

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 18, 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 Chad, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisors Branville and Sather were absent. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Craig Johnson, Jesse Linde, Steve Shykes, Nick Preiner, Jim Preiner, Reid Robillard, John Rodorigo, Bob and Dawn Thomas, Jim Wilson and Brian Zadnikar.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of August 4th, 2020, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Craig Johnson was present with seven other residents representing the 25 homes and cabins on Differding Point and requested information regarding the status on repair of the twenty-four year old bituminous road and alerting the Town Board to the problems that it has. Mr. Johnson would like to know that they will receive future road improvements at a later date and time. Chairman Tammaro informed the audience members that the County plans to reconstruct their portion of the road and himself and Foreman Jason Latvaaho assessed the condition of Fayal's portion of Differding and requested an estimate for repair to be included with the County's project. The estimate for Fayal's portion of the road is \$16,000 for a mill and overlay and would only serve as a temporary fix. A full reconstruct for approximately 300 feet was \$80,000-\$90,000. In 2017, Fayal completed a section of roads and Differding could be added to the list of road improvements for the next project in a few years. Reid Robillard had some concerns with his culvert if the project is delayed and the Road & Bridge Department can take a look at that. Jim Wilson brought forward flooding issues with the County's culvert running from Ely Lake to Deep Lake. Bob Thomas questioned if crack repair could occur. A manhole that was recently lowered also has standing water now. Discussion with the audience regarding current constructions costs and interest rates. The State provides approximately \$16,000 per year in Town Road Aid and Township allocates \$50,000 per year for road improvements, which is currently satisfying the bond payment for the 2017 road project.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes informed the Board that the ambulance is in service. Known as Rescue 1, it will store water rescue, hazmat and low angle gear, along with medical supplies.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of July have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$772,493.67 and expenditures were \$127,690.08. Revenues included St. Louis County Apportionment monies of \$654,548.03, CARES Grant funding of \$44,675.00 and Town Aid of \$499.50. Ending balances for the month of July are:

Miners Checking- \$1,410,615.09
Assessment Savings- \$115,311.53
CD Savings- \$83,936.66
4M Fund- \$473,106.67

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$43,310.25 and expenditures are \$297,308.42, which includes a transfer from Checking to the Assessment Savings for \$180,776.65.

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

Other Reports-

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

Motion to accept the Joint Rec Meeting Minutes from August 12th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from August 5th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the PUC Meeting Minutes from July 14th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Getting close to certifying to the taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

August 14th- Email from Dawn Trexel with SWOP. A Round 2 of Youth Community Service awards is being offered. Applications are due September 8th. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Chad-

Fire Department Shared Services- Subcommittee for the SOGs met and was able to process a portion of the policy manual.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Hearing is scheduled for end of August. Clerk Coldagelli informed Mr. Kearney of the Board's recommendation to hold the property owner responsible for blighted conditions. Discussion regarding properties used for economic development in nearby cities.

MnDOT Relocation- Meeting was held at a resident's home, but unsure of current status. Chairman Tammaro will attend the next meeting if another one is held.

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12- Still a vacancy. The Commission scheduled a presentation to the new school district for their participation.

COVID-19 Update- No updates at this time.

Thunderbird Trail Repair Quotes- Supervisor Ziegler met with the Road & Bridge employees. The area needing repair is past the ponds. It can be saw cut, fabric placed and filled with class 5. Will need to rent a roller and can get it prepped and pave next year.

Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension- Awaiting response regarding the grant application from the IRRRB. Could use the Sewer Access Charges if grant is not awarded so that the project can proceed.

Chairman Tammaro-

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- Public Utilities Department is working on.

PUC Depreciation Recommendation- Table until response received.

NEW BUSINESS

Bank Transfers- Need to transfer the assessments received from the St. Louis County Apportionment monies.

Motion to transfer \$180,776.65 from the Checking to the Assessment Savings, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to transfer \$15,000 from Capital Equipment to the Police Fund for the police car purchase, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth ATV/Golf Cart Issue- Discussion regarding the large number of complaints received regarding youth use of ATVs, golf carts and traffic violations. Currently the police are following minors found in violation home and having a discussion with their parents. The Board agreed that is the preferred action by the police department, versus immediately ticketing or towing the vehicle. There was damage at the ballfield due to an ATV and also damage to the fence near the dugout. Rocks will be placed and a gate installed at the entrance. Supervisor Ziegler will seek a quote for a gate and will also ensure it includes a Knox box for the police and fire departments.

New Hire Probationary Period- Will follow the contract with the current probationary periods.

Fire Department ATV Repair- During the July 5th plane crash, the ATV snagged a stump on the drive back and some significant damage occurred. The ATV is insured, but would be subject to a \$250 deductible. A quote for repair including servicing, was \$985.68. Consensus not to submit for insurance.

Motion to repair the ATV at Five Seasons and have it serviced, to be paid from the Fire Department budget and review funds at the end of the year, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously

Nick Preiner updated the Board that the transmission replacement for Engine 91 had a multitude of complications. Should be completed by the end of the week.

Chief Shykes informed the Town Board that the Relief Association would like to raise the benefit level from \$1,900 to \$2,200 per year. Members would be vested for a percentage after 5 years. This increase would then mirror Eveleth's levels. The audit supported the increase and could support an even greater increase.

Motion to raise the Relief Association to \$2,200 per year, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

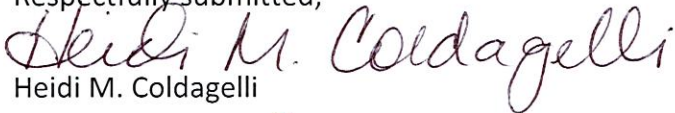
Supervisor Ziegler brought forward a citizen concern regarding a minimum maintenance road where a railroad crossing was removed. The Road & Bridge Department will take a look at it.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$249,086.25, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:47 PM.

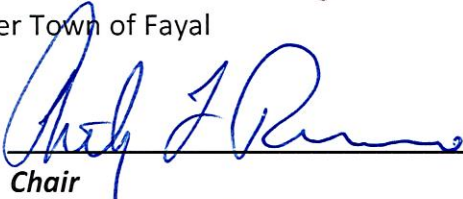
Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

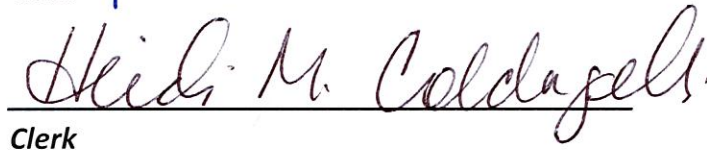
Approved:


Chair

Date:

9-1-20

Attest:


Clerk