

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 19, 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 Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience member in attendance was Scott Smith, Assistant Fire Chief.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2008 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2008 Water/Wastewater Improvements Public Hearing, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Beginning balances as of August 1, 2008 are as follows:

Mt Iron Checking-	\$748,617.60
Miners Bank-	\$95,694.54
Assess. Savings-	\$262,272.00

To this date there have been \$66,702.46 in expenditures and revenues of \$26,132.70

Filings for town officers opens on August 26 and closes on Sept. 10 at 5:00 PM.

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

Motion to accept the July 2008 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the August 13, 2008 EFGSD Joint Rec minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the July 8, 2008 PUC Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the July 2008 Police Report, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the July 28, 2008 Special Planning Committee meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Kniefel commented that the Planning committee held the special meeting to address a variance request from Bradley Adkins & Tara Person, which they unanimously voted to deny. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- Board of Adjustment held a public hearing Tuesday, August 19 on Bradley Adkins & Tara Person variance request. Placed on file.

NESCU- Health Insurance Rate Renewal Summary as of January 1, 2009 or rate will increase by 10.9%. Referred to Old Business.

SLC Land Dept.- Notice of classification of state tax forfeit land within the town. Placed on file.

MN Dept of Health- Test results on water samples collected from our public drinking water supply. Placed on file.

SLC Environmental Services- SLC County Waste Reduction Grant application. Placed on file.

Greater MN Agency- 2009 BCBS Renewal and alternate rates for various plan options. Referred to Old Business.

City of Gilbert- Statement of responsibility for turning on the water supply beyond the pump station. Referred to Old Business.

SLCATO- 2008-09 calendar, info on upcoming events. Placed on file.

Roger's Online- Quote for computer for utility billing department. Referred to New Business.

SEH- Notice to proceed to Mesabi Bituminous on the Park Boulevard West Overlay Project. Substantial completion by August 29, 2008. Referred to Old Business.

Ass't Fire Chief Scott Smith- Recommendation on turnout gear purchase. Referred to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Firefighter Grant Purchases- Scott Smith explained that the turnout gear committee researched and inspected two brands of turnout gear, one from Clarey's Fire Protection and one from TNT Fire Protection. The bid from Reeds was rejected. Upon discussion by department members, it is recommended that the gear from Clarey's best suits their needs and is recommending the bid be awarded to them, even though the cost is \$344 more. The gear from Clarey's is PB1 Kevlor, is more flexible and offers more protection. The purchase will be paid by a DNR grant of \$29,165, with the fire department paying \$1,500 from their budget.

Motion to approve Assistant Fire Chief Scott Smith's recommendation for the purchase of the fire gear from Clarey's, which is at a higher bid price, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Supervisor Tammaro questioned if we can take the higher bid? Mr. Smith stated the bid instructions stated that the Fayal Fire Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if it is in the best interest of the department. Motion carried unanimously.

Pleasant Lake Hydrant- The consensus of the fire department is to abandon, but the decision will be postponed until Fire Chief Steve Shykes returns.

Supervisor Branville-

Police Car Radar- Our old radar unit is 20 years old, and since we are outfitting the new vehicle, the radar should be updated. Chief Thompson has recommended a unit called the Raptor, cost is \$1,389.00.

Motion to purchase the Raptor radar unit at a cost of \$1,389.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville stated that the old radar unit is still in good working order, and we may be able to hook it up to a panel to display drivers speeds in various parts of the township. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro stated that funds should be set aside annually for future purchases for the police department, so the money is there when needed.

Long Lake Area Cable TV- The cable TV company that supplies cable to the Long Lake Area is done on August 24. Mediacom was contacted about replacing the service for those residents, but they have not given an answer. Branville will re-contact them. Supervisor Branville stated that there have also been many requests for high speed internet. In Balkan Township, a petition was submitted by residents and Quest extended DSL in that area. Branville stated he will find someone to start a petition drive for Qwest to extend DSL in our township.

Supervisor Pernu-

Fence- Iron Oakes Fence will be here Friday to put the fence up across from the Shortstop.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Water Turn-On Request from Gilbert- A fax was received from Gilbert Mayor Bellerud and Clerk Gary Mackley requesting the water be turned on for fire protection. Gilbert states they will assume responsibility for any problems that occur on the water line from beyond the pump station after the water plant up to the Fayal town line. Supervisor Tamaro questioned if the agreement needed clarification or added verbage? Discussion.

Motion to turn on the water to Gilbert and leave the agreement as is, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Erjavec, Branville and Pernu voted yes. Kniefel and Tamaro voted no. Motion carried.

Quad Cities Meeting- A presentation was made by members of the Army Corp of Engineers. The meeting was very well attended and the Corp has recommended to keep applying for funding, but advised that documentation is needed and must be submitted in order to have projects funded.

Chairman Kniefel-

Building Planning Consultant- Nothing yet.

Pine Drive Culvert- Still waiting for the agreement from SLC.

Park Blvd. W. Overlay Project- Contract documents have been signed by all parties and a Notice to Proceed has been issued to Mesabi Bituminous.

Water/Wastewater System Improvements- Advertisements are out, with the bid opening to be August 28 at 11:00 AM. One easement has been procured by Chairman Kniefel and we are waiting for the legal descriptions from SEH so the others can be obtained. Discussion on arriving at a fee value for obtaining easements.

Solicitors Ordinance Update- Ordinance was referred to Scott Neff. Nothing at this time.

Health Insurance Committee- Now that the information for next year's rates has been received, a meeting will be set.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville reported the PUC has discussed hiring a collection agency to collect utility accounts that are seriously in arrears. A proposal was received from RCB Collections. Much discussion, tabled for review by the board.

Portable Toilet- The door hinges have had to be repaired/replaced three times and A-1 is now going to start charging for repairs. Supervisor Tamaro stated insurance can be purchased for repairs and vandalism from A-1, Tamaro will get the info on the insurance.

Discussion on Eveleth water plant. The plant is 2/3 of the way on-line and should be finished soon.

Supervisor Tamaro reported the complex generator has been delivered and will be installed within the next two weeks.

Discussion on the quote from Roger's Online for a new computer for the utility billing. Clerk Sersha stated that the current computer is old, we have started having problems with it and does not want to risk the computer crashing. Only the CPU will be replaced, the screen, keyboard etc does not need replacing.

Motion to purchase the computer per the quote from Roger's Online in the amount of \$1,354.68, with the water company to pay 1/3 of the cost and the sewer company to pay 2/3 of the cost, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Eleanor Eck, Jule Erjavec, Jean Stickney, Beth Anderson, Nancy Roseen, Sharon Crep, Carol Pellin, Bob Mavec, Cathy Korva, Nick Domiano, Linda Brown, Anthony Tammaro, Rosie Pernu and Roberta Zattoni as election judges for the primary and general elections, with scheduling to be done by Clerk Sersha as needed, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Kniefel, Erjavec, Branville and Pernu voted yes. Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to set the election judge wage at \$8.00 per hour, plus pizza and snacks, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Kniefel, Erjavec, Branville and Pernu voted yes. Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Scott Smith was in attendance and stated that from a player's perspective the tennis courts are in pretty good shape.

Supervisor Tammaro requested that when the firefighter's are to attend training, the request also come to the town board and that the person attending training write a report. Mr. Smith agreed and will take the request to the fire department.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____