

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 2, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tamaro. Present were: Chairman Tamaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ziegler arrived at 7:06 PM. Chairman Tamaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Andy Johnson & Brian Jussila from MnDOT, Gina Brascugli, Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde and John West. Steve Shykes arrived at 7:26 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 19th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting of May 19th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Andy Johnson was present to discuss the potential relocation of MnDOT's headquarters to the site in Fayal. Brian Jussila, Facility Supervisor with MnDOT was also in attendance. The engineering studies, borings, environmental surveys and preliminary site work have been completed. Water supply, feasibility, wetlands and endangered species studies also have been completed. Cost estimated a 4,000 foot water line run down Highway 53, but Eveleth and Fayal would be interested in a waterline loop. Mr. Johnson agreed that a loop would be preferred and those details can continue to be worked out. MnDOT has not received funding during the last two legislative sessions. They have decided to pursue working with the City of Eveleth to purchase the entire 35 acre parcel, utilizing 20 buildable acres and maintaining the remainder acreage as a buffer. MnDOT would enter and exit off of Thunderbird Trail and would likely upgrade at least their traveled portion of the road to a ten-ton road.

Supervisor Ziegler arrived at this time.

Mr. Johnson did confirm that MnDOT is also possibly interested in the property located across the street. That site could potentially house a salt shed and stormwater treatment. Chairman Tamaro questioned the noise that would be generated from the site. Mr. Johnson clarified that typically during a snowstorm, an employee loads up in the morning and is gone for the majority of the day. There will also be noise mitigation that would take place with buffers, etc. During the summer, MnDOT's working schedule is Monday-Thursday. There will also not be a fuel station there either. Mr. Johnson would like to set up a WebEx meeting for the public and will work with Clerk Coldagelli to notify the residents. If funding is received, the project could start in about 18 months. Mr. Johnson expects that when the funding request is made, they would plan for a waterline.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- John West read his response from a League of MN Cities attorney regarding his concerns with the water access charges. Clerk Coldagelli further clarified that water access charges and water connection charges are not the same thing. Supervisor Ziegler reiterated to Mr. West that the Township does have the right to charge those costs, but he also sympathizes with Mr. West and agrees that those costs should be reviewed as they were determined by the Differding project a number of years ago. Chairman Tamaro added that the Public Utilities Commission has been tasked to review both the sewer and water access charges, especially since the sewer assessment will be paid off this year. Mr. West will provide a copy of the letter to share with the PUC.

Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde presented the police report from January 1st-April 30th. There were 104 calls for service and 7 traffic stops.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of May have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$65,320.64 and expenditures were \$127,265.85. Tentative ending balances for the month of May are:

Miners Checking- \$847,591.98
Assessment Savings- \$114,847.15
CD Savings- \$83,905.28
4M Fund- \$472,775.65

For the month of June to date, revenues are \$1,948.22 and expenditures are \$78,317.69.

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 January 1st- April 30th Police Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 20th- Letter from St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department. The St. Louis County Board approved parcel 340-0087-00455 for sale. Placed on file.

May 28th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with board meeting minutes from April 23rd. Placed on file.

May 28th- Letter from Jacklyn Bird. Recently purchased property at 8076 Horseshoe Lake Court and expressing interest in having Township sewer lines made available to the property location. Moved to New Business.

May 28th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with variance application information for Leonard Groom. The Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 11th at 10:10 AM. Shared with Planning Commission and placed on file.

May 29th- Email from Summer Work Outreach Project with Youth Community Service Award Application information. Youth, ages 11 to 14 are eligible to win one of forty \$25 awards for serving their local communities. Deadline to apply is July 20th. Post at posting boards and website.

June 1st- Letter from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department to inform that St. Louis County Solid Waste & Septic Subcommittee supported Environmental Services' recommendation to not increase the solid waste disposal fee for mixed municipal solid waste for 2021. Placed on file.

June 2nd- Email from St. Louis County with information regarding CARES ACT Coronavirus Aid through application with a Community Development Block Grant. Applications will be accepted between June 1 and must be received no later than 4:30 PM June 22. Placed on file.

June 2nd- Email from St. Louis County Public Works Department with information regarding 2020 calcium chloride dust control. Forwarded on to Road and Bridge.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Fire Chief Steve Shykes informed the Board that the next meeting will be held virtually and/or in person on June 8th. The Board still needed to approve the Q&A. The subcommittee finalized the command structure and are working on formal job descriptions for each. Will be presented to the committee and also to the fire departments. Pay structure should be determined by a joint powers board.

Supervisor Branville-

Wastewater Operator Position- Job description has been completed. Posting as an Equipment Operator/Collection Systems Operator as per the union contract.

Motion to approve the newly formed job description for the Equipment Operator/Collection Systems Operator, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Chairman Tammaro brought forward for discussion that this job description is more in line with the duties of Equipment Operator Al Jurenic. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to post the position internally to the AFSCME employees for seven days, then post for seven days to the other internal employees and then two weeks after that post to the public, made by Supervisor Ziegler,

support from Chairman Tammaro. Discussion regarding posting, contract requirements and internal candidates. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad-

Q & A for Fire Department Shared Services-

Motion to approve the Q & A, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Mr. Toman. The demolition grant is a 1:1 match. Received two demolition quotes and Clerk Coldagelli, Chairman Tammaro and Mr. Toman plan to meet next week to discuss details and next steps.

Supervisor Ziegler-

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

Motion to adopt 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 Update- Clerk Coldagelli questioned the status at the Town Hall and whether the Hall is to be open. The State has not responded to clarify status.

Motion to open the Town Hall to the Townspeople and take the fence down at the playground, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Residents still need to abide by social distancing rules and use common sense. Motion carried unanimously.

Job Descriptions- Need to finish up the Foreman's job description and combine positions.

Motion to pay sealcoating bill in full for \$4,500 to Eagle Valley Paving & Sealcoating, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Manholes & Thunderbird Trail Repair Quotes- Quotes from Eagle Valley Paving and Sealcoating. Discussion regarding Thunderbird Trail and the repair cost of \$6,800. Supervisor Ziegler recommended having SEH complete soil borings and do a little more research before spending money that may only temporarily fix the issue.

Motion to approve patching the manholes for \$800, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Televising & Cleaning Quotes- Two quotes were received for the televising and cleaning project. Discussion regarding completing televising and how many sections left.

Motion to approve the quote from Great Lakes Pipe Service for \$49,881.60, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Mesabi Bituminous Fill- Mesabi Bituminous is completing work at the airport, receiving sand from a nearby pit and questioned if they can place fill at the yard waste site.

Motion to have Foreman Latvaaho work with Mesabi Bituminous regarding fill, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Powers Agreement with the BCA- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Chief Tim Koivunen regarding not renewing the agreement because the attorney costs exceed the fine revenue received. Chief Koivunen's opinion was Fayal's cases still need to be prosecuted, but in speaking with the attorney one of the \$50/month fees will not be charged to Fayal. Clerk Coldagelli will have the resolution ready for the next meeting.

Jacklyn Bird Sewer Extension Request- Chairman Tammaro had requested from SEH an estimate for an extension in that area. Cost was \$114,000 for approximately three properties. Discussion regarding cost. Send cost estimate to the PUC to discuss.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$78,317.69, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Andy L. Russo
Chair

Date:

6-20-20

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk