

2024 FAYAL TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTION- CALL TO ORDER- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ELECTION OF MODERATOR

III. ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

- Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of 2023
- 2023 Financial Report of the Clerk/Treasurer
- Report of the Town Chair on the Financial Needs for the Town in 2025
- Designating Posting Places
- Setting Compensation for Town Supervisors
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- Town Supervisors' Reports
- Any Other Business Which Might Come Before the Meeting
- Setting of the Town Levy for year 2025

IV. ADJOURNMENT

**TOWN OF FAYAL
Proposed 2025 Levy
March 12, 2024**

2025 Levy Proposal	Approved 2018 Levy	Approved 2019 Levy	Approved 2020 Levy	Approved 2021 Levy	Approved 2022 Levy	Approved 2023 Levy	Approved 2024 Levy	Proposed 2025 Levy
General Fund	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Fire	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
Police	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Recreation	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Capital Equipment	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 305,000.00	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 340,000.00	\$370,000.00	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 440,000.00
Town Hall	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Public Safety		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 657,000.00	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 695,000.00	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 762,000.00	\$ 807,000.00	\$ 852,500.00	\$ 892,500.00
Yearly Increases	3.96%	2.74%	2.96%	2.88%	6.57%	5.91%	5.64%	4.69%

Increase from \$852,500 to \$892,500

TOWN OF FAYAL
4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734

Heidi M. Coldagelli, Clerk/Treasurer

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FAYAL TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2023

The Town of Fayal Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Coldagelli. According to the sign-in sheet, 20 persons were in attendance. A list of those attending is attached to these minutes.

Clerk Coldagelli welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and introduced herself and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rebecca Waldorf. She then asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Coldagelli addressed the first agenda item, nominations for Moderator.

Motion to nominate Steve Shykes as Moderator, made by Lee Branville, support from Ed Vest. Clerk Coldagelli asked if there were any more nominations, there being none, Clerk Coldagelli called for the question. ***Steve Shykes abstained. Motion carried.***

Steve Shykes introduced himself and welcomed the citizens to the Annual Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 8th, 2022 Annual Meeting as printed, made by Ed Vest, support from Scott Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Moderator Shykes then called upon Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli to report on the financial status of the Town. The General Fund began 2022 with \$770,978.00 and ended the year with a \$775,580.00 balance. The Road & Bridge Special Revenue Fund began 2022 with \$378,994.00 and ended the year with a \$397,366.00 balance. The Town of Fayal's net position as of December 31, 2022 was \$12,240,111. The Fayal Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds' net position as of December 31, 2022 was \$9,278,382.00. A complete report is attached to these minutes.

Motion to approve the 2022 Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Report, made by Kathryn Erjavec, support from Scott Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE TOWN IN 2024

Town Board Vice-Chair Lee Branville thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting and thanked Steve Shykes for agreeing to serve as Moderator this year. He recognized the Town Board members and staff for all the work they do for the Township: Pat Ziegler- Road & Bridge and Planning Commission; Tony Tammaro- Chairman, Finance Committee and Joint Cable TV Board; Rich Sather- Police/Fire, Recreation and Public Utilities Commission; Mark Chad- Blight Officer and representative for RAMS; Lee Branville- Vice-Chair and Buildings & Grounds. Staff members: Heidi Coldagelli- Clerk/Treasurer and Office Manager; Jason Latvaaho- Foreman; Jason Westby- Equipment Operator, Rick Bieganeck- Wastewater Operator; Rebecca Waldorf- PUC Billing Clerk and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Dave Lang and Mike Erjavec- Casual Labor; and Robbi Ochis- Janitor and Office Assistant.

The Town Board is recommending the following for consideration for the 2024 Levy: General- \$95,000.00, Buildings & Grounds- \$55,000.00, Fire Department- \$120,000.00, Police- \$50,000.00, Recreation- \$25,000.00, Capital Equipment- \$80,000.00, Road & Bridge- \$410,000.00, Town Hall- \$10,000.00 and Public Safety- \$7,500.00. This is a total budget of \$852,500.00, or a 5.64% increase over the 2023 levy.

Katherine Disterhaft questioned more detailed budget information for all the departments. Clerk Coldagelli can provide that information to anyone who would like to utilize it, but it is a rather large document. Kathryn Erjavec clarified that the budgets are approved by the Town Board throughout the year. Mark Peterson requested detailed Fire Department expenditures added to the Fire Department minutes. Katherine Disterhaft had several questions regarding the website and navigation.

DESIGNATING POSTING PLACES

Moderator Shykes explained the present locations of our posting places are as follows: 1) Fayal Town Hall, 2) West Long Lake Road, 3) East Long Lake Road, 4) Ely Lake Shortstop, 5) Townline Short Stop, 6) Differding Point, 7) Fayal Website- www.fayaltp.org.

Motion to approve the posting places, made by Steve Kniefel, support from Jamie Lindseth. Motion carried unanimously.

SETTING TOWN BOARD SALARIES

Moderator Shykes stated the next order of business was setting compensation for Town Board Officials. As of January 1, 2023, the IRS mileage rate is currently 65.5 cents per mile and the salaries are as follows: Supervisor- \$4,728.00 per year, or \$394.00 per month, plus mileage and expenses as incurred; and Chair- \$5,724.00 per year, or \$477.00 per month, plus mileage and expenses as incurred. Mark Peterson added that the IRS rate can change throughout the year and to include language to account for that.

Motion to increase the Chairman salary \$17.00 per month to make the differential between the Chairman and a Supervisor \$100.00 effective next pay period and adopt the IRS mileage rate, made by Mike Erjavec, support from Kathryn Erjavec. Katherine Disterhaft opposed due to a raise was received last year and based on inflation. Kathryn Erjavec commented that as a former board member, she has experience with the amount of work that the Chairman has compared to the other Supervisors. Lee Branville added that Chairman Tony Tammaro spends a significant amount of time and is very involved and committed to the job. Ed Vest recommended increasing the Supervisors to \$425.00 and the Chairman to \$525.00. Katherine Disterhaft requested more information regarding items that are to be voted on at the meeting and added to the packet. Patrick Ziegler clarified there is an agenda on the front page and it is up to the Townspeople to decide what they would like to vote on and would like to do. Kathryn Erjavec clarified that the Annual Meeting is the residents' meeting. ***Motion carried with 8 in favor and 3 opposed.***

Ed Vest brought forward that the Supervisors did not receive an increase last year and is recommending \$425.00 for the Supervisors and \$525.00 for the Chairman.

Motion to raise the salaries of Supervisors to \$425.00 and Board Chair to \$525.00, made by Ed Vest, support from Scott Smith. Kathryn Erjavec clarified that the increase would still support the \$100.00 differential between the Chairman and the Supervisors per Mike Erjavec's motion. Mike Erjavec raised concerns that while the Supervisors deserve a raise, there is not at this time an issue filling the Supervisor position and the Town has received qualified candidates at that salary. As a past Supervisor, the Supervisors were well paid in regards to the time invested. Katherine Disterhaft was opposed to any increases as a 7% increase is greater than inflation and had concerns with any funding changes in the year. Scott Smith was in support of raising the Supervisors' salary if the Chairman was receiving an increase. ***Motion carried with 8 in favor, 2 opposed. Richard Sather and Patrick***

Ziegler abstained.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Fire Chief Steve Shykes presented the 2022 Fire Department Report. Fire Chief Shykes reported a total of 186 calls in 2022, which is an average number of calls. The Fire Department is down at the station every Wednesday and the public is welcome. The Department received two grants in 2022, one for fire gear and another for pagers. The Department purchased a Polaris side by side with the help of funds from assisting with the Greenwood Fire and the sale of some equipment. The unit will be used for off road rescue and wild fires.

The Fire Department Officers are: Chief- Steve Shykes, Assistant Chief- Matt Hoffmann, Battalion Chief- Nick Preiner, Captain- Tim Sklors, Lieutenant- Jeremy Widmer and Secretary/Treasurer- Greg Chad. The Fire Department will not be holding a spaghetti feed this year.

Kathryn Erjavec questioned the age of the fire truck and has the Town been saving for a replacement? The truck is 32 years old and the Town has a Capital Equipment Fund. A new truck is estimated at \$500,000.00-\$600,000.00. Katherine Disterhaft questioned the cost of replacing the pump system, but keeping the truck body. Chief Shykes responded that the pump system was replaced a few years ago at a cost of approximately \$40,000.00. Discussion regarding ISO ratings and the Town's 3 rating. Kathryn Erjavec questioned how many of the Town's calls are due to mutual aid? Of the 186 calls, medical calls accounted for 89 calls and of the remaining calls, approximately 1/3 are mutual aid. Mutual aid also responds to Fayal calls.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds- Supervisor Lee Branville reported that no major projects occurred this year. Two new televisions were added to the Town Hall for resident use as well as to use for presentations, such as the Board of Appeal. This year, the windows in the Town Hall may be replaced. Several years ago, a contractor repaired the weather stripping on the windows. There are issues with drafts and it is believed the windows are original to the Hall. The Hall and grounds are held to a high level of maintenance. Katherine Disterhaft questioned as a cost savings if a contractor could just repair around the windows? Supervisor Branville clarified that the windows are over 40 years old and more efficient windows are available for heat retention and energy savings. Katherine Disterhaft had concerns as money is being spent and threat of a recession. Supervisor Branville responded that the Town is only seeking a quote at this time.

Police- Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness presented the Police Department Report. For the year 2022, the Eveleth Police Department responded to 425 calls for service in Fayal Township compared to 505 calls in 2021. Reduction is due to the officers able to spend more time out in Fayal, especially at night. No burglaries were reported for any of the storage units and the Department responded to 22 medical calls that the Fire Department had. Active scams for residents to be mindful of are Publishers Clearing House and IRS scams. Most importantly, if you see something, call 911 and report it.

Mike Erjavec questioned how to request patrolling on certain roads and Deputy Police Chief Ness responded that by calling the Police Department, they can sure do that. Kathryn Erjavec has been very satisfied with more police presence, but brought forward concerns with underage children riding four-wheelers and snowmobiles traveling at high speeds, and on the bike trail. Deputy Police Chief Ness recommended calling to report it. Katherine Disterhaft also spoke regarding snowmobiles traveling at excessive speeds near the skating rink. She questioned if barricades could be put up where the snowmobiles cross. Deputy Police Chief Ness will check with Mesabi Trail Authority. Scott Smith questioned if the Department was fully staffed. Currently, they are down two officers and potentially three. Moderator Shykes added that from the Fire Department aspect, it has been a great working

relationship with the Eveleth Police Department.

Recreation- Supervisor Richard Sather reported that in 2022 the Tennis for All program hosted youth lessons again for Fayal residents during the summer, utilizing the Fayal courts and was a great success. Pickleball continued as well, with the courts being used twice a week during the summer months. The newly formed Rock Ridge Youth Baseball program utilized the Fayal ballfields multiple days a week during the summer for both practices and games. A used set of lights were generously donated for the field and the Township is exploring options for installation. A waterline and hydrant was also approved to bring water down to the field and installation will be completed this year. In the fall, Fayal constructed a new skate shack/picnic shelter to serve the rink and playground areas. The Town received a \$24,000 IRRRB Cultural and Recreation Grant to assist with the construction costs. A small storage garage will be constructed this summer as well as the addition of benches, tables and a few other items. Eveleth, Fayal, Gilbert & School District 2909 Joint Powers Recreation Board was dissolved in 2022 and for the first time in many, many years, Fayal was responsible for hiring and scheduling staff at the hockey rink. Rink attendants employed for the season were Gunnar Krmpotich, Brogan Vest and Lilliana Coldagelli. A special thank you to Paul Coombe, Jeremy Nelson, Darryl Swan and Reagan Scuffy who volunteered for flooding the rink again this year.

Kathryn Erjavec brought forward a citizen request regarding the status of the basketball hoops as one resident was instrumental in acquiring those for the Township. Supervisor Sather provided an update that the old skate shack will be removed, replaced with a shed for storage and the basketball court will be replaced. Kathryn Erjavec thanked the staff for the work on the picnic shelter/skate shack and acquiring the grant. Katherine Disterhaft questioned the status of her request for the Town to offer a request for proposal for sale of the old skate shack. Supervisor Ziegler clarified that the building is not structurally sound to be moved and is rotted. The building is a liability risk and it would cost more to have the building moved than it would be to just build a new structure. Katherine Disterhaft would like consideration as someone may be interested in salvaging the wood. Kathryn Erjavec responded that while she is in favor of repurposing and salvaging, she would hate to see a blighted structure go from one place to another place in the Township and the Town has enough blight. Katherine Disterhaft requested that the Town Board discuss the matter. Supervisor Sather responded that it was discussed and the request was deemed not feasible and unsafe to move.

Public Utilities- Supervisor Sather delivered the Public Utilities report. The Public Utility Commissioners are Chairman Ed Vest, Vice-Chair Amy Jackson, Treasurer Chris Erickson, Commissioners Gene O'Brien and Dave Hamalainen, and Secretary Rebecca Waldorf. Thank you Commissioners for volunteering your time.

The Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds are self-supporting and not funded by the General Fund. Rick Bieganeck is the Equipment/Water Wastewater Operator. The Town hired a new employee, Rebecca Waldorf to serve as the PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk. She began her employment with the Town in April of 2022. Fayal's water distribution system serves approximately 220 residents and most of our water is purchased from Eveleth, but the Differding Point water is purchased from Gilbert. Fayal owns and maintains 60 fire hydrants, 22 valves and 7 miles of waterline. There were no major water repairs this year. Fayal's wastewater collection system serves approximately 733 residents, with our effluent treated by the City of Gilbert. Water/Wastewater Operator Bieganeck maintains 30 duplex lift stations, 35 miles of sewer lines, 23 miles of gravity line and 12 miles of force main, 500 manholes and 7 air release valves. Fayal uses an automated SCADA system to monitor the lift stations. Rick Bieganeck, Jason Latvaaho, Jason Westby and Rebecca Waldorf share the on-call time. There were 21 call outs in 2022.

Major bills for 2022 were for cleaning and televising section five Cedar Island Drive of the sewer lines, installation of new equipment to secure piping at Lift Station "I" and new elbows for Lift Station "R". At this time, there are

no known projects for 2023. Remember, do not flush “flushable wipes” and other personal products, put them in the trash. They do not decompose and cause clogs and excessive wear on our pumps, which are 24 years old now.

Mark Peterson brought forward questions regarding a screen for the aqueduct going into St. Mary’s Lake. The City of Eveleth and the DNR are responsible for control of the aqueduct. Discussion regarding the specific requirements in order to open the aqueduct. Ely Lake has zebra mussels and trying to contain them from spreading to St. Mary’s Lake. Ed Vest brought forward that last year the aqueduct was opened in order raise the lake level and at this time a solution has not been created to prevent the spread into St. Mary’s. Katherine Disterhaft requested minutes of the Road & Bridge, Planning Commission and the Recreation Department be listed online. Supervisor Sather informed Ms. Disterhaft that there are no Recreation Department minutes. The Joint Powers Recreation Board has dissolved and is served by youth boards and Community Education.

Planning Commission- The Commission is made up of Alex Peritz, Chairman; Chris Erickson, Vice-chair; Heidi Coldagelli, Secretary; and members William Maki and William O’Neal. For 2022, they continued to ensure goals within the Comprehensive Plan were addressed and/or met. The Commission has continued to focus on future improvements to the ballfield as well as working with the Town Board and staff for the construction of the skate shack/picnic shelter located near the playground at the Town Hall complex. The Commission also worked cooperatively with St. Louis County regarding planning and zoning issues within the Township.

The Commission continued to support the Township’s participation in the Aquatic Invasive Species Program by again partnering with North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District. The District was awarded a grant from St. Louis County for AIS prevention to continue to support staffing at the Ely Lake boat landing in 2022. The grant funding allowed Fayal to participate with no cost to the Township. The District provided inspections, education and decontaminations and in 2022 inspectors conducted 708 inspections and 2 decontaminations at the Ely Lake boat landing.

Katherine Disterhaft suggested placing aquatic invasive species signs at St. Mary’s Lake and Ely Lake. Supervisor Ziegler responded that the DNR is responsible for signage at the lakes and they could be contacted to request that. Discussion that the area on St. Mary’s Lake is not a boat launch, but a canoe carry in and the property is owned by the City of Eveleth. Keith Nelson responded that the area is not a boat landing, but is available for use and any signage is up to the DNR. Kathryn Erjavec added that there is a liability with an unmonitored site that has the dangers of a boat landing. Richard Sather had concerns that if signs were placed treating it as a boat landing, the public may think it is a boat landing. Mark Peterson brought forward that Horseshoe Lake Road needs some salt/sand due to high traffic. Jamie Lindseth questioned if there were any plans to improve that road this year? Supervisor Ziegler responded not this year, but individuals can access Highway 53 by utilizing the Highway 37 bridge and exit. Scott Smith questioned if all Township employees participate in snow removal, to which there are three employees that participate. Katherine Disterhaft questioned if there was a way to target all the individuals living on Ely Lake that there are zebra mussels? Supervisor Ziegler responded that the boat landing is signed to reflect the infested waters. Clerk Coldagelli responded that a flyer was sent in the utility bills that highlighted how to identify zebra mussels, what to do if you find them and ways to prevent their spread. Ms. Disterhaft questioned if that could be sent out again in the bills, which there is a cost to produce them. Mike Erjavec added that its not the individuals that live on the lake that is the issue, but nonresidents utilizing the lake. Ed Vest added that there is potential of spread through the trailers that don’t seem to dry.

Road & Bridge- Supervisor Patrick Ziegler reported that for the year of 2022, the Road & Bridge Department replaced a culvert on River Lane and North Peary Road and completed some ditching. Gravel was hauled to Hill Road and River Lane to bring the roads back to the correct height to maintain the correct crown for drainage.

Hauled material and leveled for the sewer line repair in between Shady Lane and North Airport. Continued to clear right-of-ways. Dust control was placed on dirt roads that required it.

Road & Bridge duties include equipment maintenance and some repairs, snow plowing, sanding, grading, graveling and dust control on dirt roads, drainage work, roadside mowing and tree removal, culvert steaming and replacement, shouldering, sweeping and patching blacktop roads, replenishing the sand piles behind the Town Hall and operating and maintaining a yard waste site. Buildings and Grounds, Recreation and Public Utilities are other departments they do work for.

Work for 2023 will include culvert replacement, possible crack sealing, street sign replacement, blacktop work and continued mowing of the right-of-ways along with an assessment of our blacktop roads to determine which roads need to be addressed on a priority basis. Road & Bridge will also be graveling more of our dirt roads and replacing the asphalt that was removed from Thunderbird Trail. Graveling and building turnarounds for lift stations will take place as well as leveling the dirt entrance to the PUC, Fire Department and the Road & Bridge storage.

Russell Keating questioned the status of Thunderbird Trail and if it will be blacktopped. The section missing the asphalt will be repaired. Discussion regarding the condition of the road.

SETTING THE TIME FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Motion to set the 2024 Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday in March at 7:00 PM at the Fayal Town Hall, made by Patrick Ziegler, support from Jamie Lindseth. Motion carried unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING

Motion that the Town Board send out with the Public Utility bills in black and white every year in April information about zebra mussels to the Town members as that reminder and the Town Board follow up with the aqueduct and address concerns to prevent zebra mussels from spreading into St. Mary's Lake, made by Katherine Disterhaft, support from Mark Peterson. Ms. Disterhaft added that a filtration system would need to be installed and investigate options. Ed Vest brought forward that at the last PUC meeting it was discussed that Town Foreman Jason Latvaaho was going to speak with the City of Eveleth regarding the status of the aqueduct. Rebecca Waldorf provided an update that at this time the aqueduct will not be opened. Discussion regarding clarification regarding the mailing. Is the intent for all the property owners? Katherine Disterhaft would like to have a mailing to the entire area. Clerk Coldagelli clarified that the utility bills cover approximately 700 homes, which would be a rather daunting task to mail to the entire Township. Keith Nelson recommended that a better tactic is utilizing AIS funding through the State to send those mailings by partnering with North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District. Steve Kniefel added that may provide something addressing the whole Township. Ms. Disterhaft wanted to amend her motion.

Motion that the Town this year pay for the mailing in April and to seek funding for future years as well as funding for the filtration for the water treatment plant before opening the aqueduct, made by Katherine Disterhaft, support from Mark Peterson. Clarification to send to the residents of Ely Lake and St. Mary's Lake and expand to the entire Township with funding from an outside source. Clerk Coldagelli had concerns with pursuing funding for the aqueduct as the Town has no ownership authority over the aqueduct as ownership lies with the City of Eveleth and the DNR. Katherine Disterhaft responded that Fayal could request that Eveleth pursue that avenue. Clarification that the Town has already been in contact with the City of Eveleth regarding a resolution for that issue. At this time, the DNR is not allowing the aqueduct to be opened. The mailing can go to all the utility bill customers. Motion was further amended.

Motion that the Town this year pay for the mailing in April and to seek funding for future years as well as contact the DNR and Eveleth regarding the aqueduct, made by Katherine Disterhaft, support from Mark Peterson. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 5 opposed.

Motion for the Town Board to seek an RFP for either the removal or moving of the skate shack for a revenue versus a cost to the Town, made by Katherine Disterhaft. Motion fails for lack of a second.

Mark Peterson questioned the status with the old Bullfrogs building. Clerk Coldagelli clarified that the Town was working with an attorney regarding an appraisal and purchasing the building. Clerk Coldagelli then spoke with a different attorney who advised the Town not purchase the building due to liability and potential soil contamination. The property owner is currently under contract and if payment is not made, per the contract terms, the tax forfeit process will begin. The tax forfeit process is the best case scenario. Keith Nelson added that if the property goes tax forfeit, the process can start as early as November of 2023. Commissioner Nelson has committed to the Town Board and Chairman that the building will be torn down as soon as they legally can. In St. Louis County, 98% of residents pay their taxes on time.

Kathryn Erjavec brought forward a complaint regarding people feeding deer. She appreciated the flyer that went out in the bills discouraging deer feeding. Underbrush and cedars are gone and the deer will rely on those for feeding. Buckthorn is becoming a problem and the deer do not eat it. Katherine Disterhaft would like to make a motion in regards to purple loosestrife and phragmites. Kathryn Erjavec added that an Ordinance could be created regarding feeding deer or a special hunt.

Motion for charging the Town Board work with the DNR and St. Louis County Soil and Water to address some of the non aquatic invasive species such as purple loosestrife and buckthorn that are in the public right-of-ways and try to secure grant funding for that and to address some of the control methods of that, made by Katherine Disterhaft. Ms. Disterhaft went on to add that insects can be introduced as a control method. Clerk Coldagelli responded that Fayal does work with Kristin Fogard from St. Louis County and the Town does remove noxious weeds in the road right-of-ways or when a property owner contacts the Town. The Town Foreman is the noxious weed inspector. An annual report is also completed in regards to noxious weed efforts. **Motion fails for lack of a second.**

SETTING OF THE 2024 LEVY

Moderator Shykes reviewed the levy and asked for a motion to set the levy for the year 2024. The proposed levy is \$852,500.00, a 5.64% increase.

Katherine Disterhaft questioned if when culverts are replaced are they fish passageway friendly? Patrick Ziegler responded that the culverts are just replaced as is.

Moderator Shykes repeated the proposed levy.

Motion to approve the 2024 Levy as proposed by the Town Board, made by Scott Smith, support from Patrick Ziegler. Katherine Disterhaft brought forward concerns that if the Town isn't replacing culverts fish passable, that she would like to see the Town partner with the DNR and St. Louis County Soil and Water. Moderator Shykes recommended that Ms. Disterhaft bring those concerns to the Town Board. Ms. Disterhaft wasn't sure if the justification for the Road & Bridge increase had to deal with a bridge being removed, to which it was clarified that St. Louis County was responsible for removing that bridge and that the Road & Bridge Department is responsible for grading, snowplowing, culvert replacement and other road maintenance activities. **All in favor, except one opposed. Motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn, made by Jamie Lindseth, support from Patrick Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Shykes adjourned the Annual Meeting of 2023 at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli
Clerk of Fayal



Steve Shykes, Moderator

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023
Annual Meeting Sign-In

Name

Address

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| 1. Steve Shykos | 7450 Ely Lake Drive |
| 2. Heidi Coldagetti | 7615 Ely Lake Drive |
| 3. Rebecca Waldorf | 4174 W. Longlk. Rd. |
| 4. LEE BRANVILLE | 4512 WOODLAWN POINT |
| 5. Brian Noss | Evotek PD |
| 6. Russell Keating | 8283 Beary Dr N. |
| 7. Jim O'Hara | 3967 Long Lk Rd West |
| 8. GREG J. CHAD | FAYAL FIRE |
| 9. Patrick Ziegler | 7924 pine DR |
| 10. RON LAMPENEN | 7965 E. Lake Rd. |
| 11. Rich Sather | 4471 woodlawn Blvd. C. |
| 12. SCOTT SMITH | 4014 MILLER TRUNK RD. |
| 13. STEVE KNIEFEL | 3852 PLEASANT LAKE VA. |
| 14. Micael Erjavec | 7547 N. Airport Dr. |
| 15. MARK Peterson | 7798 Bodas Rd. |
| 16. Jamie Lindseth | 7802 Bodas Rd |
| 17. Ed Vest | 4153 ST. MARIE RT. |
| 18. Robb Nelson | 7251 E. Touline Rd |
| 19. Kathryn Erjavec | 7544 Ely Lake Dr |
| 20. Katherine Disterhaft | 7737 Ely Lake Dr |
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TOWN OF FAYAL 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT - 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE JAN 1-</u>	<u>775,580</u>	<u>770,978</u>
REVENUES - GENERAL FUND		
General Property Taxes	394,119	375,929
Franchise Fees	11,328	11,490
Other MISC. (Fiscal Disparities, Lodging Tax, Unmined tac, P&I)	15,483	21,429
TOTAL TAXES	<u>420,930</u>	<u>408,848</u>
LICENSES AND PERMITS	<u>60</u>	<u>67</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
State		
Disparity Aid	2,505	2,505
Mining Effects	56,014	52,836
Market Value Credit	974	818
Taconite Production	50,000	50,000
Taconite Municipal Aid	23,512	28,465
Taconite Homestead Credit	34,592	36,490
Fire Aid	14,727	15,662
Town Aid	983	1,022
State Fire Marshall Grant	2,500	3,206
IRRRB Grant	-	24,000
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	<u>185,807</u>	<u>215,004</u>
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
General Government		
Town Hall Rent	2,731	2,260
MISC.	380	670
Public Safety		
Fire Protection	-	5,247
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	<u>3,111</u>	<u>8,177</u>
FINES		
Court Fines	<u>1,873</u>	<u>2,124</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS (Grants)	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
INTEREST	<u>23,024</u>	<u>3,313</u>
MISCELLANEOUS		
Refunds and Reimbursements	<u>18,441</u>	<u>12,797</u>
<u>TOTAL REVENUES</u>	<u>658,246</u>	<u>650,330</u>
EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Chair and Board	27,953	26,163
Administration	133,266	143,618
Clerk	4,413	4,497
Deputy Clerk and Office Assistant	2,905	5,131
Public Utilities	11,353	10,255
Town Hall	49,179	56,713
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>229,069</u>	<u>246,377</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police	50,988	47,622
Fire	111,706	120,389
Fire Relief Association	28,727	29,662
Fire Capital Outlay	212,440	53,518
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>403,861</u>	<u>251,191</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Parks and Recreation	41,381	10,750
Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay	37,003	87,545
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	<u>78,384</u>	<u>98,295</u>
DEBT SERVICE		
Principal	35,169	73,813

Interest and Other Charges	10,459	7,301
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	45,628	81,114
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>756,942</u>	<u>676,977</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(98,696)</u>	<u>(26,647)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfer In	16,300	74,440
Transfers Out	(51,438)	(55,191)
Sale of Capital Assets	12,000	12,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(23,138)</u>	<u>31,249</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>(121,834)</u>	<u>4,602</u>
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	<u>653,746</u>	<u>775,580</u>

<u>ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE, Jan 1</u>	<u>397,366</u>	<u>378,994</u>
REVENUES - ROAD & BRIDGE		
TAXES		
General Property	325,620	298,362
Other (Disparities aid, Unmined tac, P&I, tac mun aid)	10,802	13,665
TOTAL TAXES	<u>336,422</u>	<u>312,027</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
Federal Grants		
FEMA Grant	8,046	-
State		
Mining Effects	-	5,000
Taconite Homestead Credit	29,286	29,399
Town Road Aid	20,288	27,823
State FEMA Grant	2,414	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	<u>60,034</u>	<u>62,222</u>
INTEREST		
Interest	1,285	94
MISCELLANEOUS		
Refunds and Reimbursements	-	386
<u>TOTAL REVENUES</u>	<u>397,741</u>	<u>374,729</u>
EXPENDITURES- ROAD AND BRIDGE		
CURRENT ROADS		
Road Maintenance	500,996	277,594
Equipment Maintenance	26,966	39,884
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u>527,962</u>	<u>317,478</u>
DEBT SERVICE		
Principal	69,017	67,596
Interest and Other Charges	10,127	12,273
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>79,144</u>	<u>79,869</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>607,106</u>	<u>397,347</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(209,365)</u>	<u>(22,618)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfer In	40,770	31,959
Transfers Out	(5,000)	(5,000)
Sale of Capital Assets	-	14,031
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>35,770</u>	<u>40,990</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>(173,595)</u>	<u>18,372</u>
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	<u>223,771</u>	<u>397,366</u>

TOWN OF FAYAL STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - DEC. 31, 2023

Includes
Governmental

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,188,547
Taxes Receivable	32,980
Spec. Assessments Rec.	3,743
Accounts Receivable	53,695
Grants Receivable	46,014
Inventories (class 5)	6,000
Prepaid Items	8,485
Capital Assets not being depreciated	
Land	56,267
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	
Buildings	1,397,185
Infrastructure	8,264,282
Improvements	208,893
Machinery & Equipment	519,067
Licensed Vehicles	668,086
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>13,453,244</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Related to other postemployment benefits	12,623
Related to Pensions	85,269
<u>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	<u>97,892</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	56,789
Accrued Salaries	25,528
Customer Deposits	13,940
Unearned Revenue	28,366
Accrued Interest Payable	4,416
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	
Certificates of Indebtedness and	
Financed Purchases	107,750
Severance Payable	9,477
Due In More Than One Year	
Certificates of Indebtedness and	
Financed Purchases	392,165
OPEB	271,239
PERA Net Pension Liability	293,041
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>1,202,711</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Related to Pensions	<u>5,705</u>
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NET POSITION

Invested in Capital Assets	10,613,865
Restricted For:	
Debt Service	16,772
Unrestricted	<u>1,712,083</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION **12,342,720**

Total Net Position 12-31-22 **12,240,111**

**TOWN OF FAYAL STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS - DEC. 31, 2023**

Business-type Activities- Enterprise Funds

	Water Enterprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Totals
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for sales and services	84,322	712,319	796,641
Standby Charges	1,969	-	1,969
Access Charges	3,600	2,221	5,821
Miscellaneous Fees	-	2,272	2,272
<u>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</u>	<u>89,891</u>	<u>716,812</u>	<u>806,703</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Purchased Water	26,350	-	26,350
Sewage Collection	-	458,352	458,352
Salaries	18,086	83,962	102,048
Employee Benefits	7,407	30,530	37,937
Insurance	-	7,779	7,779
Office Supplies	1,342	4,597	5,939
Operating Supplies	-	2,525	2,525
Professional Services	5,501	23,056	28,557
Repairs and Maintenance	1,169	2,969	4,138
Training	275	23	298
Utilities	561	34,951	35,512
Depreciation	66,136	175,199	241,335
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	<u>126,827</u>	<u>823,943</u>	<u>950,770</u>
<u>OPERATING LOSS</u>	<u>(36,936)</u>	<u>(107,131)</u>	<u>(144,067)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
IRRRB Grant	-	35,554	35,554
Interest Income	6,596	22,900	29,496
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	1,000	1,000
<u>TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u>	<u>6,596</u>	<u>59,454</u>	<u>66,050</u>
<u>LOSS BEFORE TRANSFERS</u>	<u>(30,340)</u>	<u>(47,677)</u>	<u>(78,017)</u>
Transfers In	1,362	443,460	444,822
Transfers Out	(1,000)	(4,000)	(5,000)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(29,978)	391,783	361,805
<u>TOTAL NET POSITION- JANUARY 1</u>	<u>2,408,201</u>	<u>6,870,181</u>	<u>9,278,382</u>
<u>TOTAL NET POSITION- DECEMBER 31</u>	<u>2,378,223</u>	<u>7,261,964</u>	<u>9,640,187</u>



Town of Fayal

FIRE DEPARTMENT

4375 Shady Lane • Eveleth, MN 55734-1813
218-744-2878

FIRE PREVENTION
FIRE SUPPRESSION
EMS

December 31, 2023

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 2023

1. There were a total of 222 Dispatches in 2023
 - 36 Structure Fires
 - 10 Wildland Fires
 - 8 Vehicle Fires
 - 3 Other Fire Calls
 - 20 Fire Alarms
 - 111 EMS calls
 - 9 Motor Vehicle Accidents
 - 13 Hazards
 - 2 Rescues
 - 10 Public Assist

2. 16 % of the dispatches were for mutual aid to various departments.

3. There are fourteen firefighters on the fire department. At this time there are 11 openings on the department. If you know anyone interested in joining, you can get an application at the town hall office or the fire department.

4. There are 8 Emergency Medical Responders on the fire department. Starting in 2024 the township will be hiring single roll Emergency Medical Responders.

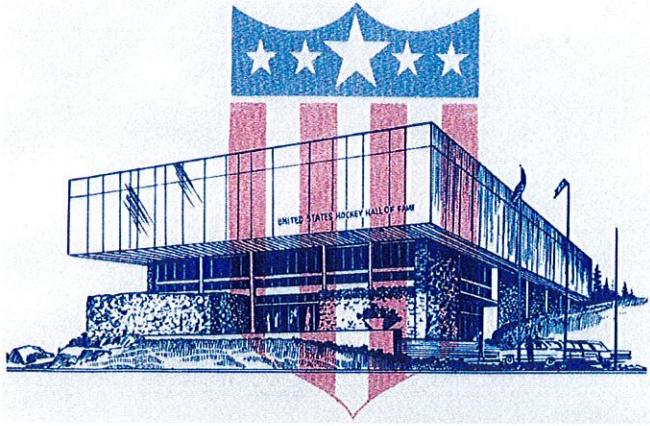
5. Come visit the fire department any time. The firefighters are also at the fire station every Wednesday so stop by then also.
6. The township purchased new self contained breathing apparatus for the fire department this year. The existing units were out of NFPA requirements.
7. The fire department officers are

Department Chief - Steve Shykes
Deputy Fire Chief – Matt Hoffmann
Battalion Fire Chief – Nick Preiner
Fire Captain – Tom Sklors
Fire Lieutenant – Jeremy Widmer
Secretary – Greg Chad

Steve Shykes



Fayal Fire Chief



Eveleth Police Department

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JESSE J. LINDE, CHIEF OF POLICE

On behalf of the Eveleth Police Department, I would like to thank the residents of Fayal Township, along with the Fayal Township Supervisors and employees, for your continued support and partnership in reducing crime in Fayal Township. We rely heavily on residents to report crime no matter how small it may seem. By working together, we all produce a safer community for all to live in.

We would also like to remind residents to continue to be mindful that there are still those people out there that are trying to take advantages of them through various scams. Most of these scams are done through the phone, however there has been some scams via the U.S. Mail as well. Active scams out there are claiming to be with IRS, Publishers Clearing House, Social Security, as well as many others.

In 2023, the police department responded to 511 calls for service, compared to 425 calls for service in 2022. There were 14 persons arrested for 21 offenses. Officer conducted 25 traffic stops. We responded to 28 security/fire alarm calls, 25 welfare checks, 10 motor vehicle crashes, 104 medical calls, 11 gas drive offs, 41 assist other agencies/attempt to locate and 15 suspicious activity calls to highlight some of the numbers. If you have any questions or would like clarification on the police activity report please give me a call. Thank you.

Deputy Chief Brian Ness
Eveleth Police Department

Summary By: MOC Description -

MOC Description	GIL	SO	Total	-	ERPD	EVE
911 Hang Up Call				-	-	13
1	-		14			
ASLT-2 DEG-DANGER WEAPON-OTHER WEAPON				-	-	2
-	-		2			
ASLT-DOMESTIC ASLT-MISD				-	-	1
-	-		1			
Abandoned Vehicle				-	-	1
-	-		1			
All Other				-	-	9
-	-		9			
All Other (Warrant Arrest)				-	1	-
-	-		1			
Animal Bites/Dogs				-	-	1
-	-		1			
Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Physically A				-	-	1
-	-		1			
Assist Other Agency				4	-	22
-	-		26			
Assist or Attempt to Locate				8	-	7
-	-		15			
BURG-3 DEG-NON RES-FORCED-UNKNOWN				-	-	1
-	-		1			
BURG-3 DEG-NON RES-NO FORCE-UNKNOWN				-	-	1
-	-		1			
Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with i				-	-	1
-	-		1			
CHILD CUSTODY ISSUE				-	-	1
-	-		1			
CO Detector				2	-	-
-	-		2			
COMPLIANCY CHECK				-	-	1
-	-		1			
CRIM DAM PROP-4 DEG				-	-	2
-	-		2			
Check Hazard				1	1	25
-	-		27			
Check Welfare				-	-	25
-	-		25			
Citizen Complaint-Officer Misconduct				-	-	1
-	-		1			
Civil Problem				-	-	13
-	-		13			
Cow Complaint				-	-	1
-	-		1			
DRUGS-POSS OR SELL-SMALL AMT MJ				-	-	1
-	-		1			
Deer Complaint				-	-	2
-	-		2			
Disorderly Conduct-Offensive/Abusive/Noisy/Obscene-				-	-	1
-	-		1			
Disturbance/General Problem Call				-	-	9
-	-		9			
Dog Complaint				2	-	1
-	-		3			

Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause F	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Domestic Disturbance/No Arrest	-	-	7
-	-	-	7
Doors and Windows Found Open	-	-	2
-	-	-	2
Drivers License - Driving without a valid license f	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Drug Destruction	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Drug Information	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Drugs - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Use or P	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Duplicate ICR	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
FAMILY OFFENSE-CHILD ENDANGERMENT-GM	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
FAY-Animal Run at Large	-	-	13
-	-	-	13
FAY-Habitual Animal Nuisance	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
FORGERY-CHECK FORGERY-UNDER \$250	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
FORGERY-OFFER OR PASS COUNTERFEITED OBJECT-FE	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
FORGERY-POSS-FORGED CHECK-\$250 OR LESS	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
False Alarms	2	-	17
-	-	-	19
Fire Alarms	2	-	-
-	-	-	2
Fires/All Other	-	-	2
-	-	-	2
Fires/Grass	2	-	-
-	-	-	2
Fires/Vehicle	-	-	2
-	-	-	2
Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle-F	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Found Animal	-	-	2
-	-	-	2
Found Property	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Hit and Run, Prop Dam MV	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Illness and Death Notice	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Information on File	1	-	19
-	-	-	20
Kid Trouble	-	-	4
-	-	-	4
LIQUOR-CONSUMPTION JUVENILE OFFENDER-UNDER 18	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Lost Animal	-	-	4
-	-	-	4
MV Reg-Expired Tabs	-	-	1
-	-	-	1
Medical Alert	-	-	1
-	-	-	1

Summary By: MOC Description -

MOC Description	GIL	SO	Total	-	ERPD	EVE
Mental/Psychological Problems/Off Medications	-	-	2	-	-	2
Motor Vehicle in Ditch	-	1	10	-	-	9
Neighbor Problem	1	-	2	-	-	1
Obscene/Harassing Phone Calls-Repeatedly Calls-M	-	-	1	-	-	1
Open Car Door	-	-	2	-	-	2
Other Animal Complaint	-	-	1	1	-	-
Pers Inj, MV and MV in Traffic	-	-	1	-	-	1
Prop Dam, MV and Animal	-	-	4	3	-	1
Prop Dam, MV and MV in Traffic	-	-	5	-	1	4
Public Assist	-	-	22	1	-	21
Request for Extra Patrol	-	-	1	-	-	1
Residence/Non-Residence Check	1	-	3	-	-	2
SCAM REPORT ONLY	1	-	3	-	-	2
Security Alarms	-	-	7	-	-	7
Sick Cared For/Ambulance Assist	-	-	88	38	-	50
Sick Cared For/Medical Call	-	-	16	16	-	-
Sudden Death and Body Found	-	-	4	-	-	4
Suspicious Activity	-	-	9	-	-	9
Suspicious Mail	-	-	1	-	-	1
Suspicious Person	-	-	3	-	-	3
Suspicious Vehicle	-	-	3	-	-	3
THEFT-BY-SWINDLE OR TRICK-\$20000 OR MORE	-	-	1	-	-	1
TRAFFIC-DAR	-	-	1	-	-	1
TRAFFIC-Equipment Violation	-	-	1	-	-	1
TRAFFIC-Headlamps Required On All Motor Vehicles Ex	-	-	1	-	-	1
TRAFFIC-Regulation-Vehicle Lighting-Lights to Be Di	-	-	3	-	-	3
TRAFFIC-Road Rage/Incident	-	-	1	-	-	1

TRAFFIC-SPEED-EXCEED LIMIT	-	-	16
-	-	16	
TRAFFIC-SPEEDING OVER 55MPH OR POSTED ON HIGHWAY	-	-	1
-	-	1	
TRAFFIC-SPEEDING OVER 65MPH OR POSTED ON FREEWAY	-	-	1
-	-	1	
TRAFFIC-Vehicle Signals-Stop Lights Required on Rea	-	-	1
-	-	1	
TRESPASSING-BUSINESS	-	-	1
-	-	1	
Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk- FE	-	-	1
-	-	1	
Theft-\$500-\$1000- GM - Other Property	-	-	2
-	-	2	
Theft-Gas Drive Off-\$500 or less - M	-	-	11
-	-	11	
Theft-MV Parts-\$1001or greater - F	-	-	1
-	-	1	
Theft-Other-\$1001or greater - F	-	-	1
-	-	1	
Theft-Other-\$500 or less - M	-	-	1
-	-	1	
Theft-Theft of motor fuel from retailer-M	-	-	3
-	-	3	
Threat To Commit Suicide	-	-	7
-	-	7	
Traffic Regulation - Driver Must Carry Proof of Ins	-	-	1
-	-	1	
Unwanted Person	-	-	3
-	-	3	
VEH-THEFT-OPERATE W/O OWNER CONSENT-FELONY	-	-	3
-	-	3	
Vehicle Towed	-	-	1
-	-	1	

Total			
4	1	511	83
			3
			420

PUC ANNUAL REPORT MARCH 12, 2024

The Public Utility Commissioners are Chairman Ed Vest, Vice Chair Amy Jackson, Treasurer Chris Erickson and Commissioners Gene O'Brien, Dave Hamalainen and Secretary Terry Hiti. Thank you, Commissioners, for volunteering your time.

The water and sewer enterprises are self-supporting and not funded by the General Fund. Rick Bieganeck is the Equipment/Water Wastewater Operator. He has been taking care of the system for the last 3 ½ years. The Town hired a new employee, Terry Hiti to serve as the PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk. She began her employment with the Town in December of 2023.

Fayal's Water Distribution System serves approximately 220 residents and we purchase most of our water from Eveleth, but the Differding Point water comes from Gilbert. We own and maintain 60 Fire hydrants, 22 valves and 7 miles of waterline. There were no major water repairs this year.

Fayal's Wastewater Collection System serves approximately 733 residents, with our effluent treated by the City of Gilbert. Water Wastewater Operator Bieganeck maintains 30 duplex lift stations, 35 miles of sewer lines, 23 miles gravity & 12 miles force main, 500 manholes and 7 air release valves. We use an automated SCADA system to monitor our lift stations 24/7. Rick Bieganeck, Jason Latvaaho, Jason Westby and Terry Hiti split the on-call time. There were 20 after hour call outs in 2023.

Major bills for 2023 were a repair to lift station L and new elbows for Lift Station R.

Projects for 2023 include installation of check valves at Lift Station M and the purchase of a camera and locating system.

Remember, do not flush "flushable wipes" and other personal products, put them in the trash. They do not decompose and cause clogs & excessive wear on our pumps, which are 25 years old now.

Thank you for your time, are there any questions?

Recreation Department

The Tennis for All program hosted youth lessons for Fayal residents during the summer, utilizing the Fayal courts three times a week and continues to be a great success. Pickleball continued as well, with the courts being used twice a week during the summer months. A new pickleball net was purchased so all four courts can accommodate players. The Rock Ridge Youth Baseball program utilized the Fayal fields multiple days a week during the summer for both practices and games. A waterline and three hydrants were installed to bring water down to the field and a new shed was purchased to be utilized for storage and a concession stand for youth baseball. There was significant landscaping work completed as well as the installation of a new set of bleachers.

The skate shack/picnic shelter and new storage garage were completed to serve the rink and playground areas and the old building was removed. New LED lights were purchased and installed for the skating rink. The Town received a \$5,000 grant from the Eveleth Community Foundation to assist with the purchase of picnic benches, benches for the playground and skate shack, a trash receptacle and a bike rack. Rink attendants employed for the season were Bryce Vest and Brynn Rozinka. A special thank you to Paul Coombe, Jeremy Nelson and Reagan Scuffy who volunteered for flooding the rink again this year. Projects planned for this year include installation of a newly acquired scoreboard for the Ballfield from the Rock Ridge School, a walking path to the bleachers and continued landscaping work at the Ballfield.

FAYAL TOWNSHIP 2023 ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT

For the year of 2023 we replaced a culverts on West long Lake Road and two on River Drive, and did some ditching. Hauled gravel to West long Lake Road, North Airport, River Lane, and O'korn, to bring the roads back to the correct height to maintain the correct crown for drainage. Continued to clear right of ways. Put dust control down on dirt roads that required it.

Road and Bridge duties include equipment maintenance and some repairs, snow plowing, sanding, grading, graveling and dust control on dirt roads, drainage work, roadside mowing and tree removal, culvert steaming and replacement, shouldering, sweeping and patching blacktop roads, replenishing the sand piles behind the hall, and operating and maintaining a yardwaste site. Buildings and grounds, Recreation and Public Utilities are other departments they do work for.

Work for the year of 2024 will include culvert replacement, possible crack sealing and, street sign replacement, blacktop work, and continued mowing of right of ways along with an assessment of our blacktop roads to determine which roads need to be addressed on a priority basis. We will also be graveling more of our dirt roads including St. Marys Court. Replacing asphalt on Thunderbird Trail where Mud Lake Creek is. Graveling and building turnarounds for lift stations. Leveling the dirt entrance to the puc, fire department, and, r&b storage.

Planning Commission 2024

The Commission is made up of Alex Peritz, Chairman; Chris Erickson, Vice-chair; Heidi Coldagelli, Secretary; and members William Maki and William O'Neal. For 2023, they continued to ensure goals within the Comprehensive Plan were addressed and/or met. The Commission has continued to focus on future improvements to the Ballfield and worked with the Town Board and staff for the construction of a skate shack/picnic shelter. The Commission also worked cooperatively with St. Louis County regarding planning and zoning issues within the Township.

The Commission continued to support the Township's participation in the Aquatic Invasive Species Program by again partnering with North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District. The District was awarded a grant from St. Louis County for AIS prevention to continue to support staffing at the Ely Lake boat landing in 2023. The grant funding allowed Fayal to participate with no cost to the Township. The District provided inspections, education and decontaminations. Inspectors conducted 995 inspections and 39 decontaminations at the Ely Lake boat landing.