

TOWN OF FAYAL

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 18, 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 Erjavec, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Zbosnik and Clerk Latvaaho. Supervisor Chad arrived at 7:05. Chairman Branville led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Matt Hoffmann, Jason Latvaaho and Steve Shykes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of July 21st, 2026, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. 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 July have been received and all accounts reconciled. Revenues were \$674,685.95 and expenditures were \$172,955.01. Ending balances for July were:

Miners Checking- \$968,313.93

CD Savings- \$70.83

4M Fund- \$2,110,727.10

For the month of August to date, revenues are \$49,744.54 and expenditures are \$164,548.33.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's report, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Erjavec questioned if the first half of the Levy had been received and Clerk Latvaaho responded that it was received in July. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Other Reports-

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

Motion to accept the Fire Department June and July report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Supervisor Erjavec questioned if the DNR reimbursed the Fire Department when they assisted during the Boundary Water fires? Fire Chief Steve Shykes will address during New Business. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission meeting minutes from July 14th, the PUC Delinquency report and the Wastewater Operator monthly report from July, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

July 14th- Thank you letter from University of Minnesota Extension for the \$100.00 donation for St. Louis County 4-H. Placed on file.

July 30th- Email from St. Louis County Public Works Department with aggregate crushing program information. Forwarded to the Road and Bridge Department.

July 31st- Thank you card from Fayal Summer Tennis Program staff and participants. Placed on file.

August 13th- Email from St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Department with variance application for Thomas and Shelly Billiet. Forwarded to the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Branville-

Tennis Courts- Clerk Latvaaho submitted a cultural and recreation grant requesting up to \$30,000.00 from the IRRRB. She is still waiting for the required information from the engineer in order to submit the grant to USTA.

Supervisor Chad arrived at this time.

Road Funding- Foreman Jason Latvaaho spoke with the engineer at Bolton & Menk and the LRIP grant is open again and there is funding available. Several people approached the State Capitol due to the limited amount of funding and the State was able to meet their request. Will need to resubmit the grant again and those that previously applied will have a better chance, but it is open to everyone.

Foreman Latvaaho also brought forward that he and Supervisor Sather met to discuss roads for next year. They are prioritizing Differding Point, Park Drive and West Long Lake Road. Alan Johnson from Bolton & Menk will be putting together an estimate for those roads at no cost at this point. Foreman Latvaaho and Supervisor Sather would like to put funds towards West Long Lake Road and then take existing funds on hand for Differding Point and Park Drive as those roads would be less expensive, but would need to wait until the engineer's estimates come in. Supervisor Sather added that they intend to look into crack sealing on Scout Camp Road. Discussion regarding any further information regarding St. Mary's Court and there hasn't been any additional discussion with any residents. That road appears to be in good condition currently and the dust control will continue to work its way out of the road.

Police Department Budget- Eveleth's City Administrator sent an email to Clerk Latvaaho that basically included a synopsis of the history and what they provide. They haven't provided a figure and Chairman Branville would recommend to wait until something is provided and then have a subcommittee meet to discuss and make a recommendation to the Board.

Delinquent Utility Customer- Will remain on the agenda until he is certified to the taxes by Gilbert. Clerk Latvaaho needs this month's penalty balance and then can send the Resolution over to Gilbert to approve.

Lift Station A-1 Generator- Clerk Latvaaho would like to contact the IRRRB to see if a public works grant would be applicable and then in October a wastewater grant through the MPCA is usually open for application that the generator would fit into. Discussion regarding a generator has only needed to go out 1 or 2 times this year.

Borrowing Tools- Clerk Latvaaho and Foreman Latvaaho met and updated the Code of Ethics and Resolution 2024-05 to revert to the old policy and include the recommended changes. Discussion that in the past employees were able to borrow tools but it did not happen very often. It was brought forward for consideration again as Foreman Latvaaho and casual labor employee Dave Lang often bring in their own personal tools and equipment for Township use when needed. No heavy equipment would be allowed for personal use. Discussion regarding use of Township equipment for assisting with the ATV and snowmobile trail. A policy also exists that if there is material removed from a job site that is not needed the Township is able to bring it to a residence and use the Town equipment to deliver and smooth it out.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-06 A Resolution to Create a Conflict of Interest Policy Within the Town of Fayal, as written, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Sather. Supervisor Erjavec abstained to be consistent. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk- At the last meeting the motion neglected to add Kris Wilson to the bank accounts at Miners Bank.

Motion to add Kris Wilson to the bank accounts, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Motion carried unanimously.

Air Conditioning Town Hall- The air conditioning has been left on and has been for the most part working. During elections, the Town Hall was pretty warm and couldn't keep up. The existing air conditioner is undersized for the space. Discussion to get a quote for what it would cost to replace with an appropriate sized one.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department- Fire Chief Shykes provided the Board an update of items going on in the Fire Department. Flow testing was completed for the SCBAs at \$100.00 per pack. The bill should be approximately \$2,200.00. Hose testing will be completed September 10th. Annual pump testing and annual servicing of the air compressor for the SCBA tanks will occur some time in September. He also had to order a new butterfly valve for Engine 91 at a cost of \$1,800.00. All funds will come from the Fire Department budget. The Department completed 23 shifts in Ely to assist with the fires. Chief Shykes would like to request the Town Board motion to allow that after payroll the remaining funds received from the DNR for assisting with the fires be placed into the Fire Department budget. Seventeen Fire Department members assisted with those fires. The DNR reimburses for each truck and then the truck has to be staffed. The expected funds from the DNR is \$130,500.00. There will be about \$80,000.00 remaining after payroll. That should help them for their budget shortfall with all the equipment needed for the new staff. The Department was staffed at the jump off points to protect structures along the corridor.

Motion that after the Firefighters are paid from the funds, the Department budget gets the rest, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chad. The Fire Department was present for the fires for 14 days. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Compost- Foreman Latvaaho informed the Board that they have 280-300 yards of compost. He had spoken with 97 Black Dirt about having the material screened and then splitting the screened material with them. Road and Bridge would haul the material to the business and the business would dispose of all the garbage screened from the material. It has been done in the past.

Motion to proceed with that plan and have Foreman Latvaaho take care of that, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$167,303.41, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.

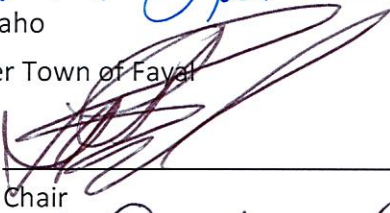
Chairman Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Heidi M. Latvaaho

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Faval

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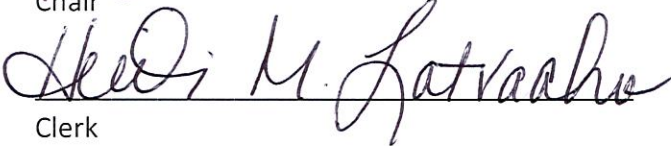


Chair

Date: _____



Attest: _____


Clerk