

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 18, 2021

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 4th, 2021, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- No audience in attendance.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Bank statements for the month of April have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$69,691.79 and expenditures were \$133,885.15. Ending balances for the month of April are:

Miners Checking- \$700,124.18

Assessment Savings- \$413,916.47

CD Savings- \$713,574.15

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$22,278.54 and expenditures are \$104,007.08.

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

Other Reports

Motion to accept the Eveleth-Fayal-Gilbert Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting Minutes from May 12th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from April 14th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April 12th Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from April 13th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the PUC Monthly Report for April, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 3rd- Letter from City of Gilbert with notice that the City of Gilbert is implementing a mandatory automatic meter reading system to convert all existing water meters to new meters that will automatically read on a monthly basis. Placed on file.

May 10th- Letter from MN Department of Revenue. The 2021 Mineral Hearing on unmined iron ore assessments will be held at 10:00 AM on May 21st via WebEx. Placed on file.

May 10th- Email from Steve Giorgi from RAMS with information for fiscal year 2022 congressional directed spending requests. Applications must be submitted by May 21st. Placed on file.

May 11th - Letter from Vickie Tuskan regarding large boats on our small community lakes. Share with the DNR for response.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Fire Department Shared Services- Have not received a revised copy of the joint powers agreement from the attorney but should receive it by the next meeting.

Employee Hours Proposal- Remove from future agendas.

Gilbert Water Treatment Upgrades- Awaiting an agreement from Gilbert.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Todd Toman had requested that the Town Board review his original offer for the Town to purchase the property for approximately \$50,000.00. Mr. Toman would then pay half of the demolition costs with the other half possibly matched with IRRRB assistance. Mr. Toman stated that if Fayal did not proceed with purchasing, he would file suit for trespassing and damages. Discussion followed. Mr. Toman had previously met with members of the Town Board and gave verbal authorization for fire department training. The Town is unable to precede with blight violations. Board concerns regarding safety of the structure and it appears individuals are dumping garbage in the building as mattresses can be seen from the road. Discussion regarding taking no action to Mr. Toman's request.

Motion that at this time the Town is not interested in purchasing the building and Mr. Toman can proceed with what he thinks is necessary, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 Update- The Governor eliminated wearing of masks for individuals that have been vaccinated.

Motion to follow the Governor's guidelines, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Horseshoe Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension- Seeding has been completed and received final bill for \$575.03 from Jola & Sopp.

Motion to pay the final retainage to Jola & Sopp Excavating for the Horseshoe Lake Extension, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- The PUC is going to contact Clerk Coldagelli to work on the language.

Dump Truck- Clerk Coldagelli recommended a seven-year lease term.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05, A Resolution to Purchase a Dump Truck, as written, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussion that the dump truck being replaced will be sold via auction or as a trade-in. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Local Road Improvement Program- Should receive notification in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Yard Waste-

Motion to hold one weekend a month for summer yard waste in the months of June, July and August, date pending operator availability, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Mining Effects- The Road and Bridge Department is interested in a small steamer for culverts and utilizing Mining Effects to purchase. The old steamer can be placed on auction.

Motion to purchase a new steamer for \$13,154.00, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

The Road & Bridge Department would also like to have the Yard Waste pile chipped. Discussion regarding how to manage the wood chips and availability for resident use.

Motion to have the Yard Waste pile chipped and can spend up to \$4,000.00, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Laptop Quote- Clerk Coldagelli's laptop replacement will be covered by insurance less the \$250.00 deductible.

Motion to approve the laptop under insurance, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Lift Station Cleaning and Televising- Received two quotes. Discussion regarding how often cleaning needs to be completed. Supervisor Ziegler believed that cleaning would need to occur on a 10-year rotation. This line cleaning would complete section 4 of 5.

Motion to approve Great Lakes Pipe Service for \$42,807.54, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

American Rescue Plan- Guidance from the Treasury has recently been released and Clerk Coldagelli needs to complete reading those guidelines. Should see the first half of funding in May and the second half will be released next year, with four years to utilize the funds. Funds are available for COVID expenses, sewer, water and broadband projects, as well as lost revenue due to the pandemic. Water usage is up due to COVID and residents working from home. Discussion regarding extension of water and sewer lines. This may be a good opportunity to extend services to the Ballfield. The Planning Commission can look at those opportunities.

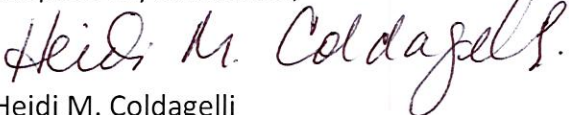
Discussion reverted back the chipping the brush pile. Supervisor Ziegler recommended not keeping the entire chipped pile as it can become a fire danger.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$37,369.90, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

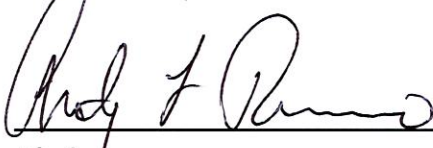
Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,




Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: 
Chair

Date: 6-15-21

Attest: 
Clerk