

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 15, 2006

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 Beldo, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Mike Erjavec, Steve Shykes, and later in the meeting, Mrs. Nick Brascugli.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2006 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Beldo abstained, due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the period of July 1-31 there were \$452,651.61 in receipts and expenditures of \$84,811.70. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank \$93,587.80
Mt. Iron Checking- \$673,440.74
Assessment Savings- \$629,248.70

For the month of August to date, there have been \$20,439.89 in receipts, expenditures of \$447,449.28, and a transfer from Miners to Mt. Iron Checking of \$80,000.00.

Election judge training will be held August 22, 1 pm. If you know of anyone who is interested, please inform them.

Filing for town officers begins on August 29 from 8 am to noon, Monday-Friday and ends on September 13, 5 pm. For three- four year supervisor terms and one- two year clerk/treasurer term.

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

Motion to accept the August 9, 2006 Fire Department Regular meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Supervisor Branville noted that an applicant recently appointed to the department has decided he is not joining the department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the July 11, 2006 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tom Kingston- Letter of resignation from the PUC, effective August 2, 2006. Referred to New Business.

Mary Kiffmeyer- Executed Disability Grant Contract. Placed on file.

City of Eveleth- Letter inviting us to attend a meeting on ambulance service and costs on Tuesday, August 15, 5:00 PM, Eveleth City Hall. Referred to New Business.

Northeast Service Coop- Insurance Renewal Meeting will be held Friday, August 18, and an agenda on Health Insurance Presentation will be on August 24, 10 am to Noon, both to be held at NESCU in Mt. Iron. RSVP if we are to attend. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning- Board of Adjustment will hold public hearing on variance for Gregory Wingren, Tuesday, August 15, 10 am. Variance request from Frank Kvaternik. Referred to Planning Committee, placed on file.

Dennis & Sharon Pernu- Invitation to attend Eagle Court of Honor for their son Jonathan, being held by Troop 111. August 26, 7:00 PM, United in Christ Lutheran Church. Placed on file.

Mike Aro- Public Access Channel 5- They are offering sponsorship packages to video our community for play during the sports season. Package prices are \$650 and \$300 per season. Referred to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

North Airport Road Residential Speed Zoning- Still working and researching the issue.

County/Town Road Work- A pre-construction meeting at the SLC Public Works Office will be held on August 17, 9:00 AM. Beldo, Verkovich and Jurenic to attend. The group will discuss with SLC and Ulland Brothers the possibility of removing shouldering, striping and bituminous tack coat from the contract in order to save money. The town intends to have the shouldering done by the town employees, and eliminating the striping and tack coat.

IRRB Back Access Road- Supervisor Beldo spoke with Mike Skenzich regarding the closure. Their decision was not made haphazardly, as there had been problems with excessive traffic during the time when the township has their yardwaste site open, and with people dumping in the area when the site is closed. Beldo reported he contacted Tom Maki and has told him there is nothing the township can do about the decision by the IRRRB, and the issue will be left with Mr. Maki and Mr. Beaudette.

Pine Drive Contractor Damage- The contractor that made the damage has assured Verkovich the damage will be repaired, but we have not heard back since the initial contact with the contractor.

Supervisor Branville-

ATV Ordinance- Supervisor Branville reported he is still working on it and hopes to have a draft by the next meeting.

Supervisor Pernu-

Brush Pile- We have not heard back from Birchum Logging as to when they will be here to chip the pile.

Handicap Door Opener- The grant funds are available, the units have been ordered, and are scheduled to arrive after August 16, with installation shortly thereafter.

Front of Town Hall- Todd Hendrickson of Century Building Products has provided a quote for the project. The replacement metal will run 7 feet up across the front of the building and be in a darker brown color. Cost will be \$950.00. The metal has been ordered and will be here September 1. Rich Gasperlin will do the installation.

Door Locks- Estimates from Biss for labor costs on the project are \$60 per hour for two people, with the time to install estimated at 6-10 hours. Duplicate keys are \$8. Discussion.

Motion to spend up to \$2,500. 00 for Biss Lock to repair and replace several locks and doorknobs, with the project to be paid for from mining effects funds, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Gilbert Rate Negotiation- Gilbert is putting together a rate proposal to forward to us.

Sparta Sewer Project- Gilbert has the project on hold at this time.

Kaleva Island Sewer- Still waiting for the agreement from Attorney Neff.

Liftstation A-1- The new pump should be here soon, but there may be some additional work that will have to be done before the next meeting.

Motion to accept the resignation of Tom Kingston from the PUC, with regret, and thank him for his time served. A letter of thanks is to be sent. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Dennis Pernu to fill the remainder of Tom Kingston's term on the PUC, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Short discussion on the counter water proposal. Supervisor Tamaro recommends we not send them a counter proposal because all we asked for was a rate, and that was provided.

Motion to write a letter of acknowledgment to Mike Wiskow of the City of Eveleth that we are in receipt of their proposal and will keep it on file, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel reported that Ulland Brothers is coming back this week to work on 132, and the completion date is September 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported that in July 05 the gas bill was \$458.50, and this July it is \$42.50. The electric bill is also down from last year, so we are realizing a big savings from the work that was done last winter.

Motion to appoint Dolores Cooper, Jule Erjavec, Jean Stickney, Beth Anderson, Nancy Roseen, Sharon Crep, Carol Pellin, Bob Mavec, Cathy Korva, Nick Domiano, Linda Brown, Mayme Grund, Roberta Zattoni, and Anthony Tamaro as Election Judges, upon their completion of election judge certification, for the Primary Election to be held September 12, 2006 and for the General Election to be held November 7, 2006, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Tamaro abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to set the election judge wage at \$7.00 per hour, plus snacks and pizza, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Tamaro abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Alyssa Noll as a student election judge trainee for the Primary and General Elections, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to compensate the student election judge trainee at the same rate of pay as the election judges, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Tamaro abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the health insurance meeting and the rate increase Fayal will be receiving on the first of the year. Supervisor Branville will attend the meeting on August 25.

Discussion on the sponsorship proposal from local access channel 5. The info has been forwarded to the PUC. The board placed the proposal on file.

Chairman Kniefel reported on the all hazard mitigation plan that is being required by FEMA. SLC has prepared a plan, which the township can adopt. Purpose of adopting such a plan is that if there is any flood damage, we can access FEMA funds for repairs etc. Prior to adopting the plan a public hearing is needed.

Motion to set a public hearing on September 19, 2006, 7:00 PM, to gather public input for the adoption of an All Hazard Mitigation Plan by Fayal, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from

Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel reported that the owner of Bullfrog's would like to have a grand opening this fall and have an outdoor barbeque with liquor. A special event one day outdoor liquor permit is needed through the county.

Motion to voice no objection by the Fayal Town Board to St. Louis County for the issuance of a special one day liquor permit to Bullfrog's for their grand opening, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the ambulance subsidy meeting held at Eveleth City Hall earlier today, which was attended by Kniefel and Tammaro. Eveleth has proposed a per capita cost of \$57.25 for ambulance service. Kniefel states that more financial numbers are needed, and the revenues need to be taken into account, not just the budget for the expenditures. Discussion also took place at the meeting regarding drafting a contract for ambulance services for all of the entities outside of Eveleth.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Fire Chief Steve Shykes was in attendance and requested that during the road projects, the fire department be notified of any road closings. Kniefel stated he will bring that concern to the pre-construction meeting, and the contractors can coordinate that request with the clerk's office.

Chief Shykes also informed the Board that the Fire Department is planning an Open House for the 20 year anniversary of the Fayal Fire Department which is October 1.

Chief Shykes reported he inspected a vacant lot for fire danger, at the request of Ray Thieman, and found nothing.

Mike Erjavec commended the Road employees on the good job they have done on North Airport Road.

Mrs. Brascugli, who just arrived, questioned if anything was done on the residential speed zone for North Airport Drive. Supervisor Beldo told her is still researching and working on it.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk