

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2005 7:00 P.M.
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL present were: Bertucci, Campbell, M. Erjavec, Troutwine & Kingston. Town Board Chairman Kniefel and Supervisor Tammaro W/WWO Dickson and recording secretary Stewart. Absent – Aultman and Damberg.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Motion by Campbell to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 13, 2005, second by Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

7:15 Supervisor Pernu enters the meeting.

GUEST

Chairman Kniefel reports John Jamnick called from RLK re: clarification on the rate proposal for the Sparta sewer connections. Gilbert is questioning if it is our intent to surcharge all of the lots hooked or not? He said yes. Gilbert is wondering why 4,000 gallons, because it is the average and it would simplify billing. Gilbert city council is meeting tonight and it is on the agenda. Kniefel discusses Dan Maltrued; he is purchasing the Josephson property which has been sited for blight, and he has back taxes and delinquent sewer charges. According to Kniefel, he is wanting the sewer fee waived, in lieu of him cleaning up the property. This would only be for current sewer charges from now until winter. He will have to make a written request. Kniefel was approached by Rosvit on Ely Lake Dr. He is wondering if he can connect his new garage into the sewer. Yes, for sewer but not for clear water from drain tile or sumps, talk to Dale.

CORRESPONDENCE

12-16-05 letter from MDH re: increase in drinking water connection fee from \$5.21 to \$6.36. The increase has been changed in the billing program. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Sparta sewer. Erjavec proposes we keep the \$14 per parcel and ask for a 10 year contract with a 10% decrease in the water and sewer rates. This would be an easy way for both sides to deal with the Fayal Water and sewer rates.

Tammaro reports the town board voted to keep the water rates the same, and they tabled the sewer rates, while they are awaiting the WGH audit. Kniefel feels a rate increase is necessary but, after some re-evaluating he feels a \$1.00 increase would be sufficient. They will decide at the February town board meeting.

New Business

Nothing at this time.

SEWER

Dale provided totals for the years 2003-2005 for the water and wastewater.

Dale requests permission to attend the Wastewater class put on by MPCA in St. Paul.

Benchmark contacted Dale about connecting the Veterans Park into the sewer. They would like to make a camper dump site. Dale will talk to Gilbert regarding this connection.

Kingston states he doesn't feel the PUC is doing any good. Campbell & Tammaro disagree.

Pernu states as a board member he appreciates the input from the PUC.

Dale is planning on meeting with US Filter in St. Paul; they are the new ABS pump distributor.

- **Motion by Campbell to authorize Dale to attend the Collection Systems Operators Conference put on by the MPCA on January 25-27, 2006, second by Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.**

TREASURER

Campbell talked to Clerk Sersha regarding the budget. The PUC needs to think about how the money should be allocated, and what we should be taking on for new projects. Bring some ideas to the next meeting.

CABLE

Tamaro attended the Joint Cable Commission meeting, and reports we are subsidizing Virginia's meeting to be broadcast. The Town Board told the commission we would continue our support to the end of their fiscal year in June, and then we are done. That will bring back the entire franchise fee we have been using for the joint commission.

WATER

Wiscow wants to look at making a Quad City water connection in case of a water emergency.

GAS

Nothing at this time.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

FYI

Next meeting will be changed to Wed Feb 15, 2006 at 7:00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY CAMPBELL, SECOND BY KINGSTON.

ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk