

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2004 7:00 P.M.
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

September meeting was cancelled.

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL present were: Aultman, Bertucci, Campbell, Damberg, M. Erjavec, Town Board Chairman Kniefel, Supervisors Tammaro, & Beldo. W/WWO Dickson. Absent - Kingston & Zlimen.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Motion by Campbell to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 12, 2004, second by M. Erjavec. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

GUEST

None

CORRESPONDENCE

8-21-04 Mn dept of health Drinking water report: No Coliform bacteria were detected. Placed on file.

8-24-04 Delinquency report \$15,719. This does not include SAC. Placed on file.

8-27-04 Article from paper advertising names of customers and the amounts due in the local paper. Old business.

Copy of letter sent to county auditor, and response via e-mail.

MRWA sent flyer and letter describing their financing program. Placed on file.

9-22-04 Delinquency report \$15,591. Placed on file

10-4-04 Billing register. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Utility payments placed on the county tax role.

- **Motion by Aultman to call or e-mail the Township Association attorney to find the legality of publishing names of delinquent customers in the newspaper, second by Campbell. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.** Chairman Kniefel will talk to the Township association.

Clearing of the sewer easements. See photos. The W/WWO provided a photo of 12' maple trees planted over the sewer mainline that is 3' deep in the ground. The Town Board referred this back to the PUC. Discussion, the general consensus is we should annually clear the easements, to keep the mainline easement clear, as per the easements and service agreements.

Campbell will compose a memorandum detailing the policy and procedure re: the tree clearing on the easements, according to the easement and the service agreement.

Finish the permanent easements. Discussion held, we are waiting for the lawsuit with RLK before we can move forward with them; they have not been recorded at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Develop a policy for sump pumps. Discussion re: keeping clear water out of the sewer system. The sewer service agreement address's this issue.

Bring a copy of the sewer service agreement and sewer ordinance 98-1 for review to the next meeting.

Develop a fine schedule.

Franchise Fees for direct TV, Aultman reports after in depth study, no one has figured out a way to charge franchise fees on direct TV.

LHB proposal dated 3-25-02 for O’Laughlin water lines was reviewed. This was the last proposal completed.

The Town Clerk feels it is time for a new billing computer. Supervisor Tammaro feels that should be automatically replaced every few of years.

- **Motion by Damberg to have Diane investigate the cost of a new computer for the billing program, and check into lease program with Dell, second by Aultman. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

WATER/WASTE WATER REPORT

All the manholes have been checked, found a dozen that were plugged and were cleaned out. A contractor went on one of the big lift stations. No one makes it, or a compatible one anymore. The hydrants are going to be flushed this week. There are 2 hydrants that need new nozzle sections, the one by the skating shack and the one by the fire hall. MRWA is putting on a class on water at Biwabik Oct. 27th. The instructor will come and help repair the fire hydrants.

SEWER

We will call the county attorney to verify the court dates for the people that received tickets for not being connected to the sewer.

WATER

Gilbert had the fire dept. flush their hydrants, our pressure regulator stuck again, and some of the people lost water, we had several complaints from customers. We will talk to Gilbert and let them know it created a problem.

TREASURER

Campbell would like the Clerk to request the audit from Gilbert for last year, and the report on the maintenance fund our sewer fees go into. Campbell reports on the financial status, PUC -cash beg yr \$29,592 to 9-30-04 \$2,434. FWC-cash bal.9-30-04 \$64,412 operating income/loss \$-236. FSC-cash bal 9-30-04 \$80,088 operating income/loss \$1,812. (see attached) We need to review this information for the next budget.

CABLE

Nothing at this time.

GAS

Bertucci talked to the new guy in charge and he didn’t know there was a study done for Fayal Township. Bertucci will get the Park Dr. information to him.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

FYI

The water agreement will expire in one year Tammaro will talk to Wiskow about the manhole for a connection to the Eveleth water line. This would complete the connection for the Quad cities water loop.

Check on the renewal date for the commissioners, will it be January or April.

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

ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk