

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 16, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chair Branville. Present were: Vice-Chair Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tamaro and Supervisor Sather were absent. Vice-Chair Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Katherine Disterhaft & her two children and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of July 19th, 2022, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Katherine Disterhaft was present to discuss concerns that her and her family had with construction of the new skate shack/picnic shelter. Ms. Disterhaft brought forward concerns that resident feedback regarding the project was not sought prior to construction. She was dissatisfied with the timing of the construction and safety concerns with that timing. She also was concerned with the safety of the cement floor of the picnic shelter. Ms. Disterhaft provided other alternatives that could be done such as installation of shade triangles and solar panels. Ms. Disterhaft and one of her children provided some drawings of other alternatives and concerns that they had. The new location is further for them to walk to sit down. They would like to have the area stay the same.

Vice-Chair Branville responded that the Town Board has been discussing plans for a picnic shelter for about two years and all Board minutes are available online to read at anytime. Ms. Disterhaft was disappointed that a public meeting wasn't held and posted on the posting board or a notice included in the bills as she doesn't have time to read the minutes monthly. Supervisor Ziegler responded that the Town spends funds monthly on items and does not seek resident feedback on all projects. He further stated that contractors are bound by completion dates and weather and other projects they have affect that. The Town and contractor try to limit resident interference as much as possible during construction projects. Vice-Chair Branville clarified that drainage and any winter safety issues would be addressed the same as other issues on the Town grounds. The combined structure would replace the existing skate shack and once the old structure is removed, the basketball court would be moved to that site.

Audience member Gina Brascugli brought forward revisiting televised meetings. Discussion regarding different options.

The picnic shelter/skate shack building has began construction and was approved by the Town Board. Ms. Disterhaft suggested that the Town Board offer the existing skate shack for sale if someone was interested in moving it. She also recommended solar panels on the structure for potential cost savings. The Town Board could look at that in the future.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of July have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$654,672.03 and expenditures were \$122,818.28. Ending balances for the month of July are:

Miners Checking- \$1,317,132.84

Assessment Savings- \$434,354.09

CD Savings- \$583,285.37

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$42,070.91 and expenditures are \$146,939.92.

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

Other Reports-

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

Motion to accept the Joint Cable - Channel 12 Meeting Minutes from August 3rd, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from July 13th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the PUC Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the July 2022 Road and Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the June Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

July 15th- Letter from MN Rural Water with notice of ServLine Leak Protection Program which provides financial protection to utilities for losses from customer water leaks. The program educates homeowners about their water loss responsibilities and gives utilities an opportunity to provide help for families to manage a large, unexpected expense. Forwarded on to the Public Utilities.

July 20th- Letter from Couri & Ruppe with legal service rate increase. Effective January 1st, 2023 their hourly rate will increase to \$250 per hour for all general legal work and \$275 per hour for all development work. Placed on file.

July 21st- Email from RAMS with request to submit letter calling on our leaders to come together for the benefit of our region and state and call a special session. A sample draft letter was included. A second notice was received August 2nd. Placed on file.

July 26th- Email from Amanda Mitchell, St. Louis County Public Works with information regarding the aggregate crushing, maintenance striping, crack sealing and chip/scrub sealing programs for 2023. Forwarded on to Road & Bridge.

July 27th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with District 10 meeting notice for Thursday, August 25th at 6:00 at Grand Lake Town Hall in Saginaw. Placed on file.

July 28th- Letter from FHLB Des Moines with notice of letter of credit issued on July 8th. Placed on file.

August 1st- Letter from AT&T with notice of an unknown and unauthorized person gained access to the number of lines on our account. No sensitive personal or financial information was accessed. AT&T has taken steps to prevent in the future and federal law enforcement has been notified. Placed on file.

August 4th- Email from Holly Olson, St. Louis County with notice of FEMA setting up applicant briefing for the DR 4659 disaster declaration from the spring flood event that started in April 22, 2022. Applicant briefing was held Thursday, August 11th. Placed on file.

August 9th- Letter from Therese Elverum requesting the speed limit on Park Drive lowered to 20 mph. Clerk Coldagelli read the letter. Discussion regarding the difficulty of reducing speeds on roads. Supervisor Chad will contact the Eveleth Police Department for extra patrolling and placement of the radar sign. Discussion regarding in the past a speed study was needed. Clerk Coldagelli will look into.

August 11th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with notice of fiscal year 2023 program open house and public hearing on fiscal year 2021 program accomplishments scheduled for September 13th from 10 AM to 12 PM. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Ziegler-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Attorney Mike Kearney is working to facilitate with appraiser Dawn Cole.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- Still in process.

American Rescue Plan- Nothing at this time.

Ballfield Waterline- The homeowner would like the attorney to proceed with the easement. Scott Neff believes that a survey will be needed at a cost of \$500-\$1,000 in order to create the legal description. The line can be

flagged for the easement creation.

Picnic Shelter- Construction is in process. Clerk Coldagelli drafted a resolution in order to submit a new IRRRB grant application. Phase one is already completed, but could submit for phase two and three of the project. Supervisor Ziegler read Resolution 2022-14.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-14 A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 EMS Strategic Plan- Assistant Chief Matt Hoffmann is working on those details to finish the plan.

Big Screen TV for Town Hall- Foreman Latvaaho is assisting Clerk Coldagelli with this project.

St. Mary's Development- Have not received any updates from Brad Scott on the status.

Fire Department SCBA's- Should know the grant results by November.

Thunderbird Trail Patching- Supervisor Ziegler will get a quote from Mesabi Bituminous before the next meeting.

Casual Labor Employee Update- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Mike Erjavec and if okay with the Board, he can stay on if needed. He could fill in with Yard Waste or whatever is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

American Red Cross- Facility Use Agreement- In the event of a disaster or any type of emergency, the Red Cross could utilize the building and could reimburse for any necessary costs.

Motion to approve the American Red Cross Facility Use Agreement as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Grant- Fire Chief Steve Shykes informed the Board that a matching grant for \$2,500 for the purchase of pagers was approved by the State of Minnesota. Chief Shykes is requesting assistance for the matching \$2,500. Pagers are \$510 each and they intend to get 10 of them.

Motion to approve \$2,500 and take from Mining Effects, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad.

Discussion regarding pagers, use and cost.

Motion to amend prior motion and use the grant and Mining Effects towards 15 pagers, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Discussion regarding adding an additional 5 to bring the total to 20 pagers. Chief Shykes will provide a quote for the next meeting. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

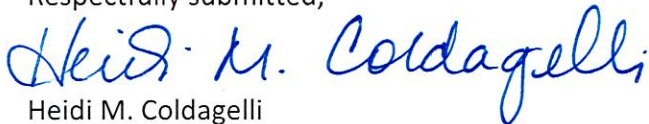
No further audience concerns at this time.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$166,290.66, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

Vice-Chair Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____

Chair

Date: _____

9-6-22

Attest: _____

Clerk

