

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 17, 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 Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Chairman Kniefel acknowledged the passing of Joe Stewart after a very brave and lengthy fight.

Motion to send an appropriate expression from the township to the family of Joe Stewart, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Clerk Sersha will have food and flowers sent at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2008 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the month of May 2008 there were a total of \$47,987.23 in revenues and \$86,732.89 in expenditures. Ending balances are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking-	\$680,969.33
Miners Bank-	\$25,709.99
Assessment Savings-	\$383,992.81

For the month of June 2008 to date, there have been \$17,580.08 in revenues and \$13,756.30 in expenditures.

Supervisor Tammaro questioned when the next loan payment is due? Sersha stated it is due in August, and will provide financial reports to the PUC for their review.

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

Motion to accept the June 11, 2008 EFGSD Joint Rec minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fire Chief Steve Shykes- Copy of letter informing a firefighter that they are out of compliance related to attendance and training requirements for 2008 and not eligible for service credits for firefighters pension for the year 2008. Placed on file.

SLC Environmental Services Dept.- The public hearing for the proposed amendment to Ordinance 55, Individual Sewage Treatment System Ordinance, was postponed to July 10 at the regular meeting of the SLC Planning Commission. The postponement was to give townships additional time to respond. Referred to Planning Committee and PUC.

SLC- Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant application. Applications must be received by June 1, 2009. Placed on file.

Architectural Resources- Professional services proposal for town hall needs assessment and preliminary planning. Estimated fee is \$3,500 to \$4,500 and will begin immediately. Placed on file.

ARDC- Housing Action Readiness Day- Meeting temporary & permanent workforce housing needs will be held Tuesday, June 24, 10 am to 3 pm, Timberlake Lodge, Grand Rapids. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Water/Wastewater Improvements Project- Julie Kennedy has not reported back yet.

Police Chief Hiring- Applications closed at noon on June 16. Supervisors Branville & Pernu to review the applications and report at the next meeting.

Chairman Kniefel questioned if all the materials for ranking etc have been assembled? Supervisor Branville stated that he and Pernu are working on that.

Quad Cities Water/Wastewater Meeting- The meeting was cancelled due to lack of interest.

High Speed Internet- Branville reported that in Balkan Township a petition was signed by residents and forwarded to their town board, who then requested Qwest to install the service, which they did. Fayal will proceed in the same manner.

Supervisor Pernu-

Airport Blight- The problem has been resolved. The burned out hangar was removed and replaced with a new one.

Playground- New wood chips are needed.

Motion to order new wood chips for the playground at a cost of \$1,350.00, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Air Exchanger for Office & Garage- Installation will proceed as soon as all the parts have arrived.

MN Power Billing- We would have to exceed 2500 watts to be placed on demand charges. Pernu was told by MN Power that at our usage rate, we do not have to worry about it.

Town Complex Improvements/Replacement- Town departments are putting together lists of needs for a new/improved facility to forward to Archetural Resources.

Supervisor Tammaro-

Pine Drive Culvert- Tammaro questioned if SLC has responded with a proposal? Chairman Kniefel stated that the county bridge supervisor is putting together a proposal for replacement or relining. If the county's rate is too high, we will use an independant contractor.

Chairman Kniefel-

IRB Residential Community Development Program- All of the info on what was the former demolition program, is online on the IRB website. If we are going to participate we must submit an application on behalf of the township. A list of buildings to be torn down must be compiled and the town must name a coordinator to handle all the utility documents, hazardous material removal, title work etc.

Motion to table the discussion on the IRB program for further study, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Skating Shack- Supervisor Pernu reported the roof on the shack is leaking and is rotted because there is no air flow. The rest of the building was refurbished last summer. The town employees at first thought the job could be handled in-house, but after removing the roofing it was discovered all of the roof boards and some other portions of the roof need replacement. Bob Rozinka was called and he has proposed to replace all the roof boards with 5/8" plywood and install rolled roofing, including the garage portion, at a cost of \$3,000.00.

Motion to approve Bob Rozinka Contracting to repair the shack roof and garage at a cost of \$3,000.00, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. The job should be completed by the week's end. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel stated that we are obligated to declare a vacancy on the town board. We must appoint a supervisor until the next election. In November there will be the regular election and the election of a person to fill the unexpired remainder of Joe Stewart's term.

Motion to declare a vacancy of a supervisor on the Fayal Town Board and direct the clerk to solicit a list of eligible citizens by the next meeting, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. The notice will be posted at the usual posting places. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Mike Erjavec was in attendance to report he was going to attend the SLC Board of Equalization, but before that, another assessor from the county came to his property, inspected it, and lowered the value 20 percent. Mr. Erjavec stated that our current county assessor is doing a terrible job and cited examples of land values in the township and their discrepancies.

Mr. Erjavec also reported he attended a meeting in Gilbert regarding freezing our sewer rate in exchange for not charging for their hookups to our line and the Gilbert officials seemed very interested.

Peter Bertucci was in attendance but had no comment.

Fire Chief Shykes was in attendance and had the following:

1. Advertisment of bids was sent out for turnout gear with the sealed bid opening to be July 1, 7:00 PM, the next regular board meeting. The fire department was successful in obtaining a FEMA grant for the gear.
2. Three new people will be interviewed for the fire department.
3. The large brush pile at the Eveleth Water Plant will be burned by the Fayal Fire Department. Eveleth Fire Department was contacted, but they were not interested. The contractor that was hired by Eveleth was obligated to take care of the pile, and he has offered to sub-contract the burning to the Fayal department for at least \$500. All liability etc will be covered by the contractor since the Fayal Fire Department will be a subcontractor.

Chairman Kniefel reported we have received the excuted deed from Joyce Debevec for the Pleasant Lane road right of- way and Clerk Sersha will have it recorded.

Supervisor Tammaro questioned if all the electrical work has been completed at Kaleva Island? Supervisor Branville will contact M & M Electric.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____