

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 15, 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 Stewart, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience member in attendance was Mike Erjavec.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2008 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Supervisors Stewart and Pernu abstained due to their absence from the meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for March 2008 were received and reconciled. Ending balances for March are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$76,808.11
Assessment Savings-	\$382,393.47
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$714,651.73

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

Motion to approve the March 18, 2008 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting and Public Hearing for Variance, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the March 2008 Police Report made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes of April 9, 2008, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Harvey Thompson- Notice of resignation as Police Chief, dated April 1, 2008, with resignation to be effective April 30, 2008. Referred to New Business.

John Bonini- Letter of interest to sit on the Airport planning commission. Placed on file.

Range Quality Pest Control- Contract for pest control in the amount of \$350. Referred to New Business.

MN Power- Letter informing us that a recent review done on our account indicates that our current electric load may require a change in billing rate. Customers whose load meets or exceeds 10 KW or 2500 kilowatt hours or more for three consecutive months are placed on a demand rate. We have met that limit for one month. If we reach the criterion of three consecutive months we will be placed on demand rate without further notification. On a demand rate we would pay less for kilowatt hours but would pay an additional charge for demand. It is unknown if the bill will increase or decrease on this rate. Placed on file.

Mesabi Range College- Invitation to participate in the Second Annual Empty Bowl Supper and Box-a-Thon on May 2 and 3, 2008 to attend their presentation and possibly sleep along side the students in a box overnight. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Variance application requests from Darryn & Sheryl Proch and Craig Schlossin. Referred to Planning Committee.

Western World Insurance Group- Form to accept or reject Terrorism Insurance coverage. Referred to New Business.

Iron Range Resources- Invitation to Community Finance & Technical Resource Workshop on May 21, 8:30 am-3:30 PM at Mt. Iron Community Center. Placed on file.

Request from Eveleth 4th of July committee to place a request for donation insert into our utility bills. Referred to New Business.

Mesabi Humane Society- Signed agreement for animal housing services. Referred to New Business.

SLC Attorney Melanie Ford- 2007 Annual Report of St. Louis County Attorney's Office. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Stewart-

Purchase of Police Vehicle- With the resignation of the police chief, Supervisor Stewart stated he wanted a clearer mandate of what is needed. Specifications need to be developed, and access was just obtained to the state purchasing website. Local dealers also need to be contacted.

Motion to table the issue made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu-

Air Handler Grant- The signed grant contract was received today from the MN Dept. Of Labor & Industry. The project must be completed by August 9.

Yardwaste Dates- Due to the weather, the yardwaste site opening will be pushed ahead one week and will start on April 25.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Water Connect Fee- Tamaro states our resolution is vague and unless we can find further information on the waterlines, we may have to refund some customers for connection fees.

Chairman Kniefel-

Animal Control Contract- A contract signed by an official of the Mesabi Humane Society was received. Per Chief Thompson, there were a couple of areas that needed to be changed. The changes can be crossed out etc and initialed. Chairman Kniefel will sign and initial the contract.

Firefighter Workers Comp- Clerk Sersha reported she spoke with Berkley Risk Administrators and the policy can be cancelled. The best way, to insure there is no gap in coverage is to first obtain insurance from MAT and fax the declarations page to Berkley. They will then cancel the policy and refund us any money due us.

Motion to convert the Fayal Firefighters Workers Compensation Insurance from Berkley Risk Administrators to MN Association of Townships insurance and authorize the clerk to expedite the change made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Cell Phones- A 700 minute a month plan was obtained from A T&T. Minutes are free cell to cell, after 9:00 PM, and weekends. The employees have been told to call cell to cell to avoid any overages.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Stewart questioned if the Chair would draw up a thank you letter to Harvey Thompson for his years of service. Chairman Kniefel agreed, and stated an acknowledgment should be arranged.

Motion to authorize the clerk and the chair to spend up to \$200.00 for an acknowledgment for the retirement of Harvey Thompson, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville reported the PUC has recommended that Donna O'Connor be appointed to the PUC for a term of three years.

Motion to appoint Donna O'Connor to the PUC for a three year term, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize SEH to do the surveying in the O'Laughlin Square area, for a fee of up to \$2,000.00, as soon as possible, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro reported the PUC is short of members and there will be no quorum unless we have either re-appointments or new members. Discussion on the preparation for the informational meeting for the O'Laughlin Square project. Julie Kennedy of SEH will have to explain the project to the residents, and input will be taken from them.

Supervisor Pernu reported he was unable to reach MN Power concerning the demand charge, but he left a message and will try to get the answers for the next meeting.

Discussion on funding the O'Laughlin water project.

Chairman Kniefel reminded everyone of the Board of Equalization meeting Wednesday, April 16, 1:00 PM.

Motion to accept and approve the pest control contract, made by Chairman Kniefel, support form Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Short discussion on the request by the Eveleth 4th of July committee. Consensus of the Board is not to allow advertizing of any type into the utility bills.

Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Eveleth 4th of July Committee made by Supervisor Tamaro, support form Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to deny the need for Terrorism Insurance through Western World Insurance, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept with gratitude the resignation of Harvey Thompson and wish him well in his retirement plans, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville.

Short discussion on options for replacement of a police officer for the township.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Mike Erjavec was in attendance and informed the board there is a portion of North Airport Road that is impassible and requested the road employees be informed.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____