

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 15, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of July 18th, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Fire Chief Steve Shykes provided an update to the Board regarding Engine 91's cab tilt issue. The original repair estimate was \$3,700.00 and it will be significantly more than that. The cylinders are not standard and will need to be made and the tank pump would not hold oil to lift the cylinders.

Gina Brascugli was present to ask for clarification regarding the Supervisors' pay and summer schedule. She questioned if the Supervisors were paid per meeting would that save the taxpayers money? Supervisor Branville responded that the Supervisors receive a monthly salary, but do have special meetings and multiple items throughout the year that they attend. If they were paid per meeting, that could actually cost the tax payers more than the monthly salary. Supervisor Ziegler added that the Town Board salary is established by the Townspeople at the Town Annual Meeting.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of July have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$557,583.17 and expenditures were \$185,308.40. Ending balances for the month of July were:

Miners Checking- \$919,099.74

Assessment Savings- \$1,082.47

CD Savings- \$16,553.80

4M Fund- \$1,078,597.92

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$40,820.15 and expenditures are \$95,710.43.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Discussion that the 4M Fund is generating approximately \$2,500.00 in interest per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from July 12th, 2023, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes from July 11th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Public Access Television Meeting Minutes from August 2nd, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Chairman Tammaro would like to bring forward an update regarding Public Access under New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Wastewater Operator Report for July, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

July 24th- Email from Joshua Brinkman, St. Louis County. The 2023 spring flooding has been approved by FEMA for a Federal Disaster Declaration. Applicant briefings will occur between August 2nd and August 18th and 100% reimbursement for all eligible expenses. Listed under New Business for discussion.

July 26th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with notice of District 10 meeting and election on August 24th starting with registration at 6:30 PM at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center. Placed on file.

July 28th- Flyer from Northland Media, Inc regarding advertising, printing, mailing and more. Placed on file.

August 3rd- Letter from St. Louis County Extension - Youth in Action seeking sponsorship levels for the Make a Difference Conference scheduled for November 9th, 2023. Have donated \$100.00 in the past. Moved to New Business.

August 3rd- Email from Alan Johnson from Benchmark Engineering regarding LRIP grant applications and Benchmark's ability to assist in the applications. Listed under New Business for discussion.

August 8th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department with variance application for Leonard Gentilini for the construction of a garage. Forwarded to the Fayal Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Handbook- A copy was sent to the Town Board today. Would like to table for review at the next meeting. Fire Chief Shykes encouraged the Board to speak up regarding any recommendations for changes.

Supervisor Branville-

Resident Firearm Complaint- Supervisor Branville spoke with one of the neighbors and while they do occasionally hear shooting in the area, there are other neighbors that shoot as well and they do not see it as an issue. Discussion that no other complaints have been received and the neighbor is in legal compliance with State statutes in regards to distance. Clerk Coldagelli can draft Mr. Williams a letter that no action by the Town Board will be taken.

Supervisor Branville brought forward that at the Annual Meeting, new windows for the Town Hall was discussed. Currently awaiting quotes from two different contractors. There are ample funds in the Town Hall Fund to pay for the windows.

St. Mary's Lake Development- The grant application was not included in the last IRRRB meeting. The IRRRB, Brad Scott, Chairman Tamaro and Clerk Coldagelli have a meeting scheduled for Thursday to discuss the development. There is a housing resource forum scheduled for Thursday, September 7th. The IRRRB has allocated \$5 million for housing projects or programs that result in the creation of new housing units. The Developers intend to place the project out for bids this fall and begin the project in the spring based upon how favorable the bids come back. Discussion that the Developer would not profit from the infrastructure as the sewer lines and roads would be turned over to the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer to Assessment Savings- The St. Louis County Apportionment Funds need to be transferred to the Assessment Savings.

Motion to transfer \$1,379.41 from Miners Checking to the Assessment Savings, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring Flood FEMA Request- In the spring, the Town replaced culverts on West Long Lake Road and River Road due to flooding. Clerk Coldagelli met with FEMA last week and they assisted in submitting the application for reimbursement of \$4,963.08. The flood damage costs derived from wages, equipment used and culvert replacement. The culverts were materials that the Town already had on hand.

Local Road Improvement Grant- Alan Johnson from Benchmark Engineering forwarded information regarding upcoming LRIP grants. The last grant cycle was in 2021. In speaking with Foreman Jason Latvaaho, would like to get updated pricing from the engineer for Thunderbird Trail and the Differding roads, but would also like to add Horseshoe Lake Drive. Clerk Coldagelli would work with St. Louis County in order to submit the application.

Motion to apply for the Local Road Improvement Grant with the recommendation by the Foreman, made by

Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Clerk Coldagelli will need to work with SEH to get updated estimates. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Ziegler questioned if we could try using Benchmark Engineering for the project. Clerk Coldagelli will reach out to Benchmark to get a quote to update these road projects.

PUC Recommendation Sewer Line Repair- The Public Utilities Commission made a motion to pay the \$17,000.00 sewer line repair from the Maintenance Contingency. Chairman Tammaro suggested it should come from the American Rescue Plan Funds.

Motion for the funds to come from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Clerk Coldagelli had previously paid Jola and Sopp so it is just reallocating the fund for the payment. **Supervisor Ziegler abstained. Motion carried.**

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that the PUC would like to authorize Wastewater Operator Rick Bieganeck to spend up to \$3,000.00 to purchase a camera. The camera would be purchased through Minnesota Rural Water. Supervisor Ziegler would like to make sure that the Town owns a locator. The cost would be \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 for a camera and a locator. Supervisor Ziegler will discuss with Wastewater Operator Bieganeck.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that Channel 12 will be seeking a station manager.

Motion to give Iron Range Youth in Action \$150.00, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sather brought forward a request from the Fire Department seeking \$10,000.00 from Mining Effects for the replacement of personal protective gear. At this time, only \$17,000.00 of Mining Effects is allocated for the first payment for the Fire Department airpicks.

Motion for \$10,000.00 to the Fire Department for personal protective equipment, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ziegler thanked everyone for their assistance at National Night Out and the turnout. Clerk Coldagelli added that Jola and Sopp donated the burgers and Supervisor Ziegler and his wife Selena grilled all the burgers, polish and hotdogs. Supervisor Sather also assisted in cooking. Old Dutch donated the chips and Eveleth Market provided a \$1.00 per pound discount on all the polish. Steve Shykes, Clerk Coldagelli and Deputy Clerk Rebecca Waldorf served the food.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$114,607.26, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Approved: *Paul Tammaro*
Chair

Date: 9-19-23

Attest: *Heidi Coldagelli*
Clerk