

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 15, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ziegler was absent. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Keith Bechtold, Ron Hall, Mark Johnson, Steve Shykes, Diana Werschay and John West.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 1st, 2019, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- John West was present to check on the status of his questions regarding water and sewer access charges. Chairman Tammaro informed Mr. West that it is still with attorney Scott Neff. Mr. West also provided a letter with questions that he had regarding standby water charges. Clerk Coldagelli will forward that on to Mr. Neff.

Ron Hall was present in order to receive the scheduled time and date of the vacation hearing. He also wanted verification that the consensus was the platted road is a public road. Chairman Tammaro confirmed that is the understanding. Vacation special meeting will be November 19th at 6:00 PM. Discussion regarding Mr. Bechtold removing items in order for Mr. Hall to utilize the road. Clerk Coldagelli will get the answer if Mr. Bechtold needs to remove his property from the road. Mr. Hall reiterated that he had provided a purchase price to the Township for \$28,000 if they were interested and is willing to look at counter offers. Discussion regarding platted roads in the plat, road vacations and maintenance responsibility.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of September have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$99,995.54 and expenditures were \$116,405.21. Revenues included the Taconite Municipal Aid payment of \$27,437.00 and the receipt of an IRRRB grant for the tennis court project for \$13,153.25. Ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$1,144,440.83
Assessment Savings- \$317,402.74
CD Savings- \$80,884.26
4M Fund- \$411,808.00

For the month of October to date, revenues are \$39,620.29 and expenditures are \$114,410.44.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Employee Meeting Minutes from October 7th and 15th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Television Access Board Meeting Minutes from October 9th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Discussion regarding what will happen to Channel 12 with the new school. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting Minutes from October 9th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from September 11th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes from September 9th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from September 10th, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Delinquency Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September Wastewater Operator Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Hearing Request for Variance Minutes from September 10th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

October 7th- Letter from Walker, Giroux & Hahne. Contract for audit services for 2019. Total 2019 audit fees are \$17,750.00. Moved to New Business.

October 9th- Letter from Cameron Jayson with resignation from the Public Utilities Commission. Moved to New Business.

October 10th- Email from Lauren Sterk from Northeast Service Cooperative. Dental rates will increase effective January 1st, 2020. Single coverage will increase from \$41 to \$42 and family coverage will increase from \$108 to \$110. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Chief Shykes updated the group that the committee met last night. The committee discussed that the problems affecting the fire service today are funding, staffing and infrastructure. November 25th is the next scheduled meeting, but looking at meeting sooner on October 28th. Worried about losing focus if such a large gap between meetings. Discussion regarding Fire Marshal's office grant.

Direct Deposit- Half of the employees were interested. Table for now.

Supervisor Branville-

Orderly Annexation Agreement- Have not received a response yet from Gilbert. Clerk Coldagelli will draft a joint resolution.

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12- There is still a vacancy and now a vacancy on the Public Utilities Commission.

Motion to accept resignation from Cameron Jayson for the PUC, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion for the Clerk to advertise for the commission opening with the normal methods that are used, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Chairman Tammaro asked Chief Shykes to draft a letter with the safety concerns. Scott Lesnau from the County referred the issue over to the new deputy in the environmental department that is working on these blighted issues. Should receive a response back in 1-2 weeks.

Chairman Tammaro-

MnDOT Relocation- Chairman Tammaro had heard that MnDOT is working on the purchase of the property. Could be a good deal for Fayal as there would be a new waterline, upgrading Thunderbird Trail and sewer.

Job Descriptions- Clerk Coldagelli and Chairman Tammaro are working on completing those.

Hendrickson Fence- Thunderbird Trail E.- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Chris Vest and the property was surveyed.

Ms. Hendrickson had to move the fence back on a portion of the road. The Township would be liable for damages if someone was to be injured by the fence as it is located in the right-of-way. Clerk Coldagelli will prepare the encroachment agreement and speak with Ms. Hendrickson.

Employee Health Insurance- Meeting today was cancelled and is rescheduled for next week.

Clerk/Treasurer Term Correction Ordinance 2002-1- Attorney Scott Neff is preparing the amendment.

Contractor Safety Policy/Contract for Services- Table again for review.

Arjavec/Cvek Sewer Connection- Awaiting the buyer to provide a copy of the easement for our files.

Ron Hall Property Access- Discussed in audience concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Vacation-

Motion set the Road Vacation meeting for November 19th at 6:00 PM, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Will be held at the Town Hall, notice will be posted and sent out to all residences in the plat. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Walker, Giroux & Hahne-

Motion to retain Walker, Giroux & Hahne for our annual audit services at a price of \$17,750 for 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

PUC Fund Negative Balance- PUC made a motion for the Town Board to have a plan to bring the account into the positive. Chairman Tammaro added that by the end of the year we will make sure to make all of the accounts whole.

Motion to accept the resignation of Sandy Tornow from the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Mrs. Tornow is moving from the area and membership is now 20 members. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$67,785.89, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward two motions made by the PUC regarding variances.

Motion to approve the variance request as recommended by the PUC for Bruce Anderson with the condition #1 removed so it is transferable if sold or rented, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro discussed that as of now, variances stay with the property owner and not transferred to a new owner, which it should stay with the property. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to approve the variance request as recommended by the PUC for Jamie Hendrickson variance as long as he is operating as stated so there is one home and one accessory structure, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: *Andy Tammaro*
Chair

Date: 11-19-19

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk