

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MARCH 17, 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 Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Jessica Morin, Jim Prittinen and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** Jim Prittinen was present to discuss running a tennis program again for the youth beginning June 8<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. This year would like to expand to include younger kids and would also hire an additional person. Requesting \$200 for supplies, mainly low compression balls. Will start accepting registrations, but will hold off on the \$150 cost if the program start date is delayed and then at that point it would be prorated.

***Motion to approve \$200 for the summer tennis program, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.*** Payment would come from the Recreation budget. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Gina Brascugli questioned if she were to write a letter to Governor Walz as a resident, she would like it reiterated from the Public Utilities meeting regarding the grant that was taken away and details regarding that. Discussion that it was a wastewater infrastructure grant that the City of Gilbert was applying for and due to Fayal's median income, it was denied. Estimated this occurred in 2008 or 2009 and some discussion. Clerk Coldagelli will look into those details for Ms. Brascugli.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes informed the Board that the Fayal Fire Relief Spaghetti Feed has been postponed. Chief Shykes also provided an update regarding the Fire Department Shared Services that the City of Gilbert was going to have their Fire Department meet first to discuss and then at their next council meeting make a decision whether to remain with the group or not.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of February have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$132,354.24 and expenditures were \$127,314.63. Ending balances for the month of February are:

Miners Checking- \$1,011,489.79  
Assessment Savings- \$114,321.25  
CD Savings- \$83,873.83  
4M Fund- \$472,315.07

For the month of March to date, revenues are \$21,368.29 and expenditures are \$118,902.66.

Discussion regarding moving the Assessment Savings to the 4M Fund.

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

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from March 4<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Employee Meeting Minutes from February 24<sup>th</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, made by***

*Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from February 12<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes from February 10<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the February Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from January 15<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14<sup>th</sup>, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup>, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the Public Utilities Delinquency Report for January and February, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion to accept the January and February Senior Wastewater Operator Report, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE-**

February 21<sup>st</sup>- Letter from Lake Country Power with district meeting information for March 19<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was recently canceled. Placed on file.

February 27<sup>th</sup>- Letter from At Your Convenience, Inc. At Your Convenience has been sold to C&B Warehouse effective March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Keith and Lois Nelson thank Fayal for our patronage. Placed on file.

February 28<sup>th</sup>- Range Association of Municipalities & Schools Board Meeting Minutes from January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also Shane Hoff, City Council member from Silver Bay was selected by the Board to complete Carlene Perfetto's term that expires in December. Placed on file.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>- Letter from Camp Chicagami with information regarding the camp and a request to share what we know about the camp with others in our community. Placed on file.

March 4<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Debbie Wiire with Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools with request to hold a Special Election on May 12, 2020 and utilizing the Fayal Town Hall as a polling location as well as a list of election judges that Fayal uses. Moved to New Business.

March 9<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with information regarding Legislative and Research Committee on April 22-23. Placed on file.

March 9<sup>th</sup>- Email regarding SWOP 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Ham Dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup>. This event has since been canceled. Placed on file.

March 10<sup>th</sup>- Thank you letter from St. Louis County Youth in Action for our donation. Placed on file.

March 12<sup>th</sup>- Email from Minnesota Department of Health with grant opportunity on April 1<sup>st</sup> to all community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems. Purpose is to support activities that address a potential contamination source that presents a high risk to a source of drinking water as determined by the MN Department of Health. Applications are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

March 16<sup>th</sup>- Phone call from Brian at the City of Eveleth. Requesting if Fayal will contribute \$100 towards the share of the cost of advertising in the local newspapers and the maps available for the City Wide Rummage sale on May 1-3. Moved to New Business.

March 17<sup>th</sup>- Email from St. Louis County Association of Townships. Lobby Day is canceled. Minnesota Association of Townships is canceling/postponing Spring Short Courses. St. Louis County Association of Townships meeting for March 25<sup>th</sup> is also canceled. Placed on file.

March 17<sup>th</sup>- Email from Karla Peterson from MN Department of Health regarding COVID-19 and MN public water systems. COVID-19 is not a waterborne disease. The email contained multiple links to the EPA, CDC as well as helpful information regarding continuation of required sampling and necessary contacts if there is a lack of staff available to conduct. Also most operator schools for contact hours have been canceled and the MDH will work with systems with expiring licensure. Forwarded to Wastewater Operator Dale Dickson.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Fire Department Shared Services-** City of Gilbert will make the determination in the next month of their level of participation. Once that decision is made, things should start moving forward.

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Brush Pile-** Seeking quotes to chip the brush pile. Do not want to burn it due to the salt dome location. Supervisor Ziegler will get an additional contact to seek a quote from.

**2019 Audit-** Received bound copy from the Auditor.

**Motion to accept 2019 Audit prepared by Walker, Giroux and Hahne, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler.** Chairman Tammaro also brought forward that the Fire Department needs to ensure their bills are submitted to the Clerk on time as one of the notations was not paying invoices within 35 days. This is due to the Fire Department Business Meeting dates and then the Town Board meeting dates, but we need to do the best that we can. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **Supervisor Chad-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Currently waiting on a quote from GMEN and then should be moving forward. Discussion regarding timeframe until tax forfeit, ownership and after receiving quotes, having attorney Carne move forward.

#### **Supervisor Ziegler-**

**MnDOT Relocation-** Clerk Coldagelli received a phone call from MnDOT on March 11<sup>th</sup> that MnDOT plans to meet with the State and request funding for the Fayal site. Andy Johnson from MnDOT would like to have another public meeting at the Town Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. A few of the Supervisors have heard a number of possibilities on the properties that MnDOT is looking at.

**Job Descriptions-** Supervisor Ziegler is working on.

**Commission Vacancy- Channel 12-** Still a vacancy.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Sather brought forward two resignations from the Fire Department.

**Motion to accept the resignation of Nick Brascugli, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler.** Clerk Coldagelli will send a thank you. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Motion to accept the resignation of Hunter Tarr, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler.** Clerk Coldagelli will send a thank you. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Annual Meeting Review-** Chairman Tammaro discussed that the meeting went well. Joe Sopp had requested a sewer extension and Chairman Tammaro presented a map to SEH for a cost estimate. Discussion regarding property that has sold and possible connections. The Road & Bridge Department will take a look at Mrs. Brascugli's culvert replacement request. Clerk Coldagelli had a response for Denny Bone regarding the boat landing on St. Mary's Lake. Clerk Coldagelli received a response last year that the City of Eveleth did not desire at that time to improve it and would like to maintain it as a canoe carry-in only.

**GIS Mapping-** The PUC made a motion to proceed. The mapping will record every manhole, curbstop and line. Cost estimate is approximately \$12,500 and funding could come from the Assessment Savings.

**Motion to have Senior Wastewater Operator Dale Dickson work with SEH for GIS Mapping, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville.** Supervisor Ziegler discussed getting a second price from MN Rural Water as that is their specialty. Will send back to Wastewater Operator Dale Dickson to get a price from MN Rural Water. ***Motion rescinded by both Chairman Tammaro and Supervisor Branville.***

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the City of Eveleth requested a \$100 contribution to assist with advertising costs for the city wide rummage sale. Fayal residents are included in the advertising and maps.

**Motion to approve contributing \$100 to the City of Eveleth for the City Wide Rummage Sale, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to allow the school to hold the May 12<sup>th</sup> election for school consolidation, with the Town Hall as one of polling places, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Lift Station Pump**- Based upon the test results, needed a different sized impeller. MN Pump sent a new quote with those changes.

**Motion to approve the purchase with the new quote of \$11,689.00 for a placement pump for the lift station, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.** The new impeller would also increase performance and longevity. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Next quote was for repair to have a spare pump on hand.

**Motion to approve the pump repair at a price of \$6,655.46, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro forwarded the cost estimate of the sign repair at the corner of Ely Lake Drive and Miller Trunk to Supervisor Branville for review. The sign was made last year, but over the winter the entire sign twisted and warped. Might be worthwhile to look at an electronic sign.

**COVID-19 Preparedness**- Placed notifications on the door that if an individual is sick, to stay out of the building. Chairman Tammaro recommending closing the Town Hall to the public and just letting the employees work for the next 30 days. Next scheduled Town Board meeting is for April 21<sup>st</sup>, but Board of Review is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>. Residents can use the drop box for payments and can call the office for anything else they may need. Supervisor Ziegler suggested taking into consideration, if necessary, bill suspension for the utility bills. Chairman Tammaro also added that if the Town Hall closed to the public, no Commission meetings can be held either. Chief Shykes questioned what would happen to the Fire Hall. Chairman Tammaro clarified that the closure does not apply to the Fire Hall. At this time, tri-department training is suspended. The Fire Department will need to limit their exposure. Clerk Coldagelli questioned her schedule with her children now required to stay home. Supervisor Ziegler and Chairman Tammaro clarified that Clerk Coldagelli can work from home for the time that the office is closed. Discussion regarding how long to be closed to the public. Can close until April 6<sup>th</sup> and can hold a special meeting to reassess.

**Motion to approve closing the Town Hall to the public until April 6<sup>th</sup> depending on holding the Board of Review and then extend until April 21<sup>st</sup> for review at the next Town Board Meeting, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville.** The Fire Department will continue to operate at their discretion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

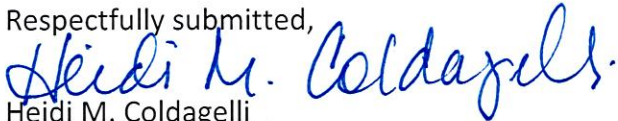
**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$131,835.75 made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to authorize Clerk Coldagelli to pay the bills needed during closure of the Town Hall, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5-5-20

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Clerk