

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 2, 2024

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 Matt Hoffmann.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 19th, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Assistant Fire Chief Matt Hoffmann brought forward a few Fire Department updates. The quote for the cabinetry for the water tender is having some design changes and will move forward at the end of the month. Assistant Chief Hoffmann requested Board approval to hire another grant writer for \$1,000.00 to apply for a FEMA grant for rechassis and updating which would cover the Engine 2 project. Request moved to New Business.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of December have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$399,797.48 and expenditures were \$129,263.84. Ending balances for the month of December were:

Miners Checking- \$750,447.22
Assessment Savings- \$20,886.63
CD Savings- \$16,566.18
4M Fund- \$1,400,382.29

For the month of January to date, revenues are \$30.00 and expenditures are \$79,062.77.

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 Planning Committee meeting minutes from November 15th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

December 26th- Letter from the St. Louis County Fair seeking financial assistance. Placed on file.

December 28th- Email from Jerry Rosati from the City of Eveleth with proposed utility rate changes. Fayal's current monthly service rate would change from \$75.00 to \$200.00 and the charge per 1,000 gallons would change from \$4.48 to \$5.15. Forwarded to the Public Utilities Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro

St. Mary's Lake Development Grant- Clerk Coldagelli has the grant submittal prepared, but requested additional information from Mr. Scott and his engineer in order to complete the grant submission. There are no deadlines for submission.

Spring Flood FEMA Request- Clerk Coldagelli has submitted all the requested paperwork to FEMA.

Local Road Improvement Grant- Clerk Coldagelli submitted two grant applications and is awaiting notification.

IRRRB Horseshoe Lake Sewer Extension Grant- Clerk Coldagelli submitted the final grant closure report and is awaiting a disbursement.

Zoning Change Request- Unsure if the request was approved by the St. Louis County Board.

Camera and Locator Grant- Awaiting to hear if the grant request was approved. Next application cycle is due in February so should hear soon.

2025 Levy- Chairman Tammaro recommended keeping the proposed levy increase of \$40,000.00. There has been little overtime in Road and Bridge for weather conditions and in regards to the Recreation Department, the rink hasn't been opened yet.

Clean Heavy-Duty Off-Road Equipment Grant- Awaiting to hear if the grant was approved.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that Clerk Coldagelli will now utilize the health insurance benefits. Insurance is covered under the employment contract.

Motion to approve the \$3,500.00 HSA contribution for Heidi Coldagelli, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PUC Reorganization- The PUC approved at their last meeting to keep the officers the same. Officers are as follows: Ed Vest, Chairman; Amy Jackson, Vice-chair; Chris Erickson, Treasurer and the PUC Billing Clerk (Terry Hiti) as Secretary.

Motion to approve the PUC reorganization as per their last meeting, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Nonattest/Nonaudit Services- Walker, Giroux & Hahne requests every year that the Clerk be designated by the Town Board to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonattest/nonaudit services.

Motion to approve Clerk Coldagelli is designated for the nonattest and nonaudit services, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the Fire Department requests. The grant writer will remain the same.

Motion to approve for Engine 2 for \$1,000.00, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief Hoffmann brought forward that a portion of the ambulance sale was designated for cabinetry and the Department would like to utilize another portion not to exceed \$5,000.00 and have the command trailer resided. A quote was received for \$4,900.00. Discussion regarding age of the trailer and potential of selling in the future.

Motion to approve spending \$4,900.00 to reside the trailer, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Redecaling would likely take place later in the year. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the Clerk Coldagelli checked into the status of the Old Bullfrogs building and it has been tax forfeited to the State of Minnesota. Clerk Coldagelli will follow up with County Commissioner Keith Nelson regarding prioritizing its removal. Chairman Tammaro also brought forward slippery road conditions and Supervisor Ziegler intended to discuss with Road and Bridge.

Supervisor Ziegler questioned the status of the loader. A grant application was applied for and Komatsu provided a demonstration model for a few days. Currently just looking, but a loader is the next needed piece of equipment for Road and Bridge. Discussion regarding Supervisor Ziegler's opinion. In his opinion, municipalities are utilizing John Deere and there are amazing lease programs out there available through them. The service side is also the best in his opinion.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$100,681.94, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Coldagelli

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

[Signature]
Chair

Date:

1-16-24

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk