

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Tamaro. Present were: Chairman Tamaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tamaro 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 September 7th, 2021, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Branville abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

For the month of September to date, revenues are \$54,721.19 and expenditures are \$155,659.77. Current balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$979,847.62

Assessment Savings- \$425,121.64

CD Savings- \$599,740.09

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tamaro questioned if there have been any changes to interest rates, but they have remained stagnant. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from August 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Joint Rec Meeting Minutes from September 8th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from August 18th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

September 7th- Email from Eric Fallstrom with St. Louis County. Mr. Fallstrom is notifying the Township that they intend to bid the Differding Point rehabilitation and culvert replacement project for October/November of this year and if the Township does intend to participate, the County would need Fayal's plans by mid-October. Clerk Coldagelli will respond to Mr. Fallstrom that Fayal does not have the available funds to participate.

September 15th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from May 27th. Placed on file.

September 16th- Flyer from Lesley Holland with Mediacom with information regarding Mediacom Bolt. Bolt is a high-speed wireless internet service offered by Mediacom. Send to the PUC for review.

September 16th- Thank you card from the family of Dan Jurenic. Placed on file.

September 20th- Email from St. Louis County regarding the St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Program grant funding. Deadlines to submit applications are by November 19th. Moved to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Shared Services- A joint meeting with Eveleth is scheduled Tuesday, October 12th at 5:00 PM in Eveleth.

Motion to post for meeting in October, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Discussion regarding benefits to the other cities, fire department recommendations, professionalism and high standards. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Branville questioned if all the Supervisors were in agreement with the Fire Department's concerns. Chairman Tammaro would first like to hear Eveleth's response.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with the insurance adjuster and a meeting to view the site will occur at some point in October.

COVID-19 Update- No new changes in regards to guidance or recommendations.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- The document is being reviewed at the PUC.

Gilbert Water Treatment Upgrades- The City of Gilbert is working on funding for the project.

American Rescue Plan- There have been no changes to the guidance released in July. Additional infrastructure grants for broadband are available. First expenditure reports are due at the end of October. Expenditures for eligible sewer and water infrastructure projects, loss of Town Hall rent revenues and COVID expenditures are allowable expenses. Clerk Coldagelli will provide the expenditures for the next meeting.

Engineering for Ballfield Water/Sewer Extension & Picnic Shelter- Clerk Coldagelli requested additional estimates from SEH for water connection directly from Woodlawn Drive to the Ballfield as well as a direct connection for the resident. The interested resident would be responsible for connection costs and getting estimates from a contractor. Letters were sent out to sixteen residents seeking interest in water connection.

Seaplane Base- Eveleth's City Administrator notified Clerk Coldagelli that the Airport Commission is seeking a different direction and no longer need to discuss a potential purchase by the Town.

Stadium Lights at the Ballfield- Cost to transport the lights to the Ballfield was \$437. Chairman Tammaro is looking into installation options.

Fire Department Equipment- The Fire Department is working on and will report back to the Town Board. The Department was considering eliminating some equipment and replacing with a side by side. Discussion regarding if a side by side would best serve the department. The Fire Department is in need of replacing air packs in the near future but they are costly. Air pack replacement has been on hold during the Shared Services project. Discussion that the Shared Services project should be completed, even if consolidation does not occur.

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment Operator- Equipment Operator Albert Jurenic has discussed retiring next year. Foreman Latvaaho would like to have a replacement hired 4-5 months before he retires. Casual labor employee, Jack Wynn, is done for the season. Discussion regarding cost for an additional employee and the possibility of hiring the position as a temporary full-time employee. There is a significant amount of work that would support three employees for that period of time. Ideally would like to advertise for the position in November or December. Clerk Coldagelli will work with Foreman Latvaaho to have advertisement ready for the next meeting.

Ballfield Concept Drawings- Engineer SEH prepared a map with recommendations for placement of various items such as parking, seating, storage shed and lighting. Also prepared a concept drawing for a building that could provide restrooms and a concession stand. Similar construction is estimated at \$400,000. If grant opportunities arise that the Township would like to apply for, having concept drawings can greatly assist.

Discussion regarding the picnic shelter at the Town Hall playground. Road & Bridge can complete the site prep and can find contractors.

Motion to allow Foreman Latvaaho to start working on the project, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

In the past, North St. Louis County Soil & Water Conservation District has applied for an Aquatic Invasive Species grant and included Fayal. Fayal has previously submitted a letter of recommendation and support to the County.

Motion to send a letter to St. Louis County regarding joining the Aquatic Invasive Species grant application, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Anticipating a response from Eveleth regarding

the zebra mussels found in Ely Lake as the aqueduct connects to St. Mary's. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that Jeremy Nelson and the other individuals that assisted flooding the rink last year would like to volunteer again this year.

Motion to approve the gentlemen who volunteered their time last year are allowed to volunteer again this year for the rink, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. If the volunteers need anything, please contact Supervisor Sather. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$60,392.25, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Andy J. Russo

Chair

Date:

10-6-21

Attest:

Diana Dickson

deputy Clerk