

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 19, 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 Kristin & Mike Pessenda and Jim Prittinen. Steve Shykes arrived at 7:06 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 5th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Jim Prittinen was present to discuss the tennis program that is scheduled for Fayal. The cities of Eveleth and Virginia are not running youth recreation programs. Currently looking at three separate classes and maintaining groups no larger than ten. Discussion regarding safety precautions and liability issues. The instructors will make a decision at the end of the week whether to proceed or cancel summer lessons.

Motion to approve the tennis program for the summer, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli will place an order for tennis balls. Mr. Prittinen also questioned if his son can continue to volunteer to pick up garbage at the complex. Chairman Tammaro clarified that he can continue as in prior years.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Kristin and Mike Pessenda were present to discuss the fence that was placed between their property and the ballfield. Mrs. Pessenda reiterated that the Board had given prior permissions last year to access the backhalf of their property by use of the ballfield while their garage was being built. The garage was completed in April. They were plowing during the winter in anticipation of the builder. They did clean up the ruts and restore the area. The Pessenda's wanted to make it clear they are not using the back access as a regular driveway and are finishing up a driveway from the front. They currently use the path to travel to Mrs. Pessenda's parent's home. Discussion regarding four-wheelers, golf carts and vehicles traveling too fast through the ballfield. There are also people walking dogs, others using the area next to the paper road, kids building forts and it appears individuals are also dumping brush. Discussion regarding how to handle. Supervisor Sather discussed that the public perception is it looks like a driveway from our ballfield and some large rocks or such should be placed there. Discussion regarding fire truck access if there was a fire at the garage and Chief Shykes clarified that they would be unable to access from the ballfield anyway. Supervisor Ziegler added that while the ballfield is public property, the Township has the right to make it private property and designate its use. Rocks should be placed at the end of the road at the top of the ballfield, at the top of the hill and the trail off of Woodlawn. Discussion regarding gating off entrance. Signage should be placed stating for ballfield use only, hours of operation are 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, no four-wheelers or golf carts and not a dog park. Will need to check with the Road & Bridge Department to ensure rock placement doesn't interfere with snow removal.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$36,561.42 and expenditures are \$126,865.66. Current balances for the month of May are:

Miners Checking- \$819,232.95
Assessment Savings- \$114,393.06
CD Savings- \$83,905.28
4M Fund- \$472,775.65

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Branville has noticed that the balance in the checking has been lower than normal and had

questions as to why? There have been some larger bills from the Gilbert Public Utilities for the past few months assuming that is the result of the stay at home orders, some larger repairs for the lift stations, some larger bills for the fire department and in July will see the apportionment monies. Chairman Tamaro brought forward concerns if Fayal will see an impact of individuals not paying their taxes? Concern that the General Fund has been carrying nearly all the other departments as they are in the negative until the levy funds are received. In speaking with Utility Billing Clerk Diane Dickson, there are no new delinquent customers and the delinquency report has retained the same individuals for nonpayment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Television Access Board Meeting Minutes from May 6th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from April 8th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes from March 9th and April 20th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion regarding the last meeting and that the Town Board approve the Q & A prepared by Supervisor Chad. A press release can be published of the merger and the questions can be used to answer any media questions. Discussion regarding committee process and approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 8th- Letter from Senior Wastewater Operator Dale Dickson with notice of retirement. His final day will be June 20th, 2020. Listed under New Business.

May 11th- Letter from MN Dept of Revenue. Annual mineral hearing on unmined iron ore assessments for the year 2020 will be held at 10:00 AM May 21st virtually. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- The group met last week. Tasks are beginning to be completed. Chief Shykes is working on a subcommittee to create the organizational chart; Clerk Coldagelli and the Eveleth City Administrator are working on the governance model. There is also a budget committee that will start working as well. Discussion regarding having a naming contest after the press release.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Mr. Toman. He had not received a quote from GMEN as the company had indicated. She will work with GMEN for an updated quote.

MnDOT Relocation- MnDOT requested money from the State.

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12- Still a vacancy.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Job Descriptions- Needs to be completed prior to hiring. The position needs to be open to AFSCME members first and then can be opened up to other internal employees if desired and external applicants as well.

Supervisor Chad had to leave at 7:48 PM.

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

Motion to approve the second 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 Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 Update- The Governor is expected to announce more openings tomorrow. The northern part of the State has seen a small number of cases and its expected that number will grow.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Wastewater Operator Retirement- Chairman Tammaro read Dale Dickson's retirement letter to the Board. Senior Wastewater Operator Dickson has been an employee of the Township for the past twenty years.

Motion to accept the retirement of Dale Dickson effective June 20th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Heidi Coldagelli, Lee Branville and Jason Latvaaho to the Hiring Committee, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. If anyone else would like to participate, they are welcome. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Position should be posted after job descriptions are completed. Can be posted as a wastewater operator/equipment operator. With both departments, will be a forty-hour a week position. Foreman will oversee the wastewater operator.

Lift Station H- Chairman Tammaro brought forward the guide rails where the pumps are mounted needs replacement.

Motion to approve the quote from Minnesota Pump Works for \$5,169.90 plus shipping costs, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Crack Sealing Quote- Quote from ACS would include all nine roads from the 2017 road project and would not be charged any mobilization costs due to ACS working on another project in the area.

Motion to approve the proposal from ACS for \$4,265.00, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.


Two quotes were included for the televising and cleaning project. Still waiting for possibly one more quote. Table for now.


Supervisor Sather requested fence removal at the playground. Still cannot at this time as the Governor did not open playgrounds. Minnesota Township Association stated that no Township recreation sites or buildings are to be open at this time.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$53,933.01, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.


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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: 
Chair

Date: 6-2-20

Attest: 
Clerk