

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

**DECEMBER 19, 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 December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward that the Fire Department has been discussing future fire apparatus needs. The Department sold the ambulance for \$12,000.00 and would like approximately \$9,000.00 in upgrades on the water tender. The Department would also like consideration when the water tender lease is near payoff, to rechassis Engine 2. The Engine does not perform in regards to speed and the problem has been unable to be corrected. Supervisor Ziegler suggested repowering the vehicle and have a new engine put in to resolve. Discussion regarding rear end issues, repowering and gear ratios. The Department will look into those options and rechassis to determine the best route. Chief Shykes also requested Board approval to hire a grant writer for \$1,000.00 to apply for a new engine. Request moved to New Business.

Gina Brascugli brought forward that the Public Utilities Commission had changed their meeting times to 6:00 PM and other communities meet earlier in the evening as well. She questioned if the Town Board had ever considered earlier start times. Discussion from the Supervisors that some would not be able to make it if the time changed. Chairman Tammaro said it could be a discussion in the future.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-** For the month of December to date, revenues are \$374,885.52 and expenditures are \$107,244.67. Current balances for the month of December are:

Miners Checking- \$732,306.07  
Assessment Savings- \$20,010.30  
CD Savings- \$16,559.99  
4M Fund- \$1,396,236.08

***Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the Public Access Television meeting minutes from December 6<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes from November 14<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the Fayal PUC Wastewater Operator Report for November 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

December 7<sup>th</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with notice of task force on emergency medical services field hearing held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Forwarded to the Fire Department.

December 12<sup>th</sup> - Thank you card from Gene O'Brien for the recognition to the Commissions. Placed on file.

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Email from Jerri Venne from the IRRRB with notice that the Culture and Tourism grant cycle opens on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Placed on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chairman Tammaro-**

**St. Mary's Lake Development-** Clerk Coldagelli has the grant submittal prepared, but requested additional information from Mr. Scott and his engineer in order to complete the grant submission.

**Spring Flood FEMA Request-** Clerk Coldagelli signed the appropriate paperwork that was most recently requested. Every time she believes it is ready for final approval, FEMA provides another document for completion or requests additional information.

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

**IRRRB Horseshoe Lake Sewer Extension Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli submitted receipts from the homeowner for the remaining \$35,000.00 reimbursement.

**Zoning Change Request-** The property owners still want to continue with the zoning change request.

**Camera and Locator Quote-** Clerk Coldagelli submitted the grant request last week. The price increased approximately \$650.00 since the original August quote.

**Motion to approve \$16,393.10 for both the camera and the locator, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**2025 Levy-** Chairman Tammaro recommended keeping the proposed levy increase of \$40,000.00. Still have time to consider any changes.

**Clean Heavy-Duty Off-Road Equipment Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli submitted the grant application. Discussion regarding the number of grants out there, qualifications and competitiveness.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**St. Louis County Apportionment Transfer-** There are a small number of residents that are still paying on the sewer assessment. Miner's Checking received \$871.10 that needs to be transferred to the Assessment Savings.

**Motion to transfer \$871.10 from Checking to the Assessment Savings, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad.** Chairman Tammaro questioned if there were any residents still paying internally financed Sewer Availability Charges. Clerk Coldagelli responded that all have been paid off. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the Fire Department requests.

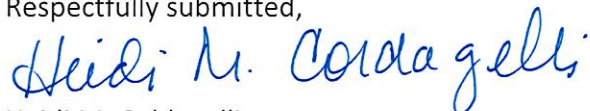
**Motion to authorize the Fire Department to spend \$1,000.00 on a grant writer for Engine 91, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to authorize up to \$10,000.00 from the ambulance sale, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad.** Another cabinet will be added, reshelving and accommodating the air packs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$37,350.58, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro wished everyone a Merry Christmas and adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

Date: 1-2-24

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk