

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**OCTOBER 4, 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 Sather and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ziegler arrived at 7:01 PM and Supervisor Chad was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Sharon Chadwick and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Ziegler arrived at this time.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** Sharon Chadwick presented a resolution for the Town Board in regards to the YMCA facility. Ms. Chadwick discussed the importance of the YMCA to the general public, regardless of income, and that should be the top priority despite what happens to the YMCA building. Many discussions have occurred regarding how the recently formed non-profit, Mesabi Fit Coalition, can make this happen. The Mesabi Family YMCA Board is currently the owner of the building and the Mesabi Fit Coalition is working to position themselves with hopes of receipt of the facility. Business plans from other communities are being reviewed as well as assessments of the building. Ms. Chadwick is not seeking monetary support, but the Board's support of the concept of the YMCA available for general public use. When it comes time for Mesabi Fit Coalition to seek funding from the IRRRB, the resolutions will assist in demonstrating local community support. Discussion regarding importance of programs. Mesabi Fit Coalition has no time frame for any reopening as at this time they are unsure if they are able to acquire the building. No other YMCA's are willing to take on the Mt. Iron site. Discussion regarding the pool and its condition.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-18, A Resolution Supporting the Mission of the Mesabit Fit Coalition, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Steve Shykes provided a letter to the Town Board Supervisors in regards to the personnel complaints.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statement for the month of September have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were and \$86,054.98 and expenditures were \$156,057.21. Tentative ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$1,206,939.12  
Assessment Savings- \$434,354.09  
CD Savings- \$583,285.37

For the month of October to date, revenues are \$6,140.79 and expenditures are \$63,082.88.

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

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the September Road and Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

September 21<sup>st</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with notice of November training on

November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cotton and November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grand Rapids. From 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM is Local Board of Appeals and Equalization training for supervisors and from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM is end of the year procedures for clerks and treasurers. The charge is \$30 for Board of Appeals training and \$40 for year-end training. Discussion that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk should attend.

September 27<sup>th</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Placed on file.

September 30<sup>th</sup>- Email from Angela Lepak from St. Louis County with notice of public hearing on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Government Services Center regarding proposed amendments to the St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62. St. Louis County is working to bring properties into compliance with short term rental permitting standards adopted by the St. Louis County Board on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Two standards have been challenging to meet, general liability insurance requirements and MN Department of Health licensure requirements. The amendments would better streamline the permitting process, while still keep the intent of the standards as originally proposed. Forward to the Planning Commission and Public Utilities Commission.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Branville-**

**Big Screen TV for Town Hall-** Will discuss at the next meeting.

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building-** Clerk Coldagelli attended a legal seminar put on by attorneys Michael Couri and Robert Ruppe. One of the topics at the seminar was blighted properties and Clerk Coldagelli discussed the old Bullfrogs building situation with the attorney after the training. Attorney Couri did state that the Town could follow state statutes to remove to the structure, despite the ownership in an LLC. Clerk Coldagelli went on to further discuss the Town's intention to purchase the property and was advised by Attorney Couri to pursue that route, especially if the property had ever once been a gas station due to possible soil contamination. It is believed it may have been a gas station at one time. Discussion regarding hiring Attorney's Couri and Ruppe to pursue removal of structure.

***Motion to retain Couri & Ruppe as attorney in the matter of the Bullfrogs blighted property, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion regarding tax forfeit status and when payments are due for individuals in contract.

**Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage-** Clerk Coldagelli discussed the large number of changes that are needed for the Ordinances, mainly cleaning up and correcting grammatical errors. At this time, Clerk Coldagelli is recommending only changing the word access to availability for this Ordinance revision and at a later date will clean up the Ordinances with the other changes. The change will go to the PUC for approval.

**American Rescue Plan-** Need to reallocate funds earmarked for the water and sewer company. The funds need to be spent in order for compliance.

**Ballfield Waterline-** Survey has been completed. Clarification that the Craddocks and the Town will share the same trench for the line installation, but each one will have their own line. Should have the lines installed before end of the year.

**Picnic Shelter-** Chairman Tammaro discussed changes that Foreman Latvaaho is recommending. Foreman Latvaaho recommended building a small storage building at the location of the current skate shack in order to store the snowblower and rink supplies. At this time, the power comes from the original skate shack and it will be very expensive to move all the power to the new building. This addition will allow more room in the new building and should be able to accommodate a bathroom. The IRRRB awarded the Township a \$24,000.00 grant for the picnic shelter/skate shack.

**2022 EMS Strategic Plan-** Program should be able to roll out on the first of the year.

**St. Mary's Development-** No new information.

**Fire Department SCBA's-** The grant is available nationwide and have started being awarded. Discussion regarding approaching our legislators stressing our needs.

**Park Drive Speed Request-** Will need Foreman Latvaaho to measure the road. If the road is less than 1/2 mile, the road authority is able to set the speed at 25 miles per hour.

**IRRRB Demo Grant-** St. Louis County would like the Town to apply for an IRRRB Demo Grant on their behalf for removal of a structure on Ely Lake Drive. Supervisor Ziegler had some concerns regarding the process of apply

for the grant, the amount of work it entails and the County facilitating the sale. The County does not reduce the purchase price to account for outstanding delinquent assessments. Supervisor Ziegler would like the County to take care of removal of the structure if they will be profiting from the sale. According to St. Louis County, a property is listed for sale at the current estimated market value. From that sale, 40% goes to the County, 20% goes to the Town and 40% goes to the school district. The previous delinquent assessments can be placed on the property, but there is a risk that it will not sell. There is an estimated \$11,000-\$12,000 that is still owing on this property for delinquent utilities. Discussion regarding not proceeding with submitting an application on St. Louis County's behalf. Will discuss at the next meeting.

**Skating Rink Attendants**- Clerk Coldagelli is getting the application together and will advertise for the position.

**Personnel Complaints**- Attorney Brian Lindsey recommended the Town Board form a committee to meet with the parties regarding the complaints and bring a recommendation back to the Town Board whether there is validity or not. Chairman Tammaro recommended appointing Lee Branville and Mark Chad.

**Motion to appoint Lee Branville and Mark Chad as liaisons on the committee, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather.** The committee will meet separately with each party at a time designated by them. There is also a Tennessean form that needs to be signed. A determination should be completed by the next meeting. Gina Brascugli questioned that have the parties had ample time to discuss with legal counsel if necessary and in the future how will that be handled? Supervisor Branville clarified that ample time will be given to individuals if necessary. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 2022-16-**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-16, A Resolution to Appoint Election Judges as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro abstained as his wife is an election judge. Motion carried.**

#### **Resolution 2022-17-**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-17, A Resolution to Authorize Contract with Interested Officer Under Minn Stat. § 471.88, subd.5 as written, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Chairman Tammaro abstained as his wife is an election judge. Motion carried.**

**Quote for Differding Point Crack Sealing**- A quote was provided by Wayne Kraabel/Eagle Valley Paving and Sealcoat for \$2,295.00.

**Motion to approve \$2,295.00 for crack sealing on Differding Point, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward a complaint received regarding Thunderbird Trail near the culverts. Foreman Latvaaho is requesting a quote from Eagle Valley Paving for leveling that area at an estimated cost of \$3,000-\$4,000.

**Motion to approve up to an additional \$5,000.00 on top of the patchwork to level the culverts and correct the blacktop before winter, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro.** Eagle Valley Paving is already doing work on a patch further down the road. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to approve \$5,000.00 from Mining Effects to help offset that costs to Road & Bridge, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

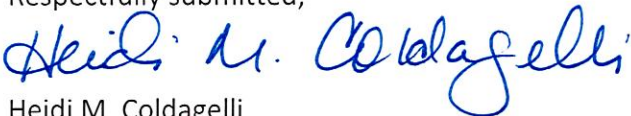
Can discuss how to use the remaining Mining Effects at a future meeting.

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$65,577.89, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to adjourn, made by Chairman Tammaro.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: Andy I. R... Date: 10-18-22  
Chair

Attest: Heidi M. Coldagell  
Clerk