

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

**NOVEMBER 1, 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, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:04 PM. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Katherine Disterhaft, Steve Shykes and Scott Smith.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** None at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Katherine Disterhaft was present to request that instead of tearing down the skate shack, that a request for proposal is offered to the community members to bid for removal. She added it would save in demolition costs and allow for an individual to use the structure for themselves. Chairman Tammaro requested to send to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward a request to use the excess Greenwood Fire Funds to replace the Fire Department lockers with metal ones. The current ones are chipboard and have water damage from a prior watermain break. Moved to New Business.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of October have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$75,503.99 and expenditures were \$127,228.70. Tentative ending balances for the month of October are:

Miners Checking- \$950,883.12  
Assessment Savings- \$434,518.02  
CD Savings- \$16,497.09  
4M Fund- \$794,301.01

For the month of November to date, revenues are \$0 and expenditures are \$88,330.58.

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

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

**Other Reports-**

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

***Motion to accept the August Planning Committee Minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

October 24<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Payment Service Network with notice that in December customers are able pay with PayPal, Venmo and more. Forwarded on to the Public Utilities Commission.

October 27<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Ashley Edwardson with the League of Minnesota Cities regarding regional safety group training. Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, training meetings will increase from \$1,325 per meeting to \$1,650 per meeting. The League will continue to pay 55% of the cost of the meetings with the safety group responsible for the remaining. Placed on file.

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Email from the MN Department of Natural Resources with notice that the MN DNR is accepting public comments through December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on its proposal to classify 13 species or species groups of high-risk invasive aquatic plants, fish and invertebrates as prohibited species. Comments can be submitted to [ais.dnr.state.mn.us](https://ais.dnr.state.mn.us). Forwarded to the Planning Commission and Public Utilities Commission.

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Letter from the C.A.R.E. Commission seeking financial support for the Eveleth-Gilbert Class of 2023 All Night Post-Graduation Party. Moved to New Business.

November 1<sup>st</sup> - Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with nomination forms for vacancies on the RAMS Board of Directors. Nomination forms are due by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building**- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Attorney Mike Couri. He confirmed that per statute the building could be removed with the cost of demolition to be placed as an assessment on the property taxes. He raised significant concerns regarding the removal of structure due to the possibility of prior soil contamination as well as a fire department training held at the site. Clerk Coldagelli will follow up with the insurance adjuster for an update to the settlement offer. Attorney Couri suggested the best course of action may be letting the structure remedy itself through the tax forfeit process. The property is currently under contract with St. Louis County. Chairman Tammaro suggested waiting to see if the contract payment is made in January.

**Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage**- Proposed changes to Ordinance 98-1 Sewer Use Ordinance changes the word "access" to "availability." Chairman Tammaro completed the second reading of Ordinance changes.

***Motion to approve the second reading of changes to Ordinance 98-1, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Ballfield Waterline**- Easement has been signed by the Craddocks and the Laube's. Mark Craddock would like to request if the Board would pay for any of the attorney's costs. The attorney's fees were originally estimated at \$800-\$1,000 and the invoice was for \$1,600. The attorney, survey and water access charge costs will need to be paid by the Craddocks before Jola and Sopp Excavating will begin work. Clerk Coldagelli will invoice the property owners for the charges.

***Motion to deny the request to reimburse funds, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Ziegler abstained as he is the owner of Jola and Sopp Excavating. Motion carried.***

**Picnic Shelter**- The building construction looks very nice. The doors will be installed soon and the gas and wiring is complete. Hometown Electric is working on the electrical.

**2022 EMS Strategic Plan**- No updates.

**Big Screen TV for Town Hall**- The televisions will be purchased soon.

**St. Mary's Development**- Awaiting Brad Scott to deliver his plan to the Town.

**Fire Department SCBA's**- Have not received a denial yet but the selection process should be completed soon.

**Skating Rink Attendants**- The application is available on the website and is posted on the posting boards.

**Personnel Complaints**- Supervisor Branville apologized that he was unable to meet with the other party since the last meeting, but will get one scheduled.

**2024 Levy**- Can continue to discuss and will take a closer look in January.

**4M Fund CDs**- Clerk Coldagelli provided an update that \$474,414.66 was transferred to be placed in CDs. At the last meeting, the Town Board was made aware that the amount would be placed out for bid from other banks by PMA Financial Network. The bids came back, but less \$10,000.00 of the amount requested. That additional \$10,000.00 will remain in the money market account with the 4M Fund. The first CD for \$239,200.00 has a net rate 4.44% and the second CD for \$225,000.00 has a net rate of 4.23%. At the end of the six month term can reinvest.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that a property sold on Long Lake and the property owner is moving the power pole that is located in the middle of his lot. The Town will have to move the service for the lift station to the new pole location. A contractor purchased the property and is also assisting in some of Fayal's costs for the service relocation. A benefit of moving the service is that during an outage the generator can be connected to the pole instead of the lift station, which was difficult to access with a generator. The funds from ARPA can assist

in the costs for the project.

Discussion regarding the gift certificates for the Commission members. Clerk Coldagelli suggested including the Garden Club in the recognition and issue a check to the Fayal Garden Club to hold a celebration or use at their discretion.

***Motion to give the Fayal Garden Club \$200.00, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUC Resignation**- Gina Brascugli provided a notice for resignation from the PUC.

***Motion to accept Gina Brascugli's resignation from the Public Utilities Commission and send her a letter of gratitude, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to advertise for a new member to the Public Utilities Commission, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Blight Complaint**- Supervisor Chad has been working on a blight complaint for the past three years on Ely Lake Drive. The neighbor is continually calling Supervisor Chad or Supervisor Tammaro regarding the property. The property owner has for the most part everything up to compliance per our blight ordinance. Blight Officer Chad is requesting the Town Board draft a letter to the neighbor that the property is up to compliance and any further complaints will only be taken if there is a major change to the property. The property owner is in the process of having a fence put in place.

***Motion to draft the letter, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion regarding another blight complaint located on Long Lake. That property is in compliance per St. Louis County.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the Fire Department lockers. An estimate from Gear Grid Corp. was provided for \$13,454.00, but they cannot quote installation until they are able to start on the project. The Fire Department can remove the existing lockers.

***Motion to have the Fire Department pay for their lockers and have them installed, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the donation request for the C.A.R.E. Commission. In the past have donated \$200.00 and \$100.00.

***Motion to donate \$200.00 to the C.A.R.E. Commission, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

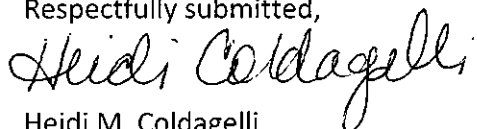
Chairman Tammaro requested that the Fire Department complete the EMS strategic plan.

***Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$88,330.58, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Sather.***

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

11-15-22

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk