

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 5, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:05 PM. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli. Steve Shykes arrived at 7:25 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of March 17th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Emergency Town Board Meeting of March 26th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization of April 7th, 2020, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Supervisor Branville and Sather abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of April 24th, 2020, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of March have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$57,442.86 and expenditures were \$138,109.85. Ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$931,582.14
Assessment Savings- \$114,393.06
CD Savings- \$83,905.28
4M Fund- \$472,775.65

Bank statements for the month of April have been received and all accounts have been reconciled. Revenues were \$72,393.84 and expenditures were \$94,438.79. Ending balances for the month of April are:

Miners Checking- \$909,537.19
Assessment Savings- \$114,393.06
CD Savings- \$83,905.28
4M Fund- \$473,002.07

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$0 and expenditures are \$72,932.65.

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 Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from March 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from March 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

April 8th- Email from Laura Rosier with Northeast Service Cooperative. NESCU is now offering external wireless coverage in town hall parking lots and if interested contact NESCU. Placed on file.

April 13th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with a variance application for Leonard Groom. The Board of Adjustment will meet on June 11th to consider the variance. Forwarded on to the Planning Committee.

April 14th- Email from Cathy Rouleau from St. Louis County Association of Townships. April and May meetings have been canceled. New date for the annual meeting is set for September 23rd in Cotton. Placed on file.

April 16th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with board meeting minutes from February 27th. Placed on file.

April 24th- Letter from Summer Work Outreach Project with notice that the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 summer program. Placed on file.

April 24th- Letter from Jim Hofsommer, Colvin Town Board Chairman, that was sent to Minnesota Association of Townships regarding COVID-19 and township operations. Placed on file.

April 24th- Email from Janet Aultman from LMCIT Regional Safety Group. The League of Minnesota Cities is not scheduling in-person member meetings or visits to take place before June 29th, 2020. The RSG will not be charged for these cancelled meetings. Training is still available online. Placed on file.

April 27th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with board meeting minutes from March 26th. Placed on file.

Supervisor Mark Chad arrived at this time.

April 27th- Email from Kate Kubiak with South St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District. A 60-day comment period is available to submit concerns regarding a comprehensive watershed management plan being developed. Cities and townships are not required to take any action on this. Placed on file.

May 5th- Received from PUC, Consumer Confidence Report, Fayal Township 2019 Drinking Water Report. No violations were noted. Posted and will go out in the utility bills.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- The group met virtually. Gilbert is no longer interested in proceeding with the partial merger and Eveleth and Fayal have decided to proceed with a full merger. Supervisor Chad completed the Q & A sheet. Group will meet again May 11th. Supervisor Sather read Resolution 2020-04.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-04 Resolution Authorizing Proceeding with the Planning for a Full Fire Department Merger with the City of Eveleth, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Bullfrogs Building- GMEN had provided a quote to Mr. Toman. Clerk Coldagelli requested a copy sent to her and is awaiting those copies.

Supervisor Branville-

Brush Pile- Received an estimated quote ranging from \$1,250-\$1,850. Back in 2018, received a quote for \$3,500. There is a very large pile there from the last two weekends and the cost will likely be higher than \$1,850. The former quote included removal, but we can use the chips for landscaping and have available for resident use.

Motion to approve spending up to \$3,000 to have the brush pile chipped, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad-

MnDOT Relocation- The MnDOT meeting on May 21st has been canceled. MnDOT may create a letter to notify residents or plan for something in the future. Fayal is their number one site and they are approaching the State for funding.

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12- Still a vacancy.

Discussion regarding school election held at the Town Hall and safety for the voters.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Job Descriptions- Supervisor Ziegler would like to table for now.

GIS Mapping- Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson discussed with Minnesota Rural Water and they assist with smaller projects.

Motion to authorize SEH to work on the GIS Mapping for \$12,800, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Can be paid with the funds from Assessment Savings. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Term Correction Ordinance 2002-1- Supervisor Ziegler read the proposed Ordinance 2020-01.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2002-01 to Set the Term of the Clerk/Treasurer to Four Years Consistent with State Statute, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 Preparedness- It has been very confusing as to what is and is not an essential employee and business. Essential businesses are not required to adopt a formal plan. Will continue working as is with employees alternating working days.

Chief Shykes arrived and updated the group that the turnout gear has arrived that was purchased with Mining Effects funds. The truck updates are complete. No training or meetings have been held. Discussion regarding next meeting with the Fire Department Shared Services Commission. There may be some difficulty with getting tasks done with COVID-19. Chief Shykes also clarified how a fire district works.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville brought forward the pest control contract for \$400 with Range Pest Control.

Motion to approve the contract with Range Pest Control, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad brought forward an issue he has been addressing at the ballfield with kids building forts, leaving a mess and building a fire pit. He left a note for them to clean up the mess.

Board of Appeal Reconvene-

Motion to hold the reconvene on May 19th at 6:30 PM, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler questioned the fence removal at the playground. Cannot at this time as the Governor did not open playgrounds. Minnesota Township Association stated that no Township recreation sites or buildings be open at this time.

Supervisor Sather requested a fence placed at the ballfield as a resident has been plowing snow to access their garage. There was permission granted to the residents to haul material in there during construction, but it is very apparent that it is regularly used. They were told prior to construction that cannot be used as a driveway.

Transfer to Assessment Savings- Received a small payment from a tax forfeit property.

Motion to transfer \$454.09 from the checking to the Assessment Savings, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCADA Computer Upgrades- Chairman Tammaro brought forward that when the SCADA update was installed, in order to save some money, the communication link was not updated and has now reached its end of life. Quote from Telemetry & Process Controls is \$10,937 for replacement of the communication link plus an additional \$2,655 to supply, program, install and test the equipment. Included was an additional two quotes to replace the workstation from Rogers Online. The workstation would have a life of 5-8 years, but a server's estimated life was 8-12 years. The recommendation was to use the server.

Motion to proceed with the SCADA system purchase for \$18,272.00, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. The funds would also come from the Assessment Savings. This was brought before

the Board and the not first the PUC due to uncertainty of when meetings will occur again. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that he will be getting a price from Eagle Paving for completion of the manholes.

Discussion regarding Town Hall closure. Commission meetings are still on hold. Will need to open for the election.

Motion to approve closing the Town Hall to the public until May 19th and review at the next Town Board meeting, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$186,578.63, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

[Signature]
Chair

Date:

5-20-20

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk