

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 7, 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 member in attendance was Mike Erjavec.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2007 Regular meeting made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the month of July 2007 there were \$468,534.18 in receipts, expenditures of \$59,919.93 leaving ending balances as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking- \$805,095.20

Assessment Savings- \$551,480.21

Miners Bank-\$55,608.51

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

Motion to accept the July 2007 Police Report, the Fayal Fire Department Regular Business meeting minutes of June 13, 2007 and July 11, 2007 and the Fayal Fire Relief Association meeting minutes of June 13, 2007, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Kniefel noted that in Chief Thompson's report, the Fayal Police Department had recently undergone a P.O.S.T. Board compliance review and was found fully in compliance with all policies. The Board thought Thompson should be commended for keeping the operation in full compliance. Chairman Kniefel will write the letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to send a letter of appreciation for a job well done to Chief Harvey Thompson, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Stewart. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

American Red Cross- Statement of Agreement for the use of Facility. Referred to Old Business.

SLC Planning- A public hearing will be held on the draft non-conformities text amendment to Zoning Ordinance 46 on August 9, 9am, Northland Office Building. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

IRRB Grants- Supervisor Branville reported he spoke with Dick Walsh and David Dill, and this year there will be \$6 million available for public works projects that are tied to economic development. The application packages are being put together and will be sent out by the end of the month with awards in mid-December. The board plans to submit an application.

Gilbert Rate Negotiations- Nothing at this time.

Supervisor Pernu-

Buildings & Grounds- The park project has been completed. Costs for materials and stump grinding totaled \$5,345.

Red Cross Agreement- A formalized agreement has been requested by the Red Cross for use of our facilities in the event of a disaster.

Motion to renew the agreement with the Red Cross for the Fayal Town Hall & Fire Department, to be used as a possible shelter in the event of a large scale disaster and also authorize Chairman Kniefel to sign the agreement, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Blacktop Damage on Pine Drive- Road Foreman Steve Verkovich reported he noticed damage to the blacktop from a contractor driving a track type dozer on the road way. Chief Thompson was notified and Verkovich and he inspected the damage and spoke to the contractor. The contractor fixed the problem and the area was re-inspected by Verkovich to confirm the problem had been repaired.

Chairman Kniefel-

PFA Payment- Upon consultation with Gary Giroux of Walker Giroux & Hahne concerning the August 07 interest and principal payment, Mr. Giroux prepared an assessment payment forecast. At this time, it is not feasible to pre-pay on the loan.

Motion to approve the requested payment of \$316,339.95 for the August 2007 principal and interest payments to the Public Facilities Authority for the three loans, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro reported he spoke with Gary Mackley regarding the water and sewer rate negotiations and a meeting will be set up next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Rostvit Sewer Connection- Wastewater Operator Dale Dickson reported that he had been contacted by Mr. Rostvit wanting to redo his sewer service line. Dickson stated he instructed Rostvit on the procedure, but the connection and excavation was made on a weekend and within the town sewer right-of-way, without Dickson being present for inspection. Dickson stated since he was unable to inspect he has no idea if there is a potential for a future problem. Supervisor Branville reported that Mr. Rostvit contacted him concerning the connection and excavation. Rostvit reported that he took pictures and video of the excavation and connection for documentation. Discussion.

Motion to place the report made by Dickson and the pictures taken by Dickson, into the Rostvit project parcel file, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Braun Pump & Controls- Supervisor Branville reported that Braun has checked our lift stations and a number of repairs need to be made. Dale Dickson is recommending the work be done, cost is \$4,710.92.

Motion to have Braun Pump & Controls make the necessary repairs to the lift stations, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Discussion on the repairs, some of which should have been done for awhile, and installing the correct impellers. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville reported the sewer lift station computer needs to be replaced. The computer crashed some time ago, and Roger's Online installed a used hard drive to get it up and running. Quotes received were: Roger's Online \$1,985.16, which includes a RAID two hard drive system for constant backup and a Dell for \$2,400.

Motion to purchase the sewer lift station computer from Roger's Online at a cost of \$1,985.16, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu informed the Board that the town hall will be closed to rentals from August 28-31 for maintenance and grout sealing. Clerk Sersha will contact the Planning Committee to reschedule their meeting.

Supervisor Pernu stated the need for repairs and paint for the skating rink and submitted a quote for spray painting of the rink from Koski Drywall & Painting for \$1,045 to include all materials and labor. A carpenter will also need to be hired to repair the gate and some of the boards, but the cost should be nominal. Discussion. Supervisor Tammaro suggested the shack also be painted, and the board agreed. Supervisor Pernu will get a new quote to include the shack by the next meeting and will have the necessary repairs made to the rink, as long as the cost does not exceed the board policy.

Supervisor Tammaro reported the Road & Bridge department is almost out of Class 5. Verkovich estimates there is still 7-10,000 yards left to crush at the pit and he is getting an estimate for crushing costs. An easement will have to be obtained from United Taconite in order to access the gravel and a cost for timber value will also be obtained. As for winter sand, after testing, the consensus is to obtain it from Seppi's. Al & Steve will start hauling it in September, since no one else wants to haul.

Pine Drive Culvert- Steve Verkovich submitted a report and pictures. The 4 foot concrete culvert is failing and water is entering between and washing out the fill underneath. Verkovich is recommending replacement. Supervisor Tammaro suggested sleeving the culvert, Chairman Kniefel informed the board that the county will do those types of jobs.

Chairman Kniefel introduced a draft resolution on procedures for cartway petitions.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-04 to Establish Policies an Procedures for Cartway Petitions, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel reported the agreement with the union employees has been finalized. The office manager has submitted a proposal and Chairman Kniefel and Supervisor Branville will be meeting with her before the next meeting.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Mike Erjavec asked a few questions of the Board regarding the Sparta sewer project and Fayal's water and sewer rates.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned by Chairman Kniefel at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____

