

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

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*Supervisors: Lee Branville, Mark Chad, Richard Sather, Patrick Ziegler*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chair Branville. Present were: Vice-Chair Branville, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro was absent. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:05. Vice-Chair Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience member in attendance was Matt Hoffmann.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- None at this time.

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**-

Bank statements for the month of January have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$81,921.68 and expenditures were \$207,148.38. Ending balances for the month of January are:

Miners Checking- \$1,030,587.60  
Assessment Savings- \$406,689.49  
CD Savings- \$557,146.39  
4M Fund- \$4.68

For the month of February to date, revenues are \$28,550.55 and expenditures are \$198,883.37.

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

**Other Reports**-

***Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from January 13<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Joint Rec Board Meeting Minutes from February 10<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**-

February 10<sup>th</sup>- Email from St. Louis County with news release that the County Board approved funding to North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District Aquatic Invasive Species grant application for \$398,600. Also shared with the Planning Commission.

February 11<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the US Census Bureau with certificate of participation and information regarding the 2020 Census Partner Thank You Webinar on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

February 11<sup>th</sup>- Bond Certificate for Clerk and Deputy Clerk from Minnesota Association of Townships. Placed on file.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Supervisor Sather-

**Fire Department Shared Services-** Not a very productive meeting, but the committee appears to be getting back on track.

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

**Commission Vacancies- Channel 12-** Still a vacancy.

**COVID-19 Update-** No updates at this time.

**Employee Hours Proposal-** The Union is working on a proposal and should see a response soon.

**Quote for Telephone/Internet-** Clerk Coldagelli still has not received a response from Century Link.

### Supervisor Chad-

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** No further progress and Attorney Kearney is working with Mr. Toman's attorney. Discussion regarding status of the blight complaint. The Town is requesting the property owner seal the open entrances and remove the garbage in front of the building.

**MnDOT Relocation-** Unsure of the status at this time.

### Annual Meeting Format-

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02, A Resolution to Conduct the Annual Meeting Remotely, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

Clerk Coldagelli also included the agenda and the Supervisors would like to continue to read the Supervisor's reports at the Annual Meeting. The meeting will also still be held in person. In order to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, the Town Hall must be their regular polling location.

### Supervisor Ziegler-

**Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension-** Awaiting the final review of the televising. Clerk Coldagelli followed up with the property owners regarding development on their properties in order to submit receipts for reimbursement of the other 50% of the extension costs.

**Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage-** The Public Utilities Commission is reviewing.

**2022 Levy Final-** Final review before annual meeting. No changes.

**Dump Truck Specifications-** Supervisor Ziegler needs to meet with Foreman Latvaaho.

**MPFA Sewer Replacement Fund-** PUC made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to discontinue funding. This year's contribution would have been \$2,984.97. Prior years' balance is in the MPFA Fund.

***Motion to discontinue funding the MPFA Sewer Replacement Fund and remaining balance in such fund be transferred into the Maintenance Contingency Fund, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

## NEW BUSINESS

**Retiree Insurance-** After clarification with the Union, per the contract, retirees are subject to 5% of the health insurance premium. Clerk Coldagelli will discuss with retiree.

**Waterline Freezing-** To Clerk Coldagelli's knowledge, in the past, there is a list of known individuals who have had prior freezing, who monitor their water temperatures and run their water when necessary. These individuals have received a credit for the excess water ran above their normal usage. Clerk Coldagelli has received three calls.

**2020 Local Road Improvement Grant Program-** Grant money is available from the State to support road improvement projects, up to \$1.25 million per project. Two appropriate projects would be Differding Point, Differding Lane, Differding Court E, Differding Court W and Thunderbird Trail. St. Louis County needs to submit the grant applications on Fayal's behalf and it would be presented at their March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. With the short turn around time for the applications due, Road & Bridge sought engineering estimates and Clerk Coldagelli drafted a resolution.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03, A Resolution to Submit Application to the 2020 Local Road Improvement***

**Program, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Sewer Rate Increase**- The PUC at their last meeting made a recommendation to the Town Board to increase the sewer rate by \$2.00. Clerk Coldagelli clarified to the Town Board that in 2019 when the sewer rate was increased due to Gilbert’s wastewater treatment upgrades, that the Township was going to try to absorb \$4.00 of that increase for as long as it could. Regular expenses are exceeding the revenues. Discussion regarding utilizing the Depreciation Fund for repairs and maintenance and line cleaning. Supervisor Ziegler would like to take a closer look at the financials before supporting a rate increase and to look into other possible options.

**Motion to table and revisit, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Depreciation Funding for 2021**- PUC made a motion to stop funding depreciation monthly and assess at year end. Also table for next meeting.

**Lift Station A-1 Repairs**- Received a quote to replace pump and base elbows for a cost of \$25,866.00. Minnesota Pump Works tested the pump and can replace with a smaller sized pump.

**Motion to replace lift station A-1 pump with elbows for \$25,866 plus freight with payment to come from the Depreciation Fund, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Miner’s Bank Savings as Dual Signatures**- It was discovered during signature changes that the savings did not require dual signatures, but the Township requires dual signatures.

**Motion that the two savings accounts at Miners National Bank require dual signatures, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Transfer 4M Interest to Miner’s Savings**-

**Motion to transfer the 4M interest to the Miner’s Savings account in the amount of \$4.68, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Employee/Supervisor Email Accounts**- The Fire Department had recently set up email accounts for training and the Township Supervisors should also have one. There is very little cost to establish and no monthly cost.

**Motion to set up employee/supervisor email accounts and if an individual does not wish to have it, continue to use your personal email account, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville.** Clerk Coldagelli also made those aware that it is recommended not to use personal email accounts for Township business because you are putting your personal email at risk. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$34,852.27, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**


Vice-Chair Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

  
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Chair

Date:

3/8/21

Attest:

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*  
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Clerk