

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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

Audience member in attendance was Scott Smith.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of January 21st, 2025, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of January have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$90,445.55 and expenditures were \$206,927.74. Ending balances for the month of January were:

Miners Checking- \$518,786.64

Assessment Savings- \$115.68

CD Savings- \$70.71

4M Fund- \$1,884,827.03

For the month of February to date, revenues are \$6,453.87 and expenditures are \$81,056.36.

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 Road and Bridge Report for January, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

January 21st- Letter from Rock Ridge Class of 2025 seeking donations for their all night grad party on May 30th, 2025. Moved to New Business.

January 23rd- Email from Jon Utecht with North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District with project summary to St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program 2024 water craft inspection season. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

January 24th- Email from Range Association of Municipalities & Schools with meeting minutes from November 21st and the annual meeting on December 19th. Placed on file.

January 27th- Email from PPC Notifications Team regarding results from the Public Protection Classification survey. Final community classification is 04/4Y. Forwarded to the Supervisors.

January 28th- Email from Avery Hildebrand with Conservation Minnesota. They are now accepting applications for the 2025 Blazing Star Award that acknowledges and celebrates local governments for leading projects that advance conservation, climate resilience, environmental protection or outdoor recreation opportunities. Applications will be accepted through March 3rd. Placed on file.

February 4th- Email from FEMA with notice of a funding pause. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro-

Differding Point Waterline- Chairman Tammaro requested to remove from the agenda until Fayal receives communication from Gilbert.

Employee Contracts- Chairman Tammaro and Supervisor Branville met with Clerk Coldagelli and proposed matching the benefits and wages the union contract received.

Motion to approve the Office Manager contract for the next three years, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Supervisor Erjavec abstained as Clerk Coldagelli is his daughter. Motion carried.

Lift Station A-1- Received notice in correspondence for funding pause.

FEMA Submission Summer Flooding- Received notice in correspondence for funding pause.

Fire Department Hourly Wage- Supervisor Chad has not received the proposal from Assistant Fire Chief Matt Hoffmann. Discussion that the Fire Department has received a raise this year due to minimum wage increases.

Eveleth-Fayal Cable Access- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that Eugene O'Brien, Fayal's representative from the Cable Board, would like the Town Board to begin the termination of their participation with the Joint Cable Board. Chairman Tammaro would like to attend another Cable Board meeting to discuss. Mr. O'Brien's reasoning is that the Town has not had content aired that is specific to Fayal for many years. Its hard to justify the quarterly contributions to the Joint Cable Board if the Town is not seeing any results or benefit to us.

Fire Department Rechassis Project- Will Takanen contacted Chairman Tammaro and provided a whittled down price. Some of the accessories and warranties were removed to bring the cost down to \$126,159.57 for the chassis. The original estimate was \$149,501.10. Trading in the existing chassis would bring the cost down another \$30,000.00-\$35,000.00. Supervisor Erjavec questioned if there is actually a need for the truck and is this the lowest Fayal would be able to get it? To assemble the truck is another \$225,000.00. Discussion of purchasing the chassis and storing it for now. Supervisor Erjavec questioned if it was cheaper to purchase now and borrow from the PUC and pay the PUC interest? Discussion regarding FEMA reimbursement. Discussion regarding the Fire Department truck inventory and the need for a fire truck in the future. Chairman Tammaro questioned how long Fayal can keep the chassis until it needed to be traded in? Discussion regarding the cost. Clerk Coldagelli originally proposed funding the expense from the PUC. Discussion regarding warranty coverage and where to store the chassis. Supervisor Branville would like to take the truck since we will need to do it anyway.

Motion to buy the chassis at that price, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Discussion regarding holding off on delivery and adding the extended warranty. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-01- Clerk Coldagelli drafted a resolution to submit to the IRRRB for the tennis court grant application.

Motion to adopt 2025-01, A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Make Application To and Accept Funds from the IRRRB, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Eveleth Fee Office Easement- The Eveleth Fee Office provides an easement yearly for the lift station in Sparta at a cost of \$75.00.

Motion to approve the lease agreement, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Officers- The officers need to be approved yearly.

Motion to keep the Fire Department Officers the same, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Appeal- Wednesday, April 30th 1:00-2:00PM- Notification of schedule of Board of Appeal.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the Rock Ridge all night grad party. In the past have donated various amounts ranging from \$100.00 to \$250.00.

Motion to give Rock Ridge all night grad party a donation for the party this spring in the amount that was given last year, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward a request for Supervisor Sather to work with Foreman Jason Latvaaho

regarding putting together a grading schedule to post for the public.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$84,230.77, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Anthony Z...

Chair

Date:

02-17-25

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk