

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 15, 2009

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 Dave Hartman and Jerry Ulman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2009 Fire Department Regular Business Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 9, 2009 Joint Rec Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 10, 2009 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

LMC- Changes in coverages and rates for 2009-2010. Distributed to all board members for their review.

PERA- The Employer Additional amount associated with the Coordinated Plan will increase on Jan. 1, 2010 to 1.00 percent from the current rate of 0.75 percent. The employee contribution rate and the employer matching amount remain at 6.00 percent. Placed on file.

Mesabi Daily News- They are asking to be named the official newspaper of the Town of Fayal for the year 2010. Publishing rates would be the same as 2009. Clerk to contact MDN.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Gilbert WWTP Improvement Project/Funding- Gilbert project not bid yet. Eveleth is still working on their proposal for us.

Supervisor Branville-

Trail Hawks Donation- Discussions were held at the last meeting on a donation for the construction of the Hwy. 53 underpass and spur snowmobile trail into Fayal, but were tabled. The second bid is in for the construction from United Landscape, at \$58,000. The project may have to wait until spring to be completed. Supervisor Branville states that this is a joint project trail that will link Fayal with the main trail on Hwy. 53, and that it will be good for the residents and will benefit a township business.

Motion to donate \$5,000 from Mining Effects to the Trail Hawks towards construction of the snowmobile trail, made by Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Erjavec supported for discussion. Supervisor Branville states the county has installed the culverts on Hwy. 132. Supervisor Tammaro states we donated two loads of dirt for that project. Supervisor Erjavec reports this same proposal was given to Gilbert, Eveleth and Virginia. Gilbert and Eveleth declined, stating they have no money. Virginia has not decided yet. Supervisor Branville stated we do not have to wait to see what the neighboring communities are going to do. Supervisor Tammaro questioned if the TrailHawks have adequate funds to do the trail on their own? Supervisor Branville stated they do, but all of their funds would be depleted to construct the trail. Chairman Kniefel stated he supports the underpass project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Hwy. 37 & CSAH 132 intersection- Supervisor Branville reported he spoke with Vic Lund of SLC. The county believes the intersection has adequate signage with extra high intensity reflectivity signs. If the township is still concerned, Mr. Lund advised we contact MNDOT.

Supervisor Pernu-

Air Quality Testing/Tennis Court crack sealing- Both projects will not be done until spring due to the cold weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec reported the PUC has approved the wastewater operator's attendance at the MPCA Operator's Conference, January 27-29, 2010.

Motion to approve the attendance of Dale Dickson at the MPCA Operator's Conference to be held January 27-29, 2010, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. The staff car can be used to attend the conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu reported he has received a request to put a reminder in the utility bills that dogs and cats in the township must be licensed and have rabies shots.

Motion to include the reminder in the utility bills made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro states that the people at the Annual Meeting authorized the Board to make donations, and he would like the township to give \$25 gift certificates to the employees and members of the PUC and Planning Committee.

Motion to give \$25 gift certificates from the township to the employees and members of the PUC and Planning Committee for Christmas, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

(Clerk's Note- Gift certificates were purchased from Eveleth IGA)

Clerk Sersha distributed a list of persons with delinquent utilities to the board.

Motion to certify for collection on the 2010 property taxes, the list of persons as presented by the clerk, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sersha reported she is preparing for the 2009 audit with Walker, Giroux & Hahne and distributed to the board a list of non audit services that must be designated to the clerk.

Motion to designate Clerk Judy Sersha to be responsible and accountable for overseeing non audit services performed by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel questioned if the union negotiations have begun? Supervisor Erjavec reported there has been no presentation made by the union as of this date.

Chairman Kniefel reminded the board budget discussion will begin at the second meeting in January. Clerk Sersha will prepare tentative year end statements for the board members.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Dave Hartman, Lieutenant of the Fayal Fire Department reported the officer elections were held and all positions are being held by the same persons.

Jerry Ulman was in attendance but had no comment.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk