

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 17, 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 Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Sather was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience member in attendance was Gina Brascugli.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of July 20th, 2021, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. 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 July have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$623,332.12 and expenditures were \$151,386.39. Revenues included St. Louis County Apportionment funds of \$445,891.60 and American Rescue Plan Act funds of \$96,452.22. Expenditures included a transfer from Checking to the Assessment Savings for \$11,050.38. Ending balances for the month of July are:

Miners Checking- \$1,080,466.74

Assessment Savings- \$425,121.64

CD Savings- \$699,740.09

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$36,227.13 and expenditures are \$200,481.42.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Chairman Tammaro questioned what should be done with the American Rescue Plan Act funds? Clerk Coldagelli has created a separate fund for them and has left the funds in the checking for the time being. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Other Reports-

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

Motion to accept the Eveleth-Fayal-Gilbert Joint Powers Rec Board Meeting Minutes from August 11th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Eveleth-Fayal-ISD #2909 Meeting Minutes from August 4th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from May 19th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Road & Bridge Report for July 2021, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion to accept the PUC Monthly Report for July, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

July 23rd- Email from the Minnesota Department of Health with information regarding what the White House urges businesses to do to protect against the threat of ransomware. Shared with the PUC.

July 26th- Email from Amanda Mitchell from St. Louis County regarding Aggregate Crushing, Maintenance Striping, Crack Sealing and Chip/Scrub Sealing Programs. Forwarded on to the Road & Bridge Department.

July 26th- Letter from the Minnesota Association of Townships with notice of District 10 Meeting and Election that will take place on August 26th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Placed on file.

July 30th- Email from Brad Gustafson with St. Louis County regarding the eviction moratorium. The United Way, RentHelpMN and St. Louis County offer homeless programs and assistance for rent, mortgage and utilities. Placed on file.

August 16th- Letter from Couri & Ruppi with notification of legal service rate increase. Effective January 1st, the hourly rate will increase to \$230/hour for all general work and \$250/hour for development work. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

American Rescue Plan- First half of the funds for \$96,452.22 have been received. Discussion regarding what the funds can be used for, such as sewer and water projects. Second half will arrive next year.

Jake Brake Response from St. Louis County- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with a representative from St. Louis County and signs could be placed through adoption of an ordinance, but was advised against an ordinance adoption. The County representative stressed that such a measure would be very difficult to enforce as an officer would need to be present to observe the violation as well as measure the decibel levels for noise.

Fire Department Shared Services- The Fire Department provided a letter citing desire to end the Shared Services project with Eveleth. Chairman Tammaro recommends sending it to Eveleth for a response, whether that be through correction or if they agree with the disbanding.

Motion to accept the Fire Department's letter and forward to the City of Eveleth for a response, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineering for Ballfield Water/Sewer Extension- There is potential to utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan. A survey should be sent out to the neighboring residents regarding interest in water connection. SEH will meet with Foreman Latvaaho to discuss. Discussion regarding possible infrastructure funding available for a waterline loop. The residents that initially asked for water services at the July meeting were supportive of the Township taking some time to look at options, as long as a potential project didn't take years as they are in need of a new well. The PUC made a motion at their last meeting to proceed with a feasibility study with the engineer for proposed water line.

Motion to involve SEH for preplanning, preliminary costs and send a survey to the residents, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad-

Old Bullfrogs Building- The Insurance Adjuster responded to Mr. Toman's attorney. Clerk Coldagelli also created a timeline from 2016 until current with all the information from the minutes regarding the Old Bullfrogs Building.

COVID-19 Update- No updates at this time. The Township is following the masking recommendations of the State.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- PUC Billing Clerk, Diane Dickson, is working on the language and sent to the PUC for review.

Gilbert Water Treatment Upgrades- Awaiting an agreement from Gilbert.

NEW BUSINESS

Seaplane Base- Jackie Monahan-Junek, on behalf of the Airport Commission subcommittee, had reached out to Clerk Coldagelli to discuss if there is any interest from Fayal or Gilbert in taking ownership of the Seaplane Base. Discussion regarding ownership contract contingencies and operating costs. Further discussion that the

Seaplane Base should remain as an access point for plane owners. Clerk Coldagelli will follow up with the Airport Commission with questions in regards to price and operational costs.

Stadium Lights at the Ballfield- Chairman Tammaro may have the opportunity to acquire some incandescent stadium lights at a low cost, or possibly free that could be installed at the Ballfield. The Planning Commission has been looking into some upgrades for the Ballfield.

Grader Payoff- Final lump sum payment of \$100,000 is due.

Motion to pay the final Grader payment, with the funds coming from Capital Equipment for \$100,000.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Savings to Checking for the Road & Bridge payment, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

PUC Resignation- Commission member Greg Buckley resigned due to availability, but would like to potentially come back in the future.

Motion to accept with regrets Greg Buckley's resignation and to send him a thank you letter, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to advertise for a replacement on the PUC through the normal channels, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Absences/Pager Schedule- Chairman Tammaro had a memo drafted for the employees. The end of the year schedules and pager schedule will be approved by the Town Board and the day-to-day schedule changes are to be approved by the employee's direct supervisor, either the Foreman or the Clerk. This is not much of a change from how things were previously handled. There is also no overlap in the office schedule. A date should be selected for when schedules are due.

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

Fire Department Equipment- Will review at the next meeting with the Fire Department.

Fayal Police Car- The Eveleth Police are no longer in need of Fayal's 2008 Expedition and are returning the equipment. The Fire Department would like to utilize the vehicle for a few years to save miles on their other equipment.

Motion to accept the return of the police car and allow the Fire Department to use it, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the water tender payment for \$10,412.90, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$235,213.72, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli
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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *Chad J. [Signature]*
Chair

Date: 9-7-21

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk