

TOWN OF FAYAL
4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734

Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer

Anthony Tamaro, Chairman

Supervisors: James Pernu, Lee Branville, Mike Erjavec, Heidi Coldagelli

PHONE (218)744-2878

FAX (218) 744-5986

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

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

Audience members in attendance were Scott Smith, Jerry Ulman, Jamie Lindseth and SEH Engineer Matt Reid.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Jamie Lindseth was in attendance to report on the 2014 Health Partners health insurance renewal. One employee has moved up in age bracket and we are now insuring more people. Rate is up, after taking all into consideration, about 5 percent.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements for the month of August 2013 have been received and reconciled. For the month of September, to date, there have been revenues of \$42,578.44 and expenditures of \$83,302.08. Balances are:

Miners Checking- \$506,448.85
Assessment Savings- \$331,762.80
Mt. Iron Checking- \$212,663.27

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

Motion to accept the August 13, 2013 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the September 1, 2013 EFGSD Joint Rec Board minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Erjavec stated he attended this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the E-F Cable TV Regular Meeting minutes of September 4, 2013, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the August 2013 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the August 14, 2013 Fayal Fire Department Regular Business meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

MPCA- Storage Tank Release Investigation and Corrective Action, At Your Convenience. Placed on file.

MN Power Foundation- Grant Agreement for baseball field in the amount of \$1,200. Referred to New Business.

SEH- Copy of Performance Bond and Payment Bond from Mesabi Bituminous, and Notice to Proceed, for the Golf Course Road Project. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert Sewer Agreement- Supervisor Erjavec and Chairman Tammaro stated they are satisfied with the agreement. The attorneys added language to clarify how rates will be calculated in the future to Schedule A. The agreement will be for 25 years.

Motion to approve the Gilbert-Fayal Wastewater Agreement, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Eveleth Utility Proposal- Nothing at this time.

MN WARN- Still working on the rate schedule, which will only include the generators.

Supervisor Branville-

Aprons & Sidewalks- Still waiting for quotes.

Union Contract- Will be meeting with the union early next week regarding the board's latest proposal.

Hwy. 53 Realignment- The westerly route is out.

Warning Sirens- Branville stated he did not like the look of it behind the town hall. Tammaro stated the sirens were to be turnkey, but electrical was not included in the "turnkey" price.

Motion to authorize Hometown Electric to connect the two sirens to electrical, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu-

Golf Course Road Project- Pernu and Matt Reid will be going on site next week. Mr. Reid was instructed to make sure all waterlines etc are recouped and made whole for the homeowners.

Supervisor Coldagelli-

Employee Code of Conduct & Ethics- Supervisor Coldagelli reported she is still working on it, and asked if it is to include the elected officials? Chairman Tammaro stated it will be for everyone who works for the township, including elected officials.

Chairman Tammaro-

South Airport Road Vacation- Clerk Sersha reported the road is now officially vacated. All notices have been sent to abutting property owners, the damage award was set, and the waiting period for comment has passed. A letter with the resolution was sent to the county auditor, and the resolution and notice of completion was recorded.

Eveleth Foundation Grant- Clerk Sersha reported that Mark Forte and she completed and submitted a grant request in the amount of \$1,000 for the ballfield. A decision will be made by the foundation in October.

7511 Ely Lake Drive Demo- The IRRRB has asked if they can put up a sign on site stating the demo is part of their demolition program. Also, they want to video the demo. Clerk Sersha stated she authorized the sign and put Jola & Sopp in touch with the IRRRB for the demo date.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on the Joint Rec proposal to increase funding from each entity for audit costs. The proposal includes an option to have an audit every other year. The by-laws state an audit must be done annually, and that has not been done because the Joint Rec has stated they cannot afford it. Chairman Tamaro stated the by-laws would have to be changed by all the entities to allow an audit every other year. Tamaro also questioned where the money is going that was used to pay the lifeguards? There has been no lifeguards for the past two years. Tamaro states the Joint Rec has to live within their means, like everyone else.

Motion to accept the 2014 Joint Rec Budget, made by Supervisor Erjavec. Chairman Tamaro asked (x3) if there was any support? Motion dies for lack of support.

Pleasant Lane Culvert- Matt Reid reported he spoke with Amy Loiselle of the DNR and she is requiring more for the permit. Estimated cost is \$20-30,000, and it will not be changed out until next July. Mr. Reid asked if the board would like him to submit a grant app to IRRRB for the culvert?

Motion to authorize SEH to apply for an IRRRB grant for replacement of the Pleasant Lane culvert, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu questioned if St. Louis County could replace the culvert for us, like the one on Pine Drive?

Equipment Disposal- Supervisor Pernu stated there are two items to be sold. The white Ford car and the mower tractor. The Ford car needs a fuel pump, estimated by Lundgren's to cost \$1,000, and the tractor's mower housing is shot. All items would be sold AS-IS.

Motion to dispose of the Ford car and mower tractor and advertize on the posting boards, the website and Cable Access Channel 12, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sell the car and tractor AS-IS, for the best offer, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to advertize the items until the deadline of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2013, 7 PM, open the offers at the meeting, and make a decision, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Coldagelli reported there are recommendations from the Fire Department Membership Committee to hire two new firefighters. The department will now be at full capacity.

Motion to hire Isaac Hudson and Chris Novak as probationary firefighters for the Town of Fayal, contingent upon favorable results from a physical exam and background investigation of the two, made by Supervisor Coldagelli, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Synthetic Drugs/Bath Salts Ordinance- Waiting for Virginia to adopt their ordinance.

Clerk Sersha informed the board that the statute providing for Fayal to give out business licenses for the State of MN has been repealed, and unless Fayal has an ordinance requiring business licenses, we no longer can give them out. There is no ordinance in Fayal.

Motion to no longer require business permits in Fayal, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Coldagelli. Clerk Sersha will inform the business owners in the township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept and sign the MN Power Foundation grant agreement in the amount of \$1,200 for the ballfield, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammara adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk