

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Ralph Johnson and John Babich.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2008 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of August 2008 have not arrived as of this date, so this report is tentative. Revenues for the month were \$55,093.71 and expenditures were \$93,258.44. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$123,842.06
Assessment Savings-	\$262,532.55
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$675,362.39

Certificate of Deposit Balances as of August 2008:

Sewer Depreciation (Total)	\$199,638.76
Water Depreciation (Total)	\$ 44,083.37
Employee Benefits	\$ 75,550.39
Sewer Replacement	\$10,843.05
Capital Equipment	\$114,930.47
Standby Water	\$31,766.21

Total	\$476,812.25
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The Township final levy form must be returned to the SLC Auditor by September 15, 2008. Total levy approved for 2009 is \$519,500.00. Referred to New Business.

Two additional election judges have become certified. Request by Clerk Sersha to have Carolyn Vest and Jeanne Walters appointed for the Primary and General elections. Referred to New Business.

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

Motion to approve the August 2008 Police Report made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Sheriff- 2009 Mitigation Grant Opportunities. Board will request a copy of the grant opportunities via email. Placed on file.

Northeast Service Cooperative- 2007-2008 Annual Report. Placed on file.

SEH- Tabulated bids for the Utility Extension Project. SEH is recommending the Town award the contract to Jola & Sopp for their low bid of \$179,838.00. Referred to Old Business.

Julie Kennedy, SEH- Mesabi Bituminous will not make the completion date for the Park Blvd. W overlay project. We must either assess liquidated damages or revise the completion date. Referred to Old Business.

MN DOT- Solicitation for Enhancement Projects for fiscal year 2013. Enhancement Workshop is Sept. 17, 1-3 PM, MN DOT Office, Virginia. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Qwest DSL- No volunteers have come forward yet to get the petition going. Hopefully by the next meeting volunteers can be found.

Supervisor Pernu-

Buildings & Grounds- The split rail fence was installed last Friday, on the corner across from the Shortstop. It was put up to meet the safety concerns in that area and to protect the curbing. The fence is attractive and we have 50 feet extra to be used for future repairs. The trees in the park area and complex grounds have all been limbed. The town hall floors were cleaned and sealed last week. North Star Garage Doors switched the garage doors on the storage building, and also have replacement panels they will install at no cost. The Fire Department sign was repainted and installed. There have been concerns about the Boy Scout aluminum recycling center being an eyesore, and a request will be made to the Scouts if they can cover the fence to hide the center.

Supervisor Tamaro added that the Planning Committee is working on a plan for the corner across from the Shortstop, and they were told the fence could be moved, if need be.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Building Planning Consultant- Nothing at this time.

Park Blvd. W. Overlay Project- Mesabi Bituminous did not complete the project by the completion date of August 29. Discussion on whether to assess liquidated damages or extend the completion date.

Motion to grant an extension on the overlay project to October 30, 2008, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel-

Water/Wastewater Project, O'Laughlin/Jankila- Clerk Sersha read the tabulated bid results as follows:

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Bid</i>
Jola & Sopp Excavating	\$179,838.00
Ulland Brothers	\$185,959.78
Construction Services	\$237,389.52
GM Contracting	\$349,491.59

The easements are in place for the water portion of the project, but we have not secured an easement for the sewer extension. Much discussion on whether to award the project at this time without all of the easements being procured. Further discussion on progression of the project.

Motion to table awarding the project until the next regular meeting in two weeks, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Discussion on the possibility of the water project being done first, with the sewer extension to follow in case we have not obtained the necessary easement. Chairman Kniefel will contact Julie Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously.

Pine Drive Culvert- We have still not received the signed agreement from St. Louis County for the project.

Pleasant Lake Hydrant- Nothing at this time.

Solicitor's Ordinance- Scott Neff is working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec reported that Chief Thompson has made a request to attend a DWI & Traffic Safety seminar to be held September 25 at a cost of \$15.00.

Motion to authorize Chief Thompson to attend the seminar at Hibbing Community College, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the proposal from RCB Collections. Chairman Kniefel reported he spoke with Scott Neff and he is reviewing our current Sewer Charge Ordinance 98-2 and resolutions to determine whether or not we need to amend our ordinance in order to enter into an agreement with RCB.

Squad Car Disposition- Supervisor Branville stated he is in no hurry to dispose of the car at this time. The car can be used in the future for radar display and travel use by employees. Discussion.

Motion to retain the car for one year at this time, for township use, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Branville, Erjavec, Pernu and Tammaro voted yes. Kniefel voted no. Motion carried.

Motion to order a storage cabinet for the clerk's office at a cost of \$540.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro suggested we get a video camera for the police squad, referred to Chief Thompson.

Chairman Kniefel reported that Bob Manzoline of the Mesabi Trail Projects has issued a Request for Proposals for Fayal and Soudan segments, which will be combined for engineering purposes. The Fayal RFP is ready to go and they have called for a legal centerline survey for the entire route. The survey should be done this fall.

Chairman Kniefel reminded the board of the St. Louis County Township Association awards banquet to be held at Fortune Bay on October 3 at a cost of \$20 per person. They have requested a gift from each township.

Motion to purchase a \$50 gift certificate from K & B for the SLCATO Awards banquet, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize and approve the final levy to the St. Louis County Auditor for the year 2009 in the amount of \$260,700 for the General fund and \$258,800 for the Road & Bridge fund, for a total of \$519,500, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Carolyn Vest and Jeanne Walters as election judges for the Primary and General elections, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

John Babich was in attendance but had no comment.

Ralph Johnson was in attendance and questioned when Ely Lake Drive was going to be redone? Chairman Kniefel answered that it has been pushed back to 2013.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk