

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**APRIL 4, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:03 PM. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience member in attendance was Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Ziegler abstained as he was absent for the meeting. Motion carried.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**- No scheduled guests at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward that he attended the Relief Association seminar and the Fayal Fire Relief Association should move to the Statewide Plan. The state aid would go directly to the State and would be managed by PERA. No annual audit would be required. Once committed, the benefit level can not change for five years.

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

Chief Shykes also brought forward a wildfire structure protection training course in Grand Rapids June 8th-10th. The cost would be reimbursed. Moved to New Business.

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- Bank statements for the month of February have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$136,617.15 and expenditures were \$340,520.33, which included a \$225,000.00 transfer to the 4M Fund. Ending balances for the month of February are:

Miners Checking- \$637,655.67  
Assessment Savings- \$437,239.98  
CD Savings- \$16,543.56  
4M Fund- \$1,023,889.86

Bank statements for the month of March have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$59,569.08 and expenditures were \$125,575.99. Tentative ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$796,424.36  
Assessment Savings- \$212,464.98  
CD Savings- \$16,543.56  
4M Fund- \$1,026,115.90

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$5,294.75 and expenditures are \$277,758.88.

***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 Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Wastewater Operator Report for February, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

March 13<sup>th</sup>- Email from the League of Minnesota Cities with a 4M Fund update. The 4M Advisory Committee is seeking interested individuals for the Committee and they meet virtually once a quarter. Also included was a notice of a short term and limited, undercollateralization of 4M assets that occurred in 2022. No assets of the 4M Fund were negatively affected. Once the error was identified it was quickly rectified. Placed on file.

March 14<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the Walker Area Food Shelf seeking support. Moved to New Business.

March 14<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Mediacom with notice of a recent audit discovery that Fayal's internet service was set up as a residential location and will necessitate a move to a commercial internet account. Clerk Coldagelli updated that the work has already been completed and the change resulted in a \$10/month increase on the bill. Placed on file.

March 20<sup>th</sup>- Email from Dusty Letica from St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services regarding pandemic-era rules ensuring continuous insurance coverage for people receiving Medical Assistance ending on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Two informational sessions were held at the end of March. Placed on file.

March 20<sup>th</sup>- Email from Krista Schmitz with St. Louis County. Requests for early distribution of 2023 tax collections must be made by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, for an early distribution of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Tax collections will be distributed on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Placed on file.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>- Email from Cathy Rouleau with St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes from February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Placed on file.

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

April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Email from Sharon Chadwick on behalf of the Mesabi Fit Coalition. The Coalition has entered into a purchase agreement with the Y facility and are holding a campaign kickoff event on April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. They are grateful to Fayal Township for its resolution of support and would be honored to host the Township officials at the noon hour event. Placed on file.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from Lake Country Power with notice of annual meeting on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in Cromwell. Also included was the 2023 official director ballot. Placed on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Sewer Connection-** The connection needs to be excavated and Foreman Jason Latvaaho is working on it.

**Sewer Rate Increase-** Have not received any further information from Gilbert regarding the increase.

**Rink Lights Quote-** Supervisor Branville is working with Hometown for a quote.

**Airpack Purchase/Bank Transfer-**

***Motion to transfer \$212,440.37 from the Assessment Savings to the Miners Checking and make the payment to MacQueen Emergency, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad.*** Chairman Tammaro brought forward that was a point of contention at the last Public Utilities Commission meeting. There were concerns about borrowing funds from the Fayal Sewer Company and a Commissioner's opinion that possibly those funds should be used to lower the sewer rate. As of now, by borrowing internally, those funds will still earn interest and save the Town money. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Annual Meeting-** Annual Meeting was held last month. A large portion of the meeting was addressing an audience concern regarding zebra mussels.

**St. Mary's Lake Development-** Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli met with Brad Scott to discuss the progress on his project. Supervisor Ziegler will work with Foreman Latvaaho regarding the possibility of taking ownership of the road to the development. Mr. Scott intends to approach the IRRRB regarding the installation of the sewer line. He also questioned how the Town could contribute to this project. Discussion that the Sewer Availability Charges could be applied. There will be 15 lots in the development. The Horseshoe Lake Extension

Grant expires in October and the Town could potentially lose \$30,000 in grant funds if one of the homeowner's do not build a structure before the October deadline. The Town will have to work with the IRRRB and the timing may work out that once the existing grant expires, a new development grant could be applied for.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Water Tap In Fee**- The Public Utilities Commission made a motion to eliminate the water tap in fee of \$200.00.

***Motion to accept the PUC's recommendation to eliminate the water tap in fee, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.*** Clerk Coldagelli will draft a new resolution for the next meeting. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Fire Department Handbook**- Chief Shykes brought forward the draft of the handbook for review. Recommended changes included changes from membership to employment and discussion of officer terms and how to incorporate those initially. Discussion regarding the ability to hold future spaghetti fundraisers if the Relief Association no longer exists. The Board will review the handbook.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the Fire Department training in Grand Rapids. Clerk Coldagelli will need to pay for the course and a DNR grant will reimburse the Town for the cost. At this time there are two individuals interested in attending.

***Motion to approve the training for up to three firefighters and if any additional are interested to bring forward for the next meeting, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.*** ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the support for the Walker Food Shelf. Clarification that they are seeking a monetary donation.

***Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$333,146.08, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** The purchase of the airpacks is included in the claims. The Kelsey Fire Department received 10 of Fayal's old airpacks and Crane Lake Fire Department received the rest. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Approved: *Chad J. Russo*  
Chair

Date: 4-18-23

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*  
Clerk