

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 20, 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 and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ziegler was absent. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli and Steve Shykes. Dennis Longar was present via teleconference.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 6th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Chad abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Gina Brascugli brought forward that she is working on determining the right-of-way in front of her home as she would like to place a large rock at the edge of the right-of-way.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of September have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$86,944.34 and expenditures were \$137,632.98. Revenues included Taconite Municipal Aid for \$30,806.00. Ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$1,213,714.62
Assessment Savings- \$296,163.67
CD Savings- \$83,968.39
4M Fund- \$473,122.58

For the month of October to date, revenues are \$41,512.74 and expenditures are \$165,882.08.

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 Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from September 9th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from October 7th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from October 14th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September PUC Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from September 8th, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Meeting from September 14th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Dennis Longar was present via phone to discuss his request for rezoning on Cedar Island Drive. Mr. Longar had provided a map with his proposed zoning changes. Chairman Tammaro requested to send to the Planning Committee for review.

CORRESPONDENCE-

October 8th- Letter from the Mayor and City Council of Eveleth with thank you for the \$15,000 contribution towards the new police squad. Placed on file.

October 19th- Results tests from Minnesota Department of Management and Budget regarding pay equity compliance. Fayal passed all four of the compliance tests. Placed on file.

October 19th- Email from Cathy Rouleau from St. Louis County Association of Townships. Monthly meeting will be held October 28th via Zoom at 6:30 PM. The Annual Meeting will also be held via Zoom on December 2nd at 6:30 PM. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Joint Powers Agreement is out for review. November 16th is the next meeting. Subcommittee met regarding a budget. Chairman Tammaro requested a replacement to fill his position on the Committee. Supervisor Sather will replace Chairman Tammaro.

2022 Levy- Discussion that the \$20,000 increase to the Fire Department is not sufficient to cover payroll expenses and to increase by \$25,000.

Fire Department Radios- Discussion regarding number of radios needed. Recommendation to use remaining Mining Effects in order to bring payment down and lease with options for 3, 5 & 7 years. The three year lease payment would be approximately \$21,234.09 with a down payment from Mining Effects. In the future could use Mining Effects to make the payment.

Motion to purchase the radios on the three year lease agreement, with \$24,360.00 from Mining Effects as the down payment and to pay the yearly lease payment from Mining Effects, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- No updates.

MnDOT Relocation- No updates.

Commission Vacancies- Channel 12- No interested parties.

Supervisor Branville-

COVID-19 Update- Remaining CARES Act Funds need to be utilized by November 15th or will need to be returned to St. Louis County. CARES Funds of \$44,675.00 have been received and \$5,095.12 is currently remaining. Waiting for a response from State of MN Unemployment Office if Fayal is responsible for a \$2,404.62 bill. That may possibly be covered by State or Federal Funds. Still, awaiting quotes for a UV light cleaner that is estimated around \$4,000.00.

Motion to allocate \$1,500.00 of remaining CARES grant towards a Toughbook for the Fire Department and the remainder of the funds towards a UV disinfecting machine, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro-

Thunderbird Trail Repair Quotes- No updates.

Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension- Jola and Sopp started on Monday.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- The Public Utilities Commission is reviewing the Ordinances for any additional changes in order to make all necessary changes at one time.

NEW BUSINESS

Tobacco Policy- Clerk Coldagelli is drafting a resolution and will have completed for the next meeting. The resolution will add smokeless tobacco to our existing policy.

Fayal Sign- Extreme Signs provided a quote for replacing the Fayal sign at the corner of Miller Trunk and Ely

Lake Drive. Cost is approximately \$2,400.

Motion to contract with Extreme Signs for the green/white sign design, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. The General Fund can cover the sign cost. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Lift Station F- Lift Station F is in need of repair and received a quote from MN Pump Works.

Motion to proceed with repair for \$5,169.90 plus freight to be paid from the Maintenance Contingency Fund, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. A-1 would also need to be onsite during the repair. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Sather brought forward that he would like the Town Board to consider the raises for the Fire Department and to implement that before it is a budgeted item on the levy.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the PUC had discussed interest rates and questioned if Clerk Coldagelli had spoken to the Gilbert Bank regarding deposits. Clerk Coldagelli had spoken to PUC member Chris Erickson and would need to check if that rate would apply to governmental accounts. The 4M Fund is only paying .02% and Miner’s Bank savings account is currently at .20%.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$51,347.05, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *[Signature]*
Chair

Date: 11-17-20

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk