

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

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**DECEMBER 3, 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 Chad, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Branville was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Mike Erjavec, Matt Hoffmann and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Chad abstained as he was absent. Motion carried.***

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

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Fire Chief Steve Shykes updated the Town Board that a meeting was held last week with Supervisor Branville, Chairman Tammaro, Clerk Coldagelli, Assistant Chief Matt Hoffmann and Chief Shykes regarding funding the rechassis project. The decision was made to contact a bank to look at the possibility of combining the water tender loan and the rechassis project and what that rate would be. Clerk Coldagelli had left messages with the bank but has not received a response back.

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$71,614.54 and expenditures were \$109,941.48. Ending balances for the month of November were:

Miners Checking- \$406,058.70

Assessment Savings- \$115.65

CD Savings- \$70.69

4M Fund- \$1,802,493.28

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$339,103.76 and expenditures are \$69,593.60.

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

**Other Reports**-

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

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

***Motion to accept the October Planning Committee meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**-

November 19<sup>th</sup>- Thank you card from Gene O'Brien for recognizing the volunteers of Fayal. Placed on file.

November 19<sup>th</sup>- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with board meeting minutes from October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Placed on file.

November 22<sup>nd</sup>- Letter from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust regarding 2025 coverages, rates and dividend amounts. Property/casualty rates will decrease by an average of 6.5% and workers' compensation will decrease by an average of 20%. The dividend will be mailed in December. Placed on file.

November 20<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the St. Louis County Fair seeking financial assistance for the 2025 Fair. Moved to New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Chairman Tammaro-**

**St. Mary's Lake Development Grant-** Have not received any further information from the Developer.

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

**Fire Department Rechassis Project-** Discussion regarding the yearly payment for the rechassis project would be approximately \$43,000.00 and the water tender has a remaining balance of \$99,000.00 that will be paid off in 2029. Currently still owe for the airpicks until 2030. Discussion regarding the Public Safety Fund. The Fund has a \$36,000.00 balance and is earmarked mainly for the contribution towards a police car or an ambulance. Supervisor Ziegler recommended increasing the yearly levy fund contribution to \$10,000.00 per year, an increase of \$2,500.00. Discussion regarding allocating the \$14,000.00 that was designated yearly to the Fire Department Relief Association towards a truck purchase. Discussion regarding affordability of the truck and emission changes. Truck would be delivered in March of 2025 and was not expected to be ready so soon.

**Electronic Water Meters-** Billing Clerk Terry Hiti sent out more surveys and should have results at the end of the month.

**Employee Contracts-** Clerk Coldagelli routed the employee requests to the Supervisors. Supervisor Branville will provide his and Chairman Tammaro's counter offer. With the Healthpartner's contract expiring at month end, the employees do need to enroll in the Blue Cross Blue Shield medical plan that Jamie Lindseth presented a few meetings ago. That proposal was slightly less expensive and had nearly an identical plan.

***Motion to go with Blue Cross Blue Shield, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Lift Station A-1-** Clerk Coldagelli has not received any follow up information from FEMA.

**2026 Levy-** Supervisor Ziegler would like to increase the Public Safety Fund by \$2,500.00. Clerk Coldagelli will provide an updated levy proposal at the next meeting.

**Fire Department Hourly Wage-** Chairman Tammaro stated that the employee contracts are still being worked on and it will be looked at.

**Fire Department Benefit-** A resolution was drafted to increase the PERA benefit from \$2,700.00 per year to \$3,700.00 per year. The Department will still be funded at 120% with that increase. If the balance drops below 100% funded, then the Township would need to provide 10% of the shortfall. Discussion regarding the large increase. Could be used as a recruitment tool.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2025-07, A Resolution Opting to Increase the Benefit Level for Firefighters who are vested in the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan, as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. This would take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Pickleball Screens-** Supervisor Sather will look into.

**Eveleth-Fayal Cable Access-** Clerk Coldagelli mailed a letter to the Station Manager. Eugene O'Brien provided a list of what has been broadcast on Channel 12 that was Fayal specific and there has not been anything since 2017.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Reorganization Meeting-** Can hold at 7:00 PM on January 7<sup>th</sup> and go right into the regular meeting after.

**Lodging Tax-** The 95% collected can be sent to Iron Range Tourism for \$1,398.69. In the past, have transferred the remaining 5% to the PUC. With that transfer, the PUC will only be slightly in the negative.

***Motion to transfer the funds, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2025-2026 Police Contract Renewal-** The City of Eveleth will be meeting to discuss the increase. The City Administrator had wanted to increase the contract by 20% in 2025. The Chief of Police recommended a 10% increase in 2025 and another 10% in 2026. If they support the Chief of Police's recommendation, that would bring the annual cost to \$55,900.00.

**4M CD-** The CD has matured and is in the 4M money market which is currently paying 4.542%. CD rates were close to that rate and less. Discussion to leave the funds in the money market.

**Motion to leave the money in the 4M Fund where it's at, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the St. Louis County Fair donation request. Have not contributed in the past.

**Motion to not contribute, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$89,414.88, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

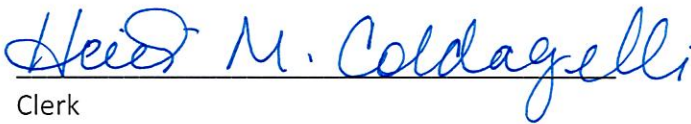


Chair

Date:

12-17-24

Attest:



Clerk