

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MARCH 7, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairman Kniefel. This meeting was held at an earlier time than usual because of the state caucus, and notice of the change in time was properly posted on February 23, 2006 at the designated posting places of the town. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Beldo, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Branville was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Jerry Ulman and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2006 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the period of February 1-28, 2006, there were \$50,943.09 in receipts, expenditures were \$68,346.55, there was a transfer of \$147,465.13 from Miners to Mt. Iron Checking. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank- \$33,635.81

Mt. Iron Checking- \$711,892.20

Special Assessment Savings- \$448,666.66

Request from Miika Otava for a promissary note for \$7,000 sewer access fee. Mr. Otava will pay \$1,000 down and the balance on a 5 year note @ 3.5% interest. Referred to New Business.

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

Motion to accept the February 2006 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February 2006 Police Report made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- A public hearing will be held Thursday, March 9, 2;15 PM, Northland Office Center, to consider a rezoning request submitted by Clinton Township to change the current Industrial 4 to Multiple Use Shoreland- 4 in the S1/2 of the NE 1/4, S24 T 57-18. Placed on file.

SLC Auditor- Public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 9:40 am, County Board Room, 2nd Floor Courthouse in Duluth on the election equipment plan as part of compliance with the provisions of the Help America Vote Act. Placed on file.

MAT- Clerk and Treasurer's Bond. Placed on file.

MAT- ShortCourse will be held April 7, Fortune Bay. Placed on file.

MN Revenue-Taconite Municipal Aid & Mining Effects amounts to be received in 2006. Placed on file.

League of MN Cities- Workshop to be held April 26, Giants Ridge. Placed on file.

Fayal Fire Chief Steve Shykes- Request for approval for mobile radio purchase. Referred to Old Business.

MN Power- A recent review of our account indicates our monthly electric usage will necessitate a change in rate. It is unknown at this time if our rate will go up or down but we have been placed on a demand rate. Referred to Supervisor Tamaro, placed on file.

Walker Giroux & Hahne- 2005 Audit. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

Loader- The new loader was delivered last Monday. Everything that was specified was delivered, except the rear road fenders. The company is redesigning the fenders and they are unavailable at this time. Caterpillar substituted rear counterweights and an am-fm radio in place of the fenders. Beldo states we are still owed a \$117 price differential between what we specified and what was provided. Discussion. Board consensus is we should have the rear fenders, and the substitution was done without our consent or a change order. Kniefel states it is unauthorized work and we should not have to pay for it. As for the old loader, Supervisor Beldo states we are ready to release it, and the successful bidder should be notified. Clerk Sersha will take care of it.

Chairman Kniefel-

Plat Recordation- They have not been received from the recorder at this time. Sersha to call Cathy Racek.

Fire Equipment Request- The Fire Department is requesting approval for the purchase of one mobile radio for the new fire truck. The old one is 20 years old and programming capability is only wide band. Cost is \$1,375.00. Fire Chief Steve Shykes reports that the radio will be installed at Custom.

Motion to approve the radio purchase made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Shykes thanked Dale for plowing in front of the Fire Department doors.

Chief Shykes stated that last year a letter was placed in a firefighters file, and stated that it was to be removed after one year. The letter will be taken from the firefighter's file and destroyed.

Chief Shykes informed the board on the FEMA equipment grant. As long as the equipment purchases are all in the same category we can use the funds. The department would like to purchase a thermal imaging camera. Kniefel stated three quotes are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo reported he received a phone call requesting South Airport Drive be plowed. It has been past practice to plow minimum maintenance roads only when requested, and only a couple of times a year. The R & B will make one pass in and out.

Supervisor Pernu reported on the accidental damage to the garage door from the grader. Overhead Door was called out for repairs, due to safety concerns. Pernu will proceed with getting the front of the building repaired.

Chairman Kniefel recommended a transfer from the unreserved funds to the Buildings & Grounds department.

Motion to transfer \$10,000 from unreserved funds to Buildings & Grounds Department, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Sersha reported on the request for a promissary note from Miika & Amy Otava for a sewer access charge on property that was subdivided and purchased by them. (CVT 340-0010-03180) The charge is \$7,000, with the Otava's to pay down \$1,000, and a five year promissary note will be issued for the remaining \$6,000 @ 3.5% interest.

Chairman Kniefel reminded the Board of the Annual Meeting to be held next Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 PM.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman and Steve Shykes had no comment.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Chairman Kniefel, with \$2,600 to be deducted from the Ziegler bill for the Caterpillar loader until the changes are negotiated. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk