

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

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JULY 17, 2007**

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 Stewart, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Jerry Ulman, Steve Shykes and Mike Knutson.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2007, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- For the month of June there were \$43,279.98 in receipts, a transfer from Miners Bank to Mt. Iron Checking of \$161,234.55, and expenditures of \$61,596.92, leaving beginning balances as of July 1, 2007 as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking- \$584,239.92  
Miners Bank-\$16,074.60  
Assessment Savings- \$398,341.45

For the month of July to date, there have been \$418,605.45 in receipts, which includes the July SLC Apportionment, and \$37,465.67 in expenditures. All departments have been funded at 50%.

Clerk Sersha informed the board on monies received from the July apportionment for assessment payments. The Differding Point debt service fund does not have enough money to pay the August PFA loan payment, although funds could be transferred from the other debt service fund, or interest earned on the assessments could be used for payment. Discussion. Referred to New Business.

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

***Motion to accept the May 18, 2007 Public Utilities Commission meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the June 2007 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

The June Police Report was not available at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

State Demographic Center- 2006 population estimate for Fayal is 1,795 and number of households estimate is 766. Placed on file.

City of Virginia- Quad City Joint Wastewater minutes of May 17, 2007. Placed on file.

Fayal Fire Relief Association- 2006 audit, Investment Disclosure Form, Schedule Form for Lump Sum Plans and Calculation of Required Contribution by the town which is -\$3,874. Placed on file.

SLC Board of Adjustment- Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decisions- Steven Manninen 4502 Cedar Island Drive- variance for garage, approved, with conditions. William Jarvi, 4578 Cedar Island Drive- variance for house addition, approved with conditions. Draft subdivision ordinance amendment #33- Flexible Zoning Device, Zoning Ordinance 46 Text Amendment. Placed on file.

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of May 23, 2007. Next meeting is Sept. 26, Cotton Community Center, 7 PM. Placed on file.

City of Eveleth- The aquaduct is open as of July 6, St. Mary's Lake elevation has dropped below 1375.10 to 1374.61. Placed on file.

Jon & Laura Marcaccini- Request for waterline on Lakeside Drive. Referred to New Business & PUC.

Lake Country Power- They will be clearing trees along Ely Lake Drive in front of the town hall. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor- Additional federal grant money is available for polling place accessibility. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Stewart-**

**Blight Issues-** Supervisor Stewart reported on two blight complaints. Stewart made an on-site inspection of a site on Ely Lake Drive, and found that the property may not be neat, but is in compliance with our ordinance and the owners are working to fix up the property. Stewart also spoke with Chief Thompson on past complaints on a neighboring site. The owner of the other site on Shady Lane has been sent a letter outlining what needs to be done to bring his property into compliance, and a deadline for completing it.

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Water & Sewer Rate Resolutions-** The rates were increased by motion at the last meeting and the resolutions for both have been updated.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-02 to Establish Residential and Commercial Sewer Use Fees in Accordance with the Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2 and Resolution 2007-03 to Establish Water Service Fees in Accordance with the Town of Fayal Water Ordinance 97-3, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Buildings & Grounds-** The handicap parking spaces have been repainted and work is progressing on the park. Most of the area has been seeded. Calgaro Tree Service will be here to grind stumps next week. The orange fence that was put up has been working out well as far as keeping 4-wheelers etc. from driving in that area. Supervisor Pernu suggested a permanent split rail fence be put up. Discussion. The fence issue was tabled until next spring.

#### **Supervisor Tamaro-**

**Crack Sealing-** The sealing was done on Scout Camp, and St. Mary's Drive was also done for a cost of \$240.00.

**Gilbert Rate Negotiations-** Tamaro called John Jamnick regarding the Sparta project, and requested an agreement be made. Gilbert Attorney Sam Aluni will prepare one. A meeting is still to be set with Gilbert officials to discuss the water and sewer rates.

**Sweeper Sale-** Discussion on how to sell the sweeper and for how much.

***Motion to have the clerk advertize the sweeper for a minimum of \$3,000.00 on the St. Louis County Auction online website, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Chairman Kniefel-**

**AFSCME Contract-** An agreement has been reached with both bargaining units.

***Motion to accept the AFSCME contracts for our Essential and Non-Essential employees, and authorize the Chair to sign them, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Stewart forwarded an equipment replacement request from the Fire Department.

***Motion to authorize the purchase of the saw used for cutting ventilation in burning buildings, at an estimated cost of \$1,700.00, to be paid for with funds earned by fire department members from forest service funds, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Tamarro. Tamarro questioned how the old saw was to be disposed of, and suggested it be put on the SLC online auction. Chief Shykes stated the issue has not been discussed by the fire department, but will be brought up at their next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion on the request for waterline on Lakeside Drive. Supervisor Tamarro states that the waterlines on O'Laughlin Square also need replacement. Supervisor Branville will go the IRB to see if there are any funds available.

Chairman Kniefel informed the Board on a situation where lots 63 and 64 in the Plat of Rearrangement of St. Mary's were assessed for sewer, but the line was never built. The property has no buildings on it at this time. The property owner is looking at selling the lots and there is an interested party that would like to build, but wants the sewer. Kniefel stated that we either build the line or refund the owners, and that he is in favor of building the line. Discussion. Supervisor Stewart stated we need to honor our commitment to provide sewer.

***Chairman Kniefel, supported by Supervisor Tamarro made a motion that in order to rectify the problem with Lots 63 and 64, the township proceed with extending the sewer line, as appropriate, to provide sewer access to that property at no additional cost to the property owner. Motion carried unanimously.***

The approval of the PFA loan payment was tabled until the next meeting to provide more time to study the finances.

At this point in the meeting, Chief Thompson submitted his June Police Report.

***Motion to accept the June 2007 Police Report made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Stewart commended Chief Thompson on his handling of a recent complaints involving a door to door salesperson. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Jerry Ulman and Mike Knutson were in attendance but had no comment.

Steve Shykes was in attendance and stated the waterline on Lakeside Drive is a good idea for fire protection because the area is so heavily populated, and also suggested funds be sought to extend the waterline down Ely Lake Drive.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamarro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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