

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JULY 19, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Branville was absent.

Audience members in attendance were: Jamie and Zach Lindseth, Mark Forte, and Steve Shykes.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Mark Forte was in attendance to report on the progress of the Fayal ballfield. Mr. Forte also distributed instructions, projected budget and an applications for a Twins grant to use for upgrading the field to Little League standards. The grant is a matching grant for up to \$20,000 and our project will qualify.

***Motion to authorize the application for the Twins grant for the ballfield with a \$10,000 match from the township, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to make the Town of Fayal the sponsoring entity for the Twins grant and authorize the chair and clerk to sign all applications and forms for the Town of Fayal, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to authorize up to \$2,000.00 in mining effects funds for the project, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report-*** All accounts for the month of June 2011 have been reconciled. There were total revenues of \$44,617.07 and expenditures of \$131,193.09. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-           \$75,980.40  
Assessment Savings-   \$460,704.07  
Mt. Iron Checking- \$656,438.58

The July apportionment from SLC was received in the amount of \$427,327.34, of which \$166,852.79 went into Assessment Savings and the balance of \$260,526.55 went to Mt. Iron Checking. All departments were funded at 50 percent of their approved levies.

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

***Motion to accept the June 14, 2011 Public Utilities Commission minutes made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Supervisor Erjavec reported that Dale has been asked not to attend the PUC meetings, to save money, but instead submit a monthly report. Supervisor Erjavec stated the report is a good idea because it shows all the work he does, which is a lot. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the June 2011 Wastewater Report from Dale Dickson, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the June 2011 Police Report made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Supervisor Pernu noted the reference to the theft of two new lawnmowers from the township storage building and asked if there is a way to alleviate this problem. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the July 13, 2011 Joint Rec minutes made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the June 8, 2011 Fire Department Regular Business meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

State Demographic Center- April 1, 2010 count for Fayal Township from the US Census Bureau are: Total Population- 1,809, Household Population- 1,808, Group Quarters Population- 1, Total housing units- 1,001, Occupied Housing Units- 785, Vacant Housing Units- 216, Persons per household- 2.30. If we wish to challenge these counts it must be received by the Census Bureau no later than June 1, 2013. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, July 14, 10:15 AM, Northland Office Center for the planning commission to consider comments on proposed text amendments to the SLC Zoning Ordinance and SLC Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The amendments are pertaining to wetland administration and deleting obsolete sections fo the ordinances. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Variance application requests from Bruce Erickson, 4402 Cedar Island Drive. Referred to Planning Committee, placed on file.

MN DNR- No fire permits will be given during the state shutdown. Placed on file.

League of MN Cities- Notice of premium options for standard premiums up to \$25,000, workers compensation insurance. No change in the options, Clerk Sersha will sign and return.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Wastewater Rates/NTS/Mediation-** Pace Analytical has completed the 28 day study. Mediation is set for July 25, 9 am, but there has been no word if that is still scheduled, due to the state shutdown. Chairman Kniefel will contact Bruce Williams. Brad Reifsteck reported he has not completed the rate study because he has received limited information from Gilbert on their costs, but he hopes to have it done by mid-August.

**Eveleth Water Rate Agreement-** Supervisor Erjavec reported we have received no word directly from Eveleth, but it was noted in their minutes the council had forwarded the agreement to Mike Wiskow.

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Township Sign-** The sign has been erected but needs to be painted and lettered. Electricity will also need to be installed.

**Town Hall Air Conditioning-** The parts are on order, Tamaro to contact for a specific install date.

#### **Supervisor Tamaro-**

**Solar Project-** Mike Larson feels confident the IRB Commissioner will sign off on the change in use for our grant, but we must wait until the state shutdown is over.

**Street Improvement Project-** Pay Estimate #1 was received in the amount of \$76,290.00. The check was made for \$80,306, Supervisor Tamaro explained there will be five percent of the project that will be held as retainage, so the correct amount is \$76,290.

**Motion to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$76,290.00 to KGM for the 2011 Street Improvements Project, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Chairman Kniefel-**

**Korpela Acres Subdivision-** Chairman Kniefel spoke with Peggy Sloan regarding the proposed subdivision. Ms. Sloan has been working with Northern Lights Surveying and John Cope. Kniefel spoke with John Cope and told him the township will require a development agreement to extend sewer and the agreement should be made prior to the having the plat submitted for preliminary approval to the county. Road access will also have to be addressed in the agreement and the roads must be built to proper specification.

Discussion on turnaround on Pleasant Lake North. Referred to Steve Verkovich.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Erjavec explained work needs to be done on the pump in Lift Station A. Estimated cost from Northstar Pump Service is \$3,750.00.

**Motion to have Northstar Pump Service do the necessary work at a cost of \$3,750.00, to be paid from the maintenance contingency, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion on request by Laurentian Chamber of Commerce for a special one day liquor license. The town board does not grant liquor licenses, but must make a comment to the St. Louis County Board, who does grant liquor licenses for the township. The chamber will be holding a barbeque on August 24 at the Eveleth-Virginia Airport.

**Motion to make no objection to the granting of a special one day liquor license to the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce with special reference to good moral character and repute, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Pernu reported Craig Honkala from NESCU made an inspection of the Fayal Playground. The playground equipment is in good shape, but more wood chips need to be ordered, and some weeds need to be removed. The inspections will be documented.

Short discussion on the proposed changes to the EFGSD Joint Rec Agreement.

**Motion to approve the amended Joint Rec Agreement, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Erjavec reported there was about a 1' x 1' x1' deep hole on the fogline on Hwy. 53 above our sewer line. The state was called two weeks prior to the shutdown, but nothing was done. The hold was an obvious safety issue, our Road & Bridge department filled the hole with blacktop.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Steve Shykes and Brad Reifsteck were in attendance but had no comment.

**Motion to pay the bills, except the KGM bill until the check is corrected, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, **Approved:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Chair**

Judy M. Sersha **Attest:\_\_\_\_\_**  
Clerk of Fayal **Clerk**