

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

November 10, 2015 7:00 pm

Chairman Dennis Pernu called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL Present were: Dennis Pernu, Greg Buckley, Chris Erickson and Cal Turner. Donna O'Connor was absent. Also present, recording secretary Diane Dickson. Town Board Supervisor Sather.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2015 and**
- **Special Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2015 made by Turner, second by Buckley.**
Motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS

Town Board Supervisor Sather nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

October 2015 Water Wastewater Report.

Delinquency Report as of 10-23-15 \$22,013.

Current Adjustments for previously certified accounts (\$26,721.56)

Diane Dickson reports she has adjusted the accounts and removed the \$26,721.56 previously certified to St. Louis County. Greg states now we add the delinquency amount and the \$26,721.56 to see our total delinquent amount.

- **Motion by Pernu to send a copy of the delinquency report to the Town Board so they are aware of the amounts due, second by Erickson.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

SCADA- TPC, Telemetry and Process Controls, Inc they are still dealing with some programming issues. We have not had the official onsite training.

Delinquency disconnects- Scott Neff ordinance change. Chris Erickson reports he has found the advice of the MN Association of Township attorneys and the League of MN cities attorneys differs from Scott Neff. Scott has not responded, Chris has made the changes to the ordinance and emailed to Clerk Coldagelli. There are 3 issues why we are amending the ordinance. 1. Justifying the certification fees, the town is spending a disproportionate amount of staff time administering and attempting to collect these delinquent charges. We are also incurring additional legal fees because of this issue. Because of those additional costs we are justified in trying to recapture that in higher penalties. The 10% penalty is already on the books, we qualify that by saying it stops after it is certified to the county auditor, and then it goes on the county's penalty schedule, which is governed by state statute. 2. Scott asked to change the date, we are leaving it at the first of December. 3. Scott recommended and Chris used the exact verbage. Sec. 2 In addition to the assessment process in Section 1, the Town may, in its discretion, pursue other forms of collection which may include demand letters, collection agents, and/or civil suit to collect the amounts that are past due. The Town shall be entitled to recover all attorney fees and costs of collection reasonably incurred. He removed the word interest and left it at just penalty's. This should be good unless there are typos or I'm fundamentally misunderstood things it should be ready. Greg asks if they have a signed sewer agreement with us it doesn't stipulate anything

about being able to pass on the collection fees, does this ordinance cover us in this incidence. Chris says we could check with Scott. But assuming we are ok.

The changes are ready to go to the Town Board.

- **Motion by Turner to send the Ordinance with the changes to the Town Board for approval, second by Erickson.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Joint powers agreement with Gilbert, Eveleth, Fayal possible sewer district- Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Coldagelli has provided the revenue and expenditure guidelines for the water and sewer company and the general ledger. Chris will meet with Heidi next week. We are starting to get a handle on it. The checking balance includes the funds that are set aside.

CABLE

Greg reports they are not able to broadcast. Something with the computer needs to be replaced. It is going to cost \$8,300 there are funds to cover it.

SEWER

Nothing else.

GAS

Gas Line project- Pam Sarvela stopped in the MN PUC approved changing the model, they can remove the cost of the service line. The monthly service charge will be reduced from \$33.50 to \$25.45.

Long Lake project- Pam stated it's looking good for a new area surcharge. They will do a mailing when they have firm numbers. She is anticipating construction in 2016 should be around \$20 a month. They are not planning on doing the pre sign ups.

STREET LIGHTS

Buckley noticed 2 new very bright LED street lights at the intersection of Bodas Rd and Miller Trunk Rd.

FYI

Next PUC meeting will be held December 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion to adjourn by Turner, support from Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Dickson
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

approved 12.8.2015
