

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 5, 2022

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.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Mike Erjavec, Jim Prittinen and Steve Shykes. Matt Hoffmann arrived at 7:20 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of March 1st, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Jim Prittinen was present to discuss the tennis program. They will work with the pickleball group and hold lessons Mondays and Wednesdays, with Fridays as a makeup day. One additional hour of lessons will be added due to demand and \$250 is requested for supplies. The program serves 40-50 kids and Fayal residents will have priority before it will open to other area students.

Motion to approve \$250 from the Recreation Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Mr. Prittinen will work with Clerk Coldagelli for ordering. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS-

Mike Erjavec was present to discuss an issue with a neighbor with claims of material being removed from the road and damage to the culvert. Discussion regarding the class 5 removed from the road edge. The neighbor's equipment was stuck on the road and the police had responded. Chairman Tamaro discussed with Foreman Latvaaho. A letter will be drafted to make arrangements to meet with the neighbor as the Road & Bridge Department has been unable to make contact.

Gina Brascugli brought forward that the City of Eveleth is discussing the purchase of body cameras. She questioned if Mark Chad could provide insight on what that entails. Supervisor Chad responded that the City of Eveleth had budgeted the item last year and the policy is listed on the City's website. The cameras will be activated on each call and depending on the call, may be private data.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward the approved Fire Department by-law change that eliminates the SCBA technician. Moved to New Business. Chief Shykes also brought forward a class that he would like to attend in Duluth for multi-agency training.

Motion to approve Chief Shykes to attend training, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Shykes also questioned if the remaining portion of the Roger's Online bill for the computer upgrade could be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act funds?

Motion to transfer \$380.00 from the ARPA funds for the bill, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of February have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$140,806.45 and expenditures were \$107,254.69. Ending balances for the month of February are:

Miners Checking- \$1,123,372.69

Assessment Savings- \$430,450.75

CD Savings- \$524,001.35

Bank statements for the month of March have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$63,092.46 and expenditures were \$128,462.39. Tentative ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$1,058,002.76
Assessment Savings- \$430,450.75
CD Savings- \$524,001.35

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$7,601.06 and expenditures are \$66,377.75.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Chairman Tammaro questioned if interest rates have changed, but they have had little change. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Joint Rec Board Meeting Minutes from March 9th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from February 2nd and March 3rd, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February Road & Bridge report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from February 16th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from February 9th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

March 10th- Resignation letter from Jamie Lindseth from the E.G.F.S.D. Joint Rec Board effective 3/09. Moved to New Business.

March 10th- Letter from Minnesota Unemployment Insurance regarding update on unemployment benefit charges for reimbursing employers. After application of federal and state provisions applied to a total of \$7,735.49 from 2020 and 2021, the current amount due is \$2,885.71. Normal billing will officially resume April 2022. Placed on file.

March 10th- Letter from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with Ordinance Number 60 draft amendments effective March 4th, 2022. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 14th at 9:00 AM regarding the proposed amendments. Shared with the Planning Commission.

March 17th- Email from Jerry Rosati with notice of opening of the aqueduct between Ely Lake and St. Mary's Lake. The City of Eveleth was able to receive a permit from the DNR with specific conditions for transfer during ice covered conditions in order to transport from infested waters. Placed on file.

March 29th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from February 24th. Placed on file.

March 29th- Email from St. Louis County Association of Township Officers with meeting minutes from February 23rd. Placed on file.

April 4th- Letter from Lake Country Power with annual meeting notice for Wednesday, April 20th at the Lake Country Power Cohasset Service Center in Cohasset, Minnesota. Placed on file.

April 5th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Development Department with variance application for Ben Delich. St. Louis County Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet on May 12th to discuss. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that Attorney Mike Kearney will assist in facilitating once an appraiser is contacted.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- Has been delayed since the loss of the PUC Billing Coordinator. With

a new employee starting, should get back on track.

American Rescue Plan- Clerk Coldagelli has a report to submit at the end of the month for use of the funds.

Engineering for Ballfield Water/Sewer Extension & Picnic Shelter- Two quotes were needed to submit the grant application. Foreman Latvaaho was able to secure one bid. Discussion regarding engineer's estimate and specs. Supervisor Ziegler questioned if the Town should apply for federal infrastructure money for water and sewer at the ballfield when available. The estimates have already been prepared by the engineer. Chairman Tamaro suggested that the Town submit those requests when they are available in July.

Fire Department Equipment- No updates.

2022 EMS Strategic Plan- Have not had an opportunity to further review.

Recreation Board- Chairman Tamaro informed the Board that with the Joint Rec Board resignations, they are unable to hold a quorum. In a discussion with a Joint Rec Board member, the Board will need to disband and issue any remaining funds to the entities.

2021 Audit-

Motion to approve the 2021 Audit, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement Equipment Operator- Supervisor Branville read the letter provided by Equipment Operator Albert Jurenic regarding his retirement effective his last day of 5-27-2022.

Motion to accept Al Jurenic's retirement effective 5-27-2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Clerk Coldagelli will plan something for his retirement. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion regarding advertising for the open position.

Motion to post internally and externally for the equipment operator position, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion where to post. The last hiring opportunity had a good response through placement in the utility bills. Applications will be due May 9th at 3:00 PM and will need to establish a hiring committee. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Board of Appeal Tuesday, April 19th 1:00-2:00- Supervisor Branville is unable to attend. Supervisor Ziegler could attend if he can call in.

PUC Appointments- Ed Vest and Gina Brascugli's terms expired.

Motion to reappoint Gina Brascugli and Ed Vest, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Wastewater Operator Conference 7/26-7/29- Wastewater Operator Rick Bieganek has requested to attend the Grand Rapids training for his required hours. Supervisor Ziegler explained the benefits of staying onsite for the duration of the conference.

Motion to approve the registration and travel costs, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Relief Association Transfer- The Town received a deposit for retirees from the Fire Department.

Motion to approve the Fire Relief Association transfer of \$1,956.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Quote for Inserter for Utility Bills- The current process takes several hours to fold and hand stuff. The ARPA funds could be used for purchase. The machine costs approximately \$7,200 through Pitney Bowes. A leasing option includes the service plan, for nearly the same price. Discussion regarding leasing versus purchasing outright.

Motion to lease the machine, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tamaro brought forward the Fire Department by-law change.

Motion to approve by-law change as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the resignation of Jamie Lindseth from the Rec Board, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro informed Matt Hoffmann that he didn't add him to the agenda until he spoke with him first. The Town will address the issue at the next meeting.

Clerk Coldagelli had two items to add to the bills for payment from the MN State Fire Chief's Association.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$141,123.57 plus \$855.00 and \$285.00, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Ant J. [Signature]

Chair

Date:

4-19-22

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk