

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734

*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Tony Tamaro, James Pernu, Lee Branville, Mike Erjavec*

*PHONE (218)744-2878*

*FAX (218) 744-5986*

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**APRIL 7, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chair Branville. Present were: Vice-Chair Branville, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Chair Kniefel was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Steve Shykes, Dave Hartman, DeLyle Pankratz and Tom Cossalter.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

DeLyle Pankratz and Tom Cossalter of the Trailhawks Snowmobile Club were in attendance to inform the Board on the progress of trail construction from Hwy. 37 West to Hwy. 37 East. A logger has been brushing along Hwy. 53 and is currently about half way between Thunderbird Trail and Golf Course Road. Terra Ferma has been doing the dozing. A line of trees is being kept as a buffer between the trail and the road. MN DOT has also asked the logger to do timber management along with this project, so trees are being thinned as well. The club is still dealing with the railroad for the crossing north of K & B Drive In, but if nothing is resolved there are a couple of other options, those being either running the trail under the bridge, or to cut off and go to Hwy. 132. The railroad will not allow the existing private crossing to become public. The board thanked Mr. Pankratz and Mr. Cossalter for the update, and the two left the meeting at this point.

**REPORTS**

***Motion to accept the March 2009 Police Report made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2009 Fire Department Business Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu.***

***Motion to accept the March 2009 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- For the month of March 2009, there were \$55,978.56 in revenues and \$55,280.35 in expenditures. A transfer in the amount of \$130,600.00 was made from Miners to Mt. Iron Checking. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$68,816.50
Assessment Savings-	\$433,126.49
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$731,937.99

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MN PFA- Information on the Federal ARRA Funds for Clean Water and Drinking Water Infrastructure Project funds. Placed on file.

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2009. Next meeting is the Annual Meeting and election of officers, April 22, 7 PM, Cotton Community Center. Placed on file.

City of Gilbert- Request to meet with Eveleth, Fayal and the School District to discuss the status of the Joint Cable TV Commission. Tentative meeting is set for April 15, 5 PM, Gilbert City Council Chambers. Supervisor Branville to attend. Clerk Sersha reminded the Board that the Board of Equalization will also be held that day at the town hall from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Placed on file.

EFG Joint Cable Commission- Agenda for their Special meeting April 7, 4 PM. Supervisor Branville stated he was going to attend their last meeting but it was cancelled due to the snow. Branville reported Jan Mesich will be reporting to him in the morning on the meeting that was held earlier in the day.

Horseshoe/Long Lake Association- Letter stating their disappointment in the Board in the handling of the petitions for Qwest DSL because they have not been sent to Qwest yet. Supervisor Branville stated the board should not be blamed because the project did not progress on their timeline and took longer. Petitions were also distributed to the more rural areas and were not received back as soon as they should have been. Branville stated the information on who to send the petitions to has been sent to Chairman Kniefel so he can craft the letter and send the petitions. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Erjavec-**

**O'Laughlin Project Change Order-** The issue was tabled at the last meeting. Jola & Sopp wants to get paid, and they did do the work. SEH was remiss in not getting the change order to us for over three months after the fact.

***Motion to pay Change Order #1 to Jola & Sopp for the O'Laughlin project in the amount of \$5,685.00, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Tammaro stated he would like SEH to write a letter of apology to Jola & Sopp for not forwarding the change order to us in a timely manner.

**Gilbert Meeting on Water Rates-** Erjavec met with Gilbert officials concerning the water rates for Differding Point. The issue is being forwarded to the Gilbert PUC and another meeting will be set after the Gilbert PUC makes their recommendation.

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Complex Plans-** Katie Hildenbrand was unable to attend the Annual Meeting due to weather conditions. Supervisor Pernu spoke with her on the phone earlier in the day and Katie reported she will be attending the stimulus funding meeting in Mt. Iron later in the month and will report back to us. Supervisor Branville stated he is going to try to make the meeting also.

**Skating Shack-** With the sudden thaw, the skating shack was under water. No damage reported. The drainage in the area will have to be addressed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Branville reported he will attend the Joint Cable TV meeting in Gilbert on April 15.

Supervisor Pernu questioned if there is a specific date that work will start on the bike trail.

Supervisor Tammaro reported he received a call from Ed Vest on St. Mary's Court regarding the possibility of blacktopping the road. Tammaro stated the road is in excellent condition for being a gravel road, but will advise Mr. Vest to get a petition from the residents in that area and bring it to the board to see how many want the road blacktopped. From there, we can proceed on cost estimates and assessments.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Steve Shykes reported that the fire department will be receiving \$3,600 in Firefighter 1 & 2 training reimbursements from the state. Shykes also reported the spaghetti feed turnout was the best ever, with over 450 served.

Dave Hartman was in attendance but had no comment.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Vice-Chair Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk**