

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JUNE 21, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 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, Chris Erickson, Douglas Erickson and Steve Shykes. Brad Scott arrived at 7:10 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting of May 9th, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 17th, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of May 26th, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of May have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$79,166.06 and expenditures were \$142,899.83. Ending balances for the month of May are:

Miners Checking- \$904,079.56

Assessment Savings- \$431,353.47

CD Savings- \$583,067.32

For the month of June to date, revenues are \$47,546.93 and expenditures are \$98,619.90.

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 May 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 May 11th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from June 8th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from April 20th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from May 10th, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the PUC Delinquency Report, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 27th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with notice of open board position to fill a term that ends December 31st, 2022. Send in any submissions by June 22nd. Placed on file.

May 27th- Letter from Minnesota Power with updated rates for net energy metering that are updated annually. Minnesota Power has filed the updated rates with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Shared with the PUC.

May 31st- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from April 28th. Placed on file.

June 3rd- Letter from the Minnesota State Demographic Center with 2021 population and household estimates. As of April 1, 2021 population estimate is 1,808 and household estimate is 801. Placed on file.

June 9th- Letter from League of Minnesota Cities with information that the Board of Directors approved a preliminary maximum dues schedule increase of 3.5% for the fiscal year 2022-2023 that runs from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. Placed on file.

June 9th- Letter from Lake Country Power with notice of capital credit allocation. For 2021, total capital credit allocation is \$637.58. Placed on file.

June 10th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Development Department with notice of public hearing on Thursday, July 14th at 9:00 AM for St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 proposed amendments addressing chronic wasting disease. Shared with the Planning Commission.

June 10th- Email from Bradley Gustafson from St. Louis County Community Development with 2022 CDBG income/rent limits and ESG income limits effective June 15th. Placed on file.

June 13th- Email from St. Louis County Public Works Department with information regarding calcium chloride application. If Fayal would like to take advantage of the program, ordering of the material must be done directly by your local agency. Forwarded to the Road & Bridge Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Attorney Mike Kearney will facilitate utilizing Dawn Cole as an appraiser and work with the property owner to make those arrangements. Clerk Coldagelli discussed with Mr. Kearney the blighted structure located in Virginia also owned by Mr. Toman. The building owned in Fayal is an LLC and due to ownership cannot use the same process. Clerk Coldagelli will have an ordinance for the next meeting regarding fire escrow accounts.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- Chairman Tammaro requested of Chris Erickson that the PUC complete the changes. Clerk Coldagelli sent all the prior changes to PUC Coordinator Rebecca Waldorf for review.

American Rescue Plan- Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli reviewed the finances. Currently, there is \$66,265.30 remaining of ARPA funds, with another nearly \$100,000 to be received in July. The recommendation for the remaining funds was \$34,877.52 for section 5 of the line cleaning, which was approved in May, \$7,000 for the folding machine for the utility bills, \$40,000 to pay off the FD radios and \$25,000 towards the picnic shelter. That would leave almost \$60,000 that could go back to the Water and Sewer Companies. Mining Effects and funds are available if needed. Supervisor Ziegler questioned what would happen if that \$60,000 will be needed? If it is needed, it can always be taken back to use. Supervisor Branville questioned why the Water Company was chosen? Chairman Tammaro responded that original use of the funds was designed for sewer and water projects. Clerk Coldagelli added that late fees were waived for at least six months during COVID, which was a significant amount of money.

Motion to proceed with the recommendation, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the Town is working on purchasing air packs for the Fire Department. Chief Steve Shykes has applied for a grant and will know if awarded in the late fall. In the meantime, can begin to determine how many are needed and where to purchase.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Brad Scott was present to discuss a proposal for a development on St. Mary's Lake. Mr. Scott purchased 35 acres from the City of Eveleth and he is working with Benchmark Engineering for preliminary plans of bringing city sewer to each lot and those costs. Benchmark is also looking at infrastructure costs such as water. Chairman Tammaro added that the other week, he, Clerk Coldagelli and Mr. Scott met to discuss Mr.

Scott's plans and requested that he bring those plans to the Public Utilities Commission. The Commission approved the concept. The Township could possibly assist with security grant funding. The City of Eveleth may need to be involved to look at a water extension. Mr. Scott was concerned with the amount of time that would take. Discussion regarding existing waterlines.

Motion to move forward with Brad Scott's Development if at all possible, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro added that the Town can assist with securing IRRRB funds and to review the sewer access charges received and potentially contribute to the project. Discussion regarding federal funds available for projects and suggestion that Mr. Scott should discuss a water extension with the City of Eveleth. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Scott will provide the engineer's estimates when they are completed.

Quotes for Picnic Shelter- Two quotes were received. Frye Construction's bid was \$64,500 and East Range Exterior's bid was \$70,400. The project would be paid from the Recreation budget and American Rescue Plan Act Funds. The bids are comparable. Half of the basketball court would be removed this year in order to accommodate the building. Discussion regarding plumbing for the building and expense. Could stub the utilities for in the future.

Motion to move forward with the skate shack/pavilion project with quote from Frye Construction for \$64,500 for the three sections, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussed adding a change order to stub the utilities. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

2022 EMS Strategic Plan- Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli worked with the Fire Department to recommend \$35/hour at a cost of approximately \$12,000 per year, but would really depend on the call volume. The EMS would be separate from the Fire Department and would not have a pension.

Recreation Board, Resolution 2022-08- The Rock Ridge School developed resolutions for all the entities to dissolve the Joint Recreation Board. Chairman Tammaro read the Resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-08, A Resolution Dissolving the Joint Recreation Board, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro discussed that the remaining funds from the Joint Recreation Board dues paid by the entities would be disbursed based upon the percentages contributed. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that he has spoken with Mark and Virginia Craddock regarding a waterline extension to their property. Supervisor Ziegler questioned if the Township would still grant an easement through the ballfield property to run the line. Chairman Tammaro suggested that an attorney draft the easement. Supervisor Ziegler wanted to insure that prior to taking measurements and providing a quote, that the Township would grant an easement.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Screen TV for Town Hall- During the Board of Appeal, the County had suggested having large screens in order to display the information to the audience and the Town Board. Discussion regarding placement and location. If the price is reasonable, could get multiple screens. Clerk Coldagelli will get prices.

Town Equipment For Sale- Foreman Jason Latvaaho would like to sell the dump truck, a generator, a steamer and a snowblower. The dump truck would have an \$8,000 minimum bid and will request sealed bids for the items.

Motion to sell the Town equipment on sealed bids, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion of sealed bids on the dump truck and closing dates to be decided by staff. Will post the items on the posting boards, Channel 12, website and in the paper. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Election Judges-Resolution 2022-09- Clerk Coldagelli recommends hiring the following election judges for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 9th, pending completion of their training: Holly Haugen, Eleanor Eck, Tom Dean, Linda Shykes, Danyel Filipovich, Debbie Tammaro, Becky Dean, Jeanne Prittinen, Sue Kamnikar, Katelyn Baker, Joanne Waldorf and Gloria Love.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-09, A Resolution to Appoint Election Judges as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Chairman Tammaro abstained. Motion carried.

Clerk Coldagelli received from the buyers of the Woodline building a survey that identifies a very small area of the existing building lying in the Town right of way on Thunderbird Trail. The Title Company needs an easement or lease from the Town for the portion of the building that is encroaching. They would also accept any type of resolution in recordable form that expressly authorizes encroachment and references the survey completed. Clerk Coldagelli received a message from St. Louis County that the Town could approve a resolution allowing

an easement until the building is demolished or moved or complete a lot line adjustment. Supervisor discussion that Clerk Coldagelli can draft a resolution allowing an easement for the building until its demolished or removed.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10, A Resolution for Easement granting easement for the building until its demolished or moved, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward a letter of resignation from Wyatt Reberg from the Fire Department.

Motion to accept his letter of resignation and write him a letter of thank you, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Chief Shykes brought forward an update that the side by side has an updated delivery date of August. The Fire Department has enough funds from the Greenwood Fire and equipment sold to pay for it and the accessories. Chief Shykes also completed a survey of their fire extinguishers and they haven't been serviced for two years. Would like to get a proposal from Nordini. Chief Shykes will work with Foreman Latvaaho to complete.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$156,703.23, 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 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Anty J. P...

Chair

Date:

7-19-22

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk