

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 15th, 2019, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of October have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$83,061.34 and expenditures were \$130,633.41. Ending balances for the month of October are:

Miners Checking- \$1,096,868.76
Assessment Savings- \$317,402.74
CD Savings- \$80,915.17
4M Fund- \$412,393.12

For the month of November to date, revenues are \$5,281.91 and expenditures are \$106,121.52.

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 21st & 28th and November 4th, 12th & 18th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Television Access Board Meeting Minutes from November 6th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from October 9th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting Minutes from November 13th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from October 8th, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Hearing Request for Variance Minutes from October 8th, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion to accept the October Road Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro made the Board aware that both dump trucks were down, but the Road & Bridge Department will have them fixed in time for the snow. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from September 18th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

October 16th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with proposed revisions to St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 addressing short term rentals. Shared with the Planning Commission.

October 16th- Letter from St. Louis County Extension Office requesting contributions for Iron Range Youth in Action Conference held February 3rd at the DECC. Conference expenses are estimated at \$100 per student. Moved to New Business.

October 16th- Email from St. Louis County with notification from the State of Minnesota Secretary of State with notice of the 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary for Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020. Placed on file.

October 21st- Letter from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department with change in contact information for St. Louis County Recycling Roll-off container exchanges. Effective October 1st, G-Men has been contracted for haulage, processing and marketing services of recyclables. The recycling container schedule for Fayal remains unchanged with Tuesday exchange. Placed on file.

October 23rd- Email from Cathy Rouleau with meeting reminders for St. Louis County Association of Townships. December 4th is the next meeting scheduled at the Cotton Community Center at 6:30 PM. Placed on file.

October 25th- Email from RAMS. Notice of nominations for RAMS Board of Directors. Nominations are due by December 10th. Placed on file.

October 31st- Letter from St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Department with facts and findings regarding Michael Thompson variance request. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

November 6th- Email from Bradley Gustafson from St. Louis County regarding CDBG applications. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 Monday, December 2nd. Placed on file.

November 8th- Save the date reminder for the RAMS Annual Meeting and Dinner for 5:00 PM at the Mt. Iron Community Center. Placed on file.

November 12th- Letter from Minnesota Rural Water with notification that the Water & Wastewater Technical Conference will be held in St. Cloud March 3rd- March 5th, 2020. Moved to New Business.

November 12th- Letter from Jacyln Corradi Simon inquiring if further assistance was needed regarding the Todd Toman property. Placed on file.

November 14th- Copy of letter from League of Minnesota Cities that was sent to Century Link denying payment for their claim of damage of a utility pedestal that was damaged during plowing February 3rd, 2019. Claim denied as Century Link had no flags identifying its location and road maintenance vehicles are not to be bound by the normal driving rules while engaged in road maintenance per state statute. Placed on file.

November 14th- Letter from Lori Stalker from the Minnesota Association of Townships seeking input regarding what topics should be covered at the Short Courses. Notification that a webinar should be available in December for the Presidential Notification Primary. Also seeking two clerk/treasurer trainers to assist with answering emails and phone calls from township officers and assisting with the Spring Short Courses. Placed on file.

November 15th- Letter from the CARE Commission requesting financial support for the 32rd Annual Chemical Free Post-Graduation Party for Eveleth-Gilbert High School students. Moved to New Business.

November 15th- Notification from Pitney Bowes that they were recently affected by a malware attack and encourage all customers to continue to monitor their accounts. Placed on file.

November 18th- Email from Minnesota Benefit Association with group Medicare plan from BCBS MN now available for current and retired MN Township Officers. Can enroll in the plan from now until December 31st. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Chief Shykes updated the group that the Fire Department recently underwent the ISO audit. Chief Shykes gave an overview of the progress and ideas that have come from the recent Fire Department Shared Services meetings. There is still a lack of defining a goal. Will be meeting on Monday for the next meeting. Committee needs to continue moving at a steady pace. If the goal is set at full merger, does not mean have to proceed with such. Chief Shykes shared a draft resolution that was prepared in order for the Committee to apply for an implementation grant. The grant could cover items such as attorney fees, patch design, copyrights, rebranding trucks, etc. According to Facilitator Ehret, we are beyond the planning grant stage and the implementation grant would be appropriate. A resolution will be presented at the Committee meeting.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes from October 14th, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Health Insurance- Chairman Tammaro discussed that when reviewing the PEIP insurance with Jamie Lindseth and Union Representative Amanda Metsa, the recommendation was to leave the insurance as is. There was concern with the PEIP program that due to new member growth, the usage will increase, thus increasing premiums. The PEIP program would require a two-year commitment. Mr. Lindseth recommended waiting until next year's PEIP rate to be released to see the impact. Discussion regarding current HSA deductible.

Direct Deposit- Discussion whether to require all to receive direct deposit. Table for next meeting.

Supervisor Branville-

Orderly Annexation Agreement- Clerk Coldagelli's joint resolution is nearly complete.

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

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli are meeting with the property owner on Thursday at 1:00. There are funding programs available for demolition. Maybe the Fire Department could use it for training? Chief Shykes had concern with some of the trees and the location of the power pole. Clerk Coldagelli added that Police Chief Tim Koivunen had recommended that the best solution may be the property owner deeding the property to the Township. Discussion regarding demolition costs.

MnDOT Relocation- Chairman Tammaro added that he was told that they are looking at the pit across the street and also possibly across the street at the Woodline site as a laydown site.

Hendrickson Fence- Thunderbird Trail E.- The fence has been removed.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Job Descriptions- Supervisor Ziegler would like to see the Class SD Wastewater Operator's license added to the Foreman's job description. Clerk Coldagelli will add that. Discussion regarding number of classes needed and length of time for training that the Foreman should take.

Arjavec/Cvek Sewer Connection- The buyer will be bringing that into the office tomorrow.

Chairman Tammaro-

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

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12 & PUC- There are still vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Levy- Start thinking about department budgets and for next meeting.

Fire Relief Pension Contribution-

Motion to approve the Fire Relief Association 2019 pension contribution of \$14,000, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Is an annual budgeted item. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.

Town Foreman Probationary Period- Supervisor Branville and Clerk Coldagelli met with Foreman Latvaaho for his 90-day review and performance to date. Foreman Latvaaho has felt things are going better than expected. He is learning a great deal and is working very well with Equipment Operator Jurenic.

Motion to end probationary period effective today for Foreman Latvaaho, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.

Mining Effects- Have \$7,359.00 remaining and discussion regarding how to distribute. There is still a final

payment for the generator and will discuss at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the Fire Department payroll of \$20,910.00 made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to donate \$100 to Iron Range Youth in Action, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion for employees Dale Dickson, Diane Dickson and Jason Latvaaho to attend Water & Wastewater Technical Conference held in St. Cloud March 3rd - March 5th, 2020, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to donate \$100 to the CARE Commission, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler requested that the Road & Bridge Department move the plows away from the front of the building.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$122,173.49, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Approved: *[Signature]* Date: 12-5-19
Chair

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk