

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JUNE 20, 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.

Audience members in attendance were: Scott Smith, Therese Elverum, Mike Erjavec and Mrs. Nick Brascugli.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2006 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Tamaro abstained, due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

***Fayal Fire Department members-*** Scott Smith and Therese Elverum were present to first of all, inform the Board the Fayal Fire Department will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The department intends to hold an open house during Fire Prevention Week, to show residents the new fire truck and other new equipment they have acquired.

Also, the Fire Department has amended their by-laws as follows: Article IX. Reimbursement, Section 1. Firefighters shall be reimbursed \$10.00 per meeting, \$10.00 per drill, \$10.00 per EMS call, and \$10.00 per truck check.

Since the inception of the fire department, volunteers have been paid \$3.00 for the above mentioned duties. The reimbursement was paid to defray the cost of driving to the fire hall or scene. With the increase in gas prices, Ms. Elverum stated that \$3.00 is not enough. Ms. Elverum distributed copies of what other volunteer fire departments are paying their members for comparison purposes. The Fire Department is asking for an increase to their 2007 budget of \$8,000.00 to fund this increase.

Discussion on the budget increase. Since the increase would not take place until 2007, town board members felt that other areas of the fire budget could be cut in order to pay for the increase in reimbursements. Clerk Sersha stated that the reimbursements are not true reimbursements because everyone is paid the same amount, regardless of where they are driving from. Sersha suggested the amounts not be called reimbursements, but rather a stipend for each attendance by a volunteer. 1099 forms will also be given to anyone making over \$600 per year, or if the volunteer works in another capacity for the town, a W-2 will have to be supplied. Referred to New Business.

**REPORTS**

***Clerk/Treasurer's Report-*** For the period of June 1-20, 2006 there have been \$ \$27,015.77 in receipts and \$34,636.67 in expenditures and a transfer of \$267,916.29 from Miners Bank to Mt. Iron Checking. Cash balances as of this date are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking-	\$519,453.11
Miners Bank-	\$47,608.05
Assessment Savings-	\$452,067.88

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

***Motion to accept the June 14, 2006 EFGSD Joint Rec Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

SLC Solid Waste-The Solid Waste Department is contracting with the Clean Shop Program to provide hazardous waste disposal opportunities on the Range for small quantity generator businesses. Ely- June 14, Hibbing- July 12, Virginia- August 16. Placed on file.

MAT- Township summer Shortcourse will be held July 28, Grand Rapids, Wendigo Conference Center. Placed on file.

American Vets Post #12- Request for resolution of approval by the Fayal Town Board for premise permit for pull-tabs at Bullfrog's. Referred to New Business.

SLC Public Works- Bids for Fayal Overlay Project. Referred to Old Business.

SLC Planning- Board of Adjustment Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decision on Larry Stimac variance. Variance approved. Placed on file.

Praxair- Public Health notification regarding Oxygen USP Cylinder Gaskets/washers for Portable Cylinders safety advisory. Referred to R & B & Fire Department.

Hanft Fride, Tim Strom- Letter informing the Court has entered a Judgement of Dismissal in the Ryan Turner case, copy of dismissal. Placed on file.

Steven Verkovich, town foreman- 1) Recommendation that the entrance signs to the township should be replaced due to their poor condition. 2)Request from Mrs. Brascugli of North Airport Drive that the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph and designated as a residential roadway, 3) The light poles at the skating rink need paint, and request to hire someone with a bucket truck to paint them. Referred to New Business.

Supervisor Beldo- Fayal Road Project Summary. Placed on file.

Awes Agency- Refund of \$291.00 premium for 1988 GMC fire truck, which was sold. Placed on file.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Beldo-**

**Overlay Project-** Low bid the second time around was \$175,555.00 from Ulland Brothers, up from \$151,503.00 after the first advertisement for bids were rejected. Beldo states the county engineers were unwilling to modify the project specifications and at some unknown date, the county engineer adjusted the estimate to \$168,253.60, prior to the second advertisement of bids. No information was provided summarizing the changes in the project estimates. There were discussions and concerns by Fayal that the original engineers estimates were low. The major items are the increase in shouldering from \$8.00 to \$18.95 and the wear course going from \$52.00 to \$78.60.

The Board discussed modifying the line items and whether or not the plan to overlay some roads should be modified. Supervisor Branville stated the price is not going to go down, and there is no sense to eliminate any of the roads because it will just cost more in the future and the roads will be in that much worse condition. The Board discussed requesting the engineer and contractor to consider options to keep the final costs down, and negotiating line items. More discussion on having the R & B employees do the shouldering.

***Motion to recommend to St. Louis County to proceed with the low bid of \$175,555.00 from Ulland Brothers and go forward with the Fayal Overlay Project, made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**North Airport Road-** The request made by Mrs. Nick Brascugli to have the speed limit reduced to 25 mph will need to be studied to see if the road meets the criteria of a residential roadway. Referred to Steven Verkovich.

### **Supervisor Branville-**

**ATV Ordinance-** Supervisors Branville and Pernu will try to meet before the next meeting and come back with a recommendation.

### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**FD Air Conditioner-** Estimates have been received, more study needs to be done.

**Supervisor Tamaro-**

**Sparta sewer-** We have sent a letter to Gilbert informing them of our conditions, and have had no reply.

**Kaleva Island Sewer-** Supervisor Tamaro discussed the situation with Rodney Louma. Mr. Louma wants to have the on-site septic installed by Fayal, he does not want to administer the installation himself. Cost for a mound system is \$8-10,000 and to fix the problem and connect the property to the municipal sewer would cost \$26,000. Connection to the municipal sewer would have to be bored from the house to the main line. Tamaro will get some estimates for an on-site system, and report back at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Entrance Signs-** The seven entrance signs to the township are in disrepair and need replacement. Types and costs for signs was discussed. Chairman Kniefel recommends contacting Russ Dahl of SLC to see if they can make the signs. Discussion on also replacing the signs at the tennis courts.

***Motion to proceed with replacing the entrance signs to the township, along with the tennis court signs, with the cost to be paid from mining effects funds, made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Branville. Verkovich and Sersha will oversee the project. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville reported the Fayal Fire Department Membership Committee has made a recommendation for a new firefighter.

***Motion appoint Kelly Erjavec to the Fayal Fire Department providing she pass a medical physical, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to ratify the Fire Department by-law change, Article IX, Section 1., which increases the reimbursement from \$3.00 to \$10.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Branville, Pernu, Beldo and Tamaro voted yes. Kniefel abstained, due to his membership on the fire department. Motion carried.***

Supervisor Pernu reported work has begun on the front of the building, with the planters having been installed this week. Metal for the front of the building has still not been located, although some of the same metal is installed on the inside of the building and that may have to be used. The dozer will be here next week to work on the park/playground area, and we are still waiting for the Biomass to come and take the brush pile. Birchum Logging will be contacted.

Discussion on re-painting the light poles. Supervisor Tamaro states maybe the bottom ten feet can be painted. Supervisor Pernu will research.

Supervisor Tamaro reported the pumps on A and A-1 both have holes and the impellers are shot. Braun Intertech will find a loaner and do the repairs and rebuilds. Supervisor Beldo suggested two local firms who may be able to rebuild the pumps, Tamaro will contact them.

The issue of the request by the billing clerk for step pay was discussed.

***Motion to deny the request, and she may pursue the proper channels if she wants to grieve it, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel introduced and read Resolution 2006-05.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2006-05 to Approve a Premises Permit for Lawful Gambling for AMVETS Post #12 of Hibbing to operate at site at Bullfrogs Bar & Grill, 3805 Miller Trunk Highway, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Kniefel introduced and read Resolution 2006-06.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2006-06 to Establish a Service Fee related to Assessment Inquiries and Certification, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion. Clerk Sersha stated she thought the charge should only pertain to written inquiries or certifications, and not verbal. Chairman Kniefel amended the resolution to "hereby establishes a fee of \$20.00 for each such written inquiry." Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Mrs. Brascugli questioned how she could get a culvert installed. Referred to Steve Verkovich.

Mike Erjavec updated the board on the progress of the building on North Airport Drive.

Scott Smith had no comment.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk**