

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2004 7:00 P.M.
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL present were: Aultman, Bertucci, Damberg, Kingston & Zlimen. Town Board Chairman Kniefel, Supervisors Tamaro, Beldo & Erjavec. W/WWO Dickson and recording secretary Stewart. Absent – Campbell & M. Erjavec

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Motion by Zlimen to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2004, second by Damberg. Unanimously approved, with Aultman abstaining. Motion carried.**

GUEST

Dolly Strumbell of West Long Lake. Strumbell, reports a sink hole approximately 3' deep and 8' long under the garden. Two tanks were crushed in her yard and this is the location of one. Dale inspected, found no access to the yard, the warranty period is done. PUC suggests she contact USA and ask if they would deliver dirt for her.

CORRESPONDENCE

3-10-04 Certificate of Liability Insurance from US Filter. File

3-25-04 FCC License this has been sent back to them for the issuance of the new license. File

3-04 MPCA Wastewater Training Stabilization Seminars coming up April 13-15 & April 27-29.

Discussion-PUC would like someone to attend and learn about ponds, no one volunteered.

3-29-04 Bill from US Filter for 2 radio's \$984.48. Repairs to the master radio and one additional faulty radio. Paid

4-1-04 Bill from US Filter for reprogramming and troubleshooting Data Fails & repair. Time spent working on our SCADA system to identify and repair Data Fail problem, paid \$3969.91.

4-5-04 2003 Consumer Confidence Report from MN Dept of Health. File

4-5-04 Memo re: Jim and Jean Terch property, they would like to cancel the monthly sewer charge on both. Discussion.

- **Motion by Damberg to send a letter to property owner stating they are still responsible for the utility charges. If the property has changed ownership they are responsible to pay for both until one is removed. Second by Bertucci. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.**

WATER/WASTE WATER REPORT

1. Total Control letter dated 3-12-04 and bill dated 2-10-03 for \$5,858.70 for Data fail problems that were not repaired. TCS intends to begin collection proceedings, all types of service work will no longer be honored.
2. Cazin property has been purchased by the neighbor. He will be demolishing the home. It is connected to the sewer and paying a monthly sewer charge. Porkenen will have to request a variance from 98-1 until the structure is removed.
3. Ron Cerar's Tyler Addition has been approved by the Town Board.
4. Differding Point manholes- Are still being by passed and are full of water, Dan from USA will dig and repair the problem as soon as the frost goes out.
5. Gorski, Ring issue- did not freeze, but hay was used. Ring's yard needs restoration ASAP.

6. Kaleva issue- RLK has not rectified the situation, as promised.

SEWER

LHB proposal- the bill was paid, and the contract was not signed. Bertucci is waiting for an answer from Tim Korbi re: redesigning the report for no additional fees.

- **Motion by Aultman if we proceed with LHB engineering, for the redesign of the wastewater treatment, it will be at No additional expense. Unanimously approved.**

Motion Carried.

Kniefel reports he has the list of property owners that have not met the mandatory sewer connection deadline. Letters were sent out May 5, 2003 giving them until September 1, 2003 to make the connection. The next letter will be from the attorney. The ordinance gives the Town the right to make a project, connect them to the sewer, and assess them. We are looking for compliance, not litigation.

- **Motion by Kingston to recommend the Town Board have the attorney send a notice giving them 21 days to notify the Town, so they can complete the permit application, and construction must be adequately complete by August 1, 2004. Second by Zlimen. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.**

WATER

The W/WWO has completed approximately 80 water meter inspections.

TREASURER

The treasurer report was read by Zlimen. Walker, Giroux, and Hahne did an audit of the water and sewer companies and presented a projected cash flow report.

FWC Profit and Loss summary March (\$36,711) loss, YTD \$3,890

FWC The net projected change in cash (\$5,800);

FWC Campbell looked at depreciating the water lines in the ground \$30,000 a year for 40 years. Campbell feels this should be funded by the general fund or the fire fund, because they are for fire protection. Lengthy discussion re: maintenance and depreciation (8,500) per year has been put aside.

FSC Profit and Loss summary March (\$2,907) loss, YTD \$58

FSC the net projected change in cash (\$14,435)

March 2004 Delinquency Report \$16,065 delinquent. This is included in the operating cash.

Water & Sewer Rate Projections were discussed in depth. (attached)

CABLE

K. Erjavec states the EFG cable channel 12, presented the Town board with a bill. It will be coming out of the PUC budget for \$1,500.

GAS

Erjavec presented a complaint from a resident wanting Natural Gas to be brought across the Hwy 53. She would like Fayal to pay for the line to go under the Hwy; Fayal doesn't pay for personal lines.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

Renewal of Commissioner Terms

John Damberg will start a new term; his last term was a partial.

New 4/04 to 4/07

Tom Kingston will start a new term; his last term was a partial.

New 4/04 to 4/07

Peter Bertucci will renew his term.

Renew 4/04 to 4/07

- **Damberg makes a motion to put together a Booklet to include all of the policies and ordinances, various things that have been voted on, requirements for hooking up, to include the fee schedule. So all of the members will have them. Support from Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY ZLIMEN, SECOND BY DAMBERG.
ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk