

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 6, 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 was absent. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Jesse Linde and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of September 15th, 2020, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Chairman Tammaro and Supervisor Branville 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 September have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$86,475.35 and expenditures were \$137,632.98. Revenues included Taconite Municipal Aid for \$30,806.00. Tentative ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$1,213,245.63
Assessment Savings- \$296,163.67
CD Savings- \$83,968.39
4M Fund- \$473,122.58

For the month of October to date, revenues are \$4,531.66 and expenditures are \$85,199.03.

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

Dennis Longar joined the meeting via teleconference at this time. He was present to discuss property that his family owns on the north side of Cedar Island Drive. Currently, they are looking at allocating properties and requests location of the sewer/water lines. In speaking with St. Louis County, Mr. Longar is researching the possibility of a potential rezoning of his property to residential 11, which is similar to the nearby lakeshore lots. St. Louis informed Mr. Longar that they do not spot zone and it would be Fayal's decision to submit the application on behalf of the owner and make that recommendation to the County. Clerk Coldagelli shared that in the past, the Planning Committee has deferred zoning decisions to St. Louis County as they do not have enough knowledge and expertise to make those recommendations. The Town Board will look into it and get back in touch with Mr. Longar.

Other Reports-

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

September 15th- Letter from the City of Gilbert with notification of wellhead protection plan for the City of Gilbert. Shared with the Public Utilities Department.

September 24th- News release from St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Department. St. Louis

County has grant funds available to prevent aquatic invasive species. Grant applications are due by Friday, November 20th. Moved to New Business.

October 2nd - Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with Board Meeting Minutes from August 27th. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Next meeting is Tuesday. Received a revised Q&A from Eveleth. No name suggestions have been received yet. Last meeting went very well.

Employee Hours Proposal- HealthPartners confirmed an employee is benefit ineligible if working less than 30 hours per week. AFSCME contract states benefit eligibility is 32 hours. If he would like to reduce his hours to 32 hours per week, he can work with the Foreman to arrange that, or if he would like to reduce to 30 hours per week, benefits would be prorated. Discussion regarding all staff benefits accrue the same. Concerns expressed with staffing levels and work duties.

Employee Contract M.O.U. Wage Increase-

Motion to approve the employee contract M.O.U. wage increase, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Mining Effects- Mining Effects is to be used by the end of the year.

New Employee HSA- Was approved at the last meeting, but was calculated incorrectly. Correct amount is \$2,352.46.

Supervisor Branville-

2022 Levy- Clerk Coldagelli presented a draft budget with increases to the Road & Bridge, Fire Department and Building & Grounds budgets. Discussion regarding Mining Effects and how it can and should be used. Over the past several years, the levy has remained relatively low. Discussion regarding paying off the parking lot project early. Could designate the excess school levy funds received this year to use for the Building & Grounds parking lot payment for the next two years. Will need to build up the Fire Department fund as they are working on a consolidation. The Fire Department also needs to work on an hourly wage for the Fire Department to be compliant. Other items for consideration in the future is a dump truck and replacement of the loader.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- No updates.

MnDOT Relocation- No updates.

Thunderbird Trail Repair Quotes- The Road & Bridge Department is working on.

Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension- IRRRB met today and all projects were approved. The IRRRB did not match the contingency, but will allow for 50% reimbursement of construction costs for installation of the project. The remaining 50% can be reimbursed through developmental construction.

Motion to move ahead with the Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension contracts and sign the IRRRB grant contract when received by the clerk, chair or vice chair to sign as needed, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- Clerk Coldagelli and PUC Clerk Diane Dickson are working on.

Chairman Tammaro-

Joint Powers Agreement Cable Access Channel 12-

Motion to approve the joint powers agreement, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 Update- Another grant is available from the County to offset COVID election costs up to \$1,107.

Motion to approve the 2020 CARES Act Grant County-Municipality Agreement as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08 A Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Election Grant Funds Under the CARES Act Grant from St. Louis County, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor

Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Rogers Online did not recommend replacing the desktops with laptops.

Motion to accept Rogers Online estimate to purchase desktops for \$7,536.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding remaining COVID funds. Discussion regarding a UV light or fogger for the Town Hall. Expediting the purchase of a secondary Road & Bridge vehicle. Requested quotes to two Dodge dealerships and they were unable to offer a state bid price.

Motion to purchase the 2020 Chevy Silverado for \$28,739 and to include the titling fee, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Will apply \$5,000 of the COVID funds towards the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Radios- At the last meeting discussed the replacement of the radios with a lease option. The current radios are ten years old and are not consistently working. Replacement costs for 25 radios and 6 mobiles is \$83,000. Lease options provide 3, 5 and 7 year options. Could possibly use Mining Effects. Quote is good through December 20th.

November Meeting Schedule-Election November 3rd-

Motion to cancel November 3rd meeting, call a special meeting if needed and pay the bills that need to be paid, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Election Board of Canvass- Meeting needs to occur between the 6th- 13th of November.

Motion to hold the Board of Canvass November 6th at 8:00 AM, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville brought forward a pay increase recommendation for Clerk Coldagelli for all the extra work, meetings that she attends and her performance.

Motion to increase Clerk Coldagelli's pay by \$2.00/hour, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Discussion regarding past contract with minimal increase and Clerk Coldagelli's performance. Increase effective with current pay period starting October 5th. Motion carried unanimously.

Election Judges-

Motion to approve election judges Joe Brazerol, Katelyn Baker, Sharon Crep, Becky Dean, Tom Dean, Sue Kamnikar, Diane Dickson, Jeanne Prittinen, Eleanor Eck, Tracy Salin, Kelly McCue, Kelly Sather, Robert Mavec, Joanne Waldorf and Betsy Olivanti, with head judges, Diane Dickson and Becky Dean for the general election, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Head judge is paid \$18/hr and election judges are paid \$15/hr. Clerk Coldagelli will also provide meals to the election judges. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.

Penalties for Utility Bills- With COVID, waived the penalties for late bills through this month. Have not seen an impact with any new late individuals.

Motion to reinstate the penalty for late utility bills effective the November bill, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to participate in the Aquatic Invasive Species grant program again, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$113,802.56, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:03 PM.

Chairman Tammaro called the Regular Meeting back to order at 8:03 PM.

Motion to pay the Fire Department Relief Association their 2% and \$14,000.00, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Andy J. Russo

Chair

Date:

10-20-20

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk