

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 PM by Vice-Chair Ziegler. Present were: Vice-Chair Ziegler, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro and Supervisor Branville were absent. Vice-Chair Ziegler began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Jesse Linde, Matt Reid and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of September 1st, 2020, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Union Representative Sam Richter had to cancel. Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli spoke to Mr. Richter via conference call and he would be sending an M.O.U. later in the week.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of August have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$170,940.06 and expenditures were \$317,076.40. Revenues included Taconite Tax Production for \$99,501.00 and expenditures included a transfer from Checking to the Assessment Savings for \$180,776.65. Ending balances for the month of August are:

Miners Checking- \$1,264,478.75

Assessment Savings- \$296,088.18

CD Savings- \$83,936.66

4M Fund- \$473,114.78

For the month of September to date, revenues are \$55,127.56 and expenditures are \$109,029.45.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from August 12th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Vice-Chair Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Meeting Minutes from September 9th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Cable Meeting Minutes from September 2nd, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Vice-Chair Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes from July 13th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from August 12th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Vice-Chair Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

September 2nd- Letter from St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department. St. Louis County has approved parcel 340-0010-05320 for sale and notifying Fayal as a courtesy. Placed on file.

September 8th- Letter from Northeast Service Cooperative. A three month premium holiday will be effective for the months of October, November and December 2020. Beginning January 1, 2021, monthly premiums will remain at current levels of \$42 for single and \$110 for family. Placed on file.

September 9th- Email from Ruth Harristhal from St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department. Parcel 340-0010-05280 is being prepared for auction. Placed on file.

September 10th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with notification of variance approval for Teresa Kochar by St. Louis County Board of Adjustment. Shared with the Planning Commission.

September 11th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development regarding Community Development Block Grant fiscal year 2021 program open house and public hearing on fiscal year 2019 program accomplishments is scheduled Thursday, September 17th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM via a WebEx virtual event. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Meeting held yesterday and clarified Q&A with the group. Working on SOG's. Seeking a name and logo within the departments. Those will need to be copyrighted and the grant has funds to support legal fees. Meeting is scheduled for next month. Discussion regarding the Q&A is to be used as a tool for Supervisor Chad to answer questions for the public.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Arraignment and pretrial scheduled for Wednesday.

MnDOT Relocation- No updates.

Commission Vacancy- Channel 12- Still a vacancy.

Supervisor Chad-

COVID-19 Update- Clerk Coldagelli submitted the Cares Act Fund monthly audit. Through the month of August, the Township has used \$15,000 of the available grant funds. Employee wages for nearly six weeks of the stay at home order equated to \$10,000, other items included paying for the extra election workers and other supplies. There is the chance that those items may not be approved. The purchase of the AED's is not included and still outstanding. Included quotes for plexiglass in the clerk's office. Quotes from Roger's Online for three laptops to be used during quarantine and working from home. Also quotes for replacing outdated computer equipment for Road & Bridge and the PUC. Including the quotes, there is approximately \$11,000 remaining from the Cares Grant Funds. Those funds could be used for expediting the purchase of an additional R&B truck in 2020 as money has been set aside every year towards that purchase. Quotes were acquired for a 1/2 ton and a 3/4 ton. Vice-Chair Ziegler suggested requesting a quote from Waschke's for a Dodge as he would rather have the Road & Bridge Department purchase a 3/4 ton versus a 1/2 ton.

Motion to approve the Arrow Auto installation for \$728.00, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to purchase laptops for \$5,861.00, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Discussion regarding replacement of desktops with laptops. Clerk Coldagelli did not believe that in the office they could use laptops as PUC Billing Clerk Diane Dickson's computer also is utilized as the server. Will check into the Road & Bridge Department using laptops versus desktop to take into the field with Roger's Online. There are tablets that can be taken into the field. Will order the three for now and check into additional ones.
Motion carried unanimously.

Thunderbird Trail Repair Quotes- The Road & Bridge Department will complete in house.

Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension- IRRRB will meet on October 6th and will let the Township know if they are able to join the meeting. Have a quote for a service agreement from SEH with a not to exceed figure of \$7,500. SEH will bill by the hour for the shop drawings, assembly of contracts and any other necessary tasks.

Motion to approve the SEH Contract, made by Vice-Chair Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- At the last meeting, the PUC approved to change the verbiage and they will look at any other ordinance changes at another time. Clerk Coldagelli and Utility Billing Clerk Diane

Dickson have been working on those changes.

PUC Depreciation Recommendation-

Motion to approve the PUC recommendation to increase depreciation to \$30,000 annually, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Ziegler-

Employee Proposal- Clerk Coldagelli had not received a response back from the Union or HealthPartners.

Joint Powers Agreement Cable Access Channel 12- Table until the next meeting.

M.O.U. Wage Increase- Union will draft for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Levy- The Town Board will need to start looking at their respective departments.

Mining Effects- Second half has been received. Clerk Coldagelli recommended transferring \$20,000 to reimburse Building and Grounds parking lot payment. Discussion regarding fire department radios as they are approaching twenty years old. Radios are approximately \$4,000 each. Chief Shykes would like all radios purchased at once. There are opportunities to lease and Chief Shykes will bring that information for review. Could possibly use the yearly Mining Effects for the payment.

Motion to approve Clerk's recommendation and transfer \$20,000 from Mining Effects to Building & Grounds for the parking lot payment, made by Vice-Chair Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Delinquent Certifications- Clerk Coldagelli added that in her time with the Township that this is the least number of delinquent individuals to be certified. The majority of the individuals on the list also regularly pay their taxes.

Motion to certify the delinquent certification list, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

New Employee HSA- New employee was prorated for his HSA.

Motion to approve payment to HSA for the sum of \$2,391.67, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Pump Maintenance MN Pump Works- Pump inspections occur every other year, with half of the pumps inspected. Total inspection cost is \$3,352.00.

Motion to proceed with pump maintenance for a sum of \$3,352.00, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sather brought forward that members of the Fire Department Shared Services Committee would like to receive compensation for all the extra time that they are putting into the project. The Fire Department at this time does have the budget to support the extra payroll. Discussion and can discuss at the next meeting. The Fire Department also approved to pay members \$10/hour. Chief Shykes discussed that the consolidation study found that the Fire Department has not been compensated appropriately per wage and hour laws. The \$10/hour is estimated to increase the payroll budget by \$10,000. There are approximately 5-10 calls per year that exceed more than one hour. Chief Shykes also made the Town Board aware that in the near future, there will be a request for an increase in officer pay.

Supervisor Sather also brought forward that the Fire Department approved at their business meeting to make the Fire Department tobacco free and would include chewing tobacco. Clerk Coldagelli had previously pulled resolutions regarding tobacco use a few years ago, will relook at them and can edit the Township's policy to include that.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$50,614.83, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Ziegler

adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

[Signature]
Chair

Date:

10-6-20

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk