

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JULY 21, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Branville. Present were: Chairman Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Erjavec, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Zbosnik and Deputy Clerk Kris Wilson. Clerk Latvaaho was absent. Chairman Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no audience members in attendance.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of June 16th, 2026, made by Supervisor Zbosnik, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of June have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$77,175.46 and expenditures were \$139,939.43. Ending balances for June were:

Miners Checking- \$442,607.28

CD Savings- \$70.83

4M Fund- \$2,128,203.38

For the month of July to date, revenues are \$640,357.49 and expenditures are \$169,280.86.

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

Other Reports-

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

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission meeting minutes from June 9th, the Delinquency report and the Wastewater Operator monthly report from June, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

June 16th- Letter from Lake Country Power with notice of capital credit allocation. Total capital credit allocation is \$935.97. Placed on file.

July 7th- Email from Corey Boyer with the 4M Fund. Current CD rates for July 10th are a 7 month at 3.98% and a 10 month at 4.00%. The savings is currently paying 3.59%. Placed on file.

July 13th- Letter from Minnesota Association of Townships with District 10 meeting notice for August 27th at Grand Lake Town Hall at 5:30 PM. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Branville-

Tennis Courts- USTA criteria included the need for a topographic survey, a drainage plan and a number of items to be prepared by an engineer. Due to the specificity of those items, SEH estimated preparation costs of \$12,000.00. At the previous meeting, the Board approved spending up to \$3,500.00 for engineer work. Clerk Latvaaho spoke with a grant project manager at USTA and she could see nothing in our situation that would preclude Fayal from receiving the grant, but could not guarantee that Fayal would be awarded a grant. At this

time there are grant funds available. Discussion regarding USTA grants would provide up to \$35,000.00 per court with an additional \$20,000.00 available from USTA Northern. The estimate received from Mesabi Bituminous to remove and replace the courts was \$107,300.00.

Motion to continue with SEH for the additional \$12,000.00, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Funding- No update.

Police Department Budget- Clerk Latvaaho spoke with Eveleth's City Administrator and they will provide further information. There was an approval made last September for \$25,000.00 toward a new police car for Eveleth and Eveleth has now purchased a new car and would like the check.

Motion to cut the check to Eveleth for the squad for \$25,000.00, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Zbosnik questioned would happen if Eveleth and Fayal cannot agree to a police contract terms and Fayal paid for a car they would not get any use of? Discussion that still working under the current agreement and pricing. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Delinquent Utility Customer- Will remain on the agenda until he is certified to the taxes by Gilbert.

Lift Station A-1 Generator- The Public Utilities Commission discussed at their meeting. Only one quote has been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Borrowing Tools- In the past the Township allowed employees to borrow and sign out tools. Discussion that Foreman Latvaaho can manage the sign out sheet and should be verbally told by any staff signing out items so nothing is signed out that will need to be utilized at that time. Clerk Latvaaho can craft a small policy for the next meeting.

Motion to have a policy drawn up with the details, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Supervisor Erjavec abstained. Motion carried.

St. Mary's Court- Resident Ed Vest requested from Foreman Latvaaho to have St. Mary's Court regraveled due to the effects of calcium chloride used for dust control. Foreman Latvaaho had in the past discouraged the use of dust control on that road due to the clay content and the road becoming greasy but Mr. Vest insisted that he had wanted it placed on the road to help with the dust. Through grading and time, the chloride will eventually work its way out. The cost to replace the gravel would be \$5,000.00. Have not had any other feedback from any other residents.

Resolution 2026-04- A donation was received anonymously for \$30.00 for the Fire Department in honor of Emily Barker from Michigan who died fighting fires in Western Colorado. Chairman Branville read Resolution 2026-04 A Resolution to Accept Donations.

Motion to adopt the Resolution, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-05- Clerk Latvaaho would like to submit a Cultural and Recreation Grant to the IRRRB. Supervisor Zbosnik read Resolution 2026-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Fayal to Make Application To and Accept Funds from the IRRRB.

Motion to adopt the Resolution, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Chairman Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk- Kris Wilson has surpassed her 90 days with the Township and Clerk Latvaaho would like to appoint her as the Deputy Clerk.

Motion to appoint Kris Wilson as Deputy Clerk, made by Supervisor Zbosnik, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Transfers- Clerk Latvaaho would like to transfer \$1,024.29 from Miner's Bank to the 4M Fund Sewer Savings for St. Louis County apportionment monies received and transfer \$25,000.00 from the 4M Public Safety Fund to Miner's Checking for the police car donation.

Motion to do the transfers, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

GASB 75 Engagement Letter- The Township received a scope of services and terms and conditions from VIA Actuarial Solutions. They provide the other postemployment benefit services. The cost is 2026 for \$2,000.00 and for 2027 is \$1,200.00.

Motion to approve the GASB 75 Engagement Letter at a cost of \$2,000.00 for this year and \$1,200.00 for next year, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Insurance Renewal- The property renewal reduced from \$27,222.00 to \$26,328.00, or a 3.28% reduction. The deductible did increase from \$250.00 to \$500.00.

Motion to accept the insurance quote, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Motion carried unanimously.

Quote for Striping, Crack Repair and Seal Coating- Foreman Latvaaho received a quote from Mesabi Bituminous for \$18,400.00 to complete both the upper and lower lots. The parking lot was last striped about 5 years ago.

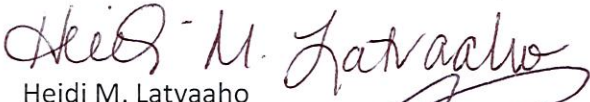
Motion to accept the bid from Mesabi Bituminous for \$18,400.00, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Unsure at this time when they would start. Discussion that not required to get additional bids due to the amount and its difficult to locate companies that are able to do this type work. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Air Conditioning Town Hall- The air conditioning in the Town Hall was not replaced when the others were replaced in the office last year. The air conditioner is older than 15 years and is currently undersized for the room. It tends to freeze up if left on and drip down the wall. Supervisor Erjavec was at the Town Hall for an event and the Hall was 76 degrees. An attendee at the event cleaned the filters and the air conditioning started working again. Will test by leaving on at a higher temp and see how it works.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$189,292.61, made by Supervisor Zbosnik, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted as transcribed,


Heidi M. Latvaaho
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Faval

Approved:  Date: 8/18/26
Chair

Attest: 
Clerk