

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

**AUGUST 19, 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 Jamie Lindseth and Scott Smith.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Jamie Lindseth was in attendance to report on the township's general liability, work comp and health insurance. The general liability insurance is up about \$1,000 over last year, but the township had several claims. The work comp is running about the same as last year. The health insurance deductible, effective January 1, will increase to \$3,000 single and \$6,000 family and the monthly premium will be about \$220 more. Mr. Lindseth explained this has to do with the Affordable Care Act. Chairman Tammaro stated we have in-place union contracts stating the deductible is \$2,500/\$5,000. Discussion. Supervisor Branville will contact Joe Zavodnik and Joe Pershern of AFSCME to request the contract be re-opened regarding the health insurance deductible. Chairman Tammaro stated we are obligated to provide the deductible and the premium to the employees at no cost, so that must be reflected in the contract.

Scott Smith reported a representative from the Eveleth ambulance will be requesting to be placed on the agenda at a future meeting. Chairman Tammaro stated he has heard from several people that when they contact their homeowners insurance to inform them of the new ISO fire rating of 5 instead of 6, they are receiving no extra discounts. Clerk Sersha reported it depends what company you have your insurance through, some just rate your insurance as having fire protection and an ISO rating of between 1 and 8 are rated the same. Mr. Smith reported he has heard of people getting up to \$75 off a year on their insurance due to the lower rating.

**REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report***- All bank statements for the month of July 2014 have been received and reconciled. Revenues were \$537,198.75, there was a transfer of \$162,329.69 from Mt. Iron Checking to Miners Bank. Expenditures were \$411,808.71. Ending balances are:

Miners Bank- \$330,430.20

Assessment Savings- \$309,220.44

CD Savings- \$557,794.39

Mt. Iron Checking- \$448,211.39

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$25,338.89 and expenditures are \$60,483.90.

Clerk Sersha reported the primary election on August 12 went well and the election judges did a great job. For the November election, which includes the township election, the following have filed: Seat 1- Lee Branville, Seat 3- Dave Ochis, Seat 5- Rich Sather and Patrick Ziegler.

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

***Motion to accept the EFGSD Joint Rec Board Regular Meeting of August 13, 2014, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion on the rec director's salary, which Chairman Tammaro thinks is too high for a part-time employee. Jamie Lindseth will bring this concern to the joint board. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the E-F Joint Cable TV Regular Meeting minutes of August 6, 2014, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the July 2014 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the July 9, 2014 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

SEH- Bidding documents for the IRRRB sewer project. Placed on file.

Sixth District Court- Notification of re-schedule to August 27, 8:30 am for John Koebensky vs Fayal and K & B. Sersha and Jurenic to attend.

Couri & Ruppe Law Office- Legal seminar is Saturday, October 4, 9am to 4 pm, Cotton Town Hall. Registration at [www.couriruppe.com](http://www.couriruppe.com) Chairman Tammaro will attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Natural Gas Extension-** Minnesota Energy received the required number of residents to sign up for the service. The extension project has now gone to the MPUC for approval, and may start this fall.

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Hwy. 53 Realignment-** Supervisor Branville stated he did not attend the meeting, but was told by Tom Rukavina the road will go across the Rouchleau Pit, and several property owners have been contacted for the sale of their property.

**Garage Door Damage-** A quote from Lenci was received and the funds have been received from the insurance company for the repair.

**Fire Dept. Cement-** Repair is needed, 3-D was contacted for a quote but we have had no response yet.

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Waste Site-** Due to the storm damage, the waste site has been open 24/7 for use by residents. There are two piles, one 30' x 210 x 10' high and another 30' x 63' x 10' high. Chipping the piles would cost \$3-4,000. Discussion whether to burn it or chip it. Consensus of the board is to burn the piles. Fire department will be contacted to see if they can help.

**Pleasant Lane Culvert-** On course, work should start next month.

#### **Supervisor Coldagelli-**

**Sirens-** Supervisor Coldagelli reported she attended the last Fire Department business meeting and informed them that in the case of bad weather in the township, a call needs to be made to the Virginia Police Department to have the weather sirens activated.

**Fire Department PERA**- The fire department members have been discussing the pros and cons. Chris Erickson will be attending their next meeting to give the members input on the decision.

**Recycle Bins**- Supervisor Coldagelli reported the last time she was at the recycling bins there were suitcases, roller blades and general garbage that people had left. The bins are to only be used for items that are recyclable, not garbage.

**Chairman Tamaro-**

**Business Location at Airport**- Nothing at this time.

**Retiree Sick Time**- Clerk Sersha reported the sick time accumulated by retired foreman Steve Verkovich has still not been paid. Mr. Verkovich has been contacted and an account has been opened for him. In the meantime, the township has been paying his dental insurance. This amount will be deducted from his accumulation.

***Motion to fund Steven Verkovich's MSRS Health Retirement Account in the amount of \$20,458, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

*(Clerk's Note: The funding for this account will be taken from the Employee Benefits account).*

**LaPine Promissary Note**- Richard and Linda LaPine have signed a promissary note with the township for payment of their sewer access charge, in the amount of \$7,000, 3.5% interest, 60 months.

***Motion to accept the promissary note of Richard and Linda LaPine for the payment of their sewer access charge, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Branville reported the tennis courts fencing needs repair. A quote was obtained from Iron Oakes Fencing in the amount of \$1,979.00

***Motion to approve the repairs to the tennis court chain link fence in the amount of \$1,979 from Iron Oakes Fencing, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Pernu reported the Comprehensive Road Plan being prepared by SEH should be available at the next meeting.

Supervisor Pernu presented a quote from Ziegler for the grapple bucket currently being used by the Road department. We can either rent it for \$1,800 per month, or purchase for \$7,500.

***Motion to purchase the grapple bucket from Ziegler in the amount of \$7,500, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tamaro stated the need for employee safety meetings.

***Motion to create a safety program for the employees, with Supervisor Coldagelli to oversee the group, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tamaro reported that Mesabi Bituminous is paving the airport runway and they are using North Airport Road. Mesabi Bituminous has been informed if there are any damages made to the road, they will be held liable.

Chairman Tamaro reported that two of our solar panels are shattered and he is trying to get replacements.

Clerk Sersha informed the board that members of the ARDC will be attending our September 16 Regular Meeting to inform us on the time line on the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Scott Smith reported that Mike Knutson has retired from the fire department. His resignation will be brought to the next board meeting.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

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