

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 3, 2006

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 Beldo, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Tamaro was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2006 Public Hearing on the St. Louis County All Hazard Mitigation Plan, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2006 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

SLC Commissioner Keith Nelson was in attendance to compliment the board on the town road work that was recently done, in conjunction with St. Louis County.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- The September bank statements have not yet been received. Tentatively, for September 2006, there have been \$213,301.81 in expenditures and revenues of \$80,776.97. Cash balances as of September 30 are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$70,093.91
Assessment Savings-	\$266,522.03
Mt Iron Checking-	\$515,664.25

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

Motion to accept the September 2006 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- Board of Adjustment findings of fact, conclusions and decision on Gregory Wingren variance, approved, with conditions. Placed on file.

Commissioner Keith Nelson- Copy of SLC Sesquicentennial Evaluation Report Card. Placed on file.

SLCATO- Thank you for donation. Placed on file.

Greater MN Agency- Rates for alternate health plans from BCBS. Referred to New Business.

Northeast Service Coop- Medical claims tracking report. Placed on file.

Mike Lang, E-G Schools- Letter concerning recreation commission appointment term lengths. Referred to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

Sweeper- The unit was picked up last week, at a price of \$6,500.00. A new one would have cost \$16,500.00. New hydraulic fittings are needed to attach the sweeper to our equipment.

Town Road Project- The shouldering is almost completed. As for the quality of the road surface, it is typical of the type the county requires, and will wear-in with traffic. There is disappointment with the surfacing in the area of the creek crossing on Thunderbird Trail. Verkovich will speak to the appropriate personnel.

East Long Lake Speed Limit- A request for speed limit signs in that area was made by a resident. It is a county road, so the resident will have to make the request to SLC.

Chairman Kniefel reported on the overlay work done on the turnaround by Joe Erjavec's property. The bill for the work done will be paid for by Fayal, and it is then up to the board to determine if they want to recover a portion of those funds from Mr. Erjavec. Cost should be between \$1,300 - \$1,400. Supervisor Beldo reported he would speak with Verkovich, since he staked and measured the area.

Supervisor Branville-

ATV Ordinance- Nothing new.

FD Open House- The Fire Department will be holding an Open House for their 20th Anniversary on October 11, 4-8 PM. The Open House will also showcase the Road and Police Departments, and includes a town barbeque.

Motion to authorize \$300.00 toward food for the open house barbeque, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Speed Limit Signs, Bodas Road- Chief Thompson has requested more speed limit signs be placed on Bodas Road, near Scout Camp Road. Chairman Kniefel forwarded the request to the county, but the signs have still not been put up. Kniefel will make a second request.

Supervisor Pernu-

Town Garage- The new metal has been installed on the front of the garage and the project is complete.

Town Complex Re-Key- Biss will be here tomorrow to install new locks on the entire complex. New keys will be re-issued.

Town Entrance Signs- The Road department has installed several of the signs and will finish the project, as time permits.

Chairman Kniefel-

Gilbert Rate Negotiations- Nothing at this time.

Kaleva Sewer- Kniefel spoke with Attorney Neff, he is working on the agreement.

Ambulance Subsidy- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported that Al discovered an area on the west side of the garage and fire hall where the insulation was getting wet. Materials were ordered for the repair in the amount of \$371.96. Al will do the labor.

Supervisor Pernu outlined complex projects he would like done after the first of the year. Painting the hall interior and replacement of floor covering in the office could be done in-house. The natural gas bill for last month was \$88.21, so we are realizing a big savings with the improvements that were made to the hot water system.

Copies of the various health plan options were distributed to the board for review. Copies will also be forwarded to all affected employees.

Chairman Kniefel reported he received a license agreement from Dan England of the Eveleth Fee Office. The license would grant us right-of-way for 250' of sewer forcemain that crosses land owned by the Fee Office, and would be renewable annually at a cost of \$50, plus require us to have \$2 million in liability insurance. At the time the forcemain was installed, we were assured by John Jamnick of RLK, that Gilbert held a utility easement for the area and we could install the forcemain in their easement. This was not the case, Gilbert also holds a license agreement with the Eveleth Fee Office and has no right to grant easement for the area. The Fee Office is now requiring Fayal to obtain license. Discussion. Kniefel has requested a better map of the area and the agreement has been sent to Scott Neff for his review and advice.

The November regular meeting falls on Election day. Discussion as to when to hold the November meetings.

Motion to hold one regular meeting on November 14 and cancel the meetings of November 7 and 21, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the correspondence received from Mike Lang regarding the Rec Commission appointment by Fayal, and the legal opinion forwarded to us concerning term limits. Referred to Clerk Sersha.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Steve Shykes was in attendance and offered the fire hall for the Public Utilities Commission to hold their meeting in on November 14, due to the town board meeting being held in the town hall.

Jerry Ulman was in attendance to remind everyone that the yardwaste site will be open October 13,14,15,20,21,22,27,28,29 from noon to 5 PM. Mr. Ulman questioned if the corner across from the Shortstop was going to be fixed up now that the new curbing has been installed. The Board agreed some landscaping etc should be done to the area.

Scott Smith, Joe Stewart and Mike Erjavec were in attendance but had no comment.

Motion to pay the bills, made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Branville questioned the bill for maps the Planning Committee ordered. Kniefel stated Branville should talk to the Planning Committee chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sersha will check into the fuel tax.

Chairman Kniefel stated the intent of the Board was to close the meeting at this time to discuss strategy for the AFSCME contract negotiations.

Motion to close the regular meeting to discuss contract strategy, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting closed at 7:41, and reopened at 8:10 PM

(Clerk's Note: Per MN Statute 13D.03, Subd. 2 (a) & (b) the closed portion of the meeting was tape recorded. The tape will be preserved for two years after the contract is signed and will be made available to the public after all labor contracts are signed by the board.)

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Beldo.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____
Chair

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Attest: _____
Clerk

