

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

*Judy M. Sersha, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Steven J. Kniefel, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Tony Tammaro, James Pernu, Lee Branville, Joe Stewart*

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**REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JANUARY 2, 2007**

Steve Kniefel called the Reorganization Meeting of the Fayal Town Board to order at 7:00 PM. Present were town board members: Steve Kniefel, Joe Stewart, Lee Branville, Jim Pernu, Tony Tammaro and Judy Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Jerry Ulman, Mike Erjavec, Diane Stewart and Scott Smith.

Steve Kniefel stated that it was once again time to reorganize the town board and make appointments. Since town elections are now held every two years, all appointments made at this meeting will be for two years.

Clerk/Treasurer Judy Sersha was sworn into office earlier in the day by Roberta Zattoni on January 2, 2007. Roberta Zattoni was appointed to a two year term as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer by Clerk/Treasurer Judy Sersha.

Clerk Sersha gave the oath of office to Lee Branville, Jim Pernu and Joe Stewart, all of whom were elected to 4 year terms.

Motion to nominate Steve Kniefel as Chair, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to nominate Lee Branville as Vice-Chair, made by Jim Pernu, support from Tony Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to defer to the people at the Annual Meeting the setting of the town board salaries, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to increase the Clerk/Treasurer's salary by \$25.00 per month to \$315.00 per month, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Lee Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to set the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's salary at \$12.50 per hour, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Tony Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to set the official mileage rate at 48.5 cents per mile, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

Motion to retain the St. Louis County Assessor for assessing services, made by Lee Branville, support from Tony Tammaro. Discussion on the cost increases for assessing services by the county. Branville amends his motion, stating that the appointment of the St. Louis County Assessor will be for one year, and to obtain quotes for competitive costs for assessing services from other sources before a decision is made for the second year of assessing services. Tony Tammaro supported the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to retain an attorney on an as-needed basis, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Steve Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to retain an engineering firm on an as-needed basis, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to designate the official depositories for township funds as follows: Miners Bank, American Bank, Edward D. Jones, Northridge Community Credit Union and First National Bank of Buhl, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to designate Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Chair and Vice-Chair as official signatures required at the bank. (Two signatures are necessary on each check, that being either the Clerk/Treasurer or the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer AND either the Chair or Vice-Chair), made by Jim Pernu, support from Tony Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to designate the Mesabi Daily News as the Town's official newspaper, made by Lee Branville, support from Joe Stewart. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Motion to appoint Steve Verkovich as Foreman, Albert Jurenec as Equipment Operator, Judy Sersha as Office Manager, Diane Stewart as Utility Billing Clerk, Dale Dickson as Water/Wastewater Operator and Harvey Thompson as Police Chief, subject to in-place contracts, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Lee Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Steve Verkovich as weed inspector, made by Lee Branville, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried

unanimously.

Motion to appoint Joe Stewart as blight officer, made by Lee Branville, support from Tony Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT LIAISONS**

Motion to appoint Tony Tammaro to the Road & Bridge Department, made by Lee Branville, support from Steve Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Steve Kniefel to the Planning Committee, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Joe Stewart to the Police & Fire Department, made by Lee Branville, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Jim Pernu to the Building & Grounds Department, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Lee Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Tony Tammaro to the Rec-Joint Rec Board, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Lee Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Jim Pernu to the Joint Cable TV Board, made by Lee Branville, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Lee Branville to the Public Utilities Commission, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Steve Kniefel to the Finance Committee, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT LIAISON ALTERNATES**

Motion to appoint Jim Pernu to Road & Bridge, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Tony Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Lee Branville to the Planning Committee, made by Tony Tammaro, support from Steve Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Lee Branville to the Police & Fire Department, made by Lee Branville, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Tony Tammaro to the Buildings & Grounds, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Joe Stewart to Rec-Joint Rec Board, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Lee Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Lee Branville to the Cable TV Joint Board, made by Lee Branville, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Tony Tammaro to Public Utilities Commission, made by Lee Branville, support from Steve Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to set the next Reorganization Meeting for the first Tuesday in January 2009, made by Lee Branville, support from Jim Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Tony Tammaro.

Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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

