

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

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.

Audience members in attendance were: John Damberg, Jamie Lindseth, Steve Shykes, Jerry Ulman, Jane Kingston, Jim Johnson and two E-G High School students.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Tamaro abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

John Damberg and Jane Kingston of the Fayal Planning Committee were in attendance to update the board on the planned sign project located across from the Shortstop. An electrical hookup will have to be installed, and the sign will include a place to display town announcements. A budget of \$18,500 was presented. The board previously authorized \$10,000 of mining effects funds for the project.

Motion to increase the budget from \$10,000, not to exceed \$20,000, of mining effects funds for the sign project, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. The budget included installation costs from Mesabi Sign. Lampi Signs will also be contacted for a quote, and Qwest will be contacted to see if they are interested in allowing the township to use their electrical connection. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Jamie Lindseth was in attendance to update the board on the 2011 health insurance and township liability insurance. Health insurance will increase about 12% for 2011, liability insurance is down slightly. Clerk Sersha noted that even with the increase in the health insurance, the cost is still about half of what we were paying to BCBS from the Northeast Service Cooperative.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- All bank statements for the month of August 2010 have been received and reconciled. There were a total of \$96,559.77 in revenues and expenditures of \$78,761.22. A transfer in the amount of \$169,400.93 was made from Miners Bank to Mt. Iron Checking. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$19,626.88
Assessment Savings-	\$313,599.96
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$995,074.95

Clerk Sersha informed the board new cell phones are needed for the employees. Since AT & T will only take credit cards, Sersha will use her personal credit card and ask for reimbursement for the phone costs.

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

Motion to accept the August 2010 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the August 2010 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2010 Planning Committee Regular Meeting, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. The board noted the Planning Committee's concerns regarding inaccurate information provided to the committee on a recent variance request. Mr. Damberg will contact SLC Planning Department Head Barb Hayden and ask that all SLC staff reports be forwarded to the Fayal Planning Committee to aid in their decisions. The Planning Committee is also now down to three members, two more members are needed. The vacancies have been posted. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

CORRESPONDENCE

Attorney Bruce Williams- Copy of letter sent to Gilbert Attorney Corradi asking for a response regarding the effluent agreement. Placed on file.

MAT- District 10 meeting will be held Sept. 29, Wouri Town Hall or Sept. 30, Carlton Hwy. Dept. Registration at 7 pm, Meeting, 7:30 pm. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Effluent agreement- Nothing at this time, still waiting to hear from Gilbert.

IRB Grant- Nothing at this time.

Supervisor Branville-

Building Committee- Nothing at this time, will have something for the next meeting.

Supervisor Pernu-

Compost- So far, 347 yards have been hauled and about two thirds of it has been screened. The project is going well.

Supervisor Tammaro-

DOT Inspection- The older dump truck failed the DOT inspection. Repairs were made at Skubic's and we will be receiving a bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported the rink has been painted, at a cost of about \$200, using in-house labor.

Supervisor Tammaro obtained a quote in the amount of \$8,777 from Radotich, Inc for air conditioning the town hall. Supervisor Branville suggested we get another quote. Tammaro will obtain another quote by the next meeting.

Regarding the request for quotes packages received from SEH, Supervisor Tammaro stated the tennis court fences have been fixed in-house, and he feels it is too late in the year to start road work. Tammaro would like to go forward with the Class 5 crushing project this year. SEH Engineer Jim Johnson stated he has sent RFP's to Hoover, Mesabi Bituminous, Laurentian Aggregates and Ulland Brothers. R & B Foreman Steve Verkovich estimates there is 10,000 yards left in the Fayal pit. Chairman Kniefel stated the quantity needs to be verified, and possibly easement will be needed.

Motion to enter into an agreement with SEH for engineering services for the crushing project and verify the quantity of Class 5 in the pit, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on a request from a contractor regarding cutting some tree branches to access a property on Airport Alley. More information is needed.

Clerk Sersha reported she met with Mike Grahek of the Northeast Service Cooperative regarding the refund of \$42,000+ , as reported at the last meeting, that Fayal would have received had we stayed with the Co-op for health insurance. Mr. Grahek stated an error was made in calculating, and the amount should have been stated as \$14,813.25. As for claiming the refund, Sersha reported Mr. Grahek advised her to attend the next NESCU advisory board meeting.

A request for mediation was received from the AFSCME union for dental benefits. Referred to Supervisors Erjavec and Branville.

Supervisor Pernu questioned when work would begin on the bike trail? Jim Johnson stated there will be a pre-construction meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM, and he will forward the information to Fayal.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman was in attendance but had no comment.

Jim Johnson of SEH stated he prepared an exhibit for the tennis court fence and has costs involved. Supervisor Tammaro stated he did not hear back from Mr. Johnson, so the work was done by town employees. Mr. Johnson stated he was not told the work was done, and the costs were still incurred. Supervisor Tammaro told Mr. Johnson to send a bill.

Steve Shykes was in attendance and stated the fire department no longer needs a cell phone, as everyone has their own personal cell phone. No word yet on the new door for the fire department.

Jamie Lindseth was in attendance but had no comment.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk