

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD
APRIL 18, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Kniefel. Present were Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Beldo, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, PUC Clerk Stewart.

Audience members in attendance were Jerry Ulman, Mike Erjavec, Steve Shykes, Ryna Erjavec, Minette Richards, Jack Lalli, Dave Sippola, Daryl Maninga & Rod Flanigan.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Dave Sipola St. Louis County Assessor- Reviews sales activity in the township, the county is using a new schedule. There is a 20% increase, in overall aggregate values, which is based on recent sales. Land values went up, homes went down. They are placing more value on the 1st 100' of lakeshore. The Annual Board of Review will be on May 3, 2006 at the Fayal Town Hall. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Sipola.

EFG Cable Commission Budget- Jack Lalli, Ryna Erjavec & Minnette Richards presented the proposed budget. The school cut the media program so, they contracted with Terry Hartikka to run channel 12. They are requesting an increase in fees from 15% to- \$3,300

Road overlay project- Supervisor Beldo provided proposals from Benchmark Engineering and SEH for engineering assistance to re-bid the road overlay project and on-site inspection of the construction. They have both suggested additional evaluation of Thunderbird Trail due to the heavy truck traffic by Woodline and Tufco.

Daryl Maninga SEH- They are still using the SLC specs for the bid. They estimate a 40 hour week, if it goes over it will be extra work, \$8,243.

Rod Flannigan Benchmark- They bid the project as a design phase for \$3,240 and Construction phase at an hourly rate, due to the contractors timing.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2006 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

No report at this time.

Motion to accept the police report of March 2006 made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Road report made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the EFGSD Joint Powers Recreation Board meeting minutes of April 12, 2006 made by Supervisor Tammaro, support by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the EFG Joint Cable Commission minutes of February 2, 2006, April 6, 2006, and EFG treasurers report made by Supervisor Tammaro, support by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Fighters Relief Association minutes of April 6, 2006 made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Dept Report Regular Business Meeting minutes of March 8, 2006 made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Range Pest Control- Request to perform pest control this year. Contract included. Forward to Buildings and Grounds.

SLC Fair- Request for donation. New business.

ARDC- Fayal has been approved for funding for the Fayal to Eveleth segment of the Mesabi Trail. Total project cost is \$270,000, with an award to Fayal of \$216,000, and Fayal matching with \$54,000. Placed on file.

Mediacom- Offer of fiber optic phone service. We are currently under contract with US Link. Placed on file.

Roger Saccoman Architecture Limited- provided plans for Veterans Park improvements. Forward to Planning Committee.

League of MN Cities- State of the Cities Report 2006. Placed on file. Registration has been sent in for LMC safety and loss control workshops for Kniefel, Sersha, Thompson, Stewart & Dickson.

Mark Butorac- Letter regarding renting the hall. New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo- Overlay Project-

Motion to table any action on the proposals from SEH and Benchmark until May 2, 2006 meeting to have time to digest the engineering proposal on the road overlay project, made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Discussion- Kniefel reminds the board they can still rebid with SLC as it was previously set up, do we need to spend more money on engineering, do we really need a 3rd party. Tammaro is concerned with oil costs. Beldo will meet with Verkovich to review the project.

Supervisor Branville

2 Rescue Suits FEMA Grant -The Fire Dept still has additional funds left from the 2005 Grant. The Fire Dept would like to purchase 2 new cold water rescue suits to replace the leaky ones.

Motion to approve the request to purchase two new cold water rescue suits for the Fire Dept made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Beldo. Discussion funding will come out of the 2005 FEMA grant \$1,476. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire truck ad has been placed in the Mesabi Daily News.

Supervisor Pernu

Woods by the playground- They have worked approximately 60 hours brushing the woods by the playground. They have 3 brush piles the Fire Dept is going to burn. Pernu has received many calls regarding the logs. Jurenic is going to cut the logs then anyone can take them. There is no value to the wood that is remaining. We don't want power tools being used on site. Pernu has received a lot of positive comments on the area. Virginia's Bio Mass may come and chip the large brush pile.

Bees near Woodlawn Dr.- Ground wasps have been found on the hill by the old ball field. Gaurdian Pest Control has sprayed them today.

Cedar Island Dr. Sign- The light has been burnt out and costs \$85 for a new bulb. This is the second one. The people of the town directed the board to light the sign. Jurenic will check into a new fixture.

HAVA Grant- polling place accessibility grant. Pernu is working with Clerk Sersha applying for the grant. The grant will allow for one automatic door opener. The deadline is 4:00pm May 1, 2006.

Tromco provided a quote for 3 openers installed for \$7,600, these are hardwired. Beldo stated there are other styles that may not cost as much.

New Business

Supervisor Beldo

Dusty roads- Beldo reports complaints of dusty roads. It has been very dry. The R & B is waiting for rain.

Supervisor Branville

Blight- Branville was responding to a blight complaint for cars in the yard, the resident then complained of debris coming from the recycle bins.

Supervisor Pernu

Butarac Hall damage- Pernu states he inspects the hall and the grounds daily to check the conditions. An estate sale was held and damage was done. The sister put it in her name. The hall was overloaded with items, leaning on all the pictures and the accordion doors were pushed in. A firefighter reported it was a fire hazard. Upon inspection Pernu found the entrance door has the paint scraped off, the wood door is scratched, the heater has the paint scratched off, the corner tile is missing, and the plaster board has been damaged next to the accordion doors. Butarac says he did not damage the building. Pernu has photos. He has a damage deposit on file for \$125, and rental for \$100. Estimate from Koski to repair the damage is \$510. Pernu feels we should be able to make the repairs in house for about half. Pernu states the building was not designed for estate sales. Pernu requests a letter be sent stating we will be keeping the deposit for damages incurred.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Cable Commission Budget-

Motion to table the EFG Joint Cable Commission budget until the next meeting on May 2, 2006 made by Supervisor Tamaro, support by Supervisor Pernu discussion- Kniefel asks why, Tamaro wants to wait until they present it to Virginia. Tamaro still feels the town should be dealing directly with Virginia. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to have the Town Chairman write a letter to RLK Kuusisto asking them what there intentions are in fulfilling the rest of the contract. What was agreed upon as far as monumenting, so we can pay the bill, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be a meeting on Friday April 21 @ 9:00 am posted for the PUC, the Town Board may be present to discuss waterline ownership. Please attend.

Chairman Kniefel-

Sparta Sewer- Jamnick asked Kniefel to attend a meeting with the mayor but he was unable to attend, due to short notice. Kniefel told Jamnick it is a negotiable item and we are awaiting Gilberts feedback.

St Louis County Fair- request for a donation.

Motion to deny the request for donation from the St Louis County Fair made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Mike Erjavec- asks if the Ryan Turner case is public information? Kniefel states all parties have not signed off yet, then it will be public.

Jerry Ulman- Suggests screening the compost and put in wooded area.

Ryna Erjavec- Suggests offering the Eveleth park the remaining trees for firewood. Erjavec thanks Beldo for doing the newsletter.

Steve Shykes- No comments.

Keith Nelson, County commissioner - Keith Nelson reported to the board on shortfalls in the SLC Highway construction program and that many projects have been deferred to later years. Ely Lake Drive (CSAH 96) has been deferred to 2013 and has been reduced in scale to an overlay. The Town Board has expressed dissatisfaction with this plan and Commissioner Nelson stated he will do all he can to see that the scope of this project is restored and it moves forward as timely as funding allows. Commissioner Nelson also reported that the Virginia PUC Bio Mass project is going to do a test fire and they are looking for wood.

**Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville
Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.**

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Stewart
Recording secretary

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____

Deputy Clerk