

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairman Kniefel. The meeting was held at 4:00 PM rather than the usual 7:00 PM, due to the state caucus. The change in meeting time was posted at all the usual and regular posting places.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2008, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Kevin Kunnari was in attendance. Mr. Kunnari submitted a proposal he solicited from Jola & Sopp for connection to our sewer line for two lots he owns on Golf Course Road. The proposal was in the amount of \$29,500, and was for the installation of approximately 500 linear feet of 8" pipe, and provide and install two manholes with castings. Average depth of pipe would be 6 feet.

Chairman Kniefel was concerned there would be unknown items and additional charges once construction began, and questioned if there could be a not to exceed clause in the proposal. Mr. Kunnari will have the proposal re-written to include that clause. Supervisor Tamaro stated the next step is to forward the proposal to SEH for their opinion, and then to the PUC, so the town board can make a decision by their next meeting.

Kunnari will provide an updated proposal to Clerk Sersha, who will forward it to SEH, with the provision that SEH provide us with feedback by next Tuesday for the PUC meeting.

REPORTS

Motion to accept the January 2008 Police Report, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the January 9, 2008 EFGSD Joint Rec meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting of January 29, 2008, held to discuss a variance application, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the January 2008 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Tamaro commented that the road crew did a good job on the recent ice storm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 12, 2007 Fire Department Regular Business meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- Facts and findings on Dan & Tamara Crohn variance request. Variance request approved, with conditions. Placed on file.

MPCA/MN Dept. Of Health- Submissions are now being accepted to place public wastewater, stormwater and drinking water infrastructure improvement projects on the Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds 2009 project priority lists. Refer to PUC.

City of Virginia- Quad Cities Sewer/Water meeting minutes of Nov. 29, 2007. Place on file.

LGA- LGA Newsletter, MAT is not comfortable with a separate group working on annexation, and will proceed with closure of the LGA. Each entity involved must vote, ballot enclosed. MAT has added a subcommittee that will address annexation during its L &R meetings. The next meeting is Feb. 13 & 14, Kelly Inn. Refer to New Business.

RLK- Response to memo dated Dec. 27, 2007 to Julie Kennedy regarding concerns Fayal has with the Sparta Area Sewer Project. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor- Resolution adopted by the SLC Board formally transferring ownership of the Auto Mark voting machine to Fayal. Placed on file.

Scott Neff- Letter from Steven Ledin who represents RLK regarding the CAD drawings that Fayal has requested. It is there understanding that Fayal is not entitled to this information. Placed on file.

SLCATO- Regular minutes of December 5, 2007. Next meeting is Feb. 27, 7:30 PM, Cotton Town Hall. Mark Ritchie and Rebecca Otto will be the speakers. Placed on file.

SLC Public Works- Per SLC Board Resolution 608 Township Road Snowplowing fees will be \$700.00 per mile for 2008. Referred to Road & Bridge.

IRR- They are soliciting Mineland Reclamation Community Grant projects. Placed on file.

MPCA/MN Dept of Health- They are accepting project submissions for State Revolving Fund Loan Program. Referred to PUC.

IRR- Contract for signature for grant funds awarded to Fayal. Referred to Old Business.

Korman Law Office- Notice and Request of form for continuation of health insurance for former spouse of Fayal employee. Placed on file.

Qwest- Information on planning road construction projects in conjunction with Qwest. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

PUC Truck Purchase- Tabled at this time, more quotes needed, will bring to the PUC first.

Health Insurance Meeting- A meeting will be held with the insurance committee and employees on February 13, 2:00 PM. A quorum of the board may be in attendance, so the meeting will be properly posted and open to the public.

Supervisor Branville read a report submitted by Dale Dickson on the recent MPCA class he attended.

Supervisor Branville reported there was a recent water line break by Rose Krall's house that was repaired by Jola & Sopp. Discussion on replacing the line as part of the O'Laughlin Square project.

Supervisor Pernu-

Air Quality Grant- The grant application was submitted on January 30, for a \$12,000 request.

No Car Wash Policy- Supervisor Pernu reiterated the no car wash policy for employees. It is permitted for an employee to bring their car into the garage, in an emergency situation, for thawing etc. Pernu questioned if the board would like to change this policy. No action.

Skating Rink- Over 1,300 skaters have been at the rink this year, and there have been no problems. All is working out good.

Outdoor Lights- There is a broken wire underground, which will be taken care of in the spring.

Garage Door Repair- Still waiting for a quote, exterior damage on garage wall will be patched.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Meeting with Gilbert- Supervisors Tamaro and Branville attended a meeting in Gilbert with their Mayor and Clerk. Gilbert attorney Sam Aluni will be drawing up an agreement for Sparta sewer. The water agreement was also discussed, Gilbert will have it updated and will forward to us.

Rate Study- A sewer district is being discussed at the Quad Cities meetings, they are waiting for Virginia to get a facilities plan done and then make a sewer district. Discussions were held with Gilbert about the possibility of Fayal and Gilbert starting one together, with the others to come on board at a later date.

Joint Rec Budget- Supervisor Tamaro reported that he spoke with Craig Homola. The increase of \$6,000 will be split on a per-capita basis among all the entities.

Motion to approve Fayal's portion of the Joint Rec Budget, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel-

Planning Committee Appointments- Kniefel states he has been remiss about the appointments. John Damberg, Dawn Cole and Kristen Troutwine's terms have expired in 2007 and John Uhan and Kathryn Erjavec's terms will expire in 2008.

Motion to reappoint John Damberg, Dawn Cole, Kristen Troutwine for terms to the Planning Committee to expire at the appropriate date in 2010, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Kathryn Erjavec and John Uhan for terms to the Planning Committee to expire at the appropriate date in 2011, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Meetings- The city councils of Eveleth and Virginia met with Mike Lewis on the issue, but did not inform Fayal of the meeting. Branville states it should be a requirement that Fayal is notified because it concerns our citizens. Kniefel reported that Paul Cerkvenik has met with St. Mary's Lake citizen members John Babich and Ralph Johnson on the issue.

Clerk Sersha informed the Board a resolution is needed to accept the \$100,000 IRB Grant for O'Laughlin Square water line.

Chairman Kniefel resolved to approve the IRB grant contract, Document B432084, with support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Sersha submitted a list of items belonging to the town that need to be disposed of, those being: HP Fax 700, Brother Intellifax 2800, Reason Hard Drive, HP Hard Drive, Epson LQ 570 Printer, HP 5510 Printer, Misc. Cell Phones and Pagers, IBM Keyboard, Dell Keyboard, Samtron Monitor, 2 Dell Monitors. Clerk Sersha stated the cell phones could be donated to charity, the hard drives should be destroyed by Roger's Online, and the other items will have to be brought to the landfill, and a fee will have to be paid.

Motion to have the clerk dispose of the equipment the best way possible, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

LGA Vote- A ballot was received from the Local Government Alliance asking us to vote whether or not the LGA should be dissolved. A Legislative and Research subcommittee has been formed to focus on annexation.

Chairman Kniefel called for the question- ***Should the Local Government Alliance be dissolved? Kniefel, Stewart, Branville, Pernu and Tamaro all voted yes.*** The ballot will be marked "yes", signed by the chair and clerk and sent in.

Motion to appoint Shane Bilyeau as a member of the Fayal Fire Department, as recommended by the Membership Committee, providing he pass a medical physical and background check, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Stewart. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Scott Smith, Steve Shykes, Mike Knutson and Mike Erjavec were in attendance but had no comment.

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

The 2009 budget/levy was discussed.

Motion to recommend to the people at the Annual Meeting to set the 2009 levy at \$519,500.00, which is approximately a 1.5% increase over 2008, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____