

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

**JANUARY 18, 2005**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chair Pernu. Present were: Vice-Chair Pernu, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Chairman Kniefel and Supervisor Beldo were absent.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2005 Reorganization Meeting, with the addition of who made the motions in the third to last paragraph, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2005 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-** For the period of January 1-18, 2005 there were \$ 2,597.08 in receipts and expenditures were \$80,615.10.

Ending balance as of December 31, 2004 for Miners Bank was \$11,755.67.

Tentative ending balances as of January 18, 2005 are as follows:

Mt. Iron Checking-	\$843,921.05
Assessment Savings-	\$525,548.61
Miners Bank-	\$16,340.33

Clerk Sersha distributed the township chain of command flow chart to the Board for their review. Referred to New Business.

Clerk Sersha reports that Cell One is offering better cell phone rates on their new plans and suggests we may be able to save some money by consolidating some of our plans. Diane Stewart has requested a cell phone, since she carries the pager. Discussion on the plans. Consensus is if each department can buy one plan and one companion plan, we would save money.

***Motion to authorize the Clerk to pursue new cell phone plans for the township departments, if we can save some money, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Vice-Chair Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to bring into the record the EFGSD Joint Rec minutes of January 12, 2005, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to bring into the record the Road & Bridge Report made by Vice-Chair Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to bring into the record the January 12, 2005 Fire Department minutes made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Vice-Chair Pernu. Supervisor Branville noted that he attended the meeting and met the department members. Branville also met with Harvey Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to bring into the record the memo from the PUC, informing the Board that an informational meeting is being planned in the spring regarding keeping the sewer easements clear of trees and shrubs, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Vice-Chair Pernu.***

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Kniefel- Copy of letter and easement sent to Charles and Frank Erjavec and Mike & Debra Erjavec for their signatures to convey a road easement for North Airport Road. Placed on file.

Commissioner Keith Nelson- Copy of the St. Louis County 2004 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget. The county's final levy was set at 0% for a two year total of 1.25%. Placed on file.

St. Louis County Outdoor Recreation Project Fund Agreement- Agreement and Project budget needs to be filled out and signed, and returned. Placed on file.

IRR- The Mineland Reclamation Project staff are soliciting project suggestions from cities and towns within the Taconite Assistance Area. Deadline for request is February 25, 2005. Placed on file.

SLC Public Works- Info regarding their crushing, crack sealing and striping programs for 2005. Referred to Supervisor Beldo, placed on file.

SLC Assessor- Local Board of Appeal & Equalization training will be held Wednesday, February 23, 1:00 - 4:00 PM Cotton Town Hall and Thursday, February 24, 9 AM to Noon, Virginia City Hall. At least one member of the town board must be certified.

SLC- Tax forfeit land sale will be Feb. 8, 10 AM, Depot, Duluth.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Vice-Chair Pernu-**

**Skating Shack-** The shack was re-keyed and new keys were issued to rink attendants who paid the deposit. Pernu has been monitoring the thermostat and it is being set down to 60 at night.

### **Supervisor Tamaro-**

**Sewer Easements-** Kniefel, Tamaro and Sersha met with John Jamnick regarding the recording process of the permanent sewer easements. Jamnick agreed to have his staff finish the easement project. As to the cost, at this point it is unknown.

Supervisor Tamaro stated that some time ago, Dale requested to go to grader school and the request was denied by the Board. Tamaro states he thinks Dale should be trained on the grader so that he would be able to help out if one of the Road & Bridge employees are unavailable. Discussion.

***Motion to send Dale to grader operator school at township expense, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Vice-Chair Pernu. Branville questioned where the schools are held. Tamaro stated he did not know, we would have to find a training course, or have the equipment operator train Dale. Motion carried unanimously.***

**RLK Litigation-** Tamaro reports the attorneys from both sides seem to be talking, so we will have to wait and see.

Supervisor Tamaro questioned the Scout Camp finalization received from St. Louis County. Sersha explained the paperwork was to final the project, and that Fayal owes a final payment to the county for the work that was done. Copies of the finalization were provided to Supervisors Beldo and Kniefel prior to the meeting, so each had a chance to study it. The final payment request is \$7,296.78, and was submitted as a claim in the bills.

**Heating Fuel Expenses-** Pernu states the December bill of \$1960 was excessively high and he will be monitoring the situation. Aquila inspected the meter and it is functioning correctly. Discussion on the cost of using the make up air system, and running the equipment in and out of the garage.

***Motion to leave the trucks and equipment outside during the day, made by Supervisor Tamaro.*** Discussion. Branville questions the cost of running the trucks versus the savings in heat. Pernu states we can discuss this further at the next meeting when Beldo and Kniefel are present. ***Tamaro rescinds his motion.***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Pernu reported that the applications for the casual labor cleaning position were screened and three casual laborers have been hired to clean the hall. The three will rotate and the hall will be cleaned on a weekly basis. Letters will be sent to those not hired at this time explaining that their applications will be kept on file and they may be hired in the future, if needed. The three hired at this time are Tony Goerd, Charles Erickson and Ray Beckman.

Supervisor Pernu reported one of the garage doors was damaged recently. An estimate of \$279 for repairs was received from Overhead Door. Discussion on whether the door could be repaired in-house. Consensus is to have Overhead do the work, then it is warranted.

***Motion to have Overhead Door make the necessary repairs to the garage door, and charge it off to Road & Bridge, made by Vice-Chair Pernu support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Tammaro reported that Harvey had reported a strong smell in the garage on the weekend. It was thought to be coming from the generator batteries, but Dale said the charger was not plugged in. Tammaro states we will have to investigate and find the source.

Supervisor Tammaro questioned if the natural gas flow was checked at the building or just at the meter. Tammaro stated that maybe we have a leak in the line between the meter and building. Pernu will contact Aquila.

The Board reviewed the "chain of command" flow chart.

***Motion to adopt the flow chart, as submitted, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Vice-Chair Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the St. Louis County Outdoor Recreation Grant, with appreciation, and authorize the Town Chair as signator, made by Vice-Chair Pernu, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Pernu and Sersha to supply the budget information needed for the project and complete the necessary paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville commented he has marked the Fayal website as one of his "favorites", and especially enjoys being able to access the minutes.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Mike Erjavec was in attendance but had no comment.

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

***Motion to table discussions on the 2006 levy until the next meeting, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Tammaro reported that he and Supervisor Beldo did not meet with the employees yet. Vice-Chair Pernu reported that Beldo met with the Road employees last Thursday, but he was unable to attend. Pernu states he will follow up with Supervisor Beldo regarding the meeting. Tammaro states he will contact Beldo about holding a meeting with the employees.

***Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha  
Clerk of Fayal

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

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