

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 16, 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 member in attendance was Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal Meeting of April 18th, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 2nd, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal Meeting of May 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 April have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$65,405.06 and expenditures were \$317,865.75, which included the \$212,440.37 payment for the Fire Department airpacks. Ending balances for the month of April were:

Miners Checking- \$755,227.53

Assessment Savings- \$1,075.19

CD Savings- \$16,547.68

4M Fund- \$1,038,847.31

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$41,297.12 and expenditures are \$137,046.68.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from April 12th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from April 11th, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the April Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fayal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from March 15th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the PUC Special Meeting Minutes from April 18th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 3rd- Letter from Minnesota Department of Revenue with notice of annual Mineral Hearing on unmined iron

ore assessments will be held at 10:00 AM on May 22 and will be held virtually using WebEx. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro-

Sewer Connection- Foreman Jason Latvaaho is working on the project.

Sewer Rate Increase- The PUC made a motion to raise the sewer rate by \$13.00. Clerk Coldagelli calculated the volume rate increase to \$0.144/100 gallons.

Motion to raise the sewer bill by \$13.00 per month effective July 1,2023 payable on the August billing, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward Resolution 2023-02.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-02, A Resolution to Amend Residential and Commercial Sewer Use Fees in Accordance with the Town of Fayal Sewer Service Charge Ordinance 98-2, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli drafted a letter to provide to the residents in the utility bills. The City of Gilbert is pursuing legal action against the engineering firm that handled the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. The hope is that a portion of the debt service increase will be eliminated if they are successful in their lawsuit.

Fire Department Handbook- Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward that the Department had training and a scheduled burn at the Golf Course so no further updates have been made.

St. Mary's Lake Development- Supervisor Ziegler provided an update that the property owners are working on platting the property and would like to have a plan in place by August to begin work in September.

Fire Department Pension Contribution- Fire Chief Shykes responded that the Department is waiting for the audit results. The yearly contribution would assist in bridging the gap as Chris Sailstad is retiring this month.

Motion to disburse the \$14,000.00 contribution for the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

With the Statewide Plan, there is the option to show State Aid as a pension and what it looks like with a Township contribution. PERA processes the paperwork and the State handles the investment. July 15th is the due date for submitting the paperwork.

DNR Lease- Pleasant Lake Dry Hydrant- Have not received the lease yet. Estimated cost for the 10-year lease is \$500.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Line Repair- Supervisor Ziegler brought forward a repair of a sewer stub not connected to anything on W. Long Lake Road. Discussion regarding I & I issues on Golf Course Road and sump pumps pumping into the sewer. The issues have been narrowed down to a few homes with one being identified of their sump pump connected to the sewer. Jola and Sopp can complete the W. Long Lake Road repair, but unsure of a price. The site is unstable, with the line fifteen feet down in peat. Estimated repair cost is \$10,000.00-\$20,000.00. Jola and Sopp can be there in about a week. As a fixed amount hasn't been determined, will include on the conflict of interest resolution not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03, A Resolution to Authorize Contract with Interested Officer Under Minn Stat. § 471.88, subd. 5, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Ziegler abstained as he is the owner of Jola and Sopp. When the work is completed and the final cost is known, the affidavit of payment can reflect the cost. Motion carried.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the PUC reviewed Gilbert's request of turning over the Differding Point water customers to the City of Gilbert. The PUC made the recommendation that the City of Gilbert contact those residents regarding their interest in acquiring water services through the City of Gilbert.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that he looked at the sheds at Z-Tech for the Ballfield. Running water to the location of the proposed shed would cost approximately \$2,000.00. Cost of the shed is approximately \$4,500.00.

Motion to proceed with the plumbing and the shed, not to exceed \$7,000.00, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Discussion regarding having the shed delivered to the field so it can be utilized as soon as possible. Supervisor Chad and Jesse Linde will choose a 10' x 12' shed. Jola and Sopp will complete a change order to account for the \$2,000.00 cost of running the waterline. ***Supervisor Ziegler abstained as he is the owner of Jola and Sopp. Motion carried.***

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$49,722.25, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____

[Signature]

Chair

Date: _____

6-20-23

Attest: _____

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk