

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 3, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:03 PM. Supervisor Branville was absent. Chairman Tammaro 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 Road Vacation Hearing of November 19th, 2019, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 19th, 2019, made by Supervisor Ziegler, 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 November have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$55,223.51 and expenditures were \$128,631.16. Tentative ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$1,022,177.80
Assessment Savings- \$318,686.05
CD Savings- \$80,915.17
4M Fund- \$412,393.12

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$395,522.35 and expenditures are \$83,753.83.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Employee Meeting Minutes from November 25th and December 2nd made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from October 16th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE-

November 26th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with notice of public hearing for December 12th at 9:45 AM at the St. Louis County Public Works Building in Virginia in regards to proposed permitting standards and amendments for short term rentals to Zoning Ordinance 62. Shared with Planning Committee.

November 26th- Letter from Mediacom with rate increases effective January 1, 2020. Placed on file.

November 26th- Letter from Minnesota Department of Health with results from sample analysis public water supply. The results show that our system is in compliance with maximum contaminant levels set by the state

and federal Safe Drinking Water Rules for the contaminants analyzed. Placed on file.

December 2nd- Email from Cathy Rouleau from the St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes from October 23rd. Next meetings will be held December 4th and January 22nd at the Cotton Community Center at 6:30 PM. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Chief Shykes updated the Board that there were concerns from Gilbert in regards to moving forward. A good discussion took place at the November 25th Shared Services Committee meeting to move forward with a partial merger. At any point, any entity can leave the group and the other entities can proceed. Until a formal resolution is passed establishing a firm commitment to merging by all entities, things can change. Chairman Tamaro added that with Gilbert remaining in the group there are funding opportunities for training and they will have input on the group training and standard operating guidelines. The last meeting began rocky, but ended very well with the committee members in agreement to move forward working towards a common goal. Board discussion regarding opening up the opportunity to other interested communities. Chief Shykes was not in support of that and would like to focus on the three departments working on the training for the first year and see where they are with that. There are two resolutions in order to move forward and also apply for a grant. Resolution 2019-09 does not lock the communities in for a partial merger. These are small steps of working together and continuing to move forward.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-09 A Resolution Authorizing Proceeding With Recommendations Identified from the Fire Department Shared Services Committee, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10 A Resolution Authorizing the Application of a Fire Department Service Planning Grant with the State of Minnesota, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Direct Deposit-

Motion to move to pay the employees with direct deposit, with the exception of the Fire Department annual payroll, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. General Fund can pay the set up costs and employees still have the option to choose a paper check if they prefer. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Chairman Tamaro and Clerk Coldagelli met with the property owner. He would be willing to deed it over to the Township and was also willing to pay the outstanding property taxes. Clerk Coldagelli spoke with attorney Mike Kearney, who had concerns regarding how the property had transferred hands and that needs to be resolved first. Mr. Kearney would like the Township to provide quotes for demolition and he would also like to speak to the bank.

Motion to hire Mike Kearney to assist with the legal process of the old Bullfrogs building, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Chairman Tamaro had spoken with Jason Metsa and there is money available for demolition projects with the IRRRB. Discussion regarding the Fire Department assisting in demolition, costs of demolition and past Fire Department training in the building. Mr. Kearney also asked for any documentation regarding approval to use to the building for fire training. Chief Shykes stated only verbal approval was given. Deputy Linde confirmed the attorney recommendation that in order to remove the blight, have the property owner deed the property over to Fayal Township. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

MnDOT Relocation- Chairman Tamaro was aware that MnDOT had toured the pit across the street.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Job Descriptions- Clerk Coldagelli provided updated descriptions. Discussion regarding both departments operating under one umbrella. Supervisor Ziegler will work with the Clerk to make additional revisions.

Contractor Safety Policy/Contract for Services- Recommended by the League of Minnesota Cities. The Contract for Services spells out the terms of agreement with the contractor and the Safety Policy is provided to the contractor to make them aware of safety standards.

Motion to adopt the Contractor Safety Policy and Contract for Services, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Orderly Annexation Agreement-

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-08 A Resolution Dissolving Orderly Annexation Between the City of Gilbert and the Town of Fayal, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tamaro-

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

Arjavec/Cvek Sewer Connection- The buyer did not have the document. Discussion that it is a private matter and to notate in the file that the two parties have an easement agreement addressing the sewer line.

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12 & PUC- There are still vacancies. Received an interested party for the PUC.

2021 Levy- Discussion regarding property tax increases for 2020. Clerk Coldagelli needs to speak with the County Auditor regarding the large increase as the majority appears to be the school district and County taxes. Suggestion to look at increasing Road & Bridge, Fire Department and discussion regarding future police car purchase.

Mining Effects- Have \$7,359.00 remaining and discussion regarding how to distribute. Received the final generator bill. Cost and installation was nearly half of what it would have been if purchased outright.

Motion to approve to pay Hometown Electric bill for the generator in the amount of \$11,968.81, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Discussion regarding current balances in Building & Grounds and to pay the generator payment from that fund. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Shykes brought forward Engine 2 has received an estimate for safety upgrades for approximately \$8,200.

Motion to approve designating remaining Mining Effects of \$7,359 to the Fire Department for Engine 2, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Leigh Ann Surla Property- The property will be going back to the County and the PUC recommended waiving the sewer bill from the date of death until sold. Everything outstanding will need to stay with the property.

Motion to waive sewer from October until the property is sold, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Ziegler had questions regarding the outstanding balance. Chairman Tamaro stated that we need to ensure the assessments remain on the property. Clerk Coldagelli will work with the County to ensure that the outstanding balances can be placed on the property and remain until sold. **Motion carried unanimously.**

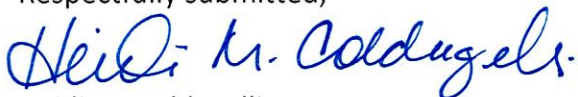
Senior Wastewater Operator Dale Dickson would like Town Board approval to place Fire Department member, Curtis Schramm, on the pager rotation. Mr. Schramm is currently an employee at the City of Mt. Iron and familiar with the job duties. Pay is currently \$2.00/hour for the pager and if responding to a call, pay is at wastewater operator wage.

Motion to approve Curtis Schramm in the pager rotation, made by Supervisor Ziegler support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$106,263.47 made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____


Chair

Date: _____

12-17-19

Attest: _____


Clerk