

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 5, 2007

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 Stewart, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, and Deputy Clerk Zattoni. Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha were absent.

Audience members in attendance were: Patty Babich, Marlene Emery, Ralph Johnson, Matt Beaudette, Kathryn Erjavec, Mike Erjavec, Kelly Campbell and Rob Spolar.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2007 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2007 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

St. Mary's Lake Association- Patty Babich was in attendance representing the group. Mrs. Babich explained that the Airport Commission recently started to enforce an ordinance dating back to 1979, which allows for no building or remodeling in Safety Zone A of the airport, which includes a portion of the east shore of St. Mary' Lake. The issue came to light recently when a property owner wanted to build a garage within the zone and after two board of adjustment hearings the permit was finally granted. Now the property owner is being told by the Airport Commission he cannot build the garage, nor can any building or remodeling take place within the entire zone, which affects 29 properties on St. Mary's Lake. Supervisor Branville stated his support of the property owners and reported that he and Supervisor Pernu attended a meeting today and were pleased with the outcome. Rep. Rukavina is also being involved with the situation, and is supportive of the property owners.

Chairman Kniefel explained the airport planning commission has been working on re-crafting the ordinance for the past three years. There was much discussion by the board and Mrs. Babich on past building in the area and the unfairness of the ordinance suddenly being enforced.

Rob Spolar- Mr. Spolar was in attendance regarding his reimbursement for attending fire school. His request was sent back to him by Clerk Sersha because he did not have the required receipts, and he was asking for more reimbursement for meals than the policy allows. Mr. Spolar now has the receipts, but requested the board look at increasing the amount allowed for meal reimbursement. Currently the amounts are breakfast- \$5, lunch- \$7, dinner- \$13. Referred to New Business.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of May have not yet been received. Tentatively, receipts for the month were \$53,753.14 and expenditures were \$57,202.23. Interest was received on CD in the amount of \$2,802.90. Balances are as follows:

Waterline Depreciation CD-	\$35,523.62
Capital Equipment CD-	\$107,649.54
Sewer Depreciation CD #2-	\$59,207.25
PUC Truck Depreciation CD-	\$19,376.53

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

Motion to approve the May 2007 Police Report and the May 9, 2007 Fire Department Regular Business meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Stewart, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Stewart commended Chief Thompson on the good job he did on the background report for the new firefighter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the EFG Cable TV minutes made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathryn Erjavec was in attendance and reported on the EFG Cable TV and proposed budget for July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008. Discussion.

Motion to approve the EFG Cable TV budget, to include the increase in the township's contribution, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Kelly Campbell of the PUC requested that the issue be brought to the PUC for their consideration before being approved by the board. Supervisor Stewart answered that this is not a new issue and has been paid for annually in the past. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Steve Verkovich submitted a memo regarding a request for additional dust control on Moon Lake Drive North. The board took the matter under advisement and took no action.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Township Association- Regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2007 & Annual Meeting of April 26, 2007. Next meeting is June 27, Rice Lake Town Hall, subject is Drug court. Placed on file.

MN Association of Twps.- Membership cards. Distributed to board members.

MN Dept. Of Health- Copy of variance request for Gregory Hines for placement of a water supply well 28 feet from buried collector sanitary sewer pipe located beneath West Long Lake Road. Variance was approved. Placed on file.

City of Eveleth- Request for Fayal town board representative to attend the next regular Airport Authority meeting on June 11, 6:30 pm, at the airport. Placed on file.

City of Gilbert- City council of Gilbert has given formal notice of their intent to terminate the provision of municipal water service to Fayal on midnight June 30, 2008. Placed on file.

Northeast Service Cooperative- Book of services they offer. Placed on file.

City of Gilbert- Audit for 2006. Placed on file.

RLK, John Jamnick- Letter concerning the Differding Point/Cedar Island Drive Sewer project. Referred to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Kaleva Island Sewer/Louma property- After contacting contractors by phone, we have received only one written quote. Dale will be sending out request for proposals to the contractors previously contacted asking for written quotes for the installation of the system to be received by the next regular meeting.

Supervisor Pernu- Work is progressing nicely on the park landscaping project. There are 45 stumps that need to be removed. Supervisor Pernu will get a written quote for the cost by the next meeting.

Chairman Kniefel-

Gilbert Water Rate- We have not received a response regarding a rate, as was requested in our last letter to them. The response we received only states they wish to terminate our agreement effective June 30, 2008. Supervisor Branville commented that the Gilbert Mayor seems very willing to work with us.

Eveleth Fee Office- A satisfactory drawing showing where our sewer line is located has been received. The fee office has also sent a license agreement for both parties to sign.

Motion to approve the license agreement between the Town of Fayal and the Eveleth Fee Office for a license for a sewer line on a parcel of land in Sparta, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

The agreement will be signed by Chairman Kniefel and Clerk Sersha and sent.

AFSCME Contract- A response was received from Steve Giorgi, but Kniefel and Branville have not had a chance to discuss it, and the matter was set aside until a final copy is received.

Clerk Sersha submitted a proposal from Excel Business Systems for a fax and scan component for the copy machine, and also asked for approval to go ahead with the shredding project from Shred-It. Cost for print/scan option is \$889 and fax option is \$516. All functions could be performed on one machine and ink will no longer have to be purchased because the toner is included in the service agreement we currently have in place on the copier.

Motion to approve the upgrade to the copier to include the print/scan and fax option from Excel Business Systems, made by Supervisor Pernu support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the shredding, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville reported he and Supervisor Tammara attended a meeting in Gilbert with the Mayor, Gary Mackley and John Jamnick to discuss the Sparta sewer project. The meeting went well and an agreement for the project is supposed to be received by June 19.

Supervisor Pernu reported a new vacuum cleaner is needed for the town hall. One will be purchased.

A complaint was received from a resident regarding loud music from a birthday party held at the town hall. The complainant asked whether there was a board policy as to how late a party could go on? The party was for a teenager and was over by 10-30-11:00 pm, and Chief Thompson was on duty and at the hall. The board took no action.

Regarding the request from the City of Eveleth to attend the next Airport Commission meeting to discuss its funding, Chairman Kniefel stated he would be unable to attend. Supervisors Branville and Pernu will attend.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Kathryn Erjavec questioned why the orange fencing was put up on the corner across from the Shortstop. Supervisor Pernu explained it was done for safety reasons, to divert 4-wheelers etc away from the corner.

Mike Erjavec suggested a culvert should be placed on the corner of Shady Lane and Ely Lake Drive.

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

Motion to reimburse Rob Spolar, per the policy that is in place at this time, and look at increasing the per diem rates in the future, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta M. Zattoni
Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____
Chair

Date _____

Attest: _____
Clerk