

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JULY 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 Gina Brascugli and Jamie Lindseth. Steve Shykes arrived at 7:03 PM, Ed Vest arrived at 7:10 PM and Rebecca Waldorf arrived at 7:13 PM.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**- Jamie Lindseth was present to discuss the insurance renewal for property and workers compensation. The increase to the property premium is 4.49%. The property and mobile property premium has increased, but municipal liability and the auto premium have decreased resulting in the 4.49% overall increase. Premium in 2022 was \$23,329.00 and for 2023 the premium is now \$24,377.00. Unknown at this time what the dividend will be, which may offset those premium increases.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Gina Brascugli was present to ask legality questions in regards to recent marijuana laws. She requested further information regarding the requirements for containment. Her understanding was plants needed to be contained in a locked space, but requested clarification regarding containment outside. Supervisor Chad will research the law and report back at the next meeting.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- Bank statements for the month of June have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$65,848.50 and expenditures were \$156,159.20. Ending balances for the month of June were:

Miners Checking- \$534,348.40

Assessment Savings- \$1,082.47

CD Savings- \$16,553.80

4M Fund- \$1,075,982.06

For the month of July to date, revenues are \$531,798.18 and expenditures are \$166,411.57.

***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 Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from July 12<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the PUC Meeting Minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup> and the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

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

***Motion to accept the Fayal Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

June 22<sup>nd</sup>- Email from Jeri Venne with the IRRRB with notice of grant opportunities available July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Moved to Old Business.

June 26<sup>th</sup>- Email from Breanna Archer with St. Louis County Public Works Department. St. Louis County is continuing the aggregate crushing, maintenance striping, crack sealing and chip/scrub sealing program. Deadline to submit request is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Forwarded on to the Road & Bridge Department.

June 27<sup>th</sup>- Email from Brian Boder with St. Louis County Public Works Department. St. Louis County has awarded a contract for liquid calcium chloride and magnesium chloride. To take advantage of the program, work directly with the awarded contractors for ordering. Forwarded on to the Road & Bridge Department.

June 28<sup>th</sup>- Email from St. Louis County regarding a public hearing for variance application from Brandon Houdek on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

June 30<sup>th</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from May 31<sup>st</sup>. Placed on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Branville-**

**Fire Department Handbook-** Fire Chief Steve Shykes updated the Board that the Fire Department has not received the completed copy yet for the Department to review. Chief Shykes will request a copy be sent to him.

**St. Mary's Lake Development-** Brad Scott was in attendance at the Public Utilities Commission meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Scott requested that the Township facilitate a grant for their development project. The PUC at their meeting recommended for the Town Board to apply for a grant to assist in the project.

***Motion to approve Clerk Coldagelli to work with Brad Scott on the St. Mary's Development for the funding, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro read Resolution 2023-06.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-06, A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro added that the IRRRB will most likely expect a monetary contribution from the Township towards the project. The PUC discussed forgiving the \$6,625.00 sewer availability charge which would amount to approximately \$100,000.00. The Developer intends to turn over to the Township the infrastructure for the project. Discussion regarding matching funds and the grant request of \$500,000.00. Ed Vest, Chair of the Fayal Public Utilities, added that if the project would be fully funded, he would not be in agreement of not charging the sewer availability charge. At this point, there has not been any residents that have had sewer availability charges waived, unless they were paid through a community development block grant.

**Fire Department \$14,000 Annual Pension Contribution-** Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the Fire Department would like to continue to keep the \$14,000 contribution in their Fire Department budget, but track as a separate line item to use towards a truck for example.

***Motion to move the \$14,000.00 annual pension contribution in a fund for the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**PERA Resolution Typo-** The resolution from last meeting contained a typographical error. The vesting schedule was to read 4% each year, not 5% each year.

***Motion to amend Resolution 2023-04, A Resolution Opting to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan, to read 4%, not 5% as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward the question if at the last meeting the Town Board made a motion to approve the pension level of \$2,700.00. Clerk Coldagelli reviewed the prior minutes and there was no motion made.

***Motion to approve the \$2,700.00 for the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

All of the paperwork is completed for PERA. The funds will be transferred at year-end.

**Sewer Line Repair**- Jola and Sopp completed the repair. Supervisor Ziegler informed the Board that water was flowing 3/4 of the eight inch line. The hole is buried in rock, which was creating a french drain and with the wye broken the water was free flowing in. The wye was removed and replaced with ten feet of main line. The existing line has some sagging. It would benefit to maintain and jet the line yearly in order to avoid sediment. The Public Utilities Commission is looking at purchasing a camera.

***Motion to pay the \$17,000.00 to Jola and Sopp Excavating for the repair, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Ziegler abstained as he is the owner of Jola and Sopp. Motion carried.***

**Resident Firearm Complaint**- Clerk Coldagelli was able to find sample noise ordinances, but all the ordinances address noise restrictions during late evening hours. The firearm use occurs during the day. Supervisor Branville will contact County Commissioner Keith Nelson as he lives nearby and if he is also noticing the excessive use.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Investments**- Clerk Coldagelli provided an update that she renewed the CDs. One renewed at a rate of 5.164% for one year and the second at 5.167% for six months. Net interest will be \$18,111.01. On the CDs that were up for renewal, net interest was \$10,055.76. The 4M Fund received almost \$2,500.00 in interest for the month of June in the savings.

**TPC WIN-911 Quote**- Received a quote from TPC regarding WIN-911 renewal for pager software maintenance and support. Cost is \$1,140.00.

***Motion to approve the telemetry bill for Win-911 for this year, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion regarding the new cell phone tower being erected near Bodas Road. It appears that it meets the standard setbacks and is continuing with construction.

**Billing Clerk Position**- Billing Clerk Rebecca Waldorf has a job offer with another company that she has accepted. She would like to stay on at the Township two eight hour shifts a week. If she needed more time to accomplish her tasks she would like the ability to come in on the evenings or weekends. She should be able to determine if maintaining both jobs is feasible within a few months. She has spoken with Foreman Jason Latvaaho and he would like Billing Clerk Waldorf to stay on the pager rotation. She prefers not to stay on the pager, but if it is required to remain in the position she will. Discussion regarding that if the arrangement does not work out replacement of the Billing Clerk position and that the position would need to be posted again. Supervisor Ziegler questioned if Billing Clerk Waldorf has needed to go into the field when she has been on the pager. She has had to come in every time she has been on the pager, but has yet had to connect a generator. Supervisor Ziegler's opinion is that if paged to come in, one of the Road and Bridge or Public Utilities employees should come in to handle the issue. Can continue to monitor how it works with the pager.

***Motion to allow Rebecca Waldorf a trial run of three months at two days a week and possibly a little extra and see how it goes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$192,623.79, less the \$17,000.00 bill already approved, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: *[Signature]*  
Chair

Date: 7-15-23

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*  
Clerk