

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 19, 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 Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Steve Shykes and Chad Walsh. Matt Hoffmann arrived at 7:41 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 5th, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Supervisor Sather abstained. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Chad Walsh was present to inform the Board and audience members that he is currently running for St. Louis County Sheriff. Mr. Walsh is a business owner who also works in law enforcement and he would like to bridge the divide between citizens and law enforcement.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of March have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$68,775.51 and expenditures were \$129,204.04. Ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$1,003,920.10

Assessment Savings- \$431,353.47

CD Savings- \$583,067.32

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$44,138.72 and expenditures are \$102,645.99.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from March 9th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from April 6th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from February 8th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February and March PUC Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February and March Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

March 29th- Email from St. Louis County. Requests for early distribution of 2022 tax collections must be made by May 31st. Placed on file.

April 8th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with upcoming training schedule. Clerk and Treasurer training will be held Friday, May 13th in Duluth. Registration is \$65.00 per person. Moved to New Business.

April 8th- Email from League of Minnesota Cities. Deadline to submit award nominations for LMC awards program has been extended to April 25th. Placed on file.

April 11th- Letter from A+ Pest Management with 2022 contract. Total treatment cost is \$428.00. Moved to New Business.

April 18th- Letter from St. Louis County with 2022 household hazardous waste collection schedule. Placed on file.

April 18th- Email from St. Louis County Board of Adjustment with findings of fact, conclusions and decision for Douglas and Mary Sue Mertens. Shared with the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that Attorney Mike Kearney will assist in facilitating an appraisal. Supervisor Ziegler would like to adopt an ordinance in order to enforce blighted structures. Discussion regarding the City of Virginia's ordinances and a legal notice in the paper regarding a blighted structure that Mr. Toman owns in Virginia. Chairman Tammaro responded that something can be prepared for the next meeting to address the issue and check into the legality of the process.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- New employee, Rebecca Waldorf, has started and should see some progress with working on this.

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

Engineering for Ballfield Water/Sewer Extension & Picnic Shelter- Two quotes were received for construction of the picnic shelter. Chairman Tammaro suggested forwarding to the Planning Commission to make a decision.

Fire Department Equipment- The six wheeler was sold to a fire department in New York.

2022 EMS Strategic Plan- Chairman Tammaro has not had an opportunity to review the financials. The strategic plan is a good plan, but need to determine the funding mechanism.

Recreation Board- The City of Eveleth met with the Athletic Director from Rock Ridge to discuss the recreation programs that the school is offering as well as what other groups are handling and what that means for the Joint Recreation Board. Discussion regarding dissolving and discussing with the City of Eveleth.

Equipment Operator Position- Position is posted. A flyer will be placed in the utility bills. The position will close May 9th. Chairman Tammaro discussed appointing a hiring committee consisting of Foreman Latvaaho, Clerk Coldagelli and two other supervisors.

Motion to appoint Supervisors Lee Branville and Patrick Ziegler to the Hiring Committee, with Supervisor Chad as the alternate, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Appeal- Meeting was held today and very busy. May 9th gives St. Louis County 20 days to speak with all the appellants.

Motion to reconvene on May 9th at 4:00, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Recap- There were no tasks from the meeting except handling the old Bullfrog's property.

Fire Department Officer Pay Correction- The prior motion made by the Town Board was to triple a few of the remaining officers' monthly pay. That was not the Fire Department's intention as they had proposed a smaller increase.

Motion to approve the Fire Department Officer pay as follows: Chief \$300, Assistant Chief \$200, Battalion Chief \$200, Captain \$125, Lieutenant \$125, Secretary/Treasurer \$125 and Engineers \$50, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

PUC Truck Depreciation Fund- The PUC Truck Depreciation Fund has a balance of over \$30,000 and it will be some time before a new truck is needed. The PUC would like to stop funding the \$425 per month depreciation, but can reestablish in the future when a new truck purchase is needed.

Motion to stop the PUC Truck Depreciation Funding, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward training for Clerk Coldagelli and PUC Billing Clerk Rebecca Waldorf. The training is a one day training in Duluth on Friday, May 13th at a cost of \$65.00 each person.

Motion to send the Clerk and Billing Clerk to training in Duluth, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli and PUC Billing Clerk Waldorf would also like to schedule training in Burnsville with the utility software programmer, Banyon.

Motion to send the Clerk and Billing Clerk to training with Banyon, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the contract for A+ Pest Management at a cost of \$428.

Motion to approve the pest control contract for 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

City of Eveleth Complaint- A letter of complaint was received from the City of Eveleth. Assistant Chief Matt Hoffmann requested an open meeting per MN State Statute §13D.05, subdivision 2. At this time, he had not yet arrived for the meeting. The Town Board reviewed the letter as well as the minutes taken from the meeting attended by Supervisor Sather, Chairman Tammaro, Fire Chief Shykes and Assistant Chief Hoffmann.

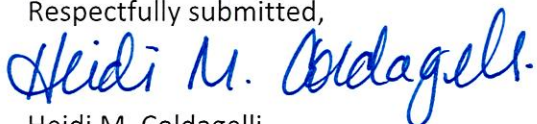
Clerk Coldagelli left at this time to contact Assistant Chief Hoffmann, who would be arriving shortly. Assistant Chief Hoffmann requested at a previous meeting that the Township pay him for seven years left remaining of his pension to make him whole at 20 years of service, the remaining 2022 officer pay plus one full year of officer pay for a total of \$19,800 and he would resign. The Town Board waited at this time for Assistant Chief Hoffmann to arrive. Assistant Chief Hoffmann arrived at 7:41 PM. Supervisor Sather reviewed with Assistant Chief Hoffmann what had been discussed in his absence and that there was not support for his request.

Motion to place a letter of discussion in Assistant Chief Hoffmann's file, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Ziegler clarified that there would be a letter placed in his file of what was discussed and the disciplinary action taken is a letter in Assistant Chief Hoffmann's file. Assistant Chief Hoffmann was comfortable with the Board's decision. Clerk Coldagelli will draft a letter to the City of Eveleth. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$31,344.33, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____



Chair

Date: _____

5-5-22

Attest: _____



Clerk