

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

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*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

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.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Audience members present were: Jerry Ulman, Scott Wudinich and SEH Engineers Jim Johnson and Aaron Ditzler.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Scott Wudinich requested that he be placed on the agenda. The Board agreed. Mr. Wudinich voiced his concerns to the Board regarding two separate animal ordinance citations he received from Chief Thompson. Mr. Wudinich also informed the Board of allegations made by another property owner in Fayal regarding Mr. Wudinich's dog.

The Board took no action. Mr. Wudinich left the meeting at this point.

**REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report-*** Bank statements have not arrived as of this date, so this report is tentative. For the month of August 2009 there were \$58,231.61 in expenditures and revenues of \$86,768.04, which includes taconite production tax and mining effects of \$53,283 and POST Board police training reimbursement of \$396.41. Balances are:

Miners Bank-           \$35,744.55  
Assessment Savings-   \$330,337.84  
Mt. Iron Checking-   \$775,885.92

The League of MN Cities has bound our township insurance as of August 19, 2009. All previous policies have been cancelled and refunds have been requested.

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

***Motion to accept the EFG Joint Cable TV meeting minutes of June 2, 2009 and July 23, 2009, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the August 2009 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Planning Committee meeting minutes of July 28, 2009 and August 25, 2009, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel stated he would like to move the budget item from the planning meeting minutes to New Business.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

NESCU- Agenda for annual Membership Rate Renewal Presentation, held today at 10 a.m. Renewal rates for Fayal will increase 11.7% for 2010. Placed on file.

MN Revenue- Information on the unallotment of market value credits and levy decisions. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor-2010 Township Levy forms. Sent to SLC Auditor, placed on file.

SEH- Request for quotes for Golf Course Road. Referred to Old Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**IRB Grant-** Nothing at this time.

### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Fire Hall Sites-** Branville reported he spoke with Eveleth City Councilor Brian Hoag about the potential of locating a new fire hall on the corner near the water plant. Councilor Hoag will bring this request to their committee meeting, which is also being held today, and will report back with a response from Eveleth.

**Employee Insurance Meeting-** Supervisors Branville and Kniefel along with the Fayal employees, AFSCME representative Joe Pershern and Miners Insurance Agent Jaime Lindseth, held a meeting to discuss health insurance options. The employees have decided to fill out health questionnaire applications for Medica and Health Options to see if there would be a savings by switching plans.

### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Buildings & Grounds-** Supervisor Pernu spoke with Mike Wiskow of Eveleth regarding the hill by the park. No progress has been made yet with landscaping for the hill, but Mr. Wiskow will get back to us in two weeks.

### **Supervisor Tamaro-**

**Golf Course Road Quotes-** Jim Johnson obtained quotes from two contractors for the project. The project was broken down into two construction options- Construction Methods A & B. The differences are that Method A involves perforating the pavement in the central, low area and building it up with aggregate material, removing the pavement on the end sections, and placing 3" of bituminous in two lifts. Method B includes reclaiming the existing bituminous pavement and underlying aggregate, using the excess reclaimed material to fill the low area, shaping and recompacting the entire length, and placing 3" of bituminous in two lifts.

Construction Method A- Mesabi Bituminous- \$39,923.50, Ulland Brothers Inc.- No bid. Construction Method B- Mesabi Bituminous- \$43,622.00, Ulland Brothers Inc.- \$48,367.70.

***Motion to enter into an agreement for the Golf Course Road Rehabilitation with Mesabi Bituminous for Option A at a cost of \$39,923.50, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Tamaro questioned what the engineering cost would be? Mr. Johnson explained that we would receive the credit separately, and it would not be taken off the cost of engineering. Mr. Johnson stated he would get back to us next week on the engineering costs.

***Motion to authorize the chair and clerk to sign the appropriate contract documents when they are received, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Erjavec reported there was a sewer overflow on Thunderbird Trail. A-1 and Albert Jurenic took care of the job immediately and both did a good job. The MPCA was notified, as is procedure.

Supervisor Erjavec reported on the pairing and sharing meeting he attended. They would like us to give them an hourly rate for our equipment with an operator. The road foreman will make a recommendation and the resolution will be updated.

At the same meeting, Gilbert representatives approached Supervisor Erjavec regarding a sewer rate increase and fees. A meeting with Gilbert has been set for September 9, 4:00 PM, Gilbert City Hall. The meeting will be posted so town board and public utilities members can attend.

Supervisor Branville stated that the old partition from the police car is no longer needed and the Mesabi Humane Society has expressed a need for it.

***Motion to donate the old partition to the Mesabi Humane Society, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

The Board addressed the request made by the Planning Committee for a budget for their sign project. Supervisor Branville stated he is not opposed to the project especially if there is an electronic sign for community information. Chairman Kniefel stated the committee has been working on the project for a long time and can go no further without a budget. Supervisor Tammaro expressed an interest in seeing the plans.

***Motion to allocate \$10,000 from mining effects funds for the improvements on the corner, contingent upon the board's final approval of the plans for the project, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Jerry Ulman, Aaron Ditzler and Jim Johnson were in attendance but had no comment.

Chairman Kniefel reminded the board not to interject on a citation or civil lawsuits with private citizens.

***Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Branville, support frm Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

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