

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

**DECEMBER 15, 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 and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Steve Shykes informed the Board that the radios have been received and are at the County for programming. They will be in service next week. On behalf of the Department, Chief Shykes requested the purchase of an ice rescue boat with a cost of approximately \$2,500. The rescue boat is easier to transport and use versus an inflatable raft. Current Fire Department Budget should support this purchase.

***Motion to purchase the ice rescue boat for 2021, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**-

Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$61,612.30 and expenditures were \$185,100.84. Ending balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$1,009,948.99  
Assessment Savings- \$296,268.33  
CD Savings- \$83,968.39  
4M Fund- \$473,138.52

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$368,597.67 and expenditures are \$123,018.58.

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

**Other Reports**-

***Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from November 11<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from November, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

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

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from December 2<sup>nd</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion regarding the continuance of Channel 12 with the school. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**-

November 30<sup>th</sup> - Email from Brenda Shafer-Pellinen with Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging (AAAA). The AAAA is committed to helping older adults maintain their highest level of independence and provide assistance to individuals and caregivers through management of grants, Senior LinkAge Line, Eldercare Development Partnership Program and the Juniper Network. Clerk Coldagelli will contact them for educational pieces to use in the utility bills.

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Letter From Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with notification of annual meeting cancellation and the approved 2021 budget for review. Placed on file.

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Email from David Hammer with the Duluth Area Community Foundation. The Eveleth Community Foundation is seeking nonprofits with project ideas for its spring grant round. Grants generally range from \$500 to \$5,000. Letter of intent deadline is January 18<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Letter from FHLB Des Moines with Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit on behalf of Miners National Bank of Eveleth. Placed on file.

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Letter from St. Louis County Fair seeking donations for 2021. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Fire Department Shared Services-** December meeting was canceled.

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

**Televised Meeting Quote-** Awaiting a written quote. Hugo Mariucci had verbally quoted Clerk Coldagelli \$75 per meeting and the Township would need to purchase a mixing board. Discussion regarding cost.

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**2022 Levy-** No changes and will wait until the next meeting to approve.

#### **Supervisor Chad-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Have not received an update.

**COVID-19 Update-** Clerk Coldagelli needed to transfer funds from the COVID grant to the appropriate funds. Total transfer amount of \$14,722.34, with \$12,737.60 to Road & Bridge, \$894.28 to Building and Grounds, \$67.70 to Fire and \$1,022.76 to EMS.

***Motion to transfer the funds from the General Fund to the appropriate Departments, made by Chairman Tammaro support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chief Shykes informed the Board that frontline and EMS workers will start receiving vaccinations next week.

#### **Supervisor Ziegler-**

**Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension-** Televising is complete and awaiting the final paperwork and bill.

**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.

#### **Chairman Tammaro-**

Chairman Tammaro brought forth that he had concerns regarding the Annual Meeting and COVID. The Annual Meeting is a statutory requirement and unless legislative changes are made, Fayal will be required to hold. Will need to look at proper spacing and continue to monitor the MN Association of Township's website for updates.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Sather brought forward Firefighter Bryan Sampson's retirement letter.

***Motion to approve the retirement of Firefighter Bryan Sampson, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville brought forward the TruGreen bills. If paid in advance the Township receives a discount.

***Motion to continue with TruGreen for treatment of Town Hall complex and the Ballfield, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. The ballfield will be charged to the Recreation Department. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Dump Truck Specifications**- The grader's final payment is set for 2021. The Road & Bridge Department is requesting a quote for a dump truck. The existing dump trucks are a 2000 and a 2012 and are affected by wear and tear. Supervisor Ziegler would like to spec a tandem axle and will work with the Road & Bridge Foreman.

**Employee Travel**- Chairman Tammaro brought forward the recommendation for the Fire Department to only send the two individuals to FDIC training this year that are prepaid. Can discuss again as the training date approaches.

**Employee HSA Funding**- Received an email from the Union with a request for the Township to fund the gap between the HSA and the deductible. Union contract states the HSA contributions are \$3,500 for individual and \$7,000 for family. The Township currently funds 95% of the premium. Only in the event that the employee exceeds the yearly HSA contribution, would the employee be responsible for the difference. Contract is good though next year.

***Motion to continue with how the contract language is written, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville.*** Clerk Coldagelli will draft a letter to the Union. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to fund the employee HSAs beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> for a total of \$28,000, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Fund Transfers**- Clerk Coldagelli has a number of year end transfers. Funds received from the apportionment monies, \$110,304.49, need to be transferred from the Checking to the Assessment Savings. The Employee Benefit CD transfer requires transfers of \$10,000 from General, \$10,000 from Sewer, \$5,000 from Water and \$15,000 from the Road & Bridge Department, for a total of \$40,000. The Employee Benefit CD will reimburse the following funds for retirees, General \$3,774.68 and Road & Bridge \$11,584.39. A fund transfer from Sewer of \$20,000 needs to be completed for the increase in the Sewer Depreciation. The final transfer is \$24,336 from the Truck Fund to the Road & Bridge Department for the purchase of the pickup truck.

***Motion to complete the fund transfers as stated by Clerk Coldagelli, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather.*** ***Motion carried unanimously.***

The Fire Department will need to be made whole.

***Motion to transfer \$8,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Department, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville.*** ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

***Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$35,601.55, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** ***Motion carried unanimously.***


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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:   
Chair

Date: 1-5-21

Attest:   
Clerk