

TOWN OF FAYAL

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 6, 2021

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 led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Becky and Denny Bone, Jim Prittinen and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of March 2nd, 2021, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Jim Prittinen informed the Board that youth tennis lessons would begin early June and run through early August. Need approximately \$150 for purchase of tennis balls. Will coordinate with the pickleball group for scheduling. Chairman Tammaro also questioned if Mr. Prittinen's son was still interested in cleaning the grounds, which possibly once a week depending on his services.

Motion to approve \$150 from the Recreation fund, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Becky and Denny Bone questioned proposed property valuations as they had received a 12.5% increase. In speaking with the County Auditor's Office, the area average was 8% increase on land and 15% on buildings. The Bones also questioned why St. Mary's Court was not included in the 2020 Local Road Improvement Grant? Applications were submitted for Differding Point area roads and Thunderbird Trail. Criteria for the grant emphasized roads adjacent to a trunk highway system and the County owned portion of Differding Point is scheduled for construction in 2022. Discussion regarding schedule for next set of road projects. St. Mary's Court has a high clay content and is in need of repair and graveling. The culverts need to be leveled and replaced. Mr. Bone will work with Foreman Latvaaho. Discussion regarding a speed sign on St. Mary's Court and previously Clerk Coldagelli submitted the request to the County, but due to the lack of traffic, the request was denied. Clerk Coldagelli will provide a copy of those findings to the Bones.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes reminded those in attendance the Fire Department Spaghetti Feed is scheduled for April 18th. Also per a resident request at the Annual Meeting, the Department has purchased a pet rescue kit.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of February have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$175,805.34 and expenditures were \$220,574.47. Ending balances for the month of February are:

Miners Checking- \$985,890.47
Assessment Savings- \$413,762.72
CD Savings- \$557,146.39
4M Fund- \$4.68

Bank statements for the month of March have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$64,559.26 and expenditures were \$129,702.65. Ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$920,588.65
Assessment Savings- \$413,916.47
CD Savings- \$557,303.04

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$2,305.59 and expenditures are \$97,085.10.

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 February 10th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting Minutes from March 10th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from February 9th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February PUC Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from March 3rd, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February Road Report, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the March Road Report, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from February 17th, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

March 9th- Email from Summer Work Outreach Project with spring newsletter and notification of new director, Adelia Kindstrand-Clark. Youth recruitment is scheduled to begin in late March with applications to be due late April. Placed on file.

March 15th- Letter from Minnesota Unemployment Insurance. Billing will remain suspended until Quarter 2, 2021 as the plan to apply federal financial relief to reimbursing employer accounts in January 2021 was delayed. Placed on file.

March 15th- Email from MN Department of Health. MN Department of Health has a competitive grant opportunity available on April 1st to all community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems to support activities that address a potential contamination source that presents a high risk to a source of drinking water. Deadline to apply is April 30th. Placed on file.

March 22nd- Email from Krista Schmitz with St. Louis County. Requests for early tax distribution on June 21st for 70% of the amounts collected needs to be received by May 31st. If no request is made, total distribution will be made on July 5th. Placed on file.

March 23rd- Email from St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes from February 24th. Placed on file.

March 26th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with meeting minutes from February 25th. Placed on file.

March 26th- Email from Mike Kearney with information regarding St. Louis County changing to Karpel as its new electronic record keeping system. Start up cost is \$281.25 per city with an annual fee of \$168.75. Moved to New Business.

March 26th- Email from Steve Giorgi with RAMS. Fayal Township is scheduled to receive \$210,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act. Payment will come in two equal payments, the first in mid to late June/July and the second 12 months later. Currently waiting for more guidance from the Treasury regarding how those funds may be used. Placed on file.

March 31st- Email from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department with 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Community Collection Schedule. Posted at all the posting places.

April 1st- Email from Van Iwaarden Associates with Valuation of Other Postemployment Benefits for fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021. Routed to Auditor and Supervisors for review.

April 5th- Fax from the City of Eveleth. The aqueduct between St. Marys and Ely Lake will be open on 4/5

because St. Marys Lake is lower than Ely Lake. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- Subcommittee has nearly completed joint powers agreement changes and will route to the Commission for review. The Commission meets on Monday.

Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension- Awaiting the final review of the televising and 5% retainage.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- PUC is working on.

Employee Hours Proposal- A proposal was provided by the Union. Equipment Operator Jurenic would like to propose healthcare coverage for his spouse at time of retirement or reduction of hours below insurance eligibility. Discussion regarding precedent setting, hours of work and benefit accrual. Chairman Tammaro suggested that Employee Jurenic submit a proposal regarding hours of work.

Motion to deny proposal, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Quote for Telephone/Internet- Clerk Coldagelli has not received any response back from Century Link. The CTC quote is for phones and adding a dedicated phone line for the Fire Department for \$181/month. Mediacom's quote was \$219.65.

Motion to contract with CTC for phone services, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville-

Quote for Heat Detectors- An updated quote was provided by ESC Systems to replace all the heat sensors for \$1,562.95 or just the single heat sensor for \$486.58. ESC Systems has mistakenly not charged the annual service fee of \$258.00 to the Township since 2009. There was an additional quote for the other building at a cost of \$6,846.69.

Motion to approve heat detector quote option two for \$1,562.95 from ESC Systems for the main complex, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chief Shykes questioned if the system would be zoned and Chairman Tammaro believed that could be programmed. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Board of Appeal Meeting- Meeting will be held next week and a quorum will need to be in attendance.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Another court date is approaching. Received correspondence from Mr. Toman's attorney and the Township provided a response.

Commission Vacancies- Channel 12- Chairman Tammaro is filling the position, but will need to continue to seek a new member.

COVID-19 Update- The Governor's restrictions have loosened and the Town Hall is now available for rent. Clerk Coldagelli drafted a document for COVID Town Hall rental rules that must be followed per the Governor's orders.

Motion to approve the document, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

MnDOT Relocation- The City of Eveleth is listing the property with a real estate agent.

2020 Local Road Improvement Program- The program has received over 400 applications, so the notification period has been delayed until early June.

Dump Truck Specifications- Received a quote from Mid-State. The grader will be paid off in September and the Road & Bridge Department would like the equipment by snowfall. In initial lease quotes, a 7-year payment was approximately \$28,000/year and a 5-year was \$38,000/year. Capital Equipment currently covers \$20,000 of the grader payment.

Motion to continue moving forward with specifications for the dump truck for finalizing, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Will need to trade-in or sell the other dump truck. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-04 Sewer Use Fees-

Motion to approve 2021-04 A Resolution to Amend Residential and Commercial Sewer Use Fees in Accordance with the Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Discussion regarding Gilbert debt service charge reductions in the upcoming years with all Gilbert debt service charges eliminated by 2038. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to approve the resignation of Jamie Reberg from the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Clerk Coldagelli will send out a letter thanking him for his years of service. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville brought forward that Range Quality Pest Control has retired and sold to A+ Pest Management. Price has remained the same at \$400/year.

Motion to contract with A+ Pest Management, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Recap Annual Meeting- Review of citizen requests from the meeting. A request for resident notification regarding the harmful effects of feeding the deer, but will need to work with the DNR for something that will fit into the bills. Request for a sign or resident notification for breaking down cardboard at the recycling bins. Citizen request if the Township could provide access from Bodas Trail to the State land located behind the airport. The property is privately owned.

Citywide Rummage Sale Request- The City of Eveleth has requested a \$100 donation to assist in advertising costs for the citywide rummage sale.

Motion to donate \$100 to the Eveleth Citywide Rummage Sale, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Audit-

Motion to approve the 2020 Audit, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Eveleth Golf Course Liquor License-

Motion to approve the liquor license for the Eveleth Golf Course, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the email from Attorney Kearney regarding the Karpel software. Cost is a one-time cost per entity of \$281.25 and an annual fee of \$168.

Motion to approve the request as written, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Bank Transfers-

Motion to transfer \$15,336.00 from the CD Savings to Miners Checking for the Road & Bridge Truck, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

A transfer from Miners Checking to the CD Savings for \$171,607.11 comprised of the 2020 Employee Benefit CD for \$10,730.85, 2020 Fayal Water Company Depreciation for \$4,330.80, 2020 Fayal Sewer Company Depreciation for \$40,000.00, 2020 Fayal Sewer Company Truck Depreciation of \$5,415.29 and Capital Equipment from the years 2017-2020 for \$111,130.17.

Motion to transfer \$171,607.11 from Checking to the CD Savings, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Gilbert Water Treatment Upgrades- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that he and Clerk Coldagelli met with Gilbert regarding Gilbert's construction of a new water treatment plant. Gilbert would like an agreement in place for a waterline loop and would like Fayal to have an electronic meter located inside their treatment plant. Will receive more detail in the future.

Road & Bridge Welder Quote-

Motion to approve purchase of a welder for \$2,725 to be paid from Capital Equipment for the Road & Bridge Department, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Casual Labor Employee- Jack Wynn is set to return May 10th. Let Road & Bridge know regarding any projects.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$146,640.44 made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____

Chad
Chair

Date: _____

4-20-21

Attest: _____

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk