# TOWN OF FAYAL 4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734

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# REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD JANUARY 7, 2020

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 Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Ziegler and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Diana Dickson. Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli was absent. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**- None at this time.

<u>AUDIENCE CONCERNS</u>- Gina Brascugli brought forward sample bills from Kinney and Biwabik to compare rates. Chairman Tammaro recommended to present those to the Public Utilities Commission.

Chief Linde presented the police report from October 1<sup>st</sup>- December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. There were only a handful of citations.

Chief Shykes brought forward a request for four department members to attend FDIC training with the cost to come from the Fire Department budget. Chairman Tammaro recommended doing this training every other year because it is quite expensive. Chief Shykes added that they will send different people than what attended last year. Moved to New Business.

## REPORTS-

### Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of December have yet to be received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$455,717.60 and expenditures were \$335,925.29. Tentative ending balances for the month of December are:

Miners Checking- \$1,141,726.10 Assessment Savings- \$437,848.78 CD Savings- \$80,915.17 4M Fund- \$412,888.55

For the month of January to date, revenues are \$0 and expenditures are \$24,403.95.

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

#### Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Employee Meeting Minutes from December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Police Report from October 1<sup>st</sup>- December 31<sup>st</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE-**

December 24<sup>th</sup>- Thank you letter from the Class of 2020 for our contribution to their all-night graduation party. Placed on file.

December 26<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Gopher State One Call regarding snow removal requests submitted. Forwarded on to Road & Bridge Department.

December 30<sup>th</sup>- Postcard from Eveleth Area Community Foundation. Reminder of grant application deadlines. Letters of intent are due January 21<sup>st</sup> and complete proposals are due by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Placed on file.

January 7<sup>th</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County notifying the Township that Teamsters, Local #320 Union has notified the County of their intent to strike if a labor contract settlement is not reached. Forwarded on to Road & Bridge.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Supervisor Sather-

<u>Fire Department Shared Services</u>-Training application is being routed to the cities for approval. Implementation grant has been submitted requesting \$50,000 with a 10% match. Training cost is just under \$10,000 but the grant cannot be used retroactive. Chief Shykes would like to request the Town Board pay for our share until the grant is approved.

Motion to approve spending up to \$3,000 for the Fire Department Shared Services for Fayal's contribution of 1/3 to be paid from the General Fund, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

First training session will take place January  $22^{nd}$  at the Fayal Town Hall. Next Shared Services meeting is January  $13^{th}$ . Currently have a goal of an operational merger in order to continue with all three communities. Gilbert is supportive of proceeding with the joint training.

Motion to sign the contract for the Fire Department training, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Supervisor Branville-

**<u>2021 Levy-</u>** Supervisor Branville stated the levy appears to be good where it is at. Levy is at 2.88% over prior year. Still have some time to review.

#### Supervisor Chad-

<u>Old Bullfrogs Building</u>- Awaiting estimates for demolition from Jola & Sopp and G Benz Construction. Mr. Carne was going to speak to the Bank regarding ownership. Fire Department confirmed it is too dangerous for them to burn.

MnDOT Relocation - No new information.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Job Descriptions - Table for now.

**Chairman Tammaro**-

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12 - Still a vacancy.

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

MPFA Loan Payoff- Will be taken care at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Sather presented the Town Board with the results of the December Fire Department officer election. The two-year terms are as follows: Chief- Steven Shykes, Assistant Chief- Bryan Sampson, Battalion Chief- Matt Hoffmann, Captain- Nick Preiner, Lieutenant- Cory Christianson and Secretary/Treasurer- Greg Chad.

Motion to approve the Fire Department election results, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

# Nonattest Audit Services- Walker, Giroux & Hahne-

Motion to approve the nonattest audit services from Walker, Giroux & Hahne that the Clerk works on for the audit, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the FDIC training for the Fire Department. Four members would attend and estimated cost is approximately \$4,000. Chairman Tammaro is in support of members attending every other year. Supervisor Branville suggested that the Fire Department should discuss that in the future and plan for

that. Supervisor Ziegler added that in the future, all the departments should relook at training and while some of it is beneficial, some of it is repetitive. Supervisor Branville also added that moving forward with the Shared Services we want to be on top of everything. Maybe we can send only two people in the future?

Motion to approve sending four to the FDIC training, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Chairman Tammaro opposed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that the Road & Bridge Department has been doing a really good job of keeping the roads clean. Chief Shykes stated that the loader needs to be brought down to the Fire Department to remove some of the snow, not just the grader. Chairman Tammaro added that the grader should be paid off next year and should look at a new dump truck for in the future.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$87,116.86, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Attest:

Clerk