

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
**4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734**

*Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer*

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

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, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Chad was absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Steve Shykes and Scott Smith.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**- None at this time.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS**- Scott Smith provided an update that St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Board unanimously approved his son's zoning request change. The request will go before St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for final approval. He thanked the Board and Clerk Coldagelli for all their help.

**REPORTS**-

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**- For the month of November to date, revenues are \$64,050.31 and expenditures are \$113,236.08.

Current balances for the month of November are:

Miners Checking- \$774,043.26  
Assessment Savings- \$20,010.30  
CD Savings- \$16,559.99  
4M Fund- \$1,086,822.77

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

**Other Reports**-

***Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 October Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from October 18<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**-

November 8<sup>th</sup>- Flyer from Minnesota Association of Townships with schedule for Educational Conference and Annual Meeting on December 7-9 in St. Cloud. Placed on file.

November 9<sup>th</sup>- Email from Gene Dufault from Polk County Township Officer's Association with information regarding by-law changes from Minnesota Association of Townships. Placed on file.

November 14<sup>th</sup>- Email from Minnesota Management and Budget with notification of compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act. The compliance review is available upon request. Placed on file.

November 15<sup>th</sup>- Letter from the League of Minnesota Cities with notice of claim filed for portable water tank that was damaged due to a large fire in Eveleth. Placed on file.

November 15<sup>th</sup>- Email from the League of Minnesota Cities with notice of 2023-24 coverages and rates. Property and casualty rates will decrease by an average of 0.75% and workers compensation rates will decrease by an average of 15%. Dividend checks will be mailed the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

November 15<sup>th</sup>- Email from Becca Maciej with AFSCME Council 65. For January 1, 2024, there will not be any changes to the member dues deductions. Shared with the employees.

November 16<sup>th</sup>- Email from MN Department of Natural Resources with notice that 2024 invasive aquatic plant management grant applications open on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

November 17<sup>th</sup>- Email from Brooke Wetmore with invitation to St. Louis County's annual municipality meeting regarding opioid settlement funds. St. Louis County stands to receive approximately \$18 million over the next 18 years. Meetings will be held virtually on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Placed on file.

November 20<sup>th</sup>- Email from Becca Reiss with invitation for elected officials to North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District's open house on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**St. Mary's Lake Development-** Clerk Coldagelli is waiting for the application information from Benchmark Engineering in order to submit the grant.

**Spring Flood FEMA Request-** Clerk Coldagelli has submitted all the requested paperwork and is awaiting final approval.

**Local Road Improvement Grant-** The resolutions are awaiting County approval and they meet next week. Applications are due by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**IRRRB Horseshoe Lake Sewer Extension Grant-** Clerk Coldagelli is awaiting a construction receipt from the homeowner in order to claim the remaining \$35,000 of the grant.

**Zoning Change Request-** Scott Smith provided an update during audience concerns.

**Camera and Locator Quote-** After the last meeting, Clerk Coldagelli discovered there is an OSHA Safety Grant available that will help assist with the cost.

***Motion for Clerk Coldagelli to apply for the grant, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2025 Levy-** Will table for now.

**Utility Billing Clerk Position-** Received two applications and one interview was held. The Hiring Committee recommended the hiring of Terry Hiti.

***Motion to hire Terry Hiti for the Utility Billing Clerk position, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Clean Heavy-Duty Off-Road Equipment Grant-** Foreman Jason Latvaaho met with a representative from RMS. The estimated price is \$215,000.00. Clerk Coldagelli is awaiting the estimate in order to submit the grant application.

**Election Poll Pads-** Clerk Coldagelli received a quote for three poll pads for \$4,913.18 which includes license and support for the first year. Going forward, the annual license and support is \$463.64 per year. The funds can come from Mining Effects.

***Motion to purchase the election poll pads using Mining Effects, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

Supervisor Branville brought forward that he had received one quote for the windows and would like to revisit towards the end of February.

Chairman Tammaro requested that Supervisor Ziegler work with Foreman Latvaaho regarding the crown on St. Mary's Court.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Rink Attendants-** Applications were received from Brynn Rozinka and Bryce Vest. Still need more applicants, though.

***Motion to hire the two applicants that applied for the rink attendant position, made by Supervisor Branville,***

**support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mining Effects**- The Fire Department may need some funds to cover the new EMR program. Two individuals were interested in EMS. Ongoing training costs approximately \$350.00 per month. There will be approximately \$23,000.00 left in Mining Effects and will review at the next meeting.

**Earned Sick and Safe Time**- Clerk Coldagelli brought forward that effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, an employee is eligible for sick and safe time if they work at least 80 hours in a year for an employer in Minnesota. The employer must provide at least one hour of paid sick and safe time for every thirty hours worked, up to at least 48 hours per year.

**4M Funds/CD**- Clerk Coldagelli brought forward that the CD matured on 11/20. Two quotes were provided, an 18 month CD at 5.29% and a 12 month at 5.527%. The money market is paying 5.45%. Clerk Coldagelli suggested going with the 12 month CD and then relook at rates again when the other CD comes due next quarter.

**Motion to invest \$236,800.00 for the one year, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk Coldagelli recommended transferring \$300,000.00 from the Miner’s Checking Account to the 4M Fund.

**Motion to transfer \$300,000.00 from checking to the 4M Fund, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk Coldagelli added that in regards to the zoning change, Minnesota Power is meeting with the City of Eveleth regarding a potential watermain extension on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Coldagelli will send the conference call details to anyone from the Board who would like to attend.

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$32,968.68, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Foyal

Approved: *[Signature]*  
Chair

Date: 12-5-23

Attest: *Heidi M. Coldagelli*  
Clerk