

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MARCH 2, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Kniefel. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha.

Audience members in attendance were Steve Shykes, Jerry Ulman and SEH Engineer Jim Johnson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Regular Meeting, made by Supervisor Pernu, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Jim Johnson of SEH Engineering was in attendance. Mr. Johnson reported he went on a road tour with foreman Steve Verkovich to inspect town roads needing resurfacing and to compile a priority list. Woodlawn Circle, East Woodlawn Boulevard and the west half of Thunderbird Trail between Hwy. 53 and Long Lake Road were named as priorities. Mr. Johnson will obtain cost estimates. Additional taconite tax monies may be available for shovel ready projects, so it is important to have the projects ready. An assessment of the gravel pit was also done, and quotes will be obtained for the clearing, grubbing, removal of overburden and crushing of gravel.

REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer's Report- Bank statements for the month of February 2010 have not been received as of this date, so this report is tentative. For the month of February, there were \$141,666.92 in revenues, which includes \$52,874 in taconite production tax and \$26,136 in mining effects. A transfer of \$129,950 was made from Miners to Mt. Iron Checking. Expenditures were \$83,712.20. Tentative balances are:

Miners Bank- \$37,640.10
Assessment Savings- \$407,475.88
Mt. Iron Checking- \$933,755.28

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

Motion to accept the February 2010 Police Report made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the January 13, 2010 Fire Department Business Meeting minutes, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the February 2010 Road & Bridge Report made by Supervisor Tammaro, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

SLC Planning- Variance application from Debra Hunter. Referred to Planning Committee, placed on file.

SLCATO- Regular Meeting minutes of January 27, 2010. Next meeting is Feb. 24, 7 pm, Cotton Town Hall. Awards Banquet will be April 28, Cotton Community Center. Lobby day is March 15, bus available. Placed on file.

MN Power- They have closed the Option II lighting rate as of Nov. 1, 2009. Any light fixture that is changed out is being replaced under the Option I lighting rate. Referred to Supervisor Tammaro, placed on file.

ARDC- They are developing an Energy Action Plan, which will result in incorporating energy planning into an existing Comprehensive Plan or one that is undergoing new development. All local communities are invited to respond to the RFP with a proposal if they wish to be considered for participation in this project. Referred to Planning Committee, placed on file.

SLC Auditor- We must levy at least \$91,620 for road and bridge to receive gas tax money. Placed on file.

SLC Planning- A public hearing will be held on the SLC Water Plan. You may contact Mark Lindhorst with comments. Referred to Planning Committee, placed on file.

City of Gilbert, Gary Mackley- Request for meeting on sewer services. Referred to New Business.

Fayal PUC- A special meeting will be held on Wed. Mar. 3, 4:30 pm, Fayal Town Hall to meet with the MPCA to discuss ponds. Posted, placed on file.

MN Power- Annual Report. Placed on file.

MN State Auditor- Statement of Position on Employee Timekeeping Procedures. Clerk Sersha reported on the state auditor's statement for position for employee timekeeping procedures. An employee hours report will now be submitted at each meeting for the board's approval, as well as the employee's time sheets.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisors Branville & Erjavec-

AFSCME Contract- Another meeting was held with the employees and union representative on February 18. The employees have tentatively agreed to wage increases of .75/.50/.50 for each of the three years, with the billing clerk position increase being 1.00/.75/.75 for the same period. The increases would be about half of what was saved on health insurance. Discussion.

Motion to approve the tentative agreement with the union, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Branville, Erjavec, Pernu and Kniefel voted yes. Tammaro voted no. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on meeting request from Gilbert. Supervisor Erjavec states that the PUC is not meeting until March 9, and he would like their input before meeting with Gilbert. The board agreed to a tentative date of March 16, 4:00 PM in Fayal for the meeting. Clerk Sersha will post the meeting and contact Gilbert.

The PUC is holding a Special Meeting on March 3, 4:30 PM to discuss sewer ponds with the MPCA. The meeting has been posted.

A request for authorization to attend a fire training conference in Indianapolis was received from Fire Chief Steve Shykes and firefighter Matthew Hoffman. Cost is \$475 each, plus expenses. The plan is to drive and use the township staff car.

Motion to approve the request for training made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Pernu. Tammaro questioned if there are enough funds in the fire training budget? Shykes answered there is. Kniefel questioned if there was not training closer than Indianapolis? Shykes explained that this training is for 21 hours and is put on by national and international firefighters. MN State Fire School no longer exists, and this training would be great opportunity to learn and share the knowledge with the rest of the department. Room cost would be \$135-\$195 per night, and the room would be shared by the two firefighters. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Pernu reported there were 1,680 skaters at the rink this season and commented on how well run the rink was this season. Charlie Erickson and Pete Peterson were this year's attendants and did a great job. Supervisor Pernu reported that the Joint Rec only pays the attendants for the hours the rink is open, and does not pay them for snow removal or flooding.

Pernu thinks this is unfair. Tammaro and Kniefel state that the attendants should turn in time sheets for those hours to Fayal because the joint rec agreement states that each entity is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of their facilities. Pernu will pass the word along to the attendants.

Clerk Sersha reported she will be meeting with the Eveleth clerk and the E-G Superintendent on the Joint Cable TV agreement. Gilbert has opted out, and a new agreement needs to be made. Sersha questioned the board as to whether or not Fayal wants to stay in the joint commission? Consensus of the board is to stay.

Motion to accept and approve the 2009 audit prepared by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, made by Chairman Kniefel, support from Supervisor Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kniefel reminded the Board of the Annual Meeting to be held March 9, 7:00 PM.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Steve Shykes reminded everyone of the Fire Department Spaghetti Feed on March 14.

Jerry Ulman and Jim Johnson were in attendance but had no comment.

Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Tammaro.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved: _____ ***Date:*** _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk