

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 5, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kniefel at 7:50 PM, following the Public Hearing which was held at 6:30 PM. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience member in attendance was Scott Smith.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2008 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Julie Kennedy of SEH was in attendance to report on the Park Boulevard West overlay project. Contract documents have been forwarded to Mesabi Bituminous for their signature, but have not yet been received at Fayal. Discussion on project inspection. R & B foreman Steve Verkovich can do the inspections and the road department will do the turf restoration for the shoulder areas along side the new pavement.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- July 2008 bank statements have not yet been received so this report is tentative. For the month of July there were revenues of \$464,918.33 and expenditures of \$421,218.50. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$95,358.74
Assessment Savings-	\$261,480.33
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$739,009.96

As of July 31, 2008, cash balance for Fayal Water Company was \$12,678.44 and for the Fayal Sewer Company the cash balance was \$36,538.06.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Quad City Sanitary Sewer District Meeting- Minutes of March 27, 2008. Placed on file. Chairman Kniefel reported the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 19, 2 PM, Mt. Iron City Hall.

SEH- Copy of transmittal letter to Mesabi Bituminous of three copies of Contract Documents for the Town of Fayal for Park Blvd. West Overlay Project. Placed on file.

Fayal Firefighter Relief Ass'n- Audit for year 2007, and Certification of Contribution. Referred to New Business.

Chief Harvey Thompson- Request to POST Board for required police training reimbursement for the Town of Fayal. POST will reimburse the township for \$317.00 for required training by our police officer. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Pleasant Lake Hydrant- The Fire Department has made no decision yet.

Firefighter Grant Purchases- Since there was only a four to five hundred dollar difference in price from two of the vendors for the turnout gear, the Fire Department requested samples of gear from each vendor, to help in their determination. The department will be meeting next Wednesday to make a decision and recommendation to the town board.

Supervisor Branville-

Police Chief Hiring- Supervisors Branville and Pernu have met several times to review the list of eligible candidates for the position. Supervisor Branville commented that there were some very good candidates on the list. Former police chief Harvey Thompson also applied for the position, and they met with Mr. Thompson this morning

Supervisors Branville and Pernu made the following recommendation to the board for their consideration: Recommend hiring Harvey Thompson for the position because he has done a good job for Fayal for the past 15 years, is the most experienced, is familiar with the area and its citizens, and since he is retired Fayal will not have to pay PERA on his wages, which will be over 14% of the total wage next year. Board discussion. Chairman Kniefel stated that he felt we could use police protection for more than 20 hours per week. At this point in the meeting, 8:15 PM, Supervisor Pernu left the meeting, due to personal business.

Motion to hire Harvey Thompson for the position of Police Chief, waive the probationary period and the 80% wage, and proceed under the terms of the current union contract, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville stated that notices should be sent out to the other applicants.

Supervisor Branville reported that since our radar unit is 20 years old, we should install a new unit into the new vehicle. Quotes have been obtained, but not reviewed at this time.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Office/Garage Ventilation Project- The air exchanger has been installed and is operational as of today. Clerk Sersha will send in the grant reimbursement request tomorrow.

Park Fencing- A quote was obtained from Iron Oaks Fence for a split rail fence in the amount of \$2,200, which includes installation. The temporary fence in the park area across from the Shortstop would be removed and replaced with permanent fencing. There will be an opening in the fence so people do not have to walk around it, but the opening will not be large enough for 4-wheelers etc. in order to keep them off of the park grounds.

Motion to authorize the purchase and installation of fence from Iron Oaks Fence in the amount of \$2,200.00 with the funds to come from Mining Effects, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Planning Consultant- Architectural Resources will be forwarding a plan to us within two weeks.

Water Turn-Off- Gilbert line- Supervisor Tamaro reported that Gilbert would like us to turn the water back on at the Fayal/Gilbert town line for fire protection for their residents. Discussion on conditions to which Fayal would agree: Gilbert must take on all responsibility for any repairs, or damages caused to any homeowner or to our pressure reducer and waterline and no water is to be sold off of the waterline.

Motion to authorize the water be turned back on for Gilbert, as long as the above conditions are met, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Water & Sewer Rate Meeting- Supervisors Erjavec and Tammaro met with Gilbert Mayor Bellerud and Clerk Mackley. Discussions centered on creating a sewer district between Gilbert and Fayal.

Roadside Mower- Supervisor Tammaro reported on the type of mower the road department would like to purchase. The mower would attach to the loader.

Chairman Kniefel-

Pine Drive Culvert- Supervisors Tammaro and Kniefel met with SLC bridge superintendents and they have recommended running a cable through the culvert and pulling it together. If that does not fix the problem, the culvert will be re-lined at a later date. St. Louis County will do the work, upon approval by the SLC Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Relief Association- The 2007 Annual Audit was received and all necessary paperwork has been completed. No additional contribution is required by the township.

Health Insurance Committee Meeting- Our annual membership date is approaching and a meeting will be scheduled to review rates on different plans.

Kaleva Sewer Project Electrical- M & M Electric has not completed the job. They have been sent a letter asking them to finish the project.

Solicitors Permit Ordinance- Clerk Sersha reported that there have been complaints of door-to-door sales persons in the town without the required permit. Sersha stated the ordinance should also be updated, and signs should be posted on all of the entrances to the township informing persons of the ordinance.

Motion to provide Attorney Scott Neff a copy of the Solicitors Permit Ordinance and have him update as appropriate, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____

Attest: _____