donation. Placed on file.

Fayal Firefighter Membership Committee- Recommendation to hire Dustin Kunnari. Referred to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Minko Conditional Use- Supervisor Erjavec reported he attended the hearing and the conditional use permit was granted for storage buildings on Mr. Minko's property located on Ely Lake Drive near Sky Harbor. The area is zoned SMU so the permit had to be granted. Jane Kingston of the Planning Committee questioned why the planning committee was not notified of the request.

Demand for Payment- Gilbert has not paid the past due balance to us for their customers in Sparta and the deadline has passed.

Motion to authorize the town attorney to take legal action to collect the past due bill from Gilbert, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville-

Complex Expansion- Supervisor Branville stated he has not heard anything from the architect, Ryan Turner.

Supervisor Tammaro reported he met with Brad Reifsteck and 3D Concrete earlier today. The project is moving forward and the building is being cleaned out so the floor can be poured. Discussion on the doors and floor heat.

Supervisor Pernu reported that in cleaning out the storage building, it was noted that 40 pins used for the playground have been stolen. Discussion on security for the building.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Ballfield- The R & B crew has done their portion of work, and the project is now being turned over to Mark Forte and his volunteers. The volunteers have all been provided with volunteer agreements for their signatures before they begin any work.

Solar Project- The project has been finished and the final pay estimate has been submitted for payment.

Motion to authorize final Pay Estimate #4 in the amount of \$5,264.00 to Hometown Electric, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro reported we are entitled to a \$20,000 rebate from MN Power for the solar project, but they have run out of funds for the year. We can decommission the solar panels until January 1 and

then re-apply. Discussion. Consensus is if we have to do that to get the rebate, then that is what we will do.

Chairman Kniefel-

RCB- Attorney Neff is trying to negotiate a settlement. RCB has refused our most recent offer.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the 2012-2013 E-F Joint Cable TV budget as presented, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Road & Bridge department to purchase road salt from the state bid, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sersha reported on the tax-exempt status for townships and distributed written information to the board.

Motion to waive the monetary limits on tort liability established by MN Statutes 466.04, to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

The board took no action on the request for donation from the SLC Sheriff's Rescue Squad.

Motion to take the membership committee's recommendation and hire Dustin Kunnari as a firefighter pending physical and background check, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sersha submitted a list of election judges to the board for their consideration.

Motion to appoint Eleanor Eck, Jule Erjavec, Jean Stickney, Beth Anderson, Nancy Roseen, Carol Pellin, Bob Mavec, Cathy Korva, Nick Domiano, Linda Brown, Tony Tammaro, Rosie Pernu, Carolyn Vest, Thomas Dean, Becky Dean, Sharon Crep, and Roberta Zattoni as election judges for the Primary and General Elections, with the clerk to schedule, and set the pay at \$9.50 per hour, plus snacks and pizza, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Kniefel. Erjavec, Kniefel and Branville voted yes. Tammaro and Pernu abstained. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Brad Reifsteck had no comment.

Scott Smith questioned what the explosion was last Friday night about 9:45 pm. No one knew.

Steve Shykes reported he has been contacted by SLC regarding an emergency management plan. The county would like all townships to have a written plan. Several meetings are planned to establish the plan.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted, **Approved:** _____ **Date** _____
Chair

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Attest:

Clerk