

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

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MAY 7, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 PM by Vice-Chair Branville. Present were: Vice-Chair Branville, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:03 PM and Chairman Tammaro was absent. Vice-Chair Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience member in attendance was Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Vice-Chair Branville abstained as he was absent for the meeting. Motion carried.***

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

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward that there is a comment period regarding OSHA and emergency services. OSHA is replacing fire brigade standards with new state laws and procedures. The new document covers 700 pages. Discussion regarding the amount of work necessary to remain compliant with new requirements and procedures. The hope would be for the State Fire Marshal's office to create a generic policy for other departments to utilize.

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- Bank statements for the month of April have been received and all accounts reconciled. For the month of April, revenues were \$85,221.35 and expenditures were \$167,668.29. Ending balances for the month of April were:

Miners Checking- \$410,663.70

Assessment Savings- \$17,728.62

CD Savings- \$6,028.49

4M Fund- \$1,558,016.88

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$11,428.07 and expenditures are \$60,934.80.

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

**Other Reports**-

***Motion to accept the Fire Department report for April, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Road and Bridge April report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**-

April 22<sup>nd</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Power with notice of public hearings for proposed rate increase. Hearings will take place on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Range Recreation Civic Center in Eveleth. Placed on file.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>- Email from Catherine Rouleau from St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes from March 27<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

April 26<sup>th</sup>- Flyer from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department with notice of 2024 household

hazardous waste community collection schedule. Schedule posted at all the posting sites. Placed on file.

April 26<sup>th</sup>- Letter and booklet from Minnesota Firefighter Initiative with information regarding the Hometown Heroes Assistance Program. The program provides mental health, educational and financial support by contacting MnFire's 24-hour hotline at 888-784-6634. The service is free and confidential and available for all active volunteer, paid on-call, part-time and full-time Minnesota firefighters. The Fire Department is aware of the program. Placed on file.

April 29<sup>th</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from March, 28<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from the Minnesota Department of Revenue with notice of annual mineral hearing for unmined iron ore assessments will be at 10:00 AM on May 21<sup>st</sup> and will be held virtually. Placed on file.

May 6<sup>th</sup>- Email from Bradley Gustafson, St. Louis County Development Manager, with updated 2024 CDBG income and rent limits. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Vice-Chair Branville-**

**St. Mary's Lake Development Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli contacted the IRRRB to ensure the correct grant application is being submitted and is awaiting a return call. Brad Scott is building a home on the property. Supervisor Ziegler brought forward questions regarding subdivision of the parcel and how Fayal's ordinance requires connection. He also questioned if connection is required within so many feet of the lake. Discussion that connections are required within 300 feet of Fayal's sewer line and any connections outside of our ordinance, follow St. Louis County ordinance rules regarding septic systems. Discussion regarding utility easements may be needed for any back lots and that the subdivided parcel plat should include those when filed with St. Louis County. Supervisor Ziegler was concerned if the Township was liable to extend the sewer line to reach any lots near the lake.

**Ballfield Scoreboard/Power Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli had heard that Fayal was awarded a grant but has not received notice of the awarded dollar amount. She had applied for a grant for \$5,000.00 for installation of the power. The scoreboard has been installed by Frye Construction. The power will also be ran to the shed in order for youth baseball to utilize for fundraising with a canteen.

**Differding Point Waterline-** Awaiting a response from Gilbert.

**Fire Department Rechassis Project-** Clerk Coldagelli needs an invoice in order to issue the \$1,000.00 check for holding a truck.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Hall Window Replacement Quote-** Quotes were received from East Range Exteriors for \$22,800.00 and Altobelli and Peterson for \$25,525.00.

***Motion to go ahead with East Range Exteriors' quote for \$22,800.00 and funds can come from the Town Hall Fund, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Sather.*** The windows will be similar but are sliders instead of cranks. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Picnic Shelter Gutters-** Vice-Chair Branville toured the grounds with Foreman Jason Latvaaho and it was suggested to put gutters on the picnic shelter to alleviate water on the slab. A quote was acquired from Seamless Gutters for \$2,224.00. Discussion regarding the water accumulating on the slab and to have it corrected. Vice-Chair Branville recommended getting the gutters and having the slab fixed.

***Motion to proceed with quote for \$2,224.00 for gutters, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Chad.*** ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Ziegler questioned the status of the water and sewer to the picnic shelter. Clerk Coldagelli couldn't recall receiving any response regarding the permit application that was submitted last fall. She can follow up with Foreman Latvaaho to check on the status.

**Fayal Summer Tennis Program-** Jim Prittinen would like to hold the summer tennis program again and is requesting \$250.00 worth of tennis balls.

***Motion to have the tennis program again and buy tennis balls, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler.*** The Recreation Department can fund the tennis balls. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Election Training-** Clerk Coldagelli and Deputy Clerk Terry Hiti have mandatory election training on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Linda Shykes is able to staff the office that day.

**Motion to approve the training, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Summer Schedule-** In the past, have cancelled the first meeting due to August's National Night Out. Clerk Coldagelli added consideration to include the first meeting in September due to her schedule with vacation, a holiday, first day of school, payroll and a meeting date all on that first Tuesday meeting.

**Motion for summer schedule to take effect with one meeting a month, the third Tuesday of the month for June, July, August and September, made by Vice-Chair Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler.** If anything comes up can have a special meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Sather brought forward a number of items for the Fire Department. The Fire Department is requesting \$10,000.00 from Mining Effects for turnout gear.

**Motion to give the Fire Department \$10,000.00 for turnout gear when we receive the second half of Mining Effects, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad.** Discussion that every year the Fire Department replaces two to three sets of gear. Per OSHA, the gear has a ten-year life. Helmets will need to be replaced soon. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Chief Shykes would like to submit a 50/50 grant to the DNR for wildland PPE. If approved, the \$2,500.00 match would come from the Fire Department budget.

**Motion that Fire Chief Shykes apply for the grant for the DNR match, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

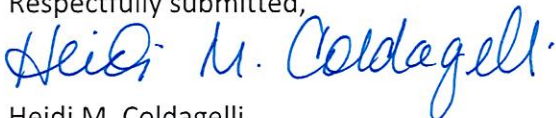
Supervisor Sather brought forward the Fire Department request of annual ladder and hose testing. The cost is \$2,580.00 for hose testing and \$295.00 for ladder testing. Discussion regarding having a contract completed for three-year pricing.

**Motion that Fire Chief Shykes have the ladder and hose tested and sign the contract, with the cost coming out of their budget every year, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Vice-Chair Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$79,332.83, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chair Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

  
Chair

Date:

5-21-24

Attest:

  
Clerk