

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 2, 2007

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 Stewart, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Mark Forte, Kristen Troutwine, Russ Troutwine, Mike Erjavec, Ralph Johnson, John Babich, Scott Smith, Steve Shykes and Patty Babich.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2007 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Mark Forte was in attendance. Mr. Forte requested options for connecting to the Fayal sewer on land he owns on Thunderbird Trail. The sewer line on his property is forcemain and the connection would be expensive. Mr. Forte is in the process of dividing the property into three parcels, and he expects all three parcels would have access to the sewerline. Mr. Forte was advised that any subdivision of property is subject to a sewer access charge of \$7,000 each if the parcels have access to the sewer. The parcel in question at this time is one that Russ and Kristen Troutwine are planning to build a home on, starting this fall. Board discussion. Supervisor Branville will contact Julie Kennedy of SEH Engineering to have her study the situation and make a recommendation.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of September 2007 have not yet arrived. Tentatively, there were \$57,446.68 in expenditures and \$38,631.55 in revenues. A full report will be made at the next meeting.

Clerk Sersha reported she had information on possibly obtaining BCBS from Arrowhead Procure. Referred to Old Business.

Clerk Sersha informed the Board that John Jamnick of RLK has stated he does not provide CAD files. We requested them for the sewer project and have only received as-builts and PDF files of the project. Tammaro to check the contract with RLK regarding the CAD files.

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

Motion to accept the September 2007 Police Report made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Supervisor Stewart commended Harvey on his work regarding a dangerous dog in the township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the August 8, 2007 Fire Department Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stewart reported that the Fire Department has requested a new foam system to replace the old one. Cost is \$9,300 from Emergency Apparatus Builders. The system will be for Engine 6 and funds are available within the fire department budget.

Motion to grant the request of the Fire Department to purchase a new foam system for the truck in the amount of \$9,300 from Emergency Apparatus Builders, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September 2007 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of June 27, 2007. Next meeting is October 24, 7 PM, Cotton Community Center. Annual dinner is Friday Oct. 5, Virginia Elks, 6 PM. Placed on file.

Northeast Service Coop- They are accepting nominations to fill one position representing City, County, and Other Government Agency membership. Placed on file.

SLC Health Dept.- Info on implementing the Freedom to Breathe Act. Placed on file.

League of MN Cities- Training for Strategies and Tactics for Managing Public Conflicts, Grand Rapids, October 16. Placed on file.

Gary Ulman Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority- Response letter to the Property Owners of St. Mary's Lake Area letter dated September 10, 2007. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Medical Insurance Renewal- Three of the four agents contacted have not been able to provide quotes. Range Reliable will be providing a quote shortly. Clerk Sersha explained that she had also spoken with Denny Roy of the BCBS group which is under Arrowhead Procure. Mr. Roy informed Sersha that we are free to shop for insurance even though we are in the Northeast Service Cooperative. That stipulation was done away with a couple of years ago, but we were not informed of that by NESCU. Fayal is already a member of the Arrowhead Procure group for employee life insurance, but in order to obtain medical insurance we must write a letter of interest to the group. Also, in the Procure group, claims are spread over all the members in the pool, they are not individual groups within a large group like NESCU. The increase overall for the Procure group for 2008 is 5%. Monthly rates under NESCU will be increasing 28.4% on January 1, 2008. Discussion by the board.

Motion to send a Letter of Interest to the Arrowhead Procure group for inclusion in their group for medical insurance if we can save money, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Kaleva Island Sewer- The project has not been started yet, Branville will contact A-1.

Kunnari Sewer- Nothing at this time.

Gilbert Rate Negotiations- Clerk Sersha received a call from Gilbert Clerk Gary Mackley, and the two went over the discussions concerning the rates and Sparta project details, as follows:

1- Gilbert will be meeting with their attorney and engineer this week to work on an agreement for the Sparta sewer and the agreement will be forwarded to us. They plan to start a limited amount of construction on the project this fall. Sersha reiterated to Mackley that an agreement must be in place before the project proceeds. 2- Part of the sewer access charges we will charge to Gilbert for connection to our system will be waived in lieu of keeping our sewer rate the same (\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons) through the year 2008. 3- A formal rate study to be done during this time period. 4- Look into setting up a sewer district between the two entities.

Chairman Kniefel reported that at the last Quad Cities Water/Wastewater meeting, the facilities plan calls for setting up a sewer district for all of the entities.

Supervisor Pernu-

Tennis Courts- The cracks in the court have been filled, and we will look at having the courts redone next spring.

Skating Shack- Additional work had to be done. Upon removing the old siding it was found there were many rotted board that needed replacement. Also a new man door and small garage door was installed. The new quote for the job is \$5.210.00. Painting or staining the building will be done in-house.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Bike Trail- Lake States Tree Service has provided a quote for \$800 to do the brushing along the bike trail. They will also do the cleanup.

Motion to approve Lake States Tree Service to brush the bike trail at the quoted cost of \$800, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Eveleth Water Agreement- The changes requested by Fayal have been forwarded to Mike Wiskow.

Sparta project- Tamaro states that Dale will be spending a lot of time with Gilbert while they are doing their project in order to inform them on the locations of pipes etc.

A quote for an air handler for garage was tabled for further review.

Sweeper Bids- No bids were received. The sweeper will be stored this winter, and advertized in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Tamaro requested that blight officer Supervisor Stewart look into the blighted building at the airport. The building burned more than two years ago and is still standing. Stewart will follow up.

A list of recurring bills was submitted by the clerk. Chairman Kniefel read aloud the list as follows:

Payroll Related

AFSCME- Union dues
Great West- 457 Plan
IRS- 941 Fed SS/Med
MN Dept. of Economic Security- Unemployment Ins.
MN Revenue- State Withholding
NESCO- BC/BS/Delta Dental- Insurance
Payroll- bi-weekly and monthly
PERA- Retirement
Pioneer Mutual Life Ins.- Employee Life
Superior USA- Flex Plan

Regular and Usual

At Your Convenience- Fuel
Cell One- cell phones
Eveleth Public Utilities- Water
Fleet Services- fuel
Gilbert Public Utilities- Sewer/Water
Hiti Sanitation- Garbage
Lake Country Power- Electric
Mediacom- Internet
MN Energy- Natural Gas
MN Power- Electric
One Call Concepts- Locates
Purchase Power-Pitney Bowes- Postage
TDS Metrocom- Land phone lines

Motion to authorize the clerk to pay the above routine and recurring bills when they are due, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

John Babich and Ralph Johnson were in attendance. Mr. Babich thanked the board for their support, and asked if the board had a response to the letter received from Gary Ulman of the E-V Airport Authority. Chairman Kniefel answered the township does not have a responsibility for enforcement of the airport's zoning ordinance. There was much discussion on the airport's 1978 ordinance and the updated version that is currently being crafted. Mr. Babich and Mr. Johnson requested if the township could help the St. Mary's Lake Association. More discussion.

Motion to authorize the town attorney, Paul Cerkvenik, to meet with the St. Mary's Lake residents, at township expense, to see if Runway 14 can be restricted or closed, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel will contact Mr. Cerkvenik.

Patty Babich questioned how a neighborhood watch could be set up? Supervisor Stewart advised to contact the SLC Sheriff's office.

Mike Erjavec and Scott Smith had no comment.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes submitted letters of resignation from two charter fire department members. Chief Shykes commended both members for their time and dedication.

Motion to accept the resignations of Steve Kniefel and Roberta Ochis from the fire department, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

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 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____