

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Anthony Tammaro, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Lee Branville, Mark Chad, Richard Sather, Patrick Ziegler*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**DECEMBER 5, 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 Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:01 PM. Supervisor Sather was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Matt Hoffman and Steve and Linda Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**- None at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- None at this time.

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$69,872.21 and expenditures were \$128,436.02. Ending balances for the month of November were:

Miners Checking- \$471,290.58  
Assessment Savings- \$20,010.30  
CD Savings- \$16,559.99  
4M Fund- \$1,396,236.08

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$328,794.09 and expenditures are \$81,396.59.

***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 Road and Bridge November Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Fire Department November Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**-

November 30<sup>th</sup>- Email from US Census Bureau with invitation for six stakeholder meetings occurring between December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Placed on file.

November 30<sup>th</sup>- Email from the City of Gilbert with notice of a new rate schedule effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Forwarded on to the Public Utilities Commission.

December 1<sup>st</sup>- Email from Cathy Rouleau with St. Louis County Association of Townships with notice of cancellation of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Placed on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chairman Tammaro**-

**St. Mary's Lake Development**- Clerk Coldagelli received the information from Brad Scott's engineer last week and submitted the pre-application on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Flood FEMA Request-** Clerk Coldagelli received an email that the application has moved to the next phase of approval and needs additional paperwork completed.

**Local Road Improvement Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli has one application nearly complete and has Resolution 2023-10 needing adoption in order to submit the grant applications.

**IRRRB Horseshoe Lake Sewer Extension Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli is awaiting a construction receipt from the homeowner in order to claim the remaining \$35,000 of the grant.

**Zoning Change Request-** MN Power has opted not to purchase the property.

**Camera and Locator Quote-** Clerk Coldagelli needs to work with the safety coordinator for our Regional Safety Group for a letter of support as well as an audit with the findings to support the need for the equipment. A meeting is scheduled on 12/12 and the grant application is due on 12/15. Will need to contact the vendor to verify the price and let them know Fayal is applying for a grant.

**2025 Levy-** Table for now.

**Clean Heavy-Duty Off-Road Equipment Grant-** Application is due on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Clerk Coldagelli will work on entering that one next week.

**Mining Effects-** Currently there is \$23,552.83 left in Mining Effects. Discussion regarding the Fire Department EMS program. Assistant Fire Chief Matt Hoffmann informed the Board that one application has been received and the first responder course will be offered in January and February to hopefully drive interest. There is equipment available for approximately six individuals. Tuition is 100% reimbursable. Payroll is estimated at \$7,000.00 per year based on 100 calls. Fire Chief Steve Shykes budgeted in 2023 for the EMS program and has dedicated another \$5,000.00 for the 2024 budget. Supervisor Branville brought forward a request of \$10,000.00 for Building and Grounds towards the purchase of new windows. Discussion that the parking lot payment of \$17,000.00 from Buildings and Grounds needs to be covered for approximately three more years. Windows could be paid for by the Town Hall Fund.

***Motion to earmark \$10,000.00 to Buildings and Grounds and the remaining balance to the Fire Department for the EMS payroll, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Lodging Tax-** The 2023 lodging tax less the 5% held is \$1,924.00 for Iron Range Tourism.

***Motion to authorize payment of the lodging tax, 95% goes to Iron Range Tourism and 5% goes to the PUC, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Capital Equipment Transfer-** There is \$29,000.00 allocated from Capital Equipment to Road and Bridge for the dump truck payment and \$21,000.00 allocated to the Fire Department for the water tender payment.

***Motion to transfer \$29,000.00 to Road and Bridge and \$21,000.00 to the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**TrueGreen-** A 5% discount is given if prepaid before year end for 2024 services. Service amount for the Town Hall is \$2,246.00 and the Ballfield is \$1,085.85 for a total cost of \$3,331.85.

***Motion to submit payment to TruGreen to acquire the 5% discount, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Utility Billing Clerk-** New Utility Billing Clerk Terry Hiti starts on Thursday. When the former Clerk was hired, the probationary wage was waived.

***Motion to eliminate the reduced pay for the probationary period for the Utility Billing Clerk position, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion regarding carrying the pager and qualifications of office staff. Chairman Tammaro will discuss at the PUC meeting.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward Resolution 2023-10.

***Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10 A Resolution to Submit Application to the 2023 Local Road Improvement Program, as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chief Shykes provided an update that he transferred the Relief Association funds to the State and as of January 1<sup>st</sup> the Department will be enrolled in PERA.

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$84,855.03, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

*Phil Ziegler*

Chair

Date: 12-18-23

Attest:

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

Clerk