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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 20, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Coldagelli and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: SEH Engineer Matt Reid, Scott Smith, Jamie Lindseth, Jerry Ulman, Tim Thompson, Jim O'Korn, John Sepin, Donna Sepin, Donna Patton, Sharon Patton, John Patton, Earl Hart, Leslie Kydd and Lee Beauduy.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Jamie Lindseth was in attendance to inform the board on the League of Minnesota Cities insurance renewal for the property, casualty and work comp insurance the township carries. The rate is up \$857 from the last renewal, but that is without taking the dividend into consideration. The dividend is usually paid toward the end of the year. The health insurance renewal rates are not in yet, but Mr. Lindseth will come back and report to the board on those figures when they are available.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Scott Smith reported that for the first time, the fire department now has a full roster, and there are three applications for one position. Members of the fire department will be painting the walls in their portion of the storage area this week.

Several residents from the Long Lake area were in attendance to voice their concerns over the placement of the warning sirens approved by the board at the last meeting. The residents do not want the warning siren located near their homes. Other concerns were monthly cost of electricity for the siren, and whether they were even needed. It was explained to the residents that one siren will be installed on the town hall complex property and the other is planned to be placed at the IRRRB, if the IRRRB will agree. Otherwise, the second siren will be placed at a lift station so as not to incur another monthly electric service charge. Members of the board stressed to the residents that the purchase of the sirens was to try to provide for the safety of as many Fayal residents as possible. The sirens have a 3 mile diameter, and will be heard by most Fayal residents if there is a weather or other type of emergency. The Cities of Eveleth, Virginia and Mt. Iron are also purchasing the same sirens and Fayal will be part of that emergency system. The City of Virginia has purchased the software and there will be no charge to the township to be on the system.

The residents agreed the IRRRB would be the best location for the siren, since it is centrally located, but questioned if there would be another meeting to let people know if that location is not available. Chairman Tammaro stated that we do not want to place the siren near someone's house, and we will have a meeting if another location is needed.

Tim Thompson, Fayal representative on the EFGSD Joint Rec Board was in attendance. Mr. Thompson explained the joint rec is required to have an audit, per the by-laws. The cost has been going up and is now \$5,500 for an annual audit. Walker, Giroux & Hahne has quoted they will do an audit for two years at a cost of \$6,500. The rec board is looking for cheaper ways to do this and one suggestion is instead of hiring a CPA, is to have the clerks or other representative of each entity do the audit. Chairman Tammaro stated he did not think that was a good idea, and it is against the by-laws. Mr. Thompson asked that the board do some brainstorming on the situation.

Matt Reid, Jerry Ulman and Jamie Lindseth had no comment.

Earl Hart questioned whether or not the natural gas would be extended in the Long Lake area? Supervisor Erjavec stated the PUC is gathering the names and addresses of interested residents, via slips that have been included in the monthly utility bills and putting them on a petition that will be forwarded to MN Energy. If there is enough interest, the gas company may extend the line.

The Long Lake area residents left at this point in the meeting.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements for the month of July 2013 have been received and reconciled. Revenues totaled \$535,934.67 and expenditures were \$111,526.72 and there was a transfer of \$172,059.23 from assessment savings to the Miners Checking account. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Checking- \$488,109.02
Assessment Savings- \$623,335.43
CD Savings- \$556,958.48
Mt. Iron Checking- \$267,212.65

For the month of August to date, there have been revenues of \$22,345.21 and expenditures of \$53,018.68. A PFA payment was also made in the amount of \$332,534.35 on August 6.

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, 2013 minutes of the Public Utilities Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the July 16, 2013 E-F Cable TV Regular meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion to accept the August 14, 2013 EFGSD Joint Rec Board Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- Facts findings, conclusion and decision on variance request from Danny Stanaway. Variance approved, with conditions. Placed on file.

SLC- Draft subsurface sewage treatment system ordinance. Referred to PUC.

SEH- Geotechnical Evaluation Report, Project Manual and recommendation of award in the amount of \$89,551.50 for the Golf Course Road Project. Referred to Old Business.

MAT- District 10 Meeting notice, Thurs. Aug. 29, 7 pm, Grand Lake Town Hall, Twig. Placed on file.

Couri & Ruppe- Free township legal seminar, Saturday, Oct. 58, 9-4 , Cotton Town Hall. Placed on file.

MPCA- They have made a preliminary determination to approve application and issue a permit for a waste tire storage area and a land treatment area for petroleum contaminated solid/sludge and to maintain the closed industrial waste landfill. Public Comment period starts July 30 and terminates Aug. 29. Placed on file.

SLC Rescue Squad- Thank you for donation. Placed on file.

SLC Public Works- Information on the CSAH 96 reclaim/overlay. Placed on file.

MPCA- Storage Tank Release and Corrective Action at Woodline Mfg. Placed on file.

Kelly Klun- Post hearing brief for petitioners in the Gilbert/Fayal Annexation request. Placed on file.

Mitch Brunfelt- Gilberts Post hearing summation in Gilbert/Fayal Annexation. Placed on file.

Mike Wiskow- The aquaduct is open as of July 30. Placed on file.

MN Power- Update on Great Northern Transmission Line and invitation to open house meetings. Placed on file.

The Long Lake area residents left the meeting at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert Sewer Agreement- A meeting was held this morning with Gilbert representatives Mayor Skenzich, Councillor Skalko, Attorney Jackie Corradi and Fayal Supervisors Erjavec, Tammaro and Attorney Scott Neff. The meeting went very well and was positive. The attorneys will work on the language and we are very close to an agreement.

Eveleth Utility Proposal- Nothing at this time.

MN WARN- They are asking that we adopt a Schedule of Fees for equipment usage. More to follow.

Supervisor Branville-

Building Construction- Plans have been made for concrete aprons and sidewalks for the building. Branville to obtain cost quotes. Archive Storage Room- The room has been finished and the filing cabinets are in. Clerk Sersha reported the archiving of documents began in July with help from casual labor. A database was also created to catalog the documents and their placement in the files.

Mesabi Trail Kiosk- A two foot collar around the kiosk has been requested by the Mesabi Trail. Discussion. Branville to obtain quotes for the kiosk at the same time he gets quotes for the building aprons and sidewalks.

Baseball Field- The field looks beautiful and is ready for play next year. R & B will do some clearing of brush and trees by the fence for visibility. More donations have been received. Discussion on erecting a sign giving credit to those who donated funds for the field, and it was agreed there will be some type of acknowledgment at the field.

Ely Lake Drive/Woodlawn/Park Driver Intersection- Now that the project has been completed, the intersection is wide enough and looks good.

Hwy. 53 Committee- There have been no recent meetings, but there is now a study being done to look at a land bridge across the pit.

Supervisor Pernu-

Tires- Backhoe tires have been installed. A dump truck tire also needed replacement, and that has also been done.

Golf Course Road Project- Supervisor Pernu, Clerk Sersha, the Road employees, & SEH Engineer Matt Reid opened the bids on Wednesday, August 14 at 10 AM. One bid was received from Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$89,551.50. Engineer's estimate for the project was \$116,0000, so the project came in under cost estimate.

Motion to award the bid to Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$89,551.50 for the Golf Course Road Project, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Matt Reid informed the board the project will start after Labor Day and a pre-construction meeting will be held at the town hall prior to start. Mr. Reid reported that there are several sump pumps going underneath the road and wondered if we want them put back? The board agreed the sump pumps should be put back, due to the water problems in that area, and they do not want people to pump into the sewer. Chairman Tammaro asked if we could also get a price from Mesabi Bituminous to do a small portion of Woodlawn Drive while they are in the area. Mr. Reid will obtain a quote. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tamaro-

Gilbert/Fayal Annexation- Correspondence from Attorneys Brunfelt and Klun has been received and reviewed by the board.

7511 Ely Lake Drive Demo Project- Clerk Sersha has been working on the project and is in contact with the IRRRB and the St. Louis County Land Department.

South Airport Road Vacation- Setting the damage award for the vacation was overlooked at the last meeting.

Motion to set the damage award at \$0.00 for any property owners who have an interest in a portion of South Airport Road, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

EFGSD Joint Powers Budget- Chairman Tamaro questioned why the rec director is getting a \$6,000 stipend for his health insurance? Tim Thompson, Fayal rec representative will find out and report back to the board.

Motion to table the EFGSD Joint Powers Budget until further clarification is received, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Pleasant Lane Culvert- Supervisor Pernu reported the culvert needs replacement. Matt Reid stated he inspected the culvert and it is a 64" in diameter culvert that has deteriorated, rusted and is collapsing. The culvert is the outlet to Pleasant Lake. Permits will be needed from the DNR for the replacement, and Mr. Reid suggested we start the permitting process now. Chairman Tamaro asked if the culvert could be sleeved? Mr. Reid explained maybe that could be done, but he does not recommend it because it is a lake outlet culvert and all of the capacity is needed. Estimated cost \$2,500.

Clerk Sersha forwarded a request for a solicitors permit from Earl Holmes of Iron Range Sealcoaters. Chief Thompson has done a preliminary background check and there are no wants or warrants and his driver's license is current. The criminal history is not back yet. Chief Thompson recommends authorizing the permit, contingent upon the applicant's criminal history coming back clear, and payment of the \$100.00 permit fee.

Motion to authorize the solicitor's permit to Earl Holmes of Iron Range Sealcoaters, contingent upon a favorable outcome of the applicant's criminal history check and his payment of \$100.00 for the permit, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tamaro suggested the town board look into adopting a Synthetic Drug and Bath Salts Ordinance like Virginia and Duluth. The board agreed, and will keep the subject on the agenda for further discussions at future meetings.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville abstained from the payment of the Five Seasons bill. Motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting to discuss union negotiations, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting closed at 8:27 PM.

Regular Meeting re-opened at 9:23 PM.

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Approved: _____ Date _____
Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: _____
Clerk

Judy M. Sersha, Clerk of Fayal