

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**JUNE 18, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Pat Brascugli, Sandra Walher and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Pat Brascugli was present to discuss the culvert near her home. She had wondered if it had been cleaned out recently as the water level was high. Chairman Tammaro responded that he had seen the Road and Bridge Department in the area prior to the meeting and they will look at it.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes informed the Board that the first single role EMR applicant interview will take place tomorrow. Chief Shykes also reported that the Department had ordered a replacement drop tank and the new one is an inch too long and doesn't fit on the truck. The vendor can take the tank back, but will charge expensive shipping fees and a restocking fee. The Department does have a buyer for the tank and would rather sell it and purchase the correctly sized one. A new tank is \$1,800.00.

***Motion that the Fire Department sells the wrong drop tank and purchases a new one that's the correct size, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- Bank statements for the month of May have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$77,384.78 and expenditures were \$113,995.50. Ending balances for the month of May were:

Miners Checking- \$374,117.98  
Assessment Savings- \$17,728.62  
CD Savings- \$6,028.49  
4M Fund- \$1,574,854.99

For the month of June to date, revenues are \$47,071.09 and expenditures are \$117,851.41.

***Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather.*** Chairman Tammaro questioned what comprises the CD Savings. Clerk Coldagelli responded that it was interest earned on the former CD savings accounts years ago. Clerk Coldagelli recommended leaving the \$28.49 in the CD Savings in order to keep the account open. Will move to New Business to discuss. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Other Reports**-

***Motion to accept the Fire Department May report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the Wastewater Operator report for May, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

***Motion to accept the Road and Bridge May report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro brought forward that there was not a quorum for the May or June meeting for the Cable Commission.

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

May 14<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Northern Natural Gas with notice that Northern will be conducting construction activities associated with removing a farm tap setting and Northern's associated piping on our property in the near future. Placed on file.

May 28<sup>th</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from April 25<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>- Letter From Minnesota State Demographic Center with 2023 annual population and household estimates for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Population estimate is 1,787 and household estimate is 795. Placed on file.

June 10<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Power with notice that a recent review of the account indicates that our monthly electricity usage will necessitate a change in rate. Placed on file.

June 17<sup>th</sup>- Letter from Lake Country Power with notice of capital credit allocation. Total capital credit allocation is \$1,033.47. Un-retired capital credits to date are \$9,462.91. Placed on file.

Clerk Coldagelli informed the Board that she and Terry Hiti have training for the newly purchased election poll pads in Duluth from 12:00-2:00 next week. Clerk Coldagelli does have a message out for assistance to staff the office, otherwise, the office will just be closed early on Wednesday. Moved to New Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chairman Tammaro-**

**St. Mary's Lake Development Grant-** Will be meeting with Brad Scott next week.

**Ballfield Scoreboard/Power Grant-** The Town received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Eveleth Community Foundation and Hometown has started wiring. Hopefully youth baseball will use the field more next year. This year they are only utilizing the field for practices.

**Differding Point Waterline-** A letter was sent to Gilbert offering an 18% increase and have not received a response back from Gilbert yet.

**Fire Department Rechassis Project-** No updates at this time.

**Skate Shack Water Infiltration-** Supervisor Branville provided an update that the Contractor sealed the side by the man door where the water was getting in. The Contractor also intends to cut areas of the cement. This should resolve any water getting in. The windows have been delivered and installation should occur next week dependant upon weather.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2024-03 Election Judges-** The Resolution covers election judges for both the Primary and the General Election. Deputy Clerk Terry Hiti will assist with the Primary and General Election and Clerk Coldagelli will assist for the Primary Election.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 A Resolution to Appoint Election Judges, as w ritten, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Election Changes- Write-In Votes-** There are new changes this year that if a resolution is adopted, the Township no longer has to record write-in votes unless an individual candidate would like their write-in votes counted. The current process requires election judges to manually look through every ballot and write every name, fictional or not, that is written. Adopting a resolution will save a good deal of time at the end of the night. Federal and State candidates already follow this procedure. Clerk Coldagelli can draft a resolution for the next meeting if the Board is in agreement. Discussion regarding filing dates opening July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Property Insurance Renewal-** Jamie Lindseth was unable to attend the meeting. The premium is increasing 17.94% due to a multitude of items. New premium is \$28,750.00 and the bill will be due in August.

**National Night Out 8/6-** Discussion regarding what was purchased and used last year. Clerk Coldagelli and Deputy Clerk Hiti can serve the food. Supervisor Ziegler can bring grills and cook. Clerk Coldagelli will take care of arranging all the food.

**Motion to authorize up to \$1,000.00 for National Night Out, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Transfer from Sewer Checking to the 4M Fund**- PUC Treasurer, Chris Erickson, recommended leaving \$100,000.00 in the sewer checking account. Clerk Coldagelli recommended transferring \$150,000.00 to the 4M Fund and if needed, can always transfer the funds back.

**Motion to transfer \$150,000.00 from the Sewer Checking account to the 4M Fund, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to transfer \$6,000.00 from the CD Savings account to the 4M Fund, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Sather.** Discussion that those funds are not designated for anything and is essentially General Fund monies. The Apportionment monies will be received next month and Clerk Coldagelli would like to transfer the funds from the Assessment Savings to the 4M Fund at that time. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to authorize Clerk Coldagelli and Deputy Clerk Hiti to attend poll pad training in Duluth, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tamaro brought forward that after the hailstorm last week he spoke with Billing Clerk Hiti and she made statements regarding being on call and concerns about being on the pager. He had concerns regarding the possibility of her having to take out a generator and would like her removed from carrying the pager. Chairman Tamaro added it will be extra work for the other employees until someone else is added to the pager. Supervisor Ziegler clarified that despite Billing Clerk Hiti carrying the pager, if the pager were to go off, she should be calling another individual to come in for assistance. In Eveleth, clerical staff did carry the pager and would dispatch other staff in the event of a callout. Supervisor Ziegler will discuss with Foreman Jason Latvaaho.

Supervisor Ziegler brought forward that he has received a number of blight complaints regarding a few properties. One complaint is currently in the court system and the second one was found to be in compliance. Supervisor Ziegler has two additional ones to add and Clerk Coldagelli will forward those to the Blight Officer.

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$134,830.72, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Chairman Tamaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved:

*Chris Erickson*  
Chair

Date:

7-16-24

Attest:

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*  
Clerk