

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Pernu. Present were: Commissioners Dennis Pernu, Chris Erickson and Amy Jackson. Greg Buckley was absent.

Audience members present were Town Chairman Tony Tammaro, Town Supervisor Pat Ziegler, Jim Pernu and John West.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Motion to approve the regular PUC meeting minutes of October 9, 2018 made by Chris Erickson, second from Amy Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GUESTS**

Nothing at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Delinquency Report as of 10-23-18 \$ 10,816.09.

October 2018 Water Wastewater report.

10-2018 Letter of resignation from Cal Turner to the Town Board. Which they accepted. Tony and Greg called and talked to Cal but he would not reconsider.

11-13-2018 Letter from Ed Vest, he is interested in serving on the Public Utility Commission. The letter was read. Ed does have credentials from previous work experience with MN DOT in utility permits and construction projects.

- **Motion by Chris Erickson to recommend the Town Board seriously consider Ed Vest for the Public Utilities Commission, second by Dennis Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Sandy Ahlin sink hole*-Done.

*Bulk Water Agreement*-Proposal from the City of Eveleth to reduce the water rate and add a \$15 per month per customer water debt service. We are set to meet with Eveleth Nov. 15th 9:30 am. Chris, Tony, Dale & Diane. Discussion, we would like to remain the same, we are a bulk customer.

*Sewer Line Cleaning*- Great Lakes Pipe Service, Inc. has finished the Long Lake area. The report is good. We have a binder with the reports in hard copy and video recording on a disk. We did receive a deduct from the original quote. They were unable to camera the line that was bored, it was cleaned.

*4 M Fund*- Chris is waiting for the Town Board to approve the resolution. Chairman Tammaro says it should be taken care of this next meeting. Chris says we are losing thousands of dollars.

*Standby Water*- Tony said, the Town Board should talk about the motion the PUC recommended at the next meeting. Pat Ziegler said he brought it to the Town Board table but did not agree with it and would not make a motion, no one else would make a motion so it was tabled. Chris said he wanted to give Pat a second chance. Diane stated the motion said, if, Pat would not bring the PUC motions forward, then they wanted a new representative.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Roster was reviewed Diane had an error in the last one. Chris started with a partial so he is able to renew in January 2019 for 3 more years. Chris agrees to renew in January 2019. Amy is good till 2020, Dennis can renew in January 2019. Dennis has conflicts on Tuesdays but will try to continue his duties. Cal resigned and the position is open. Greg is good till 2020.

Tony Tammaro asked Clerk Coldagelli to talk to Gilbert and see what is happening with the rates. Tony says the sewer plant project is having issues.

John West- Just checking in, he still does not feel our charges are legal. Tony suggested he talk to Scott Neff but John is paying the bill not Fayal.

Jim Pernu- Wondering if the standby recommendation was approved to sunset the fee and have it be transferable. The Town will be looking at it soon. Diane did provide him with the amounts he has paid to date.

John West feels the fees are not proportionate. Tony says our ordinance are our laws. The Township laws are different than City laws. If a parcel is split then there is a new SAC not assessment. Chris says that is because in our Township some people have small lots and some have huge acreage. In Cities every foot is assessed. That would not have been fair to our people, so it was set up that each owner was assessed and each time a parcel is divided it is charged another SAC. Tony says it was the only fair way the Town could come up with when the sewer project went in and it has been our past practice. Amy Jackson suggested John West talk to the MN Public Utilities Commission.

Dennis Pernu does not agree with the SAC being charged for a land split.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Chris reports our Revenues are slightly greater than our expenses and everything is in balance for the year. Treasurer report provided by Clerk Coldagelli as of 9-30-2018. Year to date.

FWC Beginning balance \$60,098.98 Revenues \$62,900.58 Expenditures \$54,518.21.

Current cash balance \$65,944.45.

FSC Beginning balance \$245,958.83 Revenues \$656,705.81 Expenditures \$335,238.20.

Current cash balance \$234,380.53.

As of 10-31-2018. Year to date.

FWC Beginning balance \$60,098.98 Revenues \$69,263.41 Expenditures \$59,920.54.

Current cash balance \$66,855.34.

FSC Beginning balance \$245,958.83 Revenues \$803,282.24 Expenditures \$482,593.51.

Current cash balance \$246,926.13.

Next month we should do our annual rate review and send out a letter. Hopefully we will hear from Gilbert. They did say they are going to raise us another \$7.50. Amy asks what are they doing at the plant. The project is to meet the mercury emissions standards which are not guaranteed.

### **CABLE**

Franchise fee received for July 1, 2018 to Sept 30, 2018 \$2,479.01.

### **GAS**

Nothing at this time.

### **STREET LIGHTS**

Nothing at this time.

### **FYI**

Next PUC meeting will be Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion to adjourn the regular meeting made by Amy Jackson, support from Chris Erickson.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Dennis Pernu adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Diane Dickson  
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk  
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 12.11.2018  
