

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

MAY 20, 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 Chad, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Sather and Clerk Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Timothy Humble, Sandra Wallner and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Appeal Meeting of April 30th, 2025, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Sather abstained as he was absent. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 6th, 2025, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- Gina Brascugli brought forward questions regarding the BCA and master services agreement under old business and what does it specify and questioned if it was a monthly or yearly expense to the taxpayers or only when Fayal uses the BCA? Clerk Coldagelli clarified that the agreement is necessary so that the prosecuting attorney has access to the BCA files. The Township pays the prosecuting attorney on a monthly basis dependant upon the cases prosecuted. Unfortunately the majority of the cases prosecuted involve State Highway Patrol traffic stops on Highway 53. Chairman Tammaro added that we don't recoup much compared to the costs. There is the question if it is needed because years ago Fayal did not participate in the service. Prosecution costs can be expensive but it all depends on what is involved for each individual case. Clerk Coldagelli estimated that attorney costs are typically \$600.00 per month and fines received are usually only around \$200.00 per month. Clerk Coldagelli did receive a response back from prosecuting attorney, Mike Kearney and he suggested to contact St. Louis County Attorney's Office to see if they will allow us to no longer contract with a prosecuting attorney and the BCA and still prosecute our items if not contracted with them. It is fine to table the BCA and master services agreement until June while Clerk Coldagelli gets those answers.

Fire Chief Steve Shykes reported that the Department is staffing six shifts for wildfires. Just waiting to hear how much they will be reimbursed. He also brought forward that he believes there is an internal power issue in the Fire Hall and would like an electrician to review. They had two sets of batteries fail in a short period of time. In this case the alternator was also affected and the replacement cost is \$2,000.00. The bill for the repair of Engine 2 is estimated at \$5,000.00. Discussion regarding the power going out today and the generator did not turn on. Unsure of the generator testing frequency but IRC will be onsite tomorrow to discuss.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$53,099.80 and expenditures are \$92,047.16. Current balances for the month of May are:

Miners Checking- \$459,505.37

Assessment Savings- \$115.71

CD Savings- \$70.73

4M Fund- \$1,792,891.18

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fire Department April 2025 report, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utilities Commission meeting minutes from April 9th, 2025, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tammaro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to accept the PUC Wastewater Report from April, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Tammaro. There were no pager call outs in April despite spring thaw. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Road and Bridge Report from April, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

May 15th- Email from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation with notice of award from the Eveleth Community Foundation for \$2,500.00 for tennis and pickleball court rehabilitation. Clerk Coldagelli will need to sign the grant agreement.

May 16th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Department with notice of public hearing for Tuesday, June 17th for proposed St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 amendments. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

May 19th- Email from Paul Peltier with Range Association of Municipalities and Schools with a letter sent to legislative leaders with RAMS 2025 priorities. Placed on file.

May 20th- Email from St. Louis County Public Works Department with information regarding 2025 dust control contracts. Forwarded to the Road and Bridge Department. The Foreman can contact the vendor for a quote for the Town Board to approve.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Tammaro-

Fire Department Hourly Wage- Will be working on.

Eveleth-Fayal Cable Access- The entities have been notified of Fayal's withdrawal and Fayal representatives are no longer going to attend meetings. Clerk Coldagelli spoke with Eveleth's City Administrator regarding why Fayal decided to no longer participate. Participation cost for 2024 was \$13,700.00 and the school is currently providing the same service so its a duplication of services. Clerk Coldagelli has a meeting scheduled with Eveleth's City Administrator on June 10th.

Fire Department Rechassis Project- Fire Chief Steve Shykes provided an update that they are waiting on 2025 pricing and a date to bring it down to Custom Fire. Discussion that a federal advisory commission is looking into the high costs of equipment. Chairman Tammaro brought forward that maybe the fire department consolidation paperwork be completed?

Patrick Ziegler Sewer Line- Supervisor Branville questioned if installation of a septic tank is handled by St. Louis County? Discussion that St. Louis County deals with all septic system compliance. The property is outside of Fayal's sewer system once disconnected. Fayal will have to verify disconnection. The buyer and the Zieglers will need to work together to construct a septic system.

Tennis Court- Chairman Tammaro is working with a vendor out of Minneapolis for a quote for work to be done in 2026. Discussion regarding crack sealing and cost.

Quote for Blinds- Foreman Jason Latvaaho got a second quote from Menards for \$1,072.00. A second section can be ordered for spare slats. Nearly a \$1,000.00 less in price than the Floor to Ceiling quote.

Motion to go with the Menards quote and include in the order an additional blind of his choice for the extra slats, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Schedule- During the summer have traditionally held one meeting per month.

Motion to continue with as in past years one meeting per month and if something were to arise schedule a special meeting and any bills due to be paid, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. The second meeting of the month will be held for the months of June, July and August. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 Audit- Supervisor Branville questioned if it had been notated before for the PUC to determine an allowance for delinquent accounts? Clerk Coldagelli responded that it has been in there for a number of years, but the

Town eventually collects the delinquent balances unless an individual files bankruptcy. There was also a recommendation from the auditor to increase the capital asset threshold from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00.

Motion to increase to \$5,000.00, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

The other items listed in the audit are due to lack of staff for internal controls and have been listed every audit.

Motion to approve the audit, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Compost Screening- Chairman Tamaro is working with Equipment Operator Jason Westby to look into the possibility of renting a screener. Discussion regarding the size of the pile. Will wait to see what the cost is.

Metro Sales Document Services- This company offers digitizing services of documents at an average of \$130.00 to \$170 per banker box. There are no contracts to sign and the service is just per box. They do offer a complimentary test sample to try out the service.

Chairman Tamaro requested that Supervisor Erjavec work with Foreman Latvaaho to look at the Yard Waste site for class 5. Discussion that there could be material if the road was moved and to discuss with Ulland Brothers.

Insurance Liability Coverage Waiver Form- This form is needed by insurance every year.

Motion to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Statute \$466.04, made by Chairman Tamaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Chad brought forward a few items for the Fire Department. The first is to authorize payment for the batteries for Engine 2 and Tender 1 alternator and battery. The cost is approximately \$2,100.00 for an alternator and battery, but doesn't include labor. Discussion regarding the power issue and the Department will work with Foreman Latvaaho.

Motion to purchase, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Tamaro. Do not have a total yet, but it needs to be done. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Chad brought forward two new hires to the Fire Department.

Motion to hire Seth Harvey for the position of single role EMR to the Fire Department, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Hire is contingent upon physical and background check. **Motion carried unanimously.**

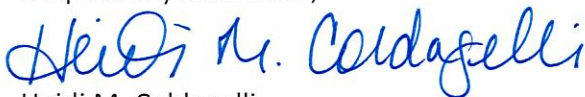
Motion to hire Timothy Humble for the position of firefighter/EMR to the Fire Department pending physical and background, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Discussion that EMR recruitment has really taken off and will now have a total of 18 EMRs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$34,438.07 plus \$3,667.38 for the Fire Department bills, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.

Chairman Tamaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:


Chair

Date:

6-17-25

Attest:


Clerk