

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

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JULY 20, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Jamie Lindseth, Steve Shykes and Mark & Jinny Craddock. Matt Hoffmann was in attendance via teleconference. Audience member Nick Preiner arrived at 7:09 PM.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.***

***SCHEDULED GUESTS-*** Jamie Lindseth was present to discuss the Town's work comp insurance renewal. Work comp had a small premium increase, while property and auto insurance saw a premium decrease.

***AUDIENCE CONCERNS-*** Mark and Jinny Craddock were present to discuss their property at 7571 W. Park Boulevard and their interest in connecting to the water line. Mr. Craddock questioned gaining access to the water line located at Woodlawn Drive East by means of either the Ballfield or the two neighboring properties. Chairman Tammaro suggested that the Public Utilities Commission review the request at their August meeting. There is also a potential project of extending water down to the Ballfield and possibly could coincide with this request. Supervisor Ziegler recommended that the easiest means to connect from Woodlawn Drive East is to gain an easement from the Township through the Ballfield to bring water to their property. The easement location would not impact use of the Ballfield. The Craddocks currently have a sand point well that isn't functioning properly. They are also looking at the option of a new well, but would prefer water through the Township.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of June have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$62,423.77 and expenditures were \$127,330.67. Ending balances for the month of June are:

Miners Checking- \$608,521.01

Assessment Savings- \$414,071.26

CD Savings- \$699,740.09

For the month of July to date, revenues are \$478,533.41 and expenditures are \$131,758.09.

***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 July 14<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Eveleth-Fayal Fire Department Shared Services Committee Meeting Minutes from June 14<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from June 8<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the PUC Monthly Report for June, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE-**

June 17<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the MN Department of Public Safety regarding potential temporary suspension of state contract performance. Notified on June 30<sup>th</sup> that the Legislature appropriated funds and operations will continue uninterrupted. Placed on file.

June 24<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the League of Minnesota Cities. At their June meeting, the Board of Directors approved a preliminary maximum membership dues schedule increase of 4% for fiscal year 2021-2022. Placed on file.

June 24<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the MN Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation regarding potential temporary suspension of state contract performance. Since receiving the letter, the Minnesota State Legislature has approved the budget. Placed on file.

June 25<sup>th</sup>- Thank you card from the family of Frank Erjavec. Placed on file.

June 25<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with information regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and that funds are available for request now. Placed on file.

June 28<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Couri & Ruppe with information regarding the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Legal Seminar on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cotton Town Hall. Placed on file.

July 12<sup>th</sup>- Letter from FHLB of Des Moines with notice of Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit. Placed on file.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Supervisor Sather-**

***Fire Department Shared Services-*** Chief Shykes brought forward that members of the Fire Department want to terminate the Shared Services project with Eveleth. Concerns have arisen with Eveleth's professional level of commitment of working together and training. Matt Hoffmann clarified that initially, the hope of joint training and working together would drive those results and the benefits would be seen early on in the training, but the opposite has occurred. The additional joint training hours are poorly attended due to concerns and there is fear that it is negatively impacting Fayal's roster numbers. Chairman Tammaro asked if the Fire Department could put together a detailed, formal letter for the next Town Board Meeting to send to the City of Eveleth.

***Old Bullfrogs Building-*** Received a letter from Mr. Toman's attorney requesting compensation. League of MN Cities will need to be notified and Mr. Toman's attorney should be notified of receipt. Clerk Coldagelli will notify the other entities involved.

***Engineering for Ballfield Water/Sewer Extension-*** Have not received any estimates yet from SEH.

***Gilbert Water Treatment Upgrades-*** Awaiting an agreement from Gilbert.

***Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage-*** PUC Billing Clerk, Diane Dickson, is working on the language.

***COVID-19 Update-*** Last year took emergency actions in response to COVID and the emergency designation has been removed.

***Motion to remove the emergency action, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***American Rescue Plan-*** Clerk Coldagelli applied for the funds but they have not yet been received.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

***Water Rate Increase-*** The PUC recommended an increase to the water rates due to monthly and annual losses. The monthly service charge will remain the same, but a rate change of \$10.00 for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 2,500 gallons. Fifty percent of the residents will not see any changes to their billing. Rate changes would take effect September 1<sup>st</sup> and residents would see those changes on their October statement.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07, A Resolution to Amend Water Service Fees in Accordance with Town of Fayal Water Ordinance #97-3, as written, and send letter notifying residents of change, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

The City of Eveleth notified Fayal that a sprinkling ban will take effect immediately due to current drought conditions. If individuals are found in violation of the order, a verbal warning will be issued and if further violation occurs, individuals will be charged \$20.00 for each day the violation continues.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08, A Resolution Regarding Emergency Water Conservation, as written, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

Diane Dickson drafted a letter to send to the residents notifying them of the sprinkling ban.

**Motion to institute the sprinkling ban effective immediately, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tamaro.** The ban only applies to Water Customers. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Summer Casual Labor Employee-** Summer Employee, Jack Wynn, was expected to retire this year, but has expressed interest in returning next summer for approximately 20-24 hours per week.

**Motion that Fayal have the Summer Casual Labor Employee for the following summer, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Bank Transfer-** Need to transfer a portion of the St. Louis County Apportionment monies to savings.

**Motion to transfer \$11,050.38 from Checking to the Assessment Savings, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the \$14,000 payment to Fire Department Relief Association, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.**

**Joint Recreation Board 2022 Budget-** Discussion regarding budget and what will happen with the new school. There is no change to Fayal's contribution.

**Motion to approve the Joint Powers Recreation 2022 Budget, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Branville brought forward a resident's concern regarding the use of jake brakes on Highway 97 and Ely Lake Drive. The resident spoke to Commissioner Nelson, who had informed them that a sign could be placed if the Town provided approval. Clerk Coldagelli will discuss with St. Louis County.

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$159,812.51, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

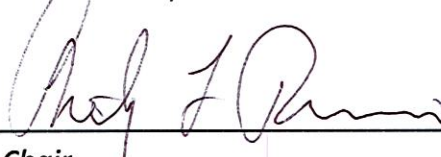
Chairman Tamaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

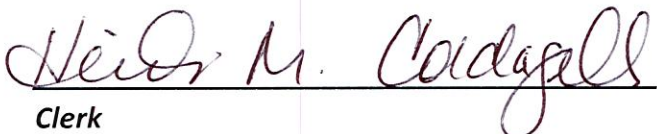


Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:   
Chair

Date: 8-17-21

Attest:   
Clerk