

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 1, 2005

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 and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Tammaro was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Jerry Ulman and several Eveleth-Gilbert High School students.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2005 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Beldo amended the minutes to include that Supervisor Pernu was also in attendance at the meeting with Steve, Al and Beldo, to discuss the loader purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the period of October 1-31, 2005 there were a total of \$68,638.64 in receipts and expenditures were \$68,836.93. Ending balances are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking	\$674,497.27
Assessment Savings	\$361,197.38

No statement was available at this time from Miners Bank. The ending balance is tentatively \$118,049.58. A transfer to Mt. Iron will be made this week. A meeting was held with Gary Giroux, Clerk Sersha and Kelly Campbell to study the water and sewer finances. A report will be distributed to the PUC at their next meeting and will be forwarded to the Board at the next regular meeting. The PUC plans to make a recommendation on rates by the second meeting in December.

Gary Giroux has also informed us that other townships that have not received all of their levy funds for the Road & Bridge Department have been funding shortfalls with the Market Value tax. This is something we may want to consider.

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

Motion to accept the October 2005 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Regular Meeting minutes of October 12, 2005, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee meeting minutes of September 13, 2005 and October 25, 2005, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable TV Regular Meeting minutes of October 13, 2005, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bob Manzoline- Draft application for Transportation Enhancement Project funding for year 2009. Placed on file.

Iron Range Veterans Memorial- Request for donation. Referred to New Business.

SLCATO- Regular Meeting minutes of September 28, 2005. Next meeting is December 7, 7:30 PM, Cotton Community Center. Placed on file.

Mick Giblin, Greater MN Agency- Group renewal bulletin outlining changes for group medical coverage from BCBSM, effective January 1, 2006. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Findings of fact, conclusions and decision for Michael Radakovich, who plans to construct a garage at 7551 Park Lane. Variance approved. Placed on file.

BCBS of MN- We have been found eligible to receive a settlement check from tobacco proceeds litigation, assuming there is no appeal of the court's final approval of the settlement, we can expect to receive payment in December. Placed on file.

Sweeny Brother Tractor Inc.- Letter regarding their decision not to submit a bid for the loader. They state it is very difficult to obtain performance bonding since the Sept. 11 emergency, but he can provide a manufacturer's written guarantee to perform all warranty work, should Sweeny Brothers fail to comply. Referred to Old Business.

Roger Nelson, DNR- Timber Sale Contract, signed by Rasmusson Logging and a check from them for \$125.00. Referred to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo-

Loader Purchase- Beldo reported that the Road employees have been contacting vendors to clarify items on the state bid spec, with what we have specified we would like to have in a loader purchase. As for warranties, that is an option on the state bid, and Beldo questioned if we would need to obtain a performance bond for that item from the vendor? Discussion. We have not required that in the past, but that item was listed in this spec. No action taken on the warranty issue. Beldo stated that vendors will continue to come in and go over spec items with the employees.

Supervisor Branville-

Radar Unit- Branville reported we can procure the radar sign unit from Gilbert and will set it up to monitor speed. Several packets of radar info have also been received from Chief Thompson, and Branville will be meeting with him to discuss the info.

Supervisor Pernu-

Town Hall Heating & Hot Water upgrade- A contract was prepared for Arrowhead Heating to do the upgrade and the hot water unit. Supervisor Beldo stated that he felt the quotes received were not competitive because two of the quotes were from union contractors and the successful quote was from a non-union contractor. Beldo stated that union contractors have fixed costs and cannot compete with non-union contractors. Beldo felt that in the future if we are going to obtain quotes for a project we should compare the competitors closely. As for the re-zoning of the heating system, Beldo questioned if it was necessary, and stated he is not convinced it would be a benefit because he felt the heat could be managed with the thermostats. Supervisor Pernu answered he has been working on this project for quite some time and the other contractors that were contacted also recommended the re-zoning. After much discussion, Pernu agreed we could wait with the re-zoning, install the hot water now, and see if that makes a difference in the building's heat. If not, we can proceed at a later date with the re-zoning. Separate prices for the re-zoning and hot water were submitted in the quote.

Motion to accept the quote from Arrowhead Heating & Cooling to install a commercial Rinnia Water Heater system at a total cost of \$2,400.00, to be paid from the Capital Equipment fund, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Tree Removal- Now that the signed contract has been received from Rasmusson, Pernu will call tomorrow and set up a date with Roger Nelson of the DNR to go out and tag the trees to be cut.

Chairman Kniefel-

CSAH 132- County staff has been meeting on the project and an informational meeting will be set up with township officials and personnel before the end of November.

Supervisor Pernu reported the rink and shack repairs have been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Beldo reported the truck tires have been purchased, and were obtained through the state bid. We are waiting now for a reimbursement number on the old tires.

Discussion on the request for donation to the Iron Range Veterans Memorial. Supervisor Pernu stated that he is a veteran and many Fayal residents have served in the military. Pernu stated that a donation should be made on behalf of those veterans, especially at this time when there are many Fayal residents serving in Iraq. Clerk Sersha reported the contribution can be made "in honor of" or "in memory of", and suggested the donation be made "In Honor of the Veterans of Fayal Township"

Motion to donate \$100.00 to the Iron Range Veterans Memorial, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Chris Troutwine to the Fayal Planning Committee, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman was in attendance to ask why he did not get to work at the waste site this past weekend. The issue was referred to the casual labor committee. Clerk Sersha stated a supervisor needs to be appointed to this committee. Supervisor Branville volunteered, and a meeting will be set up to discuss the casual labor appointments.

Two of the high school students were interested in joining the fire department. Applications will be sent out to them.

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

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk

