

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 20, 2005

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 Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Jerry Ulman and Mike Erjavec.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2005 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Fire Chief Steve Shykes and Assistant Fire Chief Scott Smith were in attendance to inform the Board on several items.

Firefighter Retirements- Peter Bertucci and Tony Tamaro have resigned, effective December 31, 2005, due to health reasons. Chief Shykes explained that due the fact both have medical disabilities, their retirements will be paid at 100% for each year they have served. The retirements must be paid within 90 days of their resignations. Referred to New Business.

Apparatus- Two quotes were distributed to the board for apparatus for the new fire truck. One quote was from Ranger Fire in the amount of \$10,502, the other from Clarey's, the amount being \$11,088.

FEMA Grant- Chief Shykes reported that he is working on specifications for self contained breathing apparatus and will be bringing the bid packet to the board in January. The fire department has received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$75,000, with a 5% match from the township.

Airport Fire- Assistant Chief Smith reported on the recent fire at a hangar at the Eveleth-Virginia Airport. The hydrant by the hanger was inadequate and the water pressure from the Eveleth water line could not be increased. Chief Shykes stated he would like the department to be reimbursed for the three bottles of foam used on the fire. Supervisor Tamaro suggested the insurance company covering the property in the hanger be billed.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the period of December 6-20, 2005 there were a total of \$345,520.98 in revenues and expenditures were \$53,146.10. Tentative balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$73,474.42
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$647,156.62
Special Assessment Savings-	\$493,982.72

There is a special assessment for sewer which was placed on the incorrect parcel code. It should be removed and placed on the correct parcel. Referred to New Business.

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

Motion to accept the EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes of December 14, 2005, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the December 14, 2005 Fire Department Regular Meeting minutes made by

Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 8, 2005 Public Utilities Commission Meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 2005 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the EFGSD Joint Cable TV minutes of December 1, 2005, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Public Works- Info on the SLC crushing, crack sealing and striping program for 2006. Referred to Road & Bridge.

USDA Rural Development- Info on the Community Facilities Program. Placed on file.

Mesabi Daily News- Requesting we name them as our official newspaper. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

Loader- The purchase agreement has been signed and accepted by Ziegler. Delivery of the new loader should be mid-February 2006. A fact sheet will be compiled on the old loader, and a minimum bid price will be set so it can be advertised for sale in early January. The successful bidder would not be able to take possession of the loader until the new loader arrives.

Supervisor Branville-

Fire Truck Apparatus- Branville reported he met with Steve Shykes and Scott Smith regarding the equipment needed for the new truck. There are very few usable items from the old truck that could be used on the new truck. Branville stated that all his questions were answered as to what the equipment is and why it is needed.

Motion to accept the low quote from Ranger Fire in the amount of \$10,502.95 and authorize the purchase of the fire apparatus equipment, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Discussion on selling the old truck. The same procedure used for the loader will be used for the sale of the fire truck. Shykes will put together a fact sheet. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu-

Tree Removal Contract- Pernu spoke with Roger Nelson of the DNR. The contract will be finalized in two to three weeks and we will be paid the remainder of the money for the trees. Discussion on chipping the slash pile instead of burning it. Pernu will contact Eveleth to see if they would like to participate.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Joint Rec Budget-

Tammaro discussed the budget with Craig Homola and understands that the budget is not increasing

Motion to approve the Joint Rec Budget made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel-

Chairman Kniefel presented and read aloud Resolution 2005-12.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2005-12 to Approve and Accept Four Easement Plats representing

a survey of the easement limits of the Town of Fayal Wastewater Collection System, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported everything at the rink has been running smoothly with the adult rink attendants. There were some minor repairs to the shack door. The thermostat is now being kept at 45 when the shack is closed now that the water fountain has been removed.

Supervisor Tamaro reported that the PUC has recommended no increase in the water rate for 2006, but has recommended a \$2 increase per month for sewer rates.

Motion not to raise the water rates for the year 2006, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the recommendation to increase sewer rates. Chairman Kniefel questioned the rationale for the increase. Supervisor Tamaro stated he met with the finance committee to look at ways to decrease expenses for the sewer company and recommends the rate increase recommendation be sent back to the PUC for further consideration.

Motion to refer the sewer rate increase back to the PUC and ask them to come to the first meeting in January, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro also reported the PUC accepted and approved the draft letter to Gilbert regarding sewer connections in Sparta.

Clerk Sersha reported that it has come to her attention that a property owner with 4 lots has a sewer special assessment placed on a vacant lot instead of the lot with the home located on it. The assessment should be moved to the lot with the highest market value.

Motion to remove the special assessment from CVT 340-0040-00680 (Lot 66) and move the balance of the assessment as of pay 2006 property taxes to CVT 340-0040-00690, (Lot 67) project parcel 568, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel stated he would like the Board to recognize Peter Bertucci and Tony Tamaro for their fine service to the Fire Department for about sixteen years each.

Motion to accept the resignations of Peter Bertucci and Tony Tamaro from the Fayal Fire Department, with gratitude on behalf of the township, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman, Mike Erjavec and Scott Smith were in attendance but had no comment.

Chief Shykes reported the Fire Department held their officer elections recently, and all personnel have remained the same. Chief Shykes has also been assisting in New Orleans. Supervisor Beldo asked that he share his experiences for the newsletter.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Approved: _____
Chair

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: _____
Clerk

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

