

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 1, 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 Matt Hoffmann, Jamie Lindseth and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 17th, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Jamie Lindseth was present to discuss the health insurance renewal. Rates will increase approximately \$220/month and the deductible by \$200. Mr. Lindseth will check the PEIP program increases.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Steve Shykes informed the Board that the new hourly pay is effective December 1st and the fire department members will be paid once a month.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of November have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$61,439.50 and expenditures were \$185,100.84. Tentative ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$1,009,776.19
Assessment Savings- \$296,268.33
CD Savings- \$83,968.39
4M Fund- \$473,130.69

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$340,538.87 and expenditures are \$86,593.17.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Clerk Coldagelli had checked with Miner's National Bank regarding rates and will need to discuss with the Bank of Gilbert. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Other Reports-

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

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Minutes from October 21st, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

November 20th- Letter from Minnesota Unemployment Insurance with preliminary review of Quarters 1-3. Once 4th Quarter has been completed, a letter will be sent to inform the Township of the total amount relieved. Placed on file.

November 20th- Letter from AFSCME with notice of a change in the monthly dues cap not to exceed \$57.70 (increase of \$0.70), effective January 1, 2021. Shared with employees.

November 23rd- Letter from Mediacom with a number of rate adjustments effective December 22nd. Mediacom has also launched a low-cost internet service featuring 25 Mbps download speeds for \$9.95 per month. This service is known as Connect2Compete and is offered in partnership with EveryoneOn and is available to families with students participating in the National School Lunch Program. Additional information is available at

www.mediacomc2c.com. Placed on file.

November 25th- Financial statements ending December 31, 2019 and 2018 from Walker, Giroux & Hahne for Eveleth-Fayal-Gilbert-School District Joint Recreation Board. Placed on file.

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 then narrow it down to a few choices. Matt Hoffmann updated the Board that joint training is operating at 60% and they will be taking December off due to COVID. The vendor is looking into some online training components. With the shutdown disruptions, there is a potential extension of the grant funding for training. Chief Shykes expressed his concerns regarding a secure funding source as the Levy is approved by the townspeople. The initial first year budget is a rather large increase. A taxing district would need to be initiated by the elected officials reaching out to our local legislators. This would be a good opportunity for both communities to discuss at a joint meeting.

COVID-19 Update- Chief Shykes is gathering numbers of eligible individuals for the first round of vaccinations. COVID has affected training and is limiting participants at the fire station. Clerk Coldagelli submitted the final report for the CARES Grant and the Township has utilized all of the funds.

Supervisor Branville-

2022 Levy- Will proceed with utilizing the 6.59% Levy increase. No need to increase the Police Fund as the budget can support a \$2,000 yearly increase.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- A hearing was held on November 18th and have not received an update.

MnDOT Relocation- Discussion that the State is no longer interested in the property and it appears they will remain at their existing location in Virginia.

Commission Vacancies- Channel 12- No interested parties.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension- Awaiting the completion of the televising.

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 indefinitely tabled the request and recommended that Mr. Longar work with the County to submit a variance request.

NEW BUSINESS

Eveleth Police Contract- The two year contract included an increase of \$166.67/month.

Motion to approve the Eveleth Police Contract, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-10 Poling Place- Supervisor Sather read the resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-10 A Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Reorganization Meeting-

Motion to hold the Reorganization Meeting on the 1st meeting in January at 7:00 PM with the Regular Board Meeting to follow, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Lodging Tax-

Motion to send the 2020 Lodging Tax to the Iron Range Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$1,342.12, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to transfer the 5% Lodging Tax withheld, \$70.64, to the Public Utilities Department, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Contented Critters- Have been very reliable and good to work with.

Motion to renew the Contented Critters Contract, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Televised Meeting Quote- Awaiting a quote.

Planning Commission Term Renewal-

Motion to renew Alex Peritz's three-year term on the Planning Commission beginning January, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Equipment Transfers-

Motion to transfer \$20,000 to the Road and Bridge Department and \$25,000 to the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward questions regarding farm animals in the Township. Clerk Coldagelli will provide Supervisor Ziegler with the County Ordinance that addresses animal units allowed based upon acreage.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that volunteers are interested in flooding the rink in Fayal. The Recreation Department is not employing attendants this year or individuals to flood Fayal's rink. Lights are on a timer and an outside bench was built over the summer. Discussion regarding ice melt and options for next year to assist with the rink's ice retention.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$99,130.23, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Andy J. Ramo
Chair

Date:

12-15-20

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk