

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**OCTOBER 4, 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, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Kelly & Kathleen Campbell, Mike Erjavec, and E-G student Jim Johnson. A representative of Nortrax was in attendance during the portion of the meeting for the bid opening.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2005 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.***

**BID OPENING FOR 2.5 CUBIC YARD FRONT END LOADER**

Four bids were received, one each from Ziegler and St. Joseph's Equipment. Nortrax submitted a bid and an Alternate bid. Sweeny Brothers submitted a letter stating they were declining to bid. The bids contained trade-in allowance for our old loader. Chairman Kniefel opened the bids and read them aloud, as follows:

	<b><u>Base Bid</u></b>	<b><u>Trade-In</u></b>
<b><u>Ziegler</u></b> Caterpillar	\$113,750	\$11,000
<b><u>St. Joseph Equipment</u></b> Case	\$110,278	\$12,000
<b><u>Nortrax</u></b> John Deere 544	\$116,939	\$10,000
<b><u>Nortrax</u></b> Alternate Bid John Deere 444J	\$105,350	\$10,000

***Motion to table the bids for review, and come back to the Board with a recommendation,***

*made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-** For the period of September 1-30, 2005 total receipts for all accounts were \$ 85,841.04 and total expenditures were \$191,112.33. Ending balances are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking-	\$746,051.60
Assessment Savings-	\$360,584.88

Bank statement for Miners Bank has not been received but tentative cash balance is \$51,234.78.

Clerk Sersha reported she has begun preparation for 2005 audit. As part of the audit requirements the supervisors must submit information on conflict of interest and authorization is need for the monitoring of non-audit services.

## **REPORTS (Continued)**

***Motion to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Judy Sersha to monitor and be responsible for the non-audit services, made by Supervisor Beldo, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Clerk Sersha reported that Giants Country Physical Therapy will come to the office and examine the ergonomics for a one time session. Cost is \$75.00. A session will be scheduled.

Biss Lock has re-keyed the skating shack. They are recommending re-keying the town hall also, as many of the lock sets and keys are worn. A quote for the cost will be forthcoming.

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

***Motion to accept the September 2005 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support form Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the July 12, 2005 PUC Regular Meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the August 9, 2005 PUC Regular Meeting minutes made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Greater MN Agency- The 2006 rates and renewal data for the BC/BS group through Northeast Service Cooperative. The rates show a 17% change. Placed on file.

Mike Wiskow- The Aquaduct between St. Mary's and Ely Lakes is open because the elevation is 0.15 below the target elevation of 1375.10. Placed on file.

LGA- Legislative Update, Couri, MacArthur & Ruppe have resigned, but will remain available to answer any questions which may arise in the future. Placed on file.

E-G Schools- Request to use the town hall for the School District General Election on November 8 from 9 am to 8 pm. Placed on file.

Kristin Troutwine- She is interested in serving on the Planning Committee. Placed on file.

Mesabi Humane Society- They would like to contract for services with us. The rate is \$50.00 per incident or \$200 per month for full service. Placed on file.

Tim Strom- A telephone scheduling conference for the Ryan Turner trial will be held October 12, 2005. Placed on file.

Kelly & Kathleen Campbell- Copy of letter sent to Fern & Dan Swanson regarding the construction of the Swanson's new home. Placed on file.

Mr. & Mrs. Campbell were in attendance at the meeting to inform the Board on the situation. Cars have been parking along side the road, due to the construction of a new home by the technical college, and at times it is difficult to get through the area. There is also concern as to how parking will be handled once it snows and the road needs plowing. Discussion. Supervisor Beldo will send the R & B crew to speak with the property owners and the teacher in charge of the project. If the parking continues to be a problem, law enforcement will be sent out to ticket vehicles causing an obstruction.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Beldo-**

**R & B expenses-** Beldo voices his concern that the R & B department is not being reimbursed correctly for the time the R & B employees spend working in other departments. Clerk Sersha explained that if the employees mark their time on their time sheets to the various departments they are working in, the salary and benefits are charged accordingly, and the charges are reflected in the expenditure guideline for each department. Supervisor Beldo will make it clear to the employees to charge their hours accordingly.

#### **Supervisor Pernu-**

**Town Hall Heating-** Quotes have been received, but costs will still run at least \$5-7,000. Supervisors Pernu and Branville have been working on this project and want to do more research before making a recommendation.

**Rink/Shack-** Rich Gasperlin will begin work this week on the repairs to the shack and rink.

Insurance documentation has been provided. The shack was re-keyed today, and keys will be given out only by the Clerk's office. Pernu & Tammaro will attend the next Joint Rec meeting on hiring rink attendants.

**Playground fence-** Wood chips will be added to the playground area next week and then the area will be fenced for the winter. Fence posts are needed at a cost of approx. \$230.

Supervisor Pernu reported the laser level has been received and has many uses by the employees. Pernu will also be contacting Roger Nelson of the DNR to check about the tree cutting project.

**Supervisor Tammaro-**

**Kaleva-** Nothing at this time

**Waterline Repairs-** Tammaro received two quotes for placing valving around the pressure reducing valve at the water station. Quotes were received from Jola & Sopp- \$7,200.00 and USA- \$7,500.00

***Motion to have Jola & Sopp do the by-pass, per their quote of \$7,200, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Tammaro advised we should stock up on some commodities, due to the Katrina hurricane. Some supplies are in short supply, so if something is needed it should be purchased now.

Chairman Kniefel reported he spoke with Rich Young regarding the CSAH 132 overlay project. Kniefel suggested that a meeting should be set up with town representatives and county personnel to discuss the project. Some areas of concern are the intersection at the Ely Lake Shortstop and 132 and Hwy. 37 and 132 by the former Brantz Restaurant. The Board agreed, Kniefel will request a meeting.

Chairman Kniefel reported that the mileage reimbursement rate has increased to 48.5 cents per mile, Supervisor Beldo stated he understood that it is to be effective for the last four months of this year, due to the high gas prices, and questioned if it would affect any past reimbursements? Clerk Sersha stated it would not.

Motion to adjust the mileage reimbursement rate to 48.5 cents per mile, to be effective from September 1, 2005, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Mike Erjavec reported that Gilbert had a meeting concerning hooking up to the Fayal sewer but no figures were given out at the meeting.

Jim Johnson, E-G High student was present but had no comment.

Kelly & Kathleen Campbell were present but had no comment.

***Motion to pay the bills, except the Precision Testing bill until further clarification, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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