

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 17, 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, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Canvass Meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisors Branville and Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**- None at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Steve Shykes congratulated those re-elected and thanked the Board Members for their service. Gina Brascugli verified that a Fire Department pay increase would affect her 2022 taxes. She also questioned if meetings could be televised on Channel 12. Clerk Coldagelli will check into that.

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**-

Bank statements for the month of October have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$84,637.65 and expenditures were \$164,810.08. Ending balances for the month of October are:

Miners Checking- \$1,133,542.19  
Assessment Savings- \$296,163.67  
CD Savings- \$83,968.39  
4M Fund- \$473,130.69

For the month of November to date, revenues are \$9,482.56 and expenditures are \$172,563.78.

***Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** Chairman Tammaro questioned if Clerk Coldagelli had discussed with the Bank of Gilbert moving the 4M Fund. Clerk Coldagelli had wanted to check first with Miner's National Bank and also at least transfer the 4M Fund to the Miners Bank savings account. The second half of the levy will be received in December and can address both at that time. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Other Reports**-

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from November 4<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the October Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the August Planning Committee Minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the September Planning Committee Minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from November 11<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor***

**Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Meeting from October 13<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from October 13<sup>th</sup>, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to accept the Delinquency Report, made by Chairman Tammaro support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to accept the October Wastewater Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE-**

October 23<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County Board of Adjustment with facts and findings for Leonard Groom. Shared with the Planning Committee.

October 26<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Unemployment Insurance regarding financial relief for reimbursing employers. Provisions in the CARES Act to reduce charges include, reimbursement of the first week of unemployment benefits paid and reimbursement for 50% of the remaining balance. Adjustments will begin the week of October 25<sup>th</sup> and expect to be completed by November 14<sup>th</sup>. Clerk's note: This has not been completed for Fayal as of 11/17 and Fayal's balance owing is \$6,491.44. Placed on file.

October 26<sup>th</sup>- Letter of understanding from Walker, Giroux & Hahne regarding audit services and fees for the 2020 audit are \$18,300. Moved to New Business.

October 28<sup>th</sup>- Two emails from FEMA Go regarding Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grants. Fayal's application did not score high enough to receive further consideration. The second application was also denied. Applications were submitted for radio and air pack assistance. Placed on file.

November 1<sup>st</sup>- Newsletter and donation request from Summer Work Outreach Program. Moved to New Business.

November 3<sup>rd</sup>- Range Association of Municipalities & School Board Meeting Minutes from September 24<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

November 5<sup>th</sup>- Email from RAMS regarding Board of Director nominations. Nominations must be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Placed on file.

November 16<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with financial statements from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Placed on file.

November 17<sup>th</sup>- Email from Rogers Online with updated work policy. Rogers Online will be performing work remotely and onsite repair will be available only in major outage conditions. No new computers, system upgrades or major maintenance will be performed which may result in on-site visits. Placed on file. All of Fayal's desktops and laptops have been installed. The Toughbook for the Fire Department cost was \$1,400 with an additional \$300 for set up. All of the CARES Grant funds have been utilized.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Fire Department Shared Services-** Last meeting addressed the Joint Powers Agreement and a subcommittee will meet to make adjustments and send for final approval to the Committee. The Committee is also looking for suggestions for a department name and will narrow it down to a few choices.

##### **Supervisor Branville-**

**2022 Levy-** The Fire Department needs to increase their budget by \$25,000 to cover necessary pay raises. The Fire Department will need to significantly increase in the future to support shared services with Eveleth. Currently, the proposed 2022 Levy is reflecting a \$47,000 increase. Discussion that a few residents had requested a zero percent increase, but that approach eventually catches up to cities and they are faced with large future increases.

##### **Supervisor Chad-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Chairman Tammaro spoke with Attorney Mike Kearney today. A hearing will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kearney was going to work with Mr. Toman's attorney to revisit transferring the property

to Fayal. Mr. Kearney anticipated that a trial would take place in February, but it is unlikely that the property owner would be able to demolish the building.

**MnDOT Relocation**- Discussion that the State could possibly be in negotiations with the City of Eveleth.

**Commission Vacancies- Channel 12**- No interested parties.

**COVID-19 Update**- Clerk Coldagelli needs to submit a final report for the CARES Grant and the Township has utilized all of the funds. There is an outstanding expense for State Unemployment that was to be billed to the cities prior to the CARES Grant deadline, but the State did not get those completed by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Supervisor Ziegler**-

**Thunderbird Trail Repair Quotes**- The Road & Bridge Department will need to regrade and subcut in the spring.

**Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension**- Jola and Sopp have completed the installation and televising the line remains. Discussion that those subject to the Sewer Access Charge will be billed once the project has been completed.

**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.

**Employee Hours Proposal**- The Union is working with Equipment Operator Jurenic to submit a proposal.

**Zoning Change Request**- The Planning Committee will review Dennis Longar's request at their meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Tobacco Policy**- Clerk Coldagelli drafted a resolution to address all forms of tobacco. Chief Shykes discussed that he also wanted no tobacco use on scene for fire calls.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09, A Resolution to Amend a Tobacco Policy for the Entire Fayal Town Hall Complex, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fire Department Member Pay**- Recommendation to start in December as the Department will receive their annual pay through November. Estimating increase will be approximately \$25,000. For 2021, any excess over their normal budgeted payroll costs will be paid from the General Fund. This increase will put the Department in line with the City of Eveleth Fire Department and meets minimum wage standards. Members will receive \$10.00 per hour for meetings, drills, truck checks and fire/EMS calls. Currently, receives \$10.00 for the first hour and \$5.00 for any additional hours.

***Motion to approve the Fire Department Member Pay, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Chief Shykes will be reviewing time cards monthly. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.***

Clerk Coldagelli added that it was her recommendation to hold off on officer pay wages until 2022 when additional funds could be added to the budget.

**Recognition Nonpaid Committee & Commissions**- An annual banquet to recognize all Township volunteers wasn't held due to COVID. Chairman Tammaro would like to recognize those unpaid volunteers with a gift certificate as a thank you for their service.

***Motion to purchase a \$50.00 gift certificate for groceries for each Committee member, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the contract for services with Walker, Giroux & Hahne for \$18,300.00, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

Donated to SWOP last year and it is a good summer program for youth.

***Motion to donate \$1,000 to Summer Work Outreach Program, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$172,563.78, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.***

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli.*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *Andy J. P...* Date: 12-1-20  
Chair

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli.*  
Clerk