

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of February 7th, 2023, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Chairman Tamaro abstained as he was absent. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- No scheduled guests at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- No audience in attendance.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of January were received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$104,585.94 and expenditures were \$217,286.32. Ending balances for the month of January are:

Miners Checking- \$841,333.85
Assessment Savings- \$437,464.98
CD Savings- \$16,543.56
4M Fund- \$797,528.21

For the month of February to date, revenues are \$60,078.90 and expenditures are \$112,009.92.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tamaro added that \$225,000.00 was transferred from the Assessment Savings to the 4M Fund. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fayal Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes from November 1st, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the PUC monthly report for November, December and January, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Clerk Coldagelli added that the PUC had not had a quorum for two months, hence all the reports. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the PUC Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee meeting minutes from January 18th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access meeting minutes from February 1st, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Tamaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

February 17th- Letter from Minnesota Department of Health with a copy of the sanitary survey report summarizing an on-site inspection of the community public water system. No deficiencies were reported and recommendations included minimizing dead ends by looping and hydrant flushing where looping is not feasible. Forwarded on to Public Utilities Commission and the Water Department.

February 21st- Letter from St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department with notice that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners completed the classification of parcel 340-0056-00050 state tax-forfeited property to nonconservation. Nonconservation lands can be returned to private ownership. If the Town Board disagrees

with the classification of the parcel, a disapproval form is to be completed and returned to the County within 60 days. If Fayal wishes to acquire the parcel, they can complete the withhold application form. Placed on file.

February 21st- Letter from Lake Country Power with notice that Zielies Tree Service has been contracted to perform vegetation management in our area. The right of way clearing process is scheduled to begin May of 2023. Forwarded on to the Road & Bridge Department.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Levy- Clerk Coldagelli provided new calculations including \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 added to the Road & Bridge Department. Discussion regarding cost of services and concerns with future Road & Bridge funding.

Motion to approve the Levy at a 5.64% increase with the figures as provided, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Discussion that for building related items, there is a Town Hall Fund that could be used. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Sewer Connection- The Excavation Ordinance states, "any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$500.00, and shall forfeit to the Township the money on deposit with the Township Clerk, which money shall be used to make compliance with the conditions of this Ordinance."

Discussion regarding both the homeowner and contractor are aware that the connection was made without Town approval. Discussion to cash the contractor's \$1,000.00 check.

Motion to cash the contractor's check, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. The contractor was provided a copy of the Excavation Ordinance at the time of application. Clerk Coldagelli will draft a letter to the contractor to notify him that the check will be cashed. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward concerns with the Ordinances in situations where money is not put down. Discussion if when an individual applies for a building permit if Fayal could require \$1,000.00 deposit. Supervisor Chad brought forward that an individual would be charged for digging in the right of way. The Sewer Ordinance itself does have recourse for any damages.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting- Any assigned tasks were completed. The residents will need to be updated with the status of the Old Bullfrogs building.

March Meeting Schedule

Motion to cancel the March 21st Regular Board Meeting, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Sewer Rate Increase- The City of Gilbert has notified Fayal that they are intending to raise their rates by over \$10.00. Fayal had also planned to increase our rates by an additional \$2.00. Fayal intends to utilize the interest earned from the 4M Fund as operating income in order to avoid a \$4.00 or \$5.00 increase. The City has only initially reviewed the increases with us and has not provided any final numbers. The increase is due to the City having to replace faulty membranes and the hiring of another sewer plant employee. In regards to the membranes, there may be litigation. Will request a 60-day notice from Gilbert in order to have ample time to notify Fayal's residents. Clerk Coldagelli will draft a letter once final amounts are received. Discussion regarding the Gilbert sewer contract.

Rink Lights Quote- Received a quote for replacement of the rink lights from Graybar as well as another quote for installation from Lanyk Electric. Discussion regarding the reasoning of not acquiring a quote for installation from Hometown Electric. Hometown would have to rent the equipment for installation. Supervisor Branville will contact Hometown to attain a quote.

Eveleth Community Foundation Grant- The picnic shelter/skate shack is still in need of a few items such as a bench, picnic tables, a garbage can and a bike rack. A bench was also chosen for the playground. The estimated cost is \$5,000.00, not including shipping. The grant opens March 1st and unsure if it requires a match.

Motion for Clerk Coldagelli to apply to the Eveleth Community Foundation for the aforementioned items for the picnic shelter, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that he had acquired a panel for the Ballfield and can start looking at the installation of the lights. Discussion regarding seeking in-kind services for the project.

Reorganization for Planning/PUC Commission- For informational purposes, the following positions were assigned to the Public Utilities Commission: Ed Vest, Chair; Amy Jackson, Vice-Chair; Chris Erickson, Treasurer;

and Rebecca Waldorf, Secretary. To the Planning Commission the following positions were assigned: Alex Peritz, Chair; Chris Erickson, Vice-Chair; and Heidi Coldagelli, Secretary.

Bank Transfer to the Assessment Savings- Received a tax forfeit payment.

Motion to transfer \$908.18 from the Miner's Checking to the Assessment Savings, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$39,176.09, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward concerns regarding the Fire Department spending without authorization when its over \$750.00. Discussion regarding spending authority and by-law changes.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *[Signature]*
Chair

Date: 3-7-23

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk