

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

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

*Anthony Tammaro, Chairman*

*Supervisors: Lee Branville, Mark Chad, Richard Sather, Patrick Ziegler*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**OCTOBER 1, 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, Mike Erjavec and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Ziegler abstained as he was absent for the last meeting. Motion carried.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Fire Chief Steve Shykes requested permission that he and Firefighter Erik Moe attend fire training October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Duluth. Moved to New Business. Secondly, Chief Shykes would like authorization to purchase and post banners advertising for recruitment. Extreme Signs would make the banners. Can also put a flyer in the bills.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-** Bank statements for the month of September have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$68,435.32 and expenditures were \$138,916.39. Tentative ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$485,137.40  
Assessment Savings- \$115.65  
CD Savings- \$70.69  
4M Fund- \$1,742,947.44

For the month of October to date, revenues are \$50.00 and expenditures are \$53,771.31.

***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 Public Access Television meeting minutes from September 18<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Planning Committee meeting minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. There has been a number of meetings canceled due to lack of a quorum. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>- Letter from St. Louis County with notice that applications for AIS prevention program grant are due by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Have sent a letter of support in the past to North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District to submit an application on our behalf.

***Motion to send a letter of support, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

September 25<sup>th</sup>- Email from the Minnesota Department of Health that a grant opportunity is available October 1<sup>st</sup> to all community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems to support activities that address a potential contamination source that presents a high risk to a source of drinking water as determined by Minnesota Department of Health. Deadline to apply is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Forwarded to the Public Utilities Commission.

September 25<sup>th</sup>- Email from Cathy Rouleau with St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes from April 24<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

September 30<sup>th</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from June 27<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Chairman Tammaro-**

**St. Mary's Lake Development Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli received an update from the IRRRB to proceed and submit the grant and then further down the road can work on the development agreement as the IRRRB is working on developing a better sample agreement. She is still waiting for additional information from the developer in order to submit the application.

**Differding Point Waterline-** No response from Gilbert yet.

**Fire Department Rechassis Project-** Chief Shykes reported that the individual spearheading the project was supposed to be in attendance to discuss, but is not present.

**Electronic Water Meters-** The Public Utilities Commission needs to discuss.

**Tennis Court Crack Sealing-** Messages are still out to a few businesses for quotes. Clerk Coldagelli sent an email over to the IRRRB regarding the ability to submit a grant application with just one quote, but she has not received a response back yet.

**Employee Contracts-** Received a request from the Union to meet. Chairman Tammaro requested that a proposal be sent over first.

**Lift Station A-1-** Insurance denied the claim due to no flood insurance. Clerk Coldagelli sent the denial over to FEMA and will be working with them.

**FEMA Submission Summer Flooding-** Information has been sent to FEMA for reimbursement, but still waiting for a quote to replace the bituminous from the contractor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Reschedule November 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting-** Due to elections, need to cancel or reschedule the meeting.

***Motion to cancel the first meeting of November due to the Election and only attend the third Tuesday of the month meeting and any bills that come due should be paid by the Clerk where the Board authorizes that payment, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Board of Canvass-** Must be held between Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on schedules and will hold on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

**2026 Levy-** Chairman Tammaro and Clerk Coldagelli provided a preliminary proposal of 8.79% increase to begin with. Some areas were increased due to a contract year and other needed items. A final levy figure isn't due until March. Discussion regarding cost increases and impacts to businesses.

Chairman Tammaro requested a monthly vacation report of the employees be emailed to the Supervisors.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward Fire Chief Shykes training request. Lodging would need to be paid but the tuition would be reimbursed. The Expedition has been repaired by Foreman Jason Latvaaho for a fraction of the original estimate.

***Motion to approve training for Chief Shykes and Firefighter Moe, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Planning Commission Vacancy-** Commission member Bill Maki has moved out of the Township.

***Motion to post for a vacancy on the Planning Commission, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$68,883.83, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

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

*Andy J. Russo*

Chair

Date: 10-15-24

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

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

Clerk