

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 21, 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 Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde and Steve Shykes. Bryan Sampson arrived at 7:03 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of January 7th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward a request for the Road & Bridge Department to clean the fire hydrants. They were done prior to last snow storm. Will have casual labor employee Mike Erjavec attend to them.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of December have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$456,404.88 and expenditures were \$335,925.29. Revenues included St. Louis County apportionment monies of \$395,522.35 and expenditures included a transfer from Checking to the Assessment Savings from the St. Louis County apportionment monies of \$118,734.96. Ending balances for the month of December are:

Miners Checking- \$1,142,288.52
Assessment Savings- \$437,973.64
CD Savings- \$80,945.43
4M Fund- \$413,373.68

For the month of January to date, revenues are \$30,941.03 and expenditures are \$468,296.38. The expenditures include the payoff of the MPFA loans.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Chairman Tammaro included that the early payoff of the MPFA loans would save over \$3,000 in interest.
Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Employee Meeting Minutes from January 6th and 13th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Board Meeting Minutes from January 15th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Rec Board Meeting Minutes from January 8th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussion from Chairman Tammaro regarding disappointment with the hockey rink and its lack of being staffed. Supervisor Sather will bring a complaint forward to the Recreation Board. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the December Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro added that Road & Bridge would like to request Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson plow a few areas on Differding where they are having issues getting in and out with the truck due to the significant amount of snow. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

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

Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Meeting Minutes from November 25th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

January 7th- Notice from MN Power with proposed changes to monthly electric costs as approved by the MPUC as an interim 5.8% rate increase. Placed on file.

January 15th- Notice from St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Review and comment period for the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is open through Friday, January 31st. Shared with the Fire Department.

January 14th- Letter from Benchmark Engineering with solicitation of engineering and land surveying services. Placed on file.

January 20th- St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes from December 4th. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Chief Shykes shared with the Board that the group met on the 13th and had a very productive meeting. Three committees were established to look at a governance model, pensions and what an operating merger consists of. These tasks appear to really drive the issue for the cities to make some crucial decisions. Chief Shykes will be heading to Albertville on the 29th to provide a presentation for our \$50,000 grant request. There is also the opportunity to apply for a grant during the next cycle.

Supervisor Branville-

2021 Levy- Supervisor Branville stated he is comfortable with the levy. The majority of the spending is done in Road & Bridge. Next meeting could have final balances as that portion of the audit should be complete.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Awaiting estimates for demolition from Jola & Sopp and G Benz Construction. Mr. Toman requested a continuance.

Motion to approve a continuance of the blight case for the old Bullfrog's building, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Once the quotes are received can forward those to Mr. Carne.

MnDOT Relocation- Eveleth Mayor had confirmed that the Fayal site is MnDOT's first choice.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Job Descriptions- Table for now.

MPFA Loan Payoff- Chairman Tammaro read the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 A Resolution Approving Final Payment of Minnesota Public Facility Authority Loans, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to transfer \$328,336.95 from Assessment Savings to Checking to payoff the loans, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

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

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12- Still a vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS

Reschedule March 3rd Meeting Date- Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 3rd. Clerk Coldagelli's concern is prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board needs to meet as the Board of Audit to accept the audit report. With that time line, there is great difficulty to receive the completed audit by February 18th. Fayal is the first audit, but elements of the audit can take a significantly long time to complete, such as the GASB portion. Can look at

receiving an unofficial draft.

Motion to cancel the 1st meeting in March, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Contented Critters 2020 Contract- Supervisor Branville questioned if we had been using them. There was a recent pick up. There appears to be a decrease in animals roaming.

Motion to approve the Contented Critters Contract for 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Term Renewal-

Motion to approve the renewal of Chris Erickson's term to the Planning Commission, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. The positions were also renewed with Alex Peritz as Chairman, Chris Erickson as Vice-Chair and Heidi Coldagelli as Secretary. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Sewer Line Easement Contract Eveleth Fee Office- Easement to access lift station in Sparta.

Motion to approve sewer line easement contract, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

2019 Pay Equity Report- Needs to be completed every three years to ensure fair pay. Per the test report, the report appeared to meet the standard. There was a slight difference with the casual labor employee, but that appeared to be reasonable to Clerk Coldagelli.

Motion to approve the 2019 Pay Equity Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

2019 PFA Replacement Fund Contribution-

Motion to transfer the PFA 2019 Contribution of \$2,928.40 from Checking to CD Savings, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. With the loans paid off, should no longer have to set this aside. Will pose that question to the MPFA and check what can Fayal do with the fund. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$443,892.43, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$64,557.68, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that one of the rink attendants called and needed some help with snow removal in between the shack and the boards. Could use the backhoe to possibly pull some of that snow away.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: *Andy J. Tammaro*
Chair

Date: 2-4-20

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk