

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

**JANUARY 3, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:09 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad left the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Audience members in attendance were Todd Carlson from MacQueen Emergency Equipment, Greg Chad, Matt Hoffmann, Ellie Lemke from Short Elliott Hendrickson and Nick Preiner.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Ziegler abstained as he was absent. Motion carried.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** Todd Carlson from MacQueen Emergency Equipment was present to discuss fire department air packs and provided a demonstration of the MSA G-1 pack. The packs have a 15 year average life and have a “bumper to bumper” warranty. They also are equipped with a lifetime battery. Once packs are purchased, the only expense going forward would be the flow test. The packs are a modular device that will allow them to be easily replaced to bring back into service. The packs also have thermal imaging capability. Discussion regarding how many packs are needed. The quote for 23 packs and the necessary accessories is \$231,745.45. Much discussion regarding standard and thermal packs. The Town is expecting to use interfund borrowing for the purchase. The old packs could potentially be sold and there are some local agencies that may be interested in those old packs. MacQueen was able to acquire a number of packs before a price increase occurred, so if the Town is interested, they will need to make a decision in a timely manner in order to be able to take advantage of the pricing.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Battalion Chief Nick Preiner brought forward that annual fit tests and physicals are due.

Assistant Fire Chief Matt Hoffmann brought forward that the new lockers will arrive tomorrow. During pump testing, a pump failure was identified on Engine #3 and will need to seek quotes to repair. Car #1 has a coolant issue and has been brought to Lundgrens. Chairman Tammaro recommended that going forward have Foreman Jason Latvaaho look at the majority of the repairs for the Fire Department vehicles. He would be able to assess the situation and repair if he is able to.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of December have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$61,052.38 and expenditures were \$223,353.12. Tentative ending balances for the month of December are:

Miners Checking- \$954,379.66  
Assessment Savings- \$437,368.33  
CD Savings- \$16,541.11  
4M Fund- \$796,350.47

For the month of January to date, revenues are \$6,174.74 and expenditures are \$39,505.66.

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

**Other Reports-**

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

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television Board Meeting Minutes for November 9<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>,***

***made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

December 20<sup>th</sup>- Email from the US Department of Transportation with a notice of funding opportunity for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity discretionary grant program for 2023. Applications are due by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Clerk Coldagelli reviewed the criteria and any potential project would receive a low score making it difficult to be competitive with the other applicants. Placed on file.

Supervisor Chad left at this time.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the Town should look into broadband grants.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fire Department SCBAs**- In regards to funding, the Assessment Savings is currently earning .15% and Clerk Coldagelli recommended an interfund loan at 4% with an approximate annual payment of \$35,000 for 7-8 years. The remaining funds should move to the 4M Fund. Lease options are available, but interest rates have significantly increased.

**2024 Levy**- Discussion regarding the Recreation budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Pay Equity Report**- The pay equity between the male and female employees are within the tolerable range.

***Motion to approve the Pay Equity Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Banyon Training**- Chairman Tammaro met with Clerk Coldagelli and Utility Billing Clerk Rebecca Waldorf for a year end review. Both would like to attend a future training for the Banyon software.

***Motion to approve Banyon training, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Sewer Connection**- A resident on Ely Lake Drive constructed a new home and the contractor made a connection to the sewer without a permit. The contractor was made aware previously that he needed to utilize an approved contractor prior to making the connection. Per Fayal's Ordinance, the connection needed to be inspected. Supervisor Ziegler had spoken with the contractor and informed him that he needed to be licensed, insured and bonded and that Supervisor Ziegler's company, Jola & Sopp, could make the connection. The contractor did not get back in touch with them and just made the connection himself. The contractor and the homeowner will need to be notified and will be billed for the cost of the connection inspection and potential repair.

Chairman Tammaro questioned if the Town should move some of the money from the Assessment Savings. Clerk Coldagelli recommended waiting until the air pack purchase is completed.

Clerk Coldagelli brought forward funding the employee HSA's at \$3,500 for individual and \$7,000 for family.

***Motion to fund the HSA accounts per the employee contracts made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$67,461.90, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro requested that the Fire Department work with Clerk Coldagelli regarding purchases and staying within budget. Assistant Chief Hoffmann has created a plan moving forward for 2023 to have a better handle on the budget and balances.

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: Andy F. R... Date: 1-17-23  
Chair

Attest: Stef M. Coldagalli  
Clerk