

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 18, 2022

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 Sather and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Ziegler arrived at 7:01 PM and Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:05 PM. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 4th, 2022, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Steve Shykes informed the Board that he plans to attending the Chief's Conference in Duluth on October 20th and 21st. Firefighter Andy Carlson will also attend one of the days.

Supervisor Ziegler arrived at this time.

Gina Brascugli brought forward a public apology that she had wanted to deliver to firefighter Matt Hoffmann. Assistant Chief Hoffmann was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Brascugli apologized for statements said out of anger that she had directed to Assistant Chief Hoffmann that occurred at a meeting some time ago.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statement for the month of September have been received and all accounts were reconciled. Revenues were and \$100,498.38 and expenditures were \$156,457.21. Ending balances for the month of September are:

Miners Checking- \$1,220,818.59

Assessment Savings- \$434,518.02

CD Savings- \$583,505.90

For the month of October to date, revenues are \$44,868.55 and expenditures are \$113,213.55.

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

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fayal Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes from September 14th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Meeting Minutes from September 13th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Delinquency Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the September Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

October 5th- Email from the League of Minnesota Cities with notice of in-person sessions to explore race equity. Sessions are November 1st in Rochester and November 17th in Nisswa. Cost is \$30 to attend. Placed on file.

October 5th- Save the date card for Range Association of Municipalities and Schools annual dinner scheduled for December 15th at the Iron Trail Event Center. Placed on file.

October 6th- Email from St. Louis County with notice of St. Louis County opioid settlement funds annual municipality meeting on October 26th from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM via WebEx. Each county receiving funds must consult with municipalities in the county annually regarding future use of the settlement funds. Placed on file.

October 11th- Email from Brad Gustafson with St. Louis County. All CDBG fiscal year 2023 pre-applications are due by October 14th. A pre-application must be submitted in order to submit a final application which is due December 1st. Placed on file.

October 14th- Email from Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation with notice of northern St. Louis County housing summit on November 1st from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center. The summit will discuss the housing situation in northern St. Louis County and discuss solutions. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Old Bullfrogs Building- Clerk Coldagelli left a message with the law firm Couri and Ruppe last week and is still awaiting a call back.

Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage- Clerk Coldagelli made proposed changes to Ordinance 98-1 Sewer Use Ordinance changing the word "access" to "availability." Chairman Tammaro completed first reading of Ordinance changes.

Motion to approve first reading of changes to Ordinance 98-1, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

American Rescue Plan- Will remove from agenda until reallocations are needed.

Ballfield Waterline- Easement has been completed by Trenti Law Firm. The agreement will need to go to the property owners for approval.

Picnic Shelter- The building construction looks very nice. The building will still need wiring, heating and insulation.

2022 EMS Strategic Plan- No further changes.

Big Screen TV for Town Hall- Supervisor Branville and Foreman Jason Latvaaho met and have decided the size, placement and mounting hardware needed. The televisions should be picked up this week.

St. Mary's Development- The Scotts will be reviewing the plan this winter with intention of bidding it in the spring. They intend to share their plan with the Town to request assistance in securing funding.

Fire Department SCBA's- Have not received a denial and still in the selection process.

Park Drive Speed Request- Foreman Latvaaho measured the road and it exceeds a half mile. Per state statute, unable to reduce speed.

IRRRB Demo Grant- Have not received any follow up from St. Louis County.

Motion to remove from agenda and not take any action, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Skating Rink Attendants- Clerk Coldagelli created a job description, a posting and an application. Foreman Latvaaho recommended the position at \$15.00/hour and individuals as young as 14 may apply. Intention is to receive assistance with clearing the rink from the Casual Labor Employees.

Motion to approve the job description as written, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Complaints- The Committee met with one of the individuals. Will review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Canvass- Will be held at 7:00 PM with the Regular Town Board Meeting to follow.

Motion to post the Board of Canvass for November 15th at 7:00 PM, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

AIS Grant Letter- North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District is applying for a grant again to help mitigate the spread of aquatic invasive species and is seeking a letter of support.

Motion to approve North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District letter for the AIS grant, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

4M Transfer- Interest rates have increased. The money market rate is 2.763% and our current savings rate is .15%. There is a 6 month CD at 4%. Discussion regarding movement of the Employee Benefit CD and a transfer will be needed at year end to account for retiree insurance. Can use other funds in the meantime. Recommendation to transfer the following: Fayal Sewer Company Depreciation- \$192,497.42, Fayal Water Company Depreciation- \$105,650.69, PUC Truck Depreciation- \$35,696.62, Employee Benefits CD- \$113,431.03, R&B Truck Fund- \$27,138.90.

Motion to transfer \$474,414.66 from Savings to the 4M Fund CD, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding moving the other items to the Savings. Recommendation to transfer the following: Water Maintenance Contingency- \$74,317.14, Sewer Access Charges- \$72,552.75, Town Hall- \$80,000.00 and Capital Equipment- \$92,594.15.

Motion to transfer those items to the 4M Fund Savings, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Mining Effects Remaining Balance- There is \$31,032.00 balance remaining. Chairman Tammaro recommended to use those funds to finish the picnic shelter/skate shack for the heating and electrical.

Motion to use the Mining Effects to finish the skate shack, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 Levy- Clerk Coldagelli put together a proposal of an increase of \$7,500.00 to Fire Department, reduction of \$2,000.00 to the Recreation Department and an increase of \$30,000.00 to Road & Bridge for a total levy increase of 4.4%. Will continue to review.

Equipment Operator Probationary Period- Equipment Operator Jason Westby has two months remaining on his probationary period.

Motion to waive the probationary period and move Jason Westby to full scale pay effective October 17th for payroll purposes, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission Appreciation- In past years have purchased \$50.00 grocery gift certificates for Commission Members as a thank you for volunteering.

Motion to approve \$50.00 Super One gift cards for the volunteers on the committees, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Funds are from the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sather brought forward that Engine 91 needs repairs to the lift cylinders for the cab at a cost of \$3,682.34 for parts only. Recommendation to pay from the Fire Department budget and reimburse at year end.

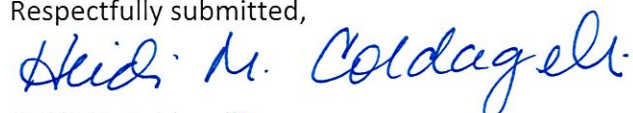
Motion to fix Engine 91 at a cost of \$3,682.34 for parts, plus labor and additional materials as needed, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$46,266.56, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:44 PM.


Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: 

Date: 11-1-22

Attest: 
Clerk