

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 15, 2025

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 Erjavec and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisors Chad and Sather were absent. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Jim Prittinen, Steve Shykes and Pete Wargowsky.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 1st, 2025, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- Jim Prittinen was present representing the tennis program at the Fayal courts. The program is in its seventh year. He would like to request \$300.00 for tennis balls and various equipment.

Motion to give \$300.00 for the tennis program for the summer from the Rec Department, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Gina Brascugli brought forward questions regarding a property on Thunderbird Trail East. She questioned if the property is legally deemed a junk yard and if it's not a legal junk yard, what is going to be done about it? She stated that at a previous meeting it was brought forward that neighbors were concerned what was going on there at night. Ms. Brascugli questioned if anyone is living on site and/or is there night security? Will a camera notify the property owner so he can contact the police? Supervisor Chad was previously working on this blighted property and Clerk Coldagelli believed that St. Louis County was addressing the issue. Clerk Coldagelli will follow up on the status.

Pete Wargowsky, president of the Rock Ridge Youth Baseball Board, was present to request use of the Ballfield for practices 1-2 nights a week. As of now, just practices are being looked at as concessions are focused at Olcott Park and the Gilbert fields. Chairman Tammaro informed Mr. Wargowsky that there is a shed that was built for concessions that did recently receive power in order to accommodate youth baseball. The program has about 200 kids ages 5-12 years old. The Ballfield is available for youth baseball to use at no cost. The field size can accommodate minors and senior minis.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes brought forward that Assistant Chief Matt Hoffmann wanted to thank the Board for allowing him to attend FDIC training. Chief Shykes presented the March Fire Department report and a new hire recommendation for Grant Kohlhasse as a single role EMR. He also presented a quote for hydro-testing for the cascade system. There are 10 bottles at \$125.00 each for a total of \$1,250.00.

Motion to hire Grant Kohlhasse to the Fayal Fire Department, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the hydro-testing of the 10 bottles for \$1,250.00.

Motion to get that done, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. The expense will come from the Fire Department budget. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of March have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$139,739.70 and expenditures were \$271,985.26. Ending balances for the month of March were:

Miners Checking- \$430,226.16

Assessment Savings- \$115.71

CD Savings- \$70.73

4M Fund- \$1,896,287.75

For the month of April to date, revenues are \$39,135.85 and expenditures are \$101,795.79.

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

Other Reports-

The Public Access Television meeting minutes from April 10th were brought forward, but no quorum was present to hold a meeting. Clerk Coldagelli will still place those on the website so anyone can see what they submitted, but no meeting was held.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes from March 18th, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the PUC Wastewater Operator report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Road and Bridge report for March, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Fire Department report for March, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

April 3rd- Email from Amanda Rigstad from St. Louis County with notice that request for early distribution of 2025 tax collections must be made by May 31st for early distribution on June 18th. If no request is made, normal distribution will be on July 3rd. Placed on file.

April 9th- Letter from St. Louis County Environmental Services Department with 2025 household hazardous waste community collection schedule. Placed on all the posting boards.

April 9th- Flyer from Lake Country Power with notice of annual meeting on Thursday, April 24th at 5:00 PM at the Reif Center in Grand Rapids. Placed on file.

April 14th- Letter from Cal Warwas with recognition and thank you to all elected officials in House District 7B and invitation to contact him to schedule a meeting or reach out anytime with questions, concerns or request for legislative action. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro-

Fire Department Hourly Wage- Will leave on the agenda for now.

Eveleth-Fayal Cable Access- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that members of the PUC are adamant about Fayal giving our notice regarding participation with the Joint Cable Board. Chairman Tammaro thoughts are that it will still dissolve and tasked Clerk Coldagelli with contacting the City Administrator for the City of Eveleth. Discussion regarding costs and issuing a letter starting our withdrawal.

Motion to have Clerk Coldagelli send a letter giving a one-year notice, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Rechassis Project- The chassis will be picked up on April 16th. The following week, Custom Fire will be present to draft up a new contract and price. The warranty will start when the truck is completed per Ascendance. The Town Board will have to approve the new price to move forward with Custom Fire.

Public Works Contract Language Clarification- Chairman Tammaro met with the employees last week. It was decided that when Foreman Jason Latvaaho is on vacation that the employees do not need to contact him and can figure things out. Jason Westby will serve as the Temporary Foreman when Foreman Latvaaho is absent. Chairman Tammaro added that if Foreman Latvaaho does need to be contacted, he should be compensated.

Patrick Ziegler Sewer Line- Supervisor Erjavec informed the Board that the Public Utilities Commission voted not to accept ownership of his private service line to his house. They didn't vote to recommend, but a few members stated that they think he should put a new line from his house to our main or put in an onsite septic system in order to be in compliance.

Motion to not accept the sewer line proposal, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro brought forward for discussion the pickleball noise reducing screens. Supervisor Sather was tasked with looking into those and Clerk Coldagelli can assist.

Clerk Coldagelli requested clarification regarding Patrick Ziegler’s sewer line. Is the PUC going to address the issue of noncompliance as the house is currently for sale? Discussion regarding the sale process and how it would not be brought to the Township’s attention that it is in violation of our Ordinance. Discussion that a variance can be applied for if sold as one property. Discussion regarding how the connection is potentially connected. Chairman Tammaro suggested denying acceptance of the line and sending a letter of noncompliance regarding the connection. Clerk Coldagelli will draft a letter to Mr. Ziegler.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Grant- A 50/50 grant was approved for wildland fire gear for \$2,500.00. The Department intends to purchase new boots.

Motion to approve signing of the grant, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Transfer Airpack Payment to the 4M Fund- The Board approved the payment at the last meeting, but Clerk Coldagelli neglected to also have the Board approve the transfer from the Miners Checking account to the 4M Fund.

Motion to approve the \$17,547.99 transfer, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$87,174.20, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

Philip J. Russo

Chair

Date:

5-6-25

Attest:

Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk