

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2006 7:00 P.M.  
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL** present were: Bertucci, Aultman, M. Erjavec, Kingston. Town Board Chairman Kniefel and recording secretary Stewart. Absent –Troutwine, Campbell and Damberg.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- **Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2006 made by Erjavec, second from Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**GUESTS**

**Bill Maki-** is requesting permission for his trees to continue growing in the sewer easement. Bertucci states according to ordinance the easement needs to be clear of all trees, brush, and buildings. Bertucci suggests a removable fence for privacy. Mr Maki states he will remove his own trees.

**Len Gentilini-** same issue, and he is complaining about a dead tree that was not removed after the project. Bertucci advises Mr. Gentilini if the PUC has a problem with the tree, the PUC will remove it. Mr. Gentilini asks why he can't keep his trees 8' from the line. Bertucci states 10' is the limit in the 20' easement. Mr. Gentilini would prefer to remove his own trees.

- **Motion to delay cutting the Maki and Gentilini trees in the easement until the next meeting in May, this will allow the customers additional time to move them, made by Aultman, support from Kingston. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MRWA-User Charge Analysis water & sewer rates workshop April 18, 2006 8-4:30. Kelly and Supervisor Tammaro will be attending.

Resolution 2006-3 sewer residential and commercial use fees. Placed on file.

Addendum to customer service agreement special sewer permit and Application & agreement.

Copies of 2005 Consumer Confidence Report available at the Town Hall.

Delinquency report as of 3-27-06. Delinquent is up to \$22,000. Placed on file.

Gopher One Call Damage prevention seminar April 17, 2006 11:30 Black Bear, Carlton. Placed on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Luoma sewer problem-** Erjavec researched with SLC and found no record on file of the septic. The Town would have to start from step #1 to install an on-site septic. Kingston asks about the fees. Bertucci reads from 7-12-05 minutes "\$19,000 to directional bore to the main lift station at the road, \$8,500 to replace the onsite septic." The property has been assessed and it will remain due to the fact it is a benefited property. Luoma has been paying his monthly sewer fee.

- **Motion by Bertucci to send a letter to Mr. Luoma inviting him to the next meeting and the final decision will be made. Support from Kingston. Motion carried unanimously.**

Kingston was going to talk to the foreman re: the manhole on St Mary's Dr N. The water is only a problem in the spring. Maybe they should allow the water to enter the manhole during the problematic time.

- **Motion by Kingston to have Dale let the water go into the manhole, support by Bertucci.**

- **Ayes- Kingston, Bertucci, Aultman Naves- Erjavec Motion carried.**

Erjavec says the PUC was tasked by the people of the town to look at the problem of waterlines freezing due to snowmobile traffic.

- **Motion by Kingston to table the waterline/snowmobile question until the next meeting, support by Bertucci. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sparta sewer- Nothing new at this time.

Water and sewer rates- The agreement with Gilbert will run out the end of 2006.

### **New Business**

Kingston is looking at a long term plan for our sewer rates. The PUC should check into the rates we could get from Eveleth. The last study showed a 30 year payback for installing our own ponds. The PUC will continue to look for different plans with a shorter payback. We need to keep this on our long term agenda and keep looking for water and sewer options. Bertucci suggests a drip system, maybe at the golf course. Bertucci believes Ayres and associates have been doing this type of work. Kingston states the PUC needs to continue to look for a long term solution to our wastewater disposal.

### **SEWER**

Dale will be clearing the sewer easements this year. There are some large cedar trees planted in the easement area. Dale requests direction from the PUC on the trees.

### **WATER**

Ask Dale how many water connections Swanson's made to the line.

### **TREASURER**

No Report at this time.

### **CABLE**

Bertucci talked to someone from the city of Virginia re: the cable contract. Congress removed the regulations making it near impossible for towns to get free cable and internet; we will still include the request in the new agreement.

### **GAS**

Wisconsin Utilities are the new owner, but everything is to remain status quo.

### **STREET LIGHTS**

Nothing at this time.

### **FYI**

The next PUC meeting will be held on Tuesday May 9, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Aultman, second by Erjavec. Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart  
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk