

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Tony Tammaro, James Pernu, Lee Branville, Mike Erjavec*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

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 Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- All banks statements have been received and reconciled for the month of August 2012. Revenues were \$132,432.62 and expenditures were \$134,446.82. Ending balances were:

Miners Checking- \$195,350.69  
Assessment Savings- \$341,444.31  
CD Savings- \$429,779.84  
Mt. Iron Checking- \$707,882.93

For the month of September to date, there have been revenues of \$36,432.00 and expenditures of \$93,412.19.

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

***Motion to accept the June 12, 2012 PUC Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the June 12, 2012 PUC Variance Hearing minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the June, July and August 20102 Wastewater Operators Report, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the August 8, 2012 Fayal Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the August 2012 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the E-F Joint Cable TV minutes of May 2, August 1 and September 5, 2012, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MN Office of Administrative Hearings- Gilbert, Fayal and the Pontinens must meet three times within the next 60 days, starting August 30, 2012. Have heard nothing on meeting schedule to date. Placed on file.

Heather Lindula, Rural Housing Chair, Community Connect Committee- A community connect event will be held in Virginia, Miners Memorial Building, Oct. 25, 3-6 PM. The event focuses on connecting low income, homeless, or precariously housed individuals to community resources. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Variance hearing for Richard LaPine will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012, 9:10 AM. Northland Office Center. Placed on file.

Club Mesabi- Thank you for support of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour. Also, request from Doug Schmitz to mow the trail one final time in the next couple of weeks for those who will be riding to take in the fall colors. Placed on file.

Mediacom- Mediacom will be adding the Big Ten Network and Big Ten Network HD. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Building permit for Fayal Township garage addition. Placed on file.

RCB Collections- Demand for payment and Notice of Impending Action. Referred to Scott Neff.

Steven Verkovich- Notice of retirement on November 2, 2012, under article 6, section 7 of the current AFSCME labor contract. Referred to New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**Gilbert Lawsuit-** Nothing at this time.

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Town Hall-** New vertical blinds will be installed in the hall and offices next Tuesday. Research is still being done on purchasing new chairs and table.

#### **Supervisor Tammaro-**

**Tailings-** More taconite tailings are needed, much has been used in the building project.

***Motion to purchase 1,000 more yards of taconite tailings, at a cost of \$6.50 per thousand, delivered, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Building Construction Project-** Supervisor Tammaro reported on the progress. All the concrete has been done, gas line has been installed, the old building has been wired, and the doors have been installed.

Supervisor Tammaro reported on the building budget. Costs to date are \$110,000. Budgeted were \$10,069 in mining effects from 2011, \$50,000 from unreserved funds, and another \$75,000 was also approved, but no fund was specified.

***Motion to take the previously approved \$75,000 allocation for the building construction from the capital equipment account, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Tammaro explained it has been decided to make the addition 800 square feet bigger, and the cost will be less than the quote from Northwoods Construction for a smaller building. Tammaro has received a quote from A-Z Carpentry for labor only at a cost not to exceed \$36,000. Materials would be purchased by the township at Pohaki's at a cost not to exceed \$27,300. We will receive a ten percent discount at Pohaki's if we pay as we go, and since the purchase will be made by the town, there will be no sales tax, so the cost will be less than the quoted price. All mining effects funds have been received for this year, amount is \$50,848.

***Motion to transfer this years mining effects in the amount of \$50,848 to the building construction project, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Motion to authorize the town chair to sign the quote from A-Z Carpentry in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Chairman Kniefel-**

**RCB-** The bill has been referred to Scott Neff, who has advised not to pay.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Pernu reported the floors in the town hall have been grout sealed and waxed. The butcher block top in the kitchen has also been sanded and oiled. Groups using the hall have been asked to move their things to the front closet, so the back closet can be used for town hall storage. The janitors closet will be cleaned and painted and a new ceiling will be installed. The skating shack has also been inspected and is in good shape for this year.

Supervisor Tammaro reported black dirt has been hauled into the ballfield and its looking very good.

**Motion to have the town board accept Steven Verkovich's retirement, effective November 2, 2012, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to have the town clerk post notice of impending vacancy, per the labor contract, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Discussion. The posting will be internal. Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk Sersha reported she certified the 2013 levy to St. Louis County Auditor in the total amount of \$526,800, as approved by the Annual Meeting.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Heidi Coldagelli, Jerry Ulman, Scott Smith and Jim Johnson were present, but had no comment.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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