

TOWN OF FAYAL
4375 SHADY LANE, EVELETH, MN 55734

Heidi M. Latvaaho, Clerk/Treasurer

Lee Branville, Chairman

Supervisors: Mark Chad, Michael Erjavec, Richard Sather, Daniel Zbosnik

PHONE (218)744-2878

FAX (218)744-5986

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Zbosnik and Clerk Latvaaho. Supervisor Sather was absent. 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 August 18th, 2026, made by Supervisor Erjavec, 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 August have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$269,792.43 and expenditures were \$183,893.92. Tentative ending balances for August were:

Miners Checking- \$1,054,212.44

CD Savings- \$70.83

4M Fund- \$2,110,727.10

For the month of September to date, revenues are \$692.75 and expenditures are \$95,129.17.

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

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Planning Commission meeting minutes from Wednesday, May 20th, made by Supervisor Chad, support from Chairman Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-

August 18th- Letter from Couri & Ruppe with notice of legal service rate increase. Effective January 1st, 2027 the hourly rate will increase to \$295.00 per hour for all general legal work and \$325.00 per hour for all development work. Placed on file.

August 25th- Postcard from Minnesota Discovery Center with invitation to Night of Discovery on Thursday, September 17th from 5:00 to 9:30 PM. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Branville-

Tennis Courts- Clerk Latvaaho is waiting for the information from SEH to submit the grant to the United States Tennis Association and she has submitted an application for a cultural and recreation grant from the IRRRB.

Road Funding- Foreman Jason Latvaaho received estimates from Bolton and Menk for Differding Point roads for \$337,505.90, Park Drive for \$118,164.00 and West Long Lake Road for \$516,193.50. The quote provided for Differding Point included all the roads in error and when corrected it is approximately only 720 feet and should be less than the Park Drive estimate. Differding Point should to be put on hold with notice of Gilbert annexing that area. In February, our current bond will be paid off. Discussion regarding the bonding process takes time and should start soon. Park Drive could be paid for with current funds and West Long Lake Road could be paid for with a new bond. The project should be ready to bid by January. Discussion of waiting a year to see if oil prices drop and bituminous costs. Chairman Branville and Foreman Latvaaho can speak with the engineer and Mesabi

Bituminous to discuss if waiting on oil prices will have any effect.

At this time, 7:12 PM, an emergency arose and Supervisor Chad, Fire Chief Steve Shykes and Assistant Fire Chief Matt Hoffmann left the meeting.

Police Department Budget- Eveleth's City Administrator sent another email to Clerk Latvaaho questioning if any additional questions came from the Town Board meeting and he is available to have another collaborative meeting to discuss. Discussion regarding police presence in Fayal. Discussion regarding budget and not wanting to pay much more than what we are currently paying. Chairman Branville, Supervisor Zbosnik and Clerk Latvaaho will meet with the City Administrator and the Mayor again to discuss.

Delinquent Utility Customer- Clerk Latvaaho sent a resolution over to Gilbert for approval.

Lift Station A-1 Generator- Clerk Latvaaho would like to submit a preapplication for an IRRRB public works grant for the lift station. It is a 1:1 matching grant.

Motion for Clerk Latvaaho to submit the preapplication to the IRRRB for the utility generator, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Zbosnik. Clerk Latvaaho can submit the preapplication and then have a resolution prepared for the next meeting if the preapplication is approved. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Air Conditioning Town Hall- Foreman Latvaaho is waiting for a bid. It was Chairman Branville's opinion to move forward once a bid is received.

Supervisor Erjavec brought forward the vandalism that occurred last year at the Town Hall and questioned if restitution was received from all those involved. Clerk Latvaaho confirmed the final individual made their last payment a few months ago.

NEW BUSINESS

Win911 Quote- A quote was provided for the update and repair of software used for the SCADA system at a cost of \$4,800.00. There will be an individual from TPC for 1.5 days to complete the task. Discussion to send to the Public Utility Commission to review, but the software subscription ends 9/30. Concerns that the next Town Board meeting isn't until 9/15 and that would give TPC less than two weeks to complete the upgrade once approved by the Town Board.

Motion to go ahead with quote right away so we do not miss the timeline of the 30th, made by Chairman Branville, support from Supervisor Erjavec. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Rink Attendants- Need to advertise for rink attendants for the season.

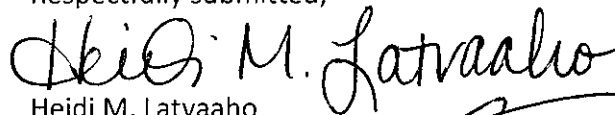
Motion to post for rink attendants and advertise at \$15.00 per hour, made by Supervisor Zbosnik, support from Supervisor Erjavec. Discussion if attendants have ever charted the amount of users at the rink and discussion on cost. The weather is a determining factor in use. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

The Town Board was made aware that at the last Gilbert City Council meeting, the City voted to annex Differding Point residents. Chairman Branville would like to know what the tax implications would be for the Township. It is the understanding that the Township is unable to dispute it per State statutes. Discussion regarding annexation procedures. Discussion that an attorney would be necessary and Couri & Ruppe have dealt with numerous township annexation issues.

Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$114,474.76, made by Supervisor Erjavec, support from Chairman Branville. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Branville adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:44 PM.

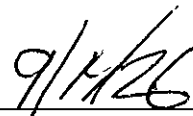
Respectfully submitted,


Heidi M. Latvaaho
Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____

Chair

Date: _____



Attest: _____

Clerk

