

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 6, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 4:03 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tamaro and Clerk Sersha. Supervisor Stewart was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Jerry Ulman, Mike Erjavec, Kathryn Erjavec and two E-G students.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2007 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- For the month of October 2007 there were a total of \$69,765.68 in receipts and expenditures of \$87,380.54. Ending balances are as follows:

Miners Bank	\$101,408.90
Mt Iron Checking	\$610,467.00
Assessment savings	\$278,678.62

St. Louis County now requires that all future monies received through them will be by electronic funds transfer.

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

Motion to accept the October 2007 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 10, 2007 Fayal Fire Department Regular Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the October 2007 Police Report made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

City of Virginia- Quad Cities Wastewater meeting will be held Thursday, October 18, 10 am, Gilbert City Hall. Place on file.

Lake Country Power- Notice of Capital Credit Allocation. We have \$456.21 for the year 2006, and a total of \$1723.36. We may not apply any part of this allocation to our electric bill or as payment for any other cooperative related service. Place on file.

SLC Land Dept.- A parcel of tax forfeit property is proposed to be sold. We may acquire this property for public use if application is received by Nov. 30. Property is located in Section 8, CVT 340-0010-01615. Place on file.

Sam Aluni, Trenti Law Firm- Draft memorandum of understanding for Sparta sewer connection between Fayal and Gilbert. Referred to Old Business.

SEH, Julie Kennedy- Twelve copies of the IRR application. Referred to Old Business.

SLCATO- Regular meeting minutes of 9-26-07. Next meeting is Dec. 5, 7 pm, Cotton Community Center. There is also a charter bus to the MAT Annual Conference in St. Cloud Nov. 15,16 & 17. Reservations due by Nov. 6. Placed on file.

City of Gilbert- Information on their Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 1, City of Gilbert. A public information meeting will be held Nov. 13, 6:30 pm Gilbert City Hall. Placed on file.

EFG Joint Cable TV- Agenda of Oct. 4 meeting. No chair, secretary or treasurer. Elections need to take place. Minette Richards has retired. Placed on file.

MN Dept. Of Transportation- They are prohibiting the use of adhesive anchors in sustained tensile-load overhead highway applications where failure of the adhesive would result in a risk to the public until testing standards and protocols have been developed and implemented that insure the safety of these applications. Placed on file.

SLC Planning-Information on large scale development projects and the impact on our communities. Placed on file.

Walker Giroux& Hahne- Audit proposal for the years 2007,2008,2009 Referred to New Business.

Jack Lalli- Resignation from the EFGSD Cable TV Commission. Referred to New Business.

LGA- Newsletter. They are closing the organization and we need to respond as to how we would like them to proceed. There are \$11,002 in funds and a decision needs to be made as to whether we want the funds returned proportionally to the entities or to be used by the proposed Annexation Advisory Commission to be formed by MAT. Referred to New Business.

Hibbing Community College- Proposal for conducting carbon dioxide monitoring on the indoor air. Proposal is not to exceed \$416. Referred to Old Business.

City of Eveleth, Mike Wiskow- Bulk Water Purchase Agreement. Referred to Old Business.

City of Eveleth, Jackie Monahan-Junek- Mike Louis and Kathy Vesely from the Office of Aeronautics will be at a meeting with the Eveleth City Council on Nov. 20, 5 pm, City Council Chambers. We are invited to attend. Placed on file.

Country Ins.-Info on a MN statute change which increases the maximum amount of liability for claims against municipalities. They are advising we increase our coverage. Referred to New Business.

SLC Planning-Variance application request from Matthew Beaudette. Referred to Planning Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

IRB Grant Applications- Supervisor Branville, Clerk Sersha and Mike Erjavec met with Dick Walsh of the IRB regarding our application. Mr. Walsh requested additional information. Julie Kennedy was contacted and the additional requirements have been fulfilled.

Kaleva Island Sewer- The project is mostly complete, with only some cleanup left to do.

Golf Course Road sewer- The Kunnari's are obtaining easement from their neighbor and plan to have Jola & Sopp bore in a service line to the township main line for connection to their properties. Discussion. The town will not be involved with the installation. Discussion on access charges, Kniefel states the issue will be revisited once the installation is complete.

Health Insurance Renewal- An extension to November 15 was requested for membership in the BCBS from NESCU. The Procure group does not meet until November 19 to decide if we can join their group. A meeting will be set with Mick Giblin to discuss the costs of going with a high deductible plan.

Supervisor Pernu-

Air Handler- Phyllis Carrier, Industrial Hygienist from Hibbing Community College has provided a quote, not to exceed a cost of \$416.00, to test the air in the office. The information is needed to apply for a grant from OSHA .

Motion to have the air analysis study done by the Hibbing Community College Occupational Environmental Safety and Health Department at a cost not to exceed \$416.00, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro-

R & B Pickup- Three quotes were obtained for a 4 x 4 3/4 ton pickup truck for the Road Department.

Lundgrens-	2008 Ford F-250 4x4-	\$20,140.27 plus tax and fees
Ken Waschke-	2007 GMC Sierra 3/4 ton 4x4	\$24,250.00 plus tax and fees
Iron Trail	2007 Chev Silverado 3/4 ton 4x4	\$24118.00 plus tax and fees

The quotes from Waschke and Iron Trail also referenced their warranties, which are 5 year, 100,000 miles.

Motion to authorize the Road Department and the Clerk to proceed with the purchase of the 2008 Ford F-250 from Lundgren's, with the purchase to be paid for with funds from the Capital Equipment account, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to proceed with the sale of the 1987 Ford pickup made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Clerk Sersha asked if it should be advertized to the highest bidder? The Board agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Gilbert Agreement- A satisfactory agreement has not been received and Gilbert plans to start their project next week. Tamaro contacted Scott Neff and advised him of our concerns regarding an agreement. Sersha reported that Neff and Aluni met today and an agreement should be forthcoming soon.

Eveleth Bulk Water Agreement- Discussion on Items 4 and 10. Upon discussion, the board agreed Item 4 could stay in the agreement. Chairman Kniefel objected to Item 10, which stated that Eveleth would not have to acquire permits or provide additional bonds to Fayal to work the town's rights-of-way. Kniefel stated that he would not vote for the agreement if the language remained. Supervisor Tamaro suggested Eveleth could provide us with a Certificate of Insurance, which would not tie up any of their funds.

Motion to approve the Eveleth Bulk Water Agreement provided Item 10 is deleted, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Tamaro reported that he spoke with Mike Wiskow today and was told that since we already have a bypass, that item will not need to be installed and the cost should be lower. Benchmark Engineering is ready to go ahead with the project and get a contractor to get the work done soon.

Supervisor Tamaro reported that he spoke with Scott Neff and told him we have not received or CAD drawings on the sewer project from RLK.

Chairman Kniefel-

Pine Drive Culvert- Kniefel has been working with SLC on this project, the cost estimate is very favorable.

The Board discussed the shredding services offered by Shred-It. They will provide two consoles for holding items that need to be shred at a cost of \$60, and will shred on a quarterly basis. No contract is required, and we can terminate service at any time. They also have Community programs where they will come and residents can bring their personal items to be shredded. Sersha suggested it be brought to the Annual meeting to see if there is interest in offering this service to residents.

Motion to have Shred-It bring two consoles for use in the Clerk's Office, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu reported that Les Laun recently refinished the Cedar Island Drive sign and Charles Erickson has painted the interior of the skating shack in E-G school colors. Pernu commended both volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Motion to send a letter of thanks to Les Laun and Charles Erickson for their volunteer work for the township, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Pernu reported that the fence will be put up around the playground next week.

Chairman Kniefel reported the next Quad Cities Wastewater meeting is November 15, 10 AM, Eveleth City Hall.

2007 Audit- The State Auditor was supposed to do our 2007 audit, but since there is a new auditor, they are no longer doing township audits. A proposal was obtained from Walker Giroux and Hahne. Cost proposal was: 2007 Audit-\$11,000 2008 Audit- \$11,700, 2009- \$12,500.

Motion to approve the 2007 audit be done by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Chairman Kniefel amended his motion to accept the proposal for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

LGA- A decision has been made to officially close LGA as an organization. Members of the LGA Board have agreed they have met the mission of the group and have asked MAT to form an Annexation Advisory Commission to focus on annexation reform. A decision must be made as to what to do with the approximately \$11,000 of remaining funds.

Motion to recommend LGA support the MAT Annexation Advisory Commission and forward the remaining funds to that group, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the resignation, with appreciation, of Jack Lalli from the EFGSD Joint Cable TV Commission, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to increase our liability insurance coverages with Country Insurance to reflect the new exposure limits effective January 1, 2008 and 2009, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Jerry Ulman was in attendance but had no comment.

Kathryn Erjavec was in attendance to submit her resignation from the EFGSD Joint Cable TV Commission, effective December 31, 2007. Ms. Erjavec also updated the board on the cable commission.

Motion to accept the resignation of Kathryn Erjavec, with appreciation, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to solicit volunteers as Fayal representatives on the joint cable tv commission, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

The board commented on how nice the skating shack looks after all the work has been done.

Mike Erjavec was in attendance but had no comment.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____
Chair

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Clerk