

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

DECEMBER 2, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Branville. Present were: Chairman Branville, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Zbosnik and Clerk Latvaaho. Supervisor Chad was absent. Chairman Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Jason Latvaaho, Jamie Lindseth and Matt Hoffmann.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 18th, 2025, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Jamie Lindseth was present to discuss the healthcare renewal. Costs have been pretty steady the last 3-4 years. For 2026, healthcare costs are seeing increases of 20-30%. The Township is facing a 20.03% increase. There are other plan options but those changes are not a significant savings. Discussion that current Township HSA contributions are \$3,500.00 for individual and \$7,000.00 for family annually. Discussion regarding different deductible plans. Discussion if there has been any issues with Blue Cross Blue Shield and healthcare providers negotiations. Discussion regarding healthcare costs and procedures. In two years, the employee contracts are up for renewal and can relook at healthcare options at that time.

Motion to continue with insurance with increase as is, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of November have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$77,225.57 and expenditures were \$113,458.99. Tentative ending balances for November were:

Miners Checking- \$592,529.89

Assessment Savings- \$115.77

CD Savings- \$70.77

4M Fund- \$1,977,230.85

For the month of December to date, revenues are \$4,599.99 and expenditures are \$74,785.74.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Planning Commission meeting minutes from September 17th, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

November 24th- Email from Jon Utecht with St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District with 2025 watercraft inspection results at the Ely Lake boat landing. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

December 1st- Thank you card for the donation to the Rock Ridge All Night Grad Party. Placed on file.

December 1st- Thank you card from the Eveleth-Fayal Garden Club for the \$200.00 appreciation. Placed on file.

December 1st- Letter from Hometown Focus regarding 2026 publication pricing of meeting minutes, legals, classified and display advertising and consideration for the honor to be named the official legal publication. Placed on file.

December 2nd- Email from Megan Julin with St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes

from October 22nd, as well as a draft letter of support from Keith Nelson's office regarding the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Branville-

Fire Department Rechassis Project- Assistant Chief Matt Hoffmann has not received any firm numbers from the vendor yet.

St. Mary's Lake Development Grant- Clerk Latvaaho received a phone call from the IRRRB that the grant application was not chosen in this round of housing awards and can resubmit for the next round in July. There was too many applications received and not enough funds for this round.

Fire Department Shared Services- Clerk Latvaaho reached out to both Eveleth and Gilbert regarding their department budgets and household counts. She has received Gilbert's budget so far.

LRIP Grant- The grant submission is due December 12th and will be awarded in March.

2027 Levy- A decision doesn't need to be made until the last meeting in February. Chairman Branville had some ideas that he may tweak some areas and maybe shift funds but would like to meet with Clerk Latvaaho first. He would like to have a fund established for roads. Supervisor Erjavec brought forward that he was looking at the numbers at the current funding of \$50,000.00 per year and at an estimate of \$1,000,000.00 per mile, with the township's 15 miles of paved roads, it would take 300 years to repave the entire Township. Chairman Branville responded that many years ago when the roads were paved it was relatively inexpensive. Many of the roads throughout the Township are not high traffic roads and have held up very well. Supervisor Erjavec suggested doubling up the road project payment and payoff what is owing so a new project can start.

Tennis Courts- Three quotes had previously been received. Discussion that there are other priorities needing funds such as roads. The pickleball group was using them the most but they started using Eveleth's new courts. Suggestion for Clerk Latvaaho to speak to Jim Prittinen to see if he is aware of any funding opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Rink Attendants- Received two applications from Brynn Rozinka and Parker Johnson. Discussion regarding the vetting process.

Motion to bring them on, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. The rink should be open tomorrow. Mark Bradach has been doing the flooding with help from Carson Rozinka. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Transfer from Town Hall Fund- Clerk Latvaaho recommended transferring \$7,400.00 from the Town Hall Fund to reimburse Building and Grounds for the air conditioning that was installed earlier in the year in the office.

Motion to transfer \$7,400.00 from the Town Hall Fund to pay for the air conditioners, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Transfer of Capital Equipment to Road and Bridge and Fire Department- Annually, \$21,000.00 is transferred to the Fire Department for the water tender payment and \$29,000.00 is transferred to Road and Bridge for the dump truck payment.

Motion to transfer that, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Erjavec. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mining Effects- There is a remaining balance of \$1,960.02. Discussion regarding how to use the funds. Assistant Chief Hoffmann suggested purchasing another AED to put in service that can be designated for the Skate Shack and the Ballfield. With the increase in the EMR's the Department no longer has any spare AEDs and they then could put that one back in service. Discussion regarding cost.

Motion to transfer the remaining funds to the Fire Department and they in turn give us an AED, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Planning Commission Appointment- Ashley Dabbas submitted a letter of interest for the Commission. Recommendation was made by the Planning Commission.

Motion to appoint Ashley Dabbas to the Planning Commission, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$93,771.32, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Branville. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Sather.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Faya

Approved: _____

Chair

Date: _____

12/15/25

Attest: _____

Heidi M. Latvaaho

Clerk