

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2007 7:00 P.M.  
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**ROLL** present were: Bertucci, Campbell, M. Erjavec, D. Pernu., Damberg and Town Board Chairman Kniefel, and Supervisor's Branville & Tammaro. W/WWO Dickson and recording secretary Stewart. Absent – Troutwine

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- **February No Quorum, No Meeting.**
- **Motion by Erjavec to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2007 second by Damberg. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion by Campbell to approve the special meeting minutes of January 16, 2007 second by Damberg. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion by Erjavec to approve the special meeting minutes of February 6, 2007 second by Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GUEST**

Supervisor's Lee Branville, Tony Tammaro & Steve Kniefel; no comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Bill register summary billed \$46,096 for Feb 07.

Delinquency report \$19,876 as of 2-21-07.

The county owns the Scuffy house.

- **Motion by Damberg to bill the county for three months, second by Pernu. Discussion, the clerk received verification that the county is the owner as of Dec 06. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

1-24-07 MN Dept of Health is accepting project proposals for State Revolving Fund Loan Program. 3-5-07 rc'd a letter from the City of Gilbert notifying the Town we are delinquent. Gilbert also says they will not provide information showing how they arrived at their rates. We have been paying at the old rate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Review the rates.

Campbell has reviewed the cash balance statement. He notes the standby fees and the water access charges are unrestricted balances. FWC cash balance as of 12-31-06 \$18,933. FSC as of 12-31-06 \$28,565. Campbell feels we have enough to cover the fees for the rest of the year. Kniefel states the PUC does not see the debt payment; it is at the Town Board level.

Erjavec talked to Wiscow from Eveleth, about the water and it is still an option.

- **Motion by Campbell not to raise the rates until we can negotiate the new rates with Gilbert, second by Erjavec. Discussion, Kelly states we have sufficient funds to cover for this year. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**WATER**

Supervisor Tammaro has been talking to Wiscow, he will keep the PUC posted.

The plan is to have Branville, Tammaro, Campbell, & Erjavec meet with Gilbert regarding the water and sewer agreements. Branville w/call and set it up for next week.

- **Motion by Damberg to investigate the costs for connecting to Eveleth city water, second by Pernu. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**SEWER**

Bertucci feels we should continue to study sewer ponds for Fayal. Erjavec agrees, the first proposal was a 30 yr payback, with these rates it would be closer to 10 years.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Water and Sewer rate review report, prepared by Julie Kennedy PE from SEH. Campbell will talk to SEH to verify figures.

Kniefel asks about the waterline repair at the corner of Shady Lane and Ely Lake Dr. What part was repaired and who owns it? Get info before the next Board meeting.

Bertucci states Fire Dept went out on a call out the night of the annual meeting. MPL power outage.

- **Motion by Campbell to recommend the Town Board continue to pay the Gilbert water and sewer bill at the old rate, second by Bertucci, Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER**

As reported earlier.

**CABLE**

Nothing at this time.

**GAS**

Nothing at this time.

**STREET LIGHTS**

Nothing at this time.

**FYI**

Next meeting will be held Tuesday April 10, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.

Campbell states he would like to get an engineer on retainer and have them attend all of the PUC meetings. It should cost about \$400 per month.

Tammaro states the Town Board already stated the engineers would be on an as needed basis.

- **Motion to adjourn the meeting by Damberg, second by Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart  
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk