

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 18, 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 Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Sather was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Dennis and Sharon Pernu, Jim Prittinen and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 4th, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- No scheduled guests at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Jim Prittinen was present to discuss the summer tennis program. They intend to add another class due to interest and are working with the pickleball group in coordinating court use. Mr. Prittinen is requesting \$400.00 towards the purchase of equipment.

Motion to give \$400.00 to the summer youth tennis program, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Funds will come from the Recreation Department and Mr. Prittinen will work with Clerk Coldagelli to order the items needed. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Sharon Pernu brought forward an issue with dogs in the neighborhood as she was recently bit by a dog during a walk. She filed a police report and followed the appropriate steps. She has concerns that a fence will not prevent the dog from future escape, but the Town doesn't have the ability to control that. Discussion regarding the number of dogs unleashed. The police can patrol and can put a post on their Facebook page regarding leash laws. Clerk Coldagelli will put it on the website. Mrs. Pernu brought forward a second concern regarding the 911 addressing near her residence. Emergency personnel have struggled to locate their residence on multiple occasions. It is very confusing with Woodlawn Point, Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn Drive E. and W., Blvd., Circle, etc. Google maps appropriately displays the addressing and a landline will correctly display the information for the dispatcher. Clerk Coldagelli had left a message with 911 to see if there were any recommendations to rectify. Audience members Sharon and Dennis Pernu and Jim Prittinen left at this time.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward for discussion the Fire Department handbook. The Fire Department has received a copy and intends to make changes at their next meeting. There were some Department concerns brought forward, especially regarding length of terms. Discussion that the Town Board are in favor of having officer terms, but the Department is not interested in reapplying for their officer position every few years. Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk Coldagelli will attend the next Fire Department meeting to discuss.

Chief Shykes brought forward for discussion the Fire Department pension contribution. The benefit can be calculated by the Auditor. The current pension benefit is \$2,200/year. Chairman Tammaro brought forward concerns that the Town Board should approve any pension increase as the Town is liable if there was an underfunded circumstance. Chief Shykes left at this time as he had another commitment.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of March have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$58,934.96 and expenditures were \$126,884.17. Ending balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$795,247.85
Assessment Savings- \$213,407.71
CD Savings- \$16,547.68
4M Fund- \$1,026,115.90

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$38,308.76 and expenditures are \$276,139.11.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from April 5th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from March 8th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from March 21st, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Wastewater Operator Report for March, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the March Road & Bridge Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

April 5th- Email from League of Minnesota Cities with information regarding the 2023 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference held on June 21-23 in Duluth. Placed on file.

April 10th- Email from Jenny Bourbonais from St. Louis County with variance application for parcel 340-0160-00220 for the construction of a new home. Sent to Planning Commission for review.

April 11th- Flyer from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department with 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Community Collection Schedule. Will post at the posting boards.

April 12th- Email from Brian Mayry from the City of Eveleth regarding the Annual City Wide Rummage Sale. In 2022, approximately 25% of the 60 participants were residing in Fayal Township. The City of Eveleth is asking if Fayal would be willing to contribute to help offset a portion of expenses for time, postage and advertising. Moved to New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Branville-

Sewer Connection- Foreman Jason Latvaaho is working on it.

Sewer Rate Increase- Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli met with Gilbert City Councilor Bob Pontinen to discuss the increase. Intend to meet with Gilbert to discuss further.

Rink Lights Quote- Supervisor Branville received a second quote from Hometown Electric for \$2,095.00. They were slightly less than Lanyk Electric.

Motion to accept the lowest bid on the rink lights quote and complete by August 15th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion that the rink lights be ordered as originally quoted from Graybar, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Chairman Tammaro abstained as that is his employer. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-01- Water Tap In Fee Removal- Last meeting approved removing the Water Tap In Fee of \$200.00.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-01 as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

St. Mary's Lake Development- No updated information.

Dump Truck- The dump truck is finally completed and payment of \$201,277.13 is due. The US Bank Escrow has a balance of \$184,152.60. A check is needed for the difference of \$17,124.53 and the funds can come from Road & Bridge. The old dump truck was sold for about \$12,000.00 which was designated for this purchase.

Motion to take the funds out of the Escrow account, \$17,124.53 out of Road & Bridge and sign for the truck, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Foreman Latvaaho has inspected the truck multiple times and made a number of corrections to the order. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Plumbing- Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that when the lockers were installed, the plumbing for the main waterline still needs to be reconfigured. Supervisor Ziegler will provide the gaskets but is in need of purchasing a 2" valve. The valve will cost a few hundred dollars.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Pension Contribution- Chairman Tammaro wanted to discuss this topic due to the Fire Department pension being overfunded. If the Relief Association is overfunded then the \$14,000.00 yearly contribution should not be funded. Chairman Tammaro suggested leaving the \$14,000.00 in their budget, but not fund the pension. Discussion regarding how to address and how PERA works. Will need to contact PERA for more information and their recommendation.

DNR Lease- Pleasant Lake Dry Hydrant- The lease for the Pleasant Lake dry hydrant is up for renewal. The cost is approximately \$500.00 for a 10-year lease.

Motion to proceed with DNR lease, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CD Renewal- The CDs come due on April 24th. Coyer Boyer from the 4M Fund provided updated rates with estimates that rates for longer terms expect a decline going into 2024. Current money market rates are 4.85%. Can review at the next meeting.

Rock Ridge Youth Baseball- Clerk Coldagelli received a phone call from Erik Westberg from Rock Ridge Youth Baseball and they would like to use the field again this season with Board permission. Fayal Summer Employee, Dave Lang, did such a good job maintaining the field that they expect to use the field even more this season.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the donation for the Eveleth City Wide Rummage Sale.

Motion to donate \$100.00, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$36,818.99, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *[Signature]*
Chair

Date: 5-2-2023

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk