

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 3, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kniefel at 7:23 pm, following the continuation of the Board of Equalization. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were: Pat Ziegler, Jerry Ulman, Rita Turchi, Brad Reifsteck, Steve Shykes, Dale Dickson and Harvey Thompson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Branville abstained due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Rita Turchi was in attendance to ask to have her sewer bill put on hold on a property she and her husband recently purchased. The home has no water going into it. Mrs. Turchi asked that until such time they connected to the waterline, they not be billed for sewer. Supervisor Erjavec explained that the board has only done that once, and that was when the home burned. Erjavec stated the home is still connected to the sewer and it is available for use, so the billing would continue. Mrs. Turchi thanked the board for their consideration.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of April 2011 have not been received as of this date, so this report is tentative. Revenues for the month were \$40,938.44 and expenditures were \$63,850.57 leaving ending balances as follows:

Miners Bank- \$149,239.60
Assessment Savings- \$460,131.71
Mt. Iron Checking- \$694,337.48

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

Motion to accept the April 2011 Police Report, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April 2011 Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fayal Fire Dept- Request to purchase a 6500 watt generator for the fire trailer from mining effects funds. The department intended to use the 3000 watt generator off of engine 6 bid it did not have enough power to run the trailer. A quote from Five Seasons Sports for the 6500 watt generator was received in the amount of \$3,349.00. Referred to New Business.

St. Louis County Land Dept- The SLC Board has completed the classification of state tax forfeited properties to non-conservation/conservation. Once classified by the SLC board, each town in which their property is located has the opportunity to approve the classification and listing for properties located in their jurisdiction. Fayal has one property located in Section 24, the Easterly 435.6 feet of the northerly 500feet of SE1/4 of SE1/4. Referred to New Business.

SLCATO- Minutes of the April 28, 2010 Annual Election and Meeting. Next meeting is May 25, 7 pm, Solway Town Hall and June 22, 7 pm meeting is at Fayal Town Hall. Referred to Old Business.

E-G Public Schools- Louise Rodriguez has resigned from the Joint Rec Board. Placed on file.

SEH- Copy of Notice of Award letter sent to KGM Contractors for 2011 Street Maintenance Improvements. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- Proposed revisions to SLC Subdivision Regulations. Referred to Planning Committee and placed on file.

Chairman Kniefel- Copy of letter dated April 27, 2011, sent to Eveleth and E-G Schools informing them of our intent to withdraw from the Cable TV Access Joint Powers Agreement. Placed on file.

Request to post on township posting boards information from AFSCME locals regarding the fundraising efforts on May 7 for the Veterans Memorial planned for the Bailey Lake site in Virginia. Referred to New Business.

Casual Labor committee has hired Jonathan Pernu to perform summer yard work and Jerry Ulman for the waste site. Clerk Sersha distributed a copy of Resolution 96-11 to establish policy concerning the employment of casual and seasonal labor, that was adopted by the town board in 1996. Sersha stated the reason she brought the resolution to the table was to refresh everyone's mind on how casual and seasonal labor is hired. The clerk, foreman and one supervisor are responsible for the hiring, scheduling and termination of the casual laborers and it is the only exception to the town board's power to hire employees.

MN Revenue- Annual hearing on unmined iron ore assessment for the year 2011 will begin at 10 am, Monday, May 23, Eveleth Public Library. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Erjavec-

Water Rates- Supervisor Erjavec stated there was no quorum for the PUC meeting in April, and probably will not be one this month either. The water rates will need to be adjusted since Eveleth is raising our rate.

Gilbert Sewer Rate Study- Brad Reifsteck reported he has not received the information he requested from Gilbert in order to do the study.

Supervisor Branville-

Building Committee- DSWG will be making a proposal at the May 17 meeting for building plans.

Supervisor Pernu requested information on when the new sign will be installed on the corner of Ely Lake Drive and Miller Trunk. Supervisor Branville will check with John Damberg.

Supervisor Tamaro-

Crack Sealing- A quote was received from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers of Eau Claire, WI for \$9,900.

Motion to accept and table the quote for further consideration, made by Supervisor Tamaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel-

SLCATO Meeting in Fayal- Fayal is hosting the St. Louis County Township Association meeting on June 22 at 7 pm. Chairman Kniefel reported he has arranged for a speaker for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Pernu stated he would once again recommend Green Again Lawn Services for weed and feed for the township grounds, since we have had excellent results. Cost would be \$1,000 per application.

Motion to approve Green Again Lawn Services for three weed and feed applications on the township grounds this summer, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Short discussion on the tax forfeit parcel in Fayal located on Clyde Road that the county has classified as non-conservation.

Motion to make no objection to the classification, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the re-direction of the IRB grant. Supervisor Tamaro suggested we discuss at a future meeting since he would like more time to consider uses for the grant.

Motion to authorize the purchase of a 6500 watt generator in the amount of \$3,349.00 from Five Seasons Sports, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Pernu. Supervisor Tamaro questioned if any other quotes were obtained? Steve Shykes stated he checked L & M Supply, and they were \$300 higher. Kniefel, Pernu, Tamaro and Erjavec voted yes. Branville abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to pay for the generator with mining effects funds, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Erjavec, Pernu, Tamaro and Kniefel voted yes. Branville abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion on the request to post a fundraising effort by AFSCME for the Veteran's Memorial in Virginia, on the posting boards. Clerk Sersha stated it has always been our policy, though not in writing, not to post anything other than official township business on the posting boards, but the request was brought to the board for their decision. The board supported the fundraising efforts and the project.

Motion to deny the request to post the notice and only allow the fundraiser notice to be posted in the town hall entry, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Kniefel. Branville, Kniefel, Erjavec, Pernu voted yes. Tamaro voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Kniefel reported that Chief Thompson is recommending changes to the animal ordinance. Kniefel agreed, stating the last time the ordinance was updated was over ten years ago.

Motion to explore revisions to the animal ordinance to include a leash provision, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Pat Ziegler was in attendance. Mr. Ziegler stated all the snow was pushed onto the corner of Pine Drive and Golf Course Road at least 50 feet into his property, past the road right-of-way. Mr. Ziegler requested the area be restored. Supervisor Tamaro stated he will have the Road & Bridge crew take care of it.

Mr. Ziegler and Dale Dickson both requested that a radius be place on that same corner. Engineer Brad Reifsteck stated that will be taken care of this summer when the road improvements are done, a radius has been included in the bid for that corner.

Jerry Ulman recommended the yard waste site be open one more weekend, due to the bad weather we have been experiencing.

Motion to extend the opening of the yardwaste site to include May 13,14 and 15, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Reifsteck and Dale Dickson had no comment.

Steve Shykes thanked the town board for their consideration.

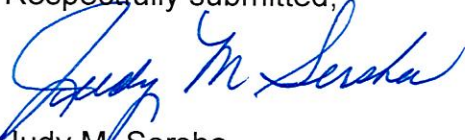
Harvey Thompson asked that the animal ordinance be looked at by an attorney before any changes are made. Chairman Kniefel agreed.

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

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____

Chair

Date _____

May 17, 2011

Attest: _____

Clerk