

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 17, 2023

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 Chad, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rebecca Waldorf. Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Matt Hoffmann and Nick Preiner.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3rd, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of January 3rd, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- No scheduled guests at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of December have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$61,450.74 and expenditures were \$223,871.77. Ending balances for the month of December are:

Miners Checking- \$954,034.23
Assessment Savings- \$437,464.98
CD Savings- \$16,543.56
4M Fund- \$796,350.47

For the month of January to date, revenues are \$70,401.71 and expenditures are \$196,665.16.

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 Public Access Television Board Meeting Minutes for January 11th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

January 3rd- Email from Steve Giorgi with notice of RAMS membership renewal and notice that Mr. Giorgi will be serving as Interim Executive Director as the Board of Directors seeks a replacement. Placed on file.

January 4th- Email from the League of Minnesota Cities with information regarding City Day on the Hill at the State Capitol on Thursday, March 9th. Fee is \$99.00 to attend. Placed on file.

January 12th- Email from Lora Skarman from St. Louis County with notice of Local Board of Appeal for Fayal scheduled Tuesday, April 18th from 1:00-2:00 PM. Need to ensure three members are in attendance. Placed on file.

January 13th- Email from Gene O'Brien with notice of application for the vacant position on the Fayal Public Utilities Board. Moved to New Business.

January 17th- Email from Minnesota Office of Broadband Development with notice of broadband infrastructure workshop on January 25th at Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department SCBAs-

Motion to approve the 18 packs for \$211,656.90, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. The air packs have been revised to all thermal packs. An interfund loan will come from the Assessment Savings at a 4% interest rate with the payment being made by the Mining Effects. Matt Hoffmann questioned if this would affect the Mining Effects that they receive annually. Chairman Tamaro informed him that it could depending on how much the Mining Effects received per year fluctuates. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2024 Levy- Will review at the next meeting when Clerk Coldagelli has the year end balances.

Sewer Connection- The property owner resides at the end of Russ Road. The contractor, Nick Schunk, did contact Supervisor Ziegler over the summer regarding the connection. Did not hear back from contractor and discovered the connection was made without receiving a permit and unsure as to how it was tied in. The connection will need to be excavated and inspected. Clerk Coldagelli will send out a letter regarding the violation to the homeowner and contractor. The costs to complete the inspection will need to be recouped.

Motion to authorize having the connection dug up and inspected the proper way and the connection made correctly, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tamaro brought forward that the Town will discuss with the contractor that he will be responsible for the costs. If payment is not made, it will be placed on the homeowner's taxes. Supervisor Ziegler estimated the cost between \$2,000 to \$3,000 depending on the connection that was made. Clerk Coldagelli will contact the contractor and the homeowner tomorrow. Supervisor Ziegler recommended the Public Utilities Commission review the Ordinance to make changes regarding penalties for making unauthorized connections.

Motion to authorize Foreman Jason Latvaaho to work with a contractor to have that dug up and inspected properly, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessment Savings- Clerk Coldagelli would like to move the majority of the balance to the 4M Fund. The account will need to stay open as more apportionment funds are being received. The 4M Fund is currently paying 4.11%. Discussion regarding the dollar amount to transfer.

Motion to authorize Clerk Coldagelli to transfer funds to the 4M Fund and leave the appropriate amount of funds needed in the Assessment Savings to leave the account open, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A quote was provided for the repair of the Fire Truck pump. The repair would come from the Fire Department maintenance budget.

Motion to approve up to \$4,043.46 to get the pump fixed, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Discussion regarding the pump froze likely due to cold weather and water left remaining in the pump. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Walker, Giroux & Hahne Engagement Letter-

Motion to approve utilizing Walker, Giroux & Hahne for auditing services at a cost of \$19,800.00, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Nonattest/Nonaudit Services-

Motion to authorize Heidi Coldagelli for the nonattest/nonaudit services, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Utility Commission-

Motion to appoint Gene O'Brien to the PUC, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Mr. O'Brien serves on the Cable Commission as well. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that with the new plumbing in the Fire Hall, the new lockers do not fit. The plumbing will need to be changed to accommodate the new lockers and Supervisor Ziegler can donate the necessary parts to complete and would like the work done in house. The installer will be back to finish the installation once complete.

Supervisor Ziegler questioned if the Township would be willing to pay for his Minnesota Rural Water certification

for \$275.00.

Motion to pay for Patrick Ziegler's MN Rural Water certification, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

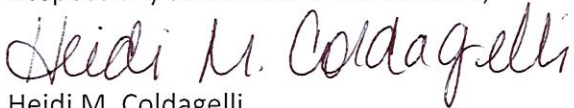
Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$154,556.03, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro will not be at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Foyal

Approved: _____



Chair

Date: _____



Attest: _____



Clerk