

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 17, 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 Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisors Chad and Sather were absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Matt Hoffmann, Gordon Ramsay and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting of April 19th, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 3rd, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Gordon Ramsay was present to introduce himself as he is running for St. Louis County Sheriff. Mr. Ramsay has been involved in law enforcement for almost 30 years and is passionate about the role they play in society. He is concerned about the direction of crime and safety in the County. He would like to focus on building relationships with local officials such as police and government entities and improve law enforcement recruitment.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of April have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$70,018.13 and expenditures were \$106,124.90. Ending balances for the month of April are:

Miners Checking- \$967,813.33

Assessment Savings- \$431,353.47

CD Savings- \$583,067.32

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$42,609.72 and expenditures are \$117,848.07.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Public Access Television from May 4th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April 2022 Road and Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from April 13th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from April 12th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 5th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with information regarding meetings for potential broadband projects and broadband legislation. The first meeting will be held on June 16th at noon at

the RAMS office in Mt. Iron. Placed on file.

May 9th - Email from St. Louis County Association of Townships with notice of annual meeting and election to be held on May 25th at 6:00 PM in Cotton. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tamaro-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Working with Attorney Mike Kearney to facilitate utilizing Dawn Cole as an appraiser.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- The Public Utilities Commissioner Ed Vest discussed at the last meeting.

American Rescue Plan- The Public Utilities Commission motioned at their last meeting to use funds to complete the cleaning and televising project.

2022 EMS Strategic Plan- No update.

Recreation Board- Clerk Coldagelli tried to locate contact information for the remaining Recreation Board members for a status update, but has made no contact yet.

Equipment Operator Position- Supervisor Branville informed members of the Town Board that five interviews have been scheduled and three of those interviews have already occurred. The Hiring Committee anticipates that a recommendation will be ready on May 19th and then the Committee will contact the Town Board to schedule a special meeting. Discussion regarding Board availability to hold a special meeting.

Minnesota Energy Farm Tap Replacement- The Public Utilities Commission made a motion at their last meeting to choose option one with Minnesota Energy, which is have our existing farm tap and privately owned natural gas lines replaced with Minnesota Energy Resources distribution lines at no up-front cost.

Motion to approve option one as recommended by the Public Utilities Commission, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Hoffmann questioned if there was anything that needed to be completed regarding the EMS Strategic Plan on his end that the Board would be waiting for. Clerk Coldagelli clarified that she will reach out to him if anything else was needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Rock Ridge Youth Baseball Request- Eric Westberg had contacted the Town a few months ago regarding use of the baseball field, which Clerk Coldagelli gave permission for the group to do so. Mr. Westberg recently contacted the Town to also request permission to place a small storage shed at the field. The field intends to be used Monday-Thursday for games and practices and many weekends it will be used for tournaments.

Motion to allow the Rock Ridge Youth Baseball to purchase a shed for the ballfield, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussion regarding not requiring any specific size and they can use their own discretion. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tamaro also brought forward that Foreman Jason Latvaaho staked out an location for the picnic shelter/warming shack that does not encroach on the gas line. Discussion regarding movement of the basketball court. Supervisor Ziegler also suggested paving the interior of the skating rink and painting it white. The Planning Commission will review the planned structure and have a recommendation after their next meeting.

Cleaning and Televising Section 5- The Town received two quotes. The lowest bid was Great Lakes Pipe Service.

Motion to award contract to Great Lakes Pipe Service for \$34,877.52, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tamaro. Payment would come from the ARPA funds. This is the final section to complete and Foreman Latvaaho believes the Town may be able to complete this in-house in the future. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tamaro brought forward that he will work with Clerk Coldagelli to focus on air packs and will likely recommend paying off the Fire Department radios. Chief Shykes has received a quote for air packs with financing for seven years and there may be some grant assistance available. Chief Shykes is requesting twenty-three air packs, each with a spare bottle.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$43,961.82, 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 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Anthony P. Russo

Chair

Date:

6-22-22

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk