

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

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Anthony Tammaro, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Lee Branville, Mark Chad, Richard Sather, Patrick Ziegler*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Branville was absent. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:02 PM. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli and Matt Hoffmann.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. 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 January have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$79,158.72 and expenditures were \$167,412.83. Tentative ending balances for the month of January are:

Miners Checking- \$1,089,350.68

Assessment Savings- \$430,450.75

CD Savings- \$524,001.35

For the month of February to date, revenues are \$4,395.90 and expenditures are \$43,632.03.

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

**Other Reports**-

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from January 19<sup>th</sup>, made Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

***Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from December 15<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that if there are issues with the boiler to call Foreman Latvaaho.

**CORRESPONDENCE**-

January 20<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Lake Country Power with invitation for district meeting scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Side Lake Community Center. Placed on file.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with upcoming in-person clerk/treasurer training dates for February. Placed on file.

January 24<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Camp Chicagami, thanking Fayal for supporting them and the camp will return to normal operation in May. Placed on file.

January 27<sup>th</sup>- Email from RAMS with information for the Congressional Western Caucus Mining Summit held February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. Placed on file.

January 27<sup>th</sup>- Email from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding submissions are now being accepted for 2023 Project Priority Lists and Intended Use Plans for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Placed on file.

January 27<sup>th</sup>- Email and letter from St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. The County is updating the St. Louis County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and have created workshops to help our communities identify, prioritize and propose actions to help in wildfire resiliency efforts. Shared with Fire Chief Steve Shykes.

January 28<sup>th</sup>- Letter from United States Census Bureau. The Census Bureau is conducting the Boundary and Annexation Survey and action steps are to review and complete the annual response form. Clerk Coldagelli will complete necessary steps.

January 31<sup>st</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with Board meeting minutes from December 1<sup>st</sup>. Placed on file.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Clerk Coldagelli confirmed the tax forfeit process and minimum payments. Chairman Tammaro had spoken with Attorney Mike Kearney regarding the condemnation process. The County is unable to assist with a letter. The options are waiting on the property owner, or attempting to purchasing the property. Discussion regarding cost of demolition and cleanup. Chairman Tammaro suggested the Board members think about options and discuss at the next meeting. Discussion regarding drafting an ordinance addressing structure fires.

**COVID-19 Update-** No updates at this time.

**Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage-** In process.

**Gilbert Water Treatment Upgrades-** The City of Gilbert is seeking funding sources.

**American Rescue Plan-** Received an update that it can be used for road projects. Clerk Coldagelli will need to listen to a replay call for details.

**Engineering for Ballfield Water/Sewer Extension & Picnic Shelter-** Should apply for a grant for a waterline extension to the ballfield. Chairman Tammaro informed the Supervisors that a grant application will be submitted for the picnic shelter.

**Fire Department Equipment-** The Fire Department will put a price together for sealed bids for the six-wheeler. Supervisor Ziegler questioned if the American Rescue Plan funds could be used for new airpicks.

**2023 Levy-** Option two of \$807,000, a 5.91% increase should be presented to the residents.

***Motion to present to the Townspeople as stated, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2022 EMS Strategic Plan-** Chairman Tammaro apologized for not being able to review since the last meeting. Assistant Fire Chief Matt Hoffmann informed the Board that there is a PERA EMS pension that is available and he is working on information regarding that. Assistant Chief Hoffmann met with Clerk Coldagelli to work on a budget. The current request is \$16,000 for strictly wages.

**Utility Billing Clerk-** Clerk Coldagelli has posted the position and has received three applications thus far.

**Recreation Board-** The next meeting is scheduled on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Rock Ridge Community Education is taking on the majority of the sports. Baseball formed an association and hockey is also expected to form a youth hockey association. The only sport left is softball. Residents can serve on the Rock Ridge Community Education Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Computer Quote Fire Department-** The Clerk's old laptop is no longer working.

***Motion to approve the quote from Roger's Online for \$980.00, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Prevention of Freezing Waterlines-** Only one resident so far this season is running water. In the past have refunded excess water charges. Discussion to have as a standing policy.

***Motion to refund depending upon water temperature and frost levels on an ongoing yearly basis, made by***

**Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Fund Accounting-** The balance sheet has debt service funds 301 (sewer project) and fund 302 (Differding Point) and the Auditor would like Board permission to close those funds out as the debt has been paid.

**Motion to close out funds 301 and 302, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Transfer of Excess School Levy Monies to Buildings & Grounds (\$19,216.27)-** Funds need to be transferred for the parking lot payment made in January. There is approximately \$5,000 remaining from the Excess School Levy funds.

**Motion to transfer the funds, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolutions 2022-01, 2022-2 and 2022-03-** In order for the Supervisors to assist in carrying the pager, as they will be receiving wages for doing so, a resolution for each participating Supervisor needs to come before the Board for approval. Upon payment, the Supervisor also has to submit an affidavit. Supervisor Ziegler and Supervisor Sather have committed to assist the employees with the pager and Chairman Tammaro also has a resolution to present in the event he needs to assist with the pager as well. The Township attorney recommended the resolutions are to be passed yearly.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 A Resolution to Authorize Contract with Interested Officer Under Minn Stat. § 471.88, subd. 5, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 A Resolution to Authorize Contract with Interested Officer Under Minn Stat. § 471.88, subd. 5, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 A Resolution to Authorize Contract with Interested Officer Under Minn Stat. § 471.88, subd. 5, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Chairman Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.**

Chairman Tammaro questioned the status of the rink and if things have been going well. To Clerk Coldagelli and Supervisor Ziegler’s knowledge, it has been going well.

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$54,624.58, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion regarding upcoming Annual Meeting and schedule.

**Motion to cancel the second meeting in March, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. The bills that need to be paid are to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Approved: *Chad Tammaro*  
Chair

Date: 2-15-22

Attest: *Heidi Coldagelli*  
Clerk