

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 20, 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 Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no audience members in attendance.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of July 16th, 2024, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None in attendance.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of July have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$596,691.55 and expenditures were \$132,021.85. St. Louis County Apportionment Funds were received for \$515,323.78. Ending balances for the month of July were:

Miners Checking- \$575,881.54

Assessment Savings- \$113.88

CD Savings- \$75.67

4M Fund- \$1,737,394.99

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$50,697.07 and expenditures are \$147,656.23.

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 Fire Department report for July, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes from July 9th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the Wastewater Operator report for July, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Branville brought forward for discussion that the Fire Department is down to 12 members and questioned the minimum needed. There are 8 active members and that seems to be the minimum. Discussion regarding revisiting consolidation with the other area departments with numbers dwindling.

Motion to accept the Public Access meeting minutes for July, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Access meeting minutes for August, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Road and Bridge report for June, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Road and Bridge report for July, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor

Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Coldagelli provided an update that the Planning Commission has not met since May. June's meeting was cancelled due to Juneteenth and there was not a quorum for the July meeting.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward a request for Supervisor Ziegler to check if there is viable class 5 in the pit for crushing.

CORRESPONDENCE-

July 18th- Letter from Mediacom with notice that Mediacom is updating its courtesy video policy for local and variety TV as well as digital receivers to courtesy video account holders at no charge. Variety TV will no longer be offered for free due to significant cost increases. One digital receiver per account at no cost will remain. Discussion regarding internet and fiber. Placed on file.

July 22nd- Email from St. Louis County with notice of public comment period on the St. Louis County 2023 consolidated annual performance and evaluation report. Copies will be available beginning July 15th. Placed on file.

July 23rd- Letter from AT&T regarding AT&T data incident involving cyber-criminals who accessed call and text records. Placed on file.

July 25th- Letter from St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department with notice that St. Louis County is re-offering for sale parcel 340-0010-05320 at their online auction beginning August 15th. Placed on file.

July 30th- Email from St. Louis County that HOME-ARP pre-application period is now open. The pre-application period will close on November 18th. HOME-ARP targets individuals or households experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive service and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. Placed on file.

August 2nd- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with notice that the District 10 meeting and election will take place on Thursday, August 29th at the Grand Lake Town Hall in Saginaw. Registration begins at 5:30 PM with meeting to follow at 6:00 PM. Placed on file.

August 15th- Email from Amanda Mitchell with St. Louis County Public Works regarding 2025 aggregate crushing, maintenance striping, crack sealing and chip/scrub sealing programs. Forwarded to Road and Bridge.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro-

St. Mary's Lake Development Grant- Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli met with Brad Scott a few weeks ago. Mr. Scott is proceeding with the project and has one home in the process of being built. He had requested Clerk Coldagelli contact the IRRRB for a sample development agreement, but she has not received a response. Mr. Scott also requested that Foreman Jason Latvaaho provide feedback on the road design. Foreman Latvaaho had no concerns with the design but concerns of taking on a road that will at some point need maintenance such as crack sealing and repavement. The cost to maintain our existing roads is exorbitant. Supervisor Ziegler can review the road. Discussion that the project could involve a significant tax base increase.

Differding Point Waterline- Clerk Coldagelli and Chairman Tammaro are meeting with the interim Gilbert Clerk tomorrow.

Fire Department Rechassis Project- No update. Last Fire Department report stated that the Chief and Assistant Chief had worked on budgetary concerns for the project.

Skate Shack Water Infiltration- Supervisor Branville provided an update that the sealant used on the perimeter of the building held up when a hose was used around the building. Will have to monitor the repair's success in the spring.

Electronic Water Meters- The Public Utilities Commission will review the estimates and recommendations and make a decision regarding proceeding with the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Language Change- Clerk Coldagelli added language to the Code of Ethics and the Conflict of Interest resolution that no Township property is to be removed from the premises unless it is being used for Township use or Township business. Supervisor Ziegler would like added that it not be used during employee's time at work. Clerk Coldagelli will prepare those changes for the next meeting.

Lift Station N Repair- Replacement of guide rails was identified during the recent inspections at a cost of

\$5,613.10. The funds can come from the Maintenance Contingency.

Motion to approve the repair, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Freight is not included in the price. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Skate Shack Bathroom Quote- Supervisor Branville informed the Board the he recommends that the Town not pursue a bathroom in the skate shack due to the installation, monitoring and maintenance costs. The cost is estimated at nearly \$20,000.00 to complete the installation. Discussion regarding options for connecting to the sewer and concerns with vandalism.

Motion to remove the bathroom renovation project for the time being, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Tennis Court Crack Sealing- Foreman Latvaaho received a quote from Pro Track and Tennis, Inc. for \$52,000.00. Still seeking additional quotes. Clerk Coldagelli would like to apply for a grant from the IRRRB to assist in the cost.

Employee Contracts- Employee contracts expire at the end of the year. Supervisor Branville would like to set up a committee at the next meeting. He would volunteer to be a member.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$168,550.83, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Ziegler.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: *Anthony J. Romano*
Chair

Date: 9-17-24

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*
Clerk