

TOWN OF FAYAL

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 21, 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, Clerk Latvaaho and PUC Billing Clerk Kris Wilson. Supervisor Sather was absent. Chairman Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Jason Latvaaho and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 7th, 2026, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Town Foreman Jason Latvaaho brought forward that he is currently working with Tom Nemanich on getting a quote for parking lot sealing and striping. He also made the Board aware that he believes that when Ziegler repaired the loader that they possibly overcharged the accumulator and he was going to contact them to look at it.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes let the Board know that the Fire Department finished burning at the Golf Course.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$66,075.72 and expenditures are \$81,328.64. Current balances for April are:

Miners Checking- \$552,845.81

CD Savings- \$70.81

4M Fund- \$2,083,776.83

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

Other Reports

Motion to accept the Fire Department reports for February and March, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission meeting minutes from March 17th, the Delinquency report and the Wastewater Operator monthly report, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 18th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

April 8th- Letter from Lake Country Power with 2026 official director voting ballot and flyer with annual meeting notice scheduled for April 23rd at 5:00 PM at the Cromwell-Wright School. Placed on file.

April 13th- Email from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department with notice of 2026 household hazardous waste community collection schedule and take it to the box flyer. Posted on the posting places.

April 21st- Email from Megan Julin from St. Louis County Association of Townships with meeting minutes from March 25th. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Branville

Tennis Courts- Foreman Latvaaho had Tom Nemanich look at the tennis courts when he was here. He recently constructed Greenwood Township's courts and also Aurora and Cook. He is working on a quote for Fayal. The tennis courts were constructed in 1987 and can only find evidence of crack sealing on three different occasions. There is place in the Grand Rapids area that does fencing at a very reasonable cost. Outdoor Specialties completed the striping in Greenwood and that was the lowest price that they had found. Mr. Nemanich can coordinate with the other businesses so that all the work can be completed at once. Discussion regarding the grant requirements. Clerk Latvaaho will try to reach out to USTA again. Discussion regarding the base.

Road Funding- Haven't heard a response yet from Smith's or Klobuchar's Office. Bolton and Menk requested that Clerk Latvaaho sign a letter of support for additional funding for the LRIP grant.

Police Department Budget- Have not received a response back from Eveleth yet.

Supervisor Erjavec brought forward if there had been more communication with the juveniles that had caused the damage to the grounds last year and if they had planned to do community service? There was still one juvenile that has not finished paying. The hydrants could use painting. Some of the parents were adamant that they had wanted the kids doing some community service, but have not heard from them.

NEW BUSINESS

Reminder Board of Appeal May 6th 1:00-2:00 PM- A quorum needs to be present. Mark Chad is the certified member. Discussion regarding the valuations and increases.

Delinquent Utility Customer- There is a Gilbert resident that is on Fayal's sewer line that currently has a balance of \$2,500.00. Fayal is unable to certify to the taxes as he is not our resident and have asked Gilbert to certify to the taxes on our behalf. Gilbert currently does not certify any delinquent balances to the taxes. Clerk Latvaaho has been working with their Utility Billing Clerk to start that process and Gilbert had wanted to know if Fayal would be willing to turn over that account to them and they would start billing him for sewer services as he is currently a water customer of theirs. Fayal's Public Utility Commission at their last meeting approved turning him over to Gilbert as long as we collect the delinquent utility amount owed to Fayal. Last week, Clerk Latvaaho received a phone call from the Utility Billing Clerk in Gilbert that she was directed to begin billing 4706 Differding Point Road effective immediately. She suggested that Clerk Latvaaho speak with Gilbert City Council member Bob Pontinen. He refused to assist in the collection of the balance owing and suggested to take the individual to small claims court to collect. The customer is connected to Fayal's infrastructure and has a signed agreement with Fayal. Discussion that have not received anything in writing from Gilbert that they are assuming the customer, nor has the last meeting been publicized yet to review Gilbert Council's action. Have received a paid sewer assessment of \$6,625.00 from the former owner when the home was originally connected. Discussion that other Gilbert residents are using Fayal's sewer line and that volume is removed from what Gilbert bills Fayal. Will wait until something is received from Gilbert and then can decide what action to take.

CTC Contract Renewal- The CTC contract is up for renewal for the telephone lines. The contract is a five-year contract and the price has not changed from the last contract.

Motion to renew CTC contract for phone use, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$31,593.00, made by Supervisor Zbosnik, support from Chairman Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:25 PM.

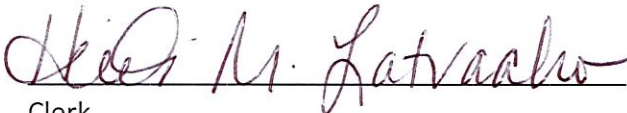
Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Latvaaho
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:  _____
Chair

Date: 5/5/26

Attest:  _____
Clerk