

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 6, 2008

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 Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Stewart was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Mike Erjavec, Patrick Ziegler and Harvey Thompson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2008 Special Meeting, held to discuss possible expansion of the town hall, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Chairman Kniefel. Supervisor Tamaro abstained. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the month of April 2008 there were a total of \$51,795.41 in revenues and expenditures of 114,670.36. Ending balances are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking-	\$628,962.69
Miners Bank-	\$115,675.14
Assessment Savings-	\$383,179.21

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

Motion to bring into the record the April 2008 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLCATO- Annual Meeting minutes of April 23, 2008, next meeting is May 28, Greenwood Town Hall, 7:00 PM, speaker is Lynn Rogers, North American Bear Institute. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- 1) Proposed text amendment to Ordinance 55, Section 17. 2) Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Decision on Richard & LeeAnn Rossback variance request. Variance was approved. 3) Public Hearing will be held for Darryn & Sheryl Proch variance request on Tuesday, May 13, 9:10 AM, Northland Office Center. Referred to Planning Commission.

SLC Land Dept- The department is proposing the sale of State Tax forfeit land located within Fayal, CVT 340-10-1615, W100 FT of S 325 Ft of SE1/4 of SE1/4 Sec 8 57-17. The town may acquire this land if it is for a public purpose. Clerk Sersha stated that there is no sewer access to this parcel and it is not subject to an access charge. Chairman Kniefel reported that piece of property may want to be used by the Trailhawks for the snowmobile trail instead of using Hwy. 53 right-of-way. The Board chose not to request acquisition of this property for any public purpose. Placed on file.

MN Revenue- Annual hearing on unmined iron ore assessments for the year 2008 will begin at 10 AM, Wed. May 21, Eveleth Public Library. Placed on file.

Amy Hendrickson- Has offered to volunteer for the EFGSD Cable TV Commission as a Fayal representative. Next cable tv meeting is May 8. Referred to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Retirement Replacement Options for Police- Options include staying with the 20 hours per week, increasing to 40 hours per week, or contracting with the Sheriff for extra patrol. We do need an officer to enforce our ordinances, and the Sheriff will not. Discussion. Consensus of the board is to stay with a 20 hour a week position. The job description also needs to be re-visited and the hiring procedure researched.

Motion to appoint Supervisors Branville and Pernu to review the police job description for chief of police and proceed with the hiring process for the replacement of Chief Thompson, due to his retirement, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Squad Car Replacement- Retired Police Chief Harvey Thompson, in an unpaid capacity, has offered to assist in the procurement of a new police vehicle. Mr. Thompson reported he obtained three quotes for a 2008 4-wheel drive Ford Expedition, costs for graphics, installation of interior equipment and new interior partition.

Vehicle Quotes:

Elk River Ford	\$24,377.08
Lundgren's	\$25,919.24
Monticello Ford-Dodge-	\$25,359.00

All quotes were given per the state contract bid price.

Mr. Thompson reported he spoke with Supervisor Stewart and they are in agreement to recommend the purchase be made from Elk River Ford, due to the lower price and proximity to other vendors that will be working on the vehicle. Elk River Ford will bring the vehicle to Stryker's for equipment installation etc free of charge. The graphics can be put on in one hour at the Graffix Shoppe, which is also located nearby. The savings from purchasing at Elk River Ford will almost pay for the additional work that needs to be done on the vehicle.

Discussion on options. Mr. Thompson stated that on an Expedition most options are standard, but there are additional options for running boards and towing package. Supervisor Branville stated we should get both options.

Discussion on trading in the old car or selling it outright. Lundgren's quoted \$3,000 trade-in and Elk River quoted \$2,800. Consensus of the board is to sell out right after the new vehicle is received.

Motion to proceed with the purchase of a 2008 4-wheel drive Ford Expedition based on the quote given by Elk River Ford and also to proceed with the add-on work with Strykers and Graffix Shoppe, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to order the police vehicle in white as first choice, and black as second choice, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to direct the clerk to forthwith proceed with the order of the police vehicle, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu-

Buildings & Grounds- The planter alongside Miller Trunk will be pressure washed and stained and flowers will be planted this spring. A quote was received from McBroom Construction for re-surfacing the tennis court. More info needed, Supervisor Tammaro will contact them.

Air Quality- Architectural Resources had three contractors come to the clerks office and they will be preparing bids by the next meeting.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Tailings Purchase- Tailings are available from Mittal Steel at a cost of \$1,800 for 1,000 yards, and they are the only ones who are selling them locally.

Motion to purchase 1,000 yards of tailings from Mittal Steel at a cost of \$1,800.00, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Blacktop Projects- Three projects have been identified by Road Foreman Steve Verkovich, those being: Woodlawn Blvd. W- cost \$15,560, Park Drive W.- cost \$6,400 and Service Drive cost- \$8,910.

Motion to authorize obtaining bids for the above three projects, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Cable TV Appointment- Amy Hendrickson has volunteered for a position as Fayal representative. Ms. Hendrickson lives on Long Lake.

Motion to appoint Amy Hendrickson to the EFGSD Joint Cable TV Commission as a Fayal representative, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Connect Fees- Supervisor Tammaro states we may have to refund fees collected from people living on Eveleth water lines. Tammaro will do more research and report back at the next meeting.

Motion to appoint Patrick Ziegler to the Fayal Public Utilities Commission, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel-

Animal Control- Harvey Thompson reported that criminal citations cannot be issued by the Mesabi Humane Society. Until a police officer is hired, Fayal employees or supervisors can contact the Humane Society to pick up animals, and notice must be posted of the type of animal and location it was picked up. If anyone wants to file a complaint, they should be advised to write out their complaint and the new officer can issue the citation.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported that a consultant is needed in order to proceed with planning a building expansion. Supervisor Tammaro will contact Architectural Resources.

Chairman Kniefel read aloud Resolution 2008-3.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2008-3 Ordering Preparation of Report and Calling a Hearing on water and wastewater line improvements, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel explained that at the April 16, 2008 Board of Equalization meeting, Joyce Debevec appeared and offered to the township a one acre piece of property that was left after the subdivision of two 40 acre parcels formerly owned by her. Naterra Land Company subdivided the property and purchased the subdivision, leaving the one acre where the town road lies. This is the piece of property Mrs. Debevec would like to deed to the township.

Motion for the township to accept a quit claim deed from Joyce Debevec for the one acre parcel of property for the town road, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Mike Erjavec commended the R & B Department for keeping North Airport Road in good shape this spring.

Patrick Ziegler requested a "Caution Children Playing" sign be placed on Golf Course Road. Referred to Road & Bridge for recommendation at the next meeting.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tamaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____