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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 21, 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 Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2006 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Chairman Kniefel stated a correction needs to be made to some of the year end balances reported at the last meeting. Clerk Sersha will make the correction in her report. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Jaime Ramfjord was in attendance regarding a citation he received from Chief Thompson for placing obstructions in the road right-of-way. Mr. Ramfjord was told by the Board there was nothing they could do about the citation. Much discussion took place between the board and Mr. Ramfjord concerning snowmobiles and 4-wheelers and where they are allowed to drive. The Board agreed there is a problem with some of the vehicles driving too fast and going onto private property.

Chris and LeAnn Erickson were in attendance requesting information on the plan to reconstruct Ely Lake Drive. The Erickson's are planning to make a building on their property, but have heard the road may be re-routed through their property. Chairman Kniefel answered the road is on the five year plan and is set for reconstruction in 2010, although that is not firm. As for re-routing, Kniefel stated there was a plan back in the 1970's that called for design alternatives, but to his knowledge, no one is even working on a plan for the road at this time. Chairman Kniefel informed the Erickson's that prior to the road reconstruction, it is the county's policy to present the preliminary alignment design criteria before the plan is finalized at a public hearing where input can be taken from all affected property owners and the public.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- There is a correction to the February 7, 2006 report on the beginning balances of the Fire fund and Capital Equipment. The transfer from Capital Equipment to the Fire fund for the fire truck was \$36,0171.00, not \$56,600.00, making the balances as of January 1, 2006 for the Fire fund \$60,179.03 and for Capital Equipment \$215,836.13.

For the period of February 1 - 21, 2006 there have been \$23,813.45 in receipts and expenditures of \$43,272.53. A transfer of \$147,465.13 was made from Miners to Mt. Iron Checking. Tentative balances as of this date are Miners Bank- \$22,782.62 and Mt. Iron Checking- \$717,207.50.

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

Motion to bring forward the January 11, 2006 Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the EFG Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes of February 8, 2006, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the November 2006 Planning Committee meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February 8, 2006 Fire Department Regular Meeting minutes, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

IRB- Mineland Reclamation is soliciting project suggestions from cities and towns within the Taconite Assistance Area. Must be submitted by March 31, 2006. Placed on file.

IRB, Sandy Layman- Copy of revised Infrastructure Grant Program guidelines and application manual. The IRR may provide up to \$250,000 per project if criteria meets the guidelines. Placed on file.

Custom Fire- Change Order #3. Referred to Old Business.

SLC Public Works- Executed cooperative agreement for surfacing of certain town roads. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor- The Eagle model of ballot counting machine will no longer be sold in Minnesota. Any new optical scan equipment will now be M100 models. ES&S is offering a trade-in and deferred payment plan for upgrades to the M100 model. SLC will be upgrading to the M100 at this time. The Eagle models are currently compatible and have been certified by the Secretary of State for use with the new HAVA equipment we will be receiving later this year. Clerk Sersha stated she would like to research this matter further. Placed on file, for now.

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of January 25, 2006. Info on charter bus for lobby day, annual meeting & election to be held April 26, Cotton. Next regular meeting is February 22, 7:30 pm, Cotton Town Hall. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

Loader- The loader is expected to be delivered here sometime next week. Upon delivery, Verkovich has been instructed to park the old loader and start using the new one. After Verkovich is satisfied that everything is up to spec with the new loader, the sale of the old loader can then be finalized. Due to cancellation of the March 21 meeting, Beldo questions if there will be a conflict for approval of payment for the new loader, and if we should ask for an extension past the 30 days? Discussion on reviewing the purchase agreement, asking for an extension to 45 days for payment or just authorizing payment at the March 7 meeting. Chairman Kniefel states authorization can be made at the next meeting to pay within 30 or 45 days.

Woodlawn Point Intersection Plowing- Supervisor Beldo states that he has done further research on the area, and he does not see how the town should be plowing the area. Beldo questions why Tammaro instructed Dale to plow the area? Tammaro states it is a matter of common sense, and Dale has been told that if he is on his way to plow the liftstation and there is a berm of snow, he should put the plow down and take it off. Beldo states that it is inappropriate and in conflict with town policy to plow private drives and expend public funds to do that. Supervisor Branville stated, for the record, that the residents of Woodlawn Point pay to have their road plowed, including the area past the lift station, hydrant and mailboxes, and the portion that was plowed by Dale was public.

Discussion then turned to plowing another private driveway where a lift station is located. Tammaro states that we must have access to the liftstations, and if a liftstation is located down a private drive, it must be plowed. Beldo disagreed and stated that is overruling the position that Road & Bridge has taken, and reiterated that it is inappropriate to use public funds to assist any private driveway plowing, it violates state statutes, and if you are going to partake in those types of activities, you are obligated to be reimbursed for it. Chairman Kniefel stated that it only make sense to put the plow down if you are on your way to the liftstation and the area hasn't been plowed.

Supervisor Pernu-

Zone Valves- Work has been finished on the project, and it seems to be working good. A cap will be made by Arrowhead Heating, to put over the ceiling fan, as a separate project.

Insulation Project- Quotes will be obtained.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Sewer Rate- The PUC initially recommended a \$2 per month increase. After receiving and studying the year end figures, they are now recommending a \$1 per month increase.

Motion to increase the residential sewer rate \$1.00, from \$36.00 to \$37.00 per month, effective April 1, 2006, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Beldo questioned if the PUC had looked at any ways to trim costs. Mike Erjavec of the PUC stated it would help if we could get an agreement with Gilbert to sewer the Sparta area and a long term sewer agreement. More discussion on accounts receivable and paying down the principal on the third loan. Clerk Sersha reported there are at least three large accounts that should be paid up by summer, and she is researching the amount to pay down on the loan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to increase the commercial sewer rate \$2.00, from \$54.00 to \$56.00 per month, with the cost for excess gallons to remain the same, effective April 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel-

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)- Chairman Kniefel asked Assistant Chief Scott Smith for the recommendation from the Fire Department on the SCBA bids.

Mr. Smith reported the Fire Department is recommending a change in quantities, and to purchase on a per-item bid, with the remainder of the grant funds to be used for other equipment.

Motion to proceed with the purchase from Ranger Fire based on a per item bid for 12 SCBA units and 12 spare bottles, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Mr. Smith stated the F.D. does not want to purchase 12 bottles at this time, they want to purchase seven. Chairman Kniefel amended this motion.

Motion to proceed with the purchase of 12 SCBA units from Ranger Fire, based on a per item bid price of \$3,750 for a total of \$45,000, and to purchase 7 additional bottles @ \$675.00 each for a total of \$4,725, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Beldo questioned how long the bottles will last. Mr. Smith answered they are 30 year bottles. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith reported there is some other equipment the department would like to purchase. Quotes were received from Ranger Fire for masks and speakers that mount on the outside of the masks. Masks are \$675 each, and the department would like to purchase six of them, speakers are \$288 each and the department would like to purchase nine of them. Chairman Kniefel states that only one quote is needed if the total purchase is under \$10,000.

Motion to proceed with the purchase of the extra equipment made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Department will research how the extra grant funds can be spent and report back to the board.

Plat Recordation- The plats are not back from the SLC recorder yet.

Motion to pay half (\$3,000.00 of a \$6,000.00 invoice) of the RLK bill for the sewer plat work, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

The balance of the invoice will be paid upon final recordation from SLC.

CSAH 132/Town Road Resurfacing - The project is to be let on March 20.

NEW BUSINESS

Change Order #3 for the new fire truck was distributed to the Board. Several firefighters went to a pre-construction meeting recently and several things were brought to their attention that needed to be changed. Discussion on whether there would be a charge for making a change at this point.

Motion to approve Change Order #3, providing there are no additional charges for processing the change order, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tammaro reported on several items regarding the PUC.

1. John Jamnick attended the last meeting to discuss the possibility of connecting Sparta into the Fayal sewer. Next step is to set up a committee.
2. Virginia, Gilbert and Mt. Iron are discussing a central sewer for the future. Fayal should get involved.
3. Mike Wiskow, Public Works Eveleth, is attending the next meeting to discuss sewerage the Ely Lake Park and to inform about the Eveleth Water Plant.
4. There was a power outage Saturday, due to an accident. Steve Verkovich was called out for the liftstations, Tammaro questions if we can get reimbursed for our costs? Tammaro will check with MN Power.
5. Two new backboards are being put up at the tennis courts. They will be placed so there is visibility to the area.

Motion to appoint Jane Kingston to the Planning Committee to fill the expired term of Bruce Grierson, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel stated that the caucus is March 7, the night of our regular meeting, and no public meeting can be held after 6:00 PM.

Motion to reschedule the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2006 to be held at 4:00 PM, instead of the usual 7:00 PM, due to the caucus, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Mike Erjavec reported there are several areas where the sewer crosses Miller Trunk that are in very bad shape. Mr. Erjavec requested those area be flagged to warn motorists.

Jerry Ulman and Scott Smith had no comment.

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

Discussion on the 2007 levy.

Motion to present to the people at the Annual Meeting a levy proposal of \$500,900.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk

