

TOWN OF FAYAL

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 20, 2026

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 Chad, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Zbosnik and Clerk Latvaaho. Supervisor Sather was absent. Chairman Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience member in attendance was Jason Latvaaho.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of January 6th, 2026, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

For the month of January to date, revenues are \$60,877.46 and expenditures are \$255,832.64. Current balances for January are:

Miners Checking- \$584,148.82

Assessment Savings- \$0 (this account is now closed at Miner's Bank)

CD Savings- \$70.79

4M Fund- \$2,107,330.59

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

Other Reports- None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

January 8th- Email from Colosimo, Patchin and Kearney that they are uniting with attorneys Alicia Cope, Jim Cope and Amelia Kalisch to form Cope Law Group, Ltd. Placed on file.

January 9th- Letter from St. Louis County Fair seeking donations for the 2026 Fair. Placed on file.

January 14th- Email from Josh Brinkman from St. Louis County regarding updating the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan throughout 2026. Placed on file.

January 14th- Letter from Nicole Kudrle with St. Louis County 4-H Youth Development seeking sponsorship for the 2026 St. Louis County Fair. Have donated \$100.00 the past few years. Moved to New Business.

January 15th- Thank you card from Sonja Simonson with the Eveleth-Fayal Garden Club for the monetary gift to the Club. Placed on file.

January 20th- A second letter received to the Fayal Town Board regarding the conduct of a Fayal Fire Department member. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Branville

Fire Department Rechassis Project- No updated information.

Fire Department Shared Services- Supervisor Chad met with the new Eveleth City Administrator, Pat Oman, and discussed the project with him. Administrator Oman will be looking into the project and if the Town Board would like him to attend a Board meeting to introduce himself and share his plans for the area he would be very happy to do so.

Tennis Courts- Jim Prittinen will be in attendance at the February meeting.

Road Funding Ideas- Clerk Latvaaho has not received any updated information from the engineers. Supervisor Erjavec brought forward an article that he read regarding the state gas tax and questioned if Fayal receives any of that. Fayal receives on average about \$22,000.00 per year for Town Road Aid, which is funding dedicated specifically to roads. Discussion if the funds could be placed in the 4M road fund.

Supervisor Sather and Erjavec Committee Update- Supervisor Erjavec brought forward that Supervisor Sather has a conflict of interest as a former Fire Department member and he believes that the Committee should consist of Supervisor Chad and Chairman Branville. The two Supervisors did meet with the employee to discuss. With a new letter received, Supervisor Chad and Chairman Branville will assume the roles on the Committee and meet.

Quote for Scanning Services- Clerk Latvaaho received a quote for scanning services from Metro Sales for \$296.00 per box. She sent a trial box to them to test. She would like to send about 2-3 boxes at a time and not every file from the Township, mainly files that are revisited. She feels that possibly a 1/2 dozen boxes is really all that is needed. The General Fund would pay for the cost.

Motion to engage with Metro Sales Inc. for scanning services for the proposal of \$296.00 per box and for the Clerk to decide at her discretion what needs to be scanned as needed, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Pay Equity Report- The Pay Equity Report must be submitted every three years to Minnesota Management and Budget and the report determines if there is equal pay between the male and female employees. Clerk Latvaaho submitted the report and the Township has passed.

Motion to approve the Pay Equity Report, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Pump Works Transfer- In December transferred the FEMA funds dedicated for the panel replacement to the 4M Fund as the project wasn't expected until later this spring. Received a bill for the panel for \$34,398.21. Clerk Latvaaho requested to transfer the funds back to checking to pay for the panel.

Motion to transfer from the 4M Fund \$34,398.21 into the General Fund to pay for the panel, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

February 3rd Meeting Date- February 3rd is Caucuses and public meetings cannot be held after 6:00 PM.

Motion to cancel the first meeting due to Caucuses conflict, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Latvaaho brought forward that the Utility Billing Clerk has given verbal notice of her intent to retire effective March 20th and is just waiting for her official written notice. Clerk Latvaaho would like to advertise in the bills for the position pending receipt of her written notice.

Motion should Clerk Latvaaho receive notice of the Billing Clerk's intent to retire before the bills go out to insert it into the bills to advertise for the open position, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad brought forward that there is an open captain position on the Fire Department with a member's resignation. The Board has not yet received the letter of resignation and discussion to advertise once received.

Motion to send a get well card to Steve Shykes, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Branville brought forward the donation to the 4-H Youth Development. Have donated \$100.00 in the past.

Motion to donate the same as last year, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$66,927.88, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Branville.

Chairman Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Latvaaho

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Faya

Approved: _____

[Signature]

Chair

Date: _____

2/17/26

Attest: _____

Heidi Latvaaho

Clerk