

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utility Commissioners was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Pernu. Present were: Dennis Pernu, Cal Turner, Chris Erickson and Deputy Clerk Diane Dickson. Greg Buckley was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Town Board Supervisor Rich Sather arrived at 4:50 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the regular PUC meeting minutes of January 10, 2017 made by Turner, second from Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report as of 1-24-17 \$8,435.37. Pernu is wondering how much we have outstanding with the county. Erickson states we can get a report from the county auditor. Diane emailed it to Chris and Greg, we will work on it and look at the amount certified to get a total of the outstanding accounts. Greg and Chris did feel the PUC would be in good shape for the final payment.

January 2017 Water/Wastewater report. Was reviewed and placed on file.

2-1-17 Mediacom Franchise fee payment of \$2,519.30.

FYI from Clerk Coldagelli, the Town is considering a road improvements project where they would pursue a low interest loan or 5 year bond. SEH Engineering will be making a presentation at the Town Annual meeting.

Cal is trying to talk to Keith Nelson about bike path on Ely Lake Dr. Chris said he did attend meetings with the county before they did the overlay. They did not want to take property from people but just widen the shoulder on one side for a walking bike trail.

4:50 pm. Town Board supervisor Rich Sather arrives.

OLD BUSINESS

SCADA- IRC found the big generator at the Town Hall needs repair. The generator has not been repaired Clerk Coldagelli has not found any FEMA Grants available in order to proceed. There were Emergency Disaster grants for community buildings. They did have grants for generators, but there is no one answering the phones and nothing online at this time. The repair was like \$8,000 and to put a new one was around \$14,000 and I think they need a bigger one to run more stuff.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Amy Jackson she is interested in being on the Public Utilities Commission. She works for MPL. She has some experience working with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, she works with customers who are delinquent, and she also has banking experience.

- **Motion by Turner to recommend the Town Board approve Amy Jackson as a new Public Utilities Commissioner, second by Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

Letter from Shirley Janacek Korpela subdivision and email.

Email from Tyler Lampella SLC re: Korpela subdivision.

KORPELA SUBDIVISION-It appears years ago the Town started working on this project for Shirley's sister. Although they did not follow through. I am attaching the Towns Sewer Use Ordinance 98-1 on page 3 Art. II Sect. 4 states, ..property's ...must be connected if the primary structure is within 300' to the public sewer or immediately adjacent to the owners property limits. And they will pay an SAC of \$7000,

and much more. It also appears that Steve Kniefel was researching Development agreements and Platting ordinances, but nothing was completed. There was an estimate from 2008 for approximately \$35,000. Cal feels the Town would have to look at extending the line in order to connect homes within 1000' of the lake, and within 300' of the line. We would have to review what Kniefel was working on and come up with who is going to pay for what. Cal will review the Development Agreements and Platting Ordinance examples provided by SEH, and ordinance 98-1 Sewer use for the next meeting. Diane states Shirley Janacek may not ever sell the lots once they subdivide them. But she is asking for the Town to say they are able to connect. Diane sent a copy of the recorded sewer easement to her for the line location.

ST. MARY'S GRAVEL PIT DEVELOPMENT- Chairman Tamaro was visiting with the City of Eveleth Mayor Vlasisavljevich, they are considering developing that area. They would like to work together to possibly improve the road, they would have to bring the waterline up to ten state standards, and the sewer line is already there on Thunderbird Trail. More to come.

TREASURER REPORT

No Treasurer report Clerk Coldagelli is waiting for the final numbers from Walker, Giroux and Hahne.

CABLE

Mediacom is planning to expand in the Long Lake area.

GAS

Long Lake Gas Line project- nothing new.

Miller Trunk project- nothing new.

STREET LIGHTS

Turner believes we should talk to the State about lighting the intersection of Hwy 53 and Pine Dr. Since K & B is gone it is very dark. Cal will ask Keith when he talks to him, Rich believes that is served by Lake Country Power.

FYI

The Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The next PUC meeting will be Tuesday March 21, 2017 @ 7:00 the week after the annual meeting. Please plan to attend.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting made by Turner, support from Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pernu adjourned the regular meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Dickson
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 3.21.2017

