

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 7, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:12 PM by Chairman Tammaro after adjournment of the Reorganization Meeting. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Sather and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli.

Audience member in attendance was Matt Hoffmann.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of December 17th, 2024, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Branville abstained as he was absent. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of December have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$424,760.09 and expenditures were \$125,221.18. Ending balances for the month of December were:

Miners Checking- \$651,168.22

Assessment Savings- \$115.68

CD Savings- \$70.71

4M Fund- \$1,862,870.67

For the month of January to date, revenues are \$15,843.15 and expenditures are \$165,312.75. Discussion regarding interest earned from the 4M Fund and Clerk Coldagelli will share that at the next meeting.

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

Other Reports-

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

Motion to accept the December Road and Bridge report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee meeting minutes from November 20th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

December 17th- Postcard from St. Louis County Extension with a thank you for the donation to Youth in Action. Over 300 students registered to attend the annual "Make a Difference" Conference. Placed on file.

December 23rd- Letter from Northern Natural Gas with notice that Prairie Land Contracting LLC will be performing right-of-way clearing within Northern Natural Gas easements over their high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline. Forward to the Road and Bridge Department to monitor the restoration. Discussion regarding State statutes and tree removal processes.

January 6th- Thank you card from Nancy Roseen from the Eveleth-Fayal Garden Club for the contribution. The funds were used towards an annual 8th District Scholarship, which the Garden Club donates money to each year. Placed on file. Discussion regarding how nice the planters and grounds look.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tamaro-

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

Differding Point Waterline- No response from Gilbert yet, but may change with the new mayor.

Fire Department Rechassis Project- Chairman Tamaro would like to table for now and start to look for funds to get the project going. Chairman Tamaro sent a letter to the Fire Department that in the future any purchases will require a committee to be established with the liaison and other members of the Fire Department.

Employee Contracts- Supervisor Branville and Chairman Tamaro are working on the Office Manager's contract. Clerk Coldagelli did enroll in the Deferred Compensation program with the match.

Lift Station A-1- Awaiting for a response and approval from FEMA.

FEMA Submission Summer Flooding- Awaiting reimbursement from FEMA.

2026 Levy- Chairman Tamaro does not think that any more funds should be added to the proposed levy and should go back to the original levy proposal. Discussion that the Police Fund needs an increase in order to support the 10% increase for 2025 and 2026. Discussion regarding the need for a General Fund increase. The Township has phased out of taconite municipal aid due to the significant increases in home values over the last few years. There is the possibility of requalifying for it in the future. Will increase the General Fund to \$100,000.00. Discussion regarding the Police budget and increasing by \$15,000.00. Discussion regarding Road and Bridge wages and future road projects. Discussion regarding class 5 at the Yard Waste site. Would need to move the road in order to access any additional. The Fire Department expects some increases due to the EMS, but mainly budget increases are dependant upon what happens with the apparatus. Foreman Jason Latvaaho will be looking at Engine 2.

Fire Department Hourly Wage- Minimum wage increased to \$11.18. The Department previously requested the same wage as the rink attendants at \$15.00 per hour. Assistant Fire Chief Hoffmann questioned if a proposed schedule of increases was created, would the Board entertain that? He will update a proposal and bring it to the Board.

Pickleball Screens- Supervisor Sather will look into and will revisit in the spring.

Eveleth-Fayal Cable Access- The Cable Board meets next week.

Mediacom Franchise- Clerk Coldagelli completed the second reading of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Contented Critters Contract- The price of \$900.00 paid quarterly has not increased and is paid from the General Fund. Changes are that Contented Critters will no longer take owner surrenders from Fayal. Pup North holds any animals found so that the police do not have to hold at the station until transport can be arranged.

Motion to continue with Contented Critters, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Dept Truck Fund- Clerk Coldagelli and Fire Chief Steve Shykes discussed moving the \$14,000.00 that was previously allocated for the Fire Relief Association to the 4M Fund to create a "Truck Fund" in order to earn interest and grow that balance. Chairman Tamaro added that the understanding is also that the funds could be used for other purposes if needed.

Motion to move those funds to the 4M Fund, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission- The Commission still has a vacancy. Members Bill O'Neal and Heidi Coldagelli terms have expired but both would like to stay on the Commission. Per the bylaws, cannot serve two consecutive terms and due to this, they will need to be absent for at least one meeting. There will not be a quorum in January. The Town Board can reinstate their terms for February.

Walker, Giroux & Hahne- Form was provided to designate Clerk Coldagelli to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonattest/nonaudit services listed by Walker, Giroux & Hahne.

Motion to approve, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Lift Station J Base Elbows- Quote provided by MN Pump Works for \$7,064.82 to replace base elbows.

Motion to go with MN Pumps Works quote to repair the lift station in the amount of \$7,064.82, plus freight,

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

Assistant Chief Hoffmann brought forward that there is a significant leak in the Fire Station that was going to be addressed a few years ago when the new lockers were installed in 2022. The installation was not fully completed because a pipe was to be relocated to accommodate the lockers. A master plumber will need to be hired to complete the repair.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$186,612.52, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

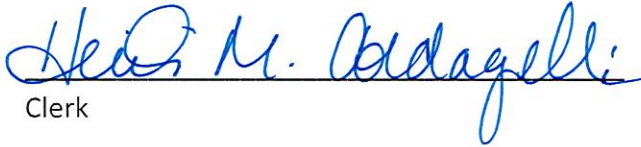


Chair

Date:

1-21-25

Attest:



Clerk