

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MAY 15, 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, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Jerry Ulman and Mike Erjavec.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2007 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Action on the Board of Equalization meeting minutes of May 2, 2007 was tabled because the minutes have not been completed.

**REPORTS**

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the month of April, 2007, there were a total of \$41,204.25 in receipts and expenditures of \$101,936.12. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank-	\$101,306.38
Mt. Iron Checking-	\$528,474.00
Assessment Savings-	\$383,522.23

Tentatively for the month of May 2007 to date, there have been \$29,029.93 in receipts and expenditures of \$16,171.37. Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit total \$1,868.12 and total as follows:

Sewer Depreciation Fund CD#1-	\$66,878.32
Employee Benefits CD-	\$70,764.21
Sewer Replacement Fund CD-	\$10,156.14

Clerk Sersha reported that the office furniture has been received and installed, and commended the Board for authorizing the upgrade, and especially Supervisor Pernu for administering the project.

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

***Motion to accept the May 8, 2007 Public Utilities Commission Regular meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the May 7, 2007 Special Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the May 9, 2007 EFG Joint Rec Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the April 2007 Road & Bridge Report, made by Chairman Kniefel, supported by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

MN Revenue, Tom Schmucker- Notice of the annual hearing on unmined iron ore assessments for the year 2007 will begin at 10 am Monday, May 21, Eveleth Public Library. Also included is detailed information on the 2007 tentative valuations of our taxing district. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Board of Adjustment will meet on Thursday, May 17, 9:10 & 9:20 AM to act on variance requests submitted by Steve Manninen of 4502 Cedar Island Drive and William Jarvi, 4578 Cedar Island Drive. Referred to Planning Committee, placed on file.

SLC Auditor- We may make a written request for 2007 early distribution of 2007 tax collections. Request must be made by June 8. Placed on file.

Scott Neff, Trenti Law Firm- Copy of letter sent to Gilbert mayor and councillors regarding water and sewer rates. Placed on file.

EFG Joint Cable TV Commission- Notice of Special Meeting to discuss 2007-08 budget, Thursday May 17, 4:00 PM, Fayal Town Hall. Placed on file.

City of Virginia- Quad Cities Joint Wastewater and the Virginia/Gilbert Sewer and water connect meeting will be held at 10 am, Thursday, May 17, Mayors Conference Room, City Hall, Virginia. Minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting also were included. Placed on file.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Gilbert Utility Rates-** We have had no response from them after sending them the letter from Scott Neff.

### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Park Landscaping-** The area has been cleared and graded and four hundred yards of topsoil is being hauled in by the road employees. Board discussion on the area across from the Shortstop, four wheelers have been rutting up the area and jumping the curb. A temporary fence will be put up to try to keep the four wheelers off the area.

### **Supervisor Tamaro-**

**Kaleva Island Sewer-** A proposal has been sent to 3-4 contractors for prices, a decision will be made soon.

**Gilbert-** Tamaro called John Jamnick and asked if he could set a meeting with the Gilbert mayor and clerk to discuss the Sparta sewer project.

**Sewer & Water Rates-** Tamaro stated the PUC must make a recommendation on the rates soon, so that if the rate from Gilbert is increased, there is adequate cash flow.

### **Chairman Kniefel-**

**Fee Office License-** Still waiting for the final plat drawing from John Jamnick.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Branville reported that there are at least six residents that are very delinquent in their monthly sewer charge. Branville questioned if we should take them to court. Much discussion. Clerk Sersha stated that the delinquencies are certified as assessments on the property taxes annually. The assessment stays with the property and it cannot be sold until the delinquent taxes are paid. In some cases it may take years to collect, but at some point we do get our money. Further discussion about disconnecting the sewer to those residents.

Chairman Kniefel reported on the recent variance request in the airport safety zone A. The area is in a no-build zone and a variance request was first denied, and then approved. The residents of the area held a meeting at the town hall last Saturday to discuss the issue.

Special legislation was attached to the transportation omnibus bill that would grant variances in safety zone A and make riparian lots specifically excluded from variances.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

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

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned by Chairman Kniefel at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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