

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 16, 2008

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: Jerome Pedersen, Ralph Johnson, Dennis Pernu and Charlie Erickson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2008 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Charlie Erickson and Dennis Pernu, rink attendants for the Fayal Rink, were in attendance. They informed the board of the need for a new sweeper for the rink, which could also be used to sweep the bike trail. Preliminary estimate of cost is \$3,500-\$3,800. Discussion.

Motion to proceed with the purchase of the sweeper for use on the rink and bike trail, and get more prices for the cost, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerome Pedersen was in attendance to update the board on the appointments by the Cities of Virginia and Eveleth to the newly formed sub-committee for the airport. Virginia has appointed Matt Sipola of the Airport Authority and Jeff Damm from the City Council. Eveleth has appointed Joe Koivinen from their City Council. Fayal resident volunteers on the committee are Linda Brown, Ralph Johnson, Jerome Pedersen and John Babich. Fayal will need to appoint a town board member to this committee as well. Tentatively, meetings will be set for an hour each and be held the first and second Mondays of each month. Ralph Johnson informed the board that the joint powers agreement for the airport authority will have to be updated. The appointment of a Fayal town board member appointment was referred to New Business.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the period of December 1-16, 2008, there were \$376,952.94 in revenues and \$63,974.77 in expenditures. There was also a transfer from Miners Bank to Mt. Iron checking in the amount of \$217,160.00. Tentatively balances as of this date are as follows;

Miners Bank-	\$16,892.78
Assessment Savings-	\$419,844.04
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$854,521.75

Walker, Giroux & Hahne is requiring a designation by the town board of the clerk to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the non audit services. Referred to New Business.

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

Motion to accept the December 10, 2008 EFGSD Joint Rec Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 12, 2008 Fayal Fire Department Regular Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously

Motion to accept the November 2008 Road & Bridge Report made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC- Estimate of quantities to piggy back the quarter mile of Scout Camp Road crossing the creek onto the County Project to reclaim and overlay County Road 536, scheduled for 2010. Referred to New Business.

IRR, Dick Walsh- Request for 2008 Mining Effects report by January 15, 2009. Referred to New Business.

Minnesota Energy Resources- Notice of Rate Increase and Public Hearings. Placed on file.

IRR- They are instituting a Community Business Partnership Grant Program, application and instructions included. Placed on file.

Cleveland Cliffs- Notice there will be an indefinite idling of a portion of United Taconite and hourly employees will be laid off on or after February 8, 2009. List of affected employees is attached. Placed on file.

SLC- Pine Drive Culvert agreement. Placed on file.

Virginia-Eveleth Airport meeting minutes of December 9, 2008. Placed on file.

RCB Collections- Signature copy of agreement. Chairman Kniefel signed.

SLC Public Works- SLC will be administering a maintenance striping program for 2009, any city or town may participate by submitting a formal letter. Referred to R & B.

Steve Shykes, Fayal Fire Chief- Request for additional funding for 2008 budget due to expenses of hiring six new firefighters and recommendation of the termination of a firefighter that has moved from the area. Referred to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Blight Complaint- Supervisors Erjavec and Pernu will inspect this week.

Supervisor Branville-

Qwest DSL- In progress.

Supervisor Tamaro-

O'Laughlin Square Change Order- Not received.

Airport Lane Road Project- If it is decided to build the road, R & B will do it in-house.

Lift Station J- The control panel needs to be evaluated.

Chairman Kniefel-

O'Laughlin Square/Jankila Project Costs- Chairman Kniefel distributed a preliminary cost allocation sheet. Discussion. Referred to the PUC so they can make a recommendation to the board as to the project will be funded.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on the additional funding request from the fire department for the year 2008.

Motion to allocate \$6,000.00 to the fire department from the reserve funds, made by Supervisor Erjavec. More discussion. The fire department had a large expense at the end of last year for truck repair and they have paid for six new firefighters to be trained. That amount may not be enough to start them off even at the beginning of 2009. Clerk Sersha will review the departments expenditures for the year 2008 and make a recommendation at the first meeting in January 2009. **Supervisor Erjavec withdrew his motion.**

Motion to run a deficit in the fire department budget 2008 and balance the budget at the beginning of 2009, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to terminate Josh Stackovich from the fire department as he has left the area, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville reported a manhole cover had been broken by SLC but has since been repaired.

Supervisor Pernu asked if there is a policy covering when the rink should be closed, due to cold weather etc? Supervisor Tammaro stated the joint powers agreement has those provisions.

Discussion on the reclaim overlay on Scout Camp Road to be done in conjunction with SLC. Steve Verkovich submitted a report on project costs, if we were to bid it ourselves.

Motion not to piggyback on the SLC Scout Camp Road project, and look at doing it in-house this spring, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Supervisor Lee Branville as the town board representative on the Airport sub-committee, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel informed the board he has been contacted regarding the possible subdivision of 29 acres between Long and Horseshoe Lakes. The owner would like to know if it is feasible to extend wastewater service to that area and what the costs would be.

Motion to designate Judy Sersha to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the non audit services to the town, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the 2008 IRRB Mining Effects Report, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerome Pedersen was in attendance but had no comment.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Supervisor Branville abstained from the payment of the Five Seasons bill. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chair

Judy M. Sersha Attest: _____
Clerk of Fayal Clerk