

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FAYAL TOWN HALL
April 13, 2010 7:00 pm

Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL Present were: P. Bertucci, D. Pernu, D. O'Connor, J. Damberg,

Also present: Water Wastewater Operator Dickson & Recording secretary Stewart and Town Board Supervisor M. Erjavec. Absent: R. Troutwine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the February 16, 2010 regular meeting minutes by Damberg, second by Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion to approve the March 3, 2010 Special meeting minutes by Damberg, second by O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **No meeting 3-9-2010 No quorum.**

GUESTS

Supervisors Erjavec had no comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

3-23-10 Northeast Service Cooperative re: \$43.5 million in federal funding for the Northeast Middle Mile Fiber Project.

3-25-10 Delinquency report \$29,612 as of 3/25/2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Ponds-Town Board rec'd letter from the property owner requesting more information.

Town Board approved payment for the discharge permit application fee for \$1,500.

Gilbert meeting- Gilbert thought they had a good meeting with Fayal until they received the offer. Now, they are going to an attorney to see what they can do. We don't have a contract.

Town Board authorized Dale to attend Pond class in Fergus Falls.

O'Connor wants to see what Benchmark is going to charge. PCA has statutory authority over the permitting process. Dickson states Benchmark is applying for both holding and spray irrigation discharge permits. MPCA list the discharge stream as intermittent. Eveleth tracks the level of Ely Lake and the creek going out. Erjavec states back where we would be discharging there is always flow. Discussion of other options pumping to different cities.

- **Motion by Pernu to have the Town Board send a response letter answering her questions and enclose a map, and state the Town is looking at possible future expansion of the sewer system. Second by Damberg.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

The auditor advised, the money from the waterline loan that was forgiven, stay in the water fund. The auditor wants at least half to go into water operating expenses.

- **Motion by Pernu to transfer half of the waterline payments money into water operating expenses, and half into the maintenance contingency fund. Second by Damberg.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

Water/Wastewater operator Dickson reported he visited the Mark Gish property on Ely Lake Dr. He stopped in because he saw construction going on behind the house and there was no locate for that area. Gish removed the old mound and exposed the manhole about 2' without riser

rings. Dale told Gish there is a PUC meeting tonight I'll bring it up and see if they will spend the money to have the manhole lowered. The cone will have to be removed and then take the middle barrel section out and put the cone back on. Dale talked to Gish and explained to him about working in the easement area around the sewer infrastructure. Dale went back to the office and found out Gish hasn't paid his bill and it is up to about \$600. Not sure if that is a factor or not. Bertucci not sure we should spend money. Dickson states we have done that before for other people. We have raised a manhole, lowered one, put a barrel section in, did 30 of them last year to raise them up to the blacktop. Gish had a mound in the back yard and he removed it to flatten out the yard he didn't have a back yard. It is a big manhole 6' or 8' across not just the casting. Gish can't touch the townships infrastructure, he has to use an approved contractor with a \$1,000,000 certificate of insurance on file

O'Connor makes a motion to not do any work for the resident who is behind in the sewer. He should have contacted us before hand. NO Second.

Bertucci went and looked at it. The neighbor called and was worried about the line freezing. Dale told Gish he can't be working within 10' of the manhole. Digging in the right of way without a permit. They never called Gopher One Call. Gish could get a ticket tonight. Dale explained everything to Gish and told him he would take it to the PUC. Erjavec states this information is on the bottom of the bill. There was a lot of delinquent on the property which was all taken care of when Gish bought it. O'Connor says he didn't even come and make a formal request asking for himself. Gish needs a letter saying stop all action. You may not work in the right of way, without a bonded contractor. Dale measured the manhole the 21" section would have to come out to bring it down to level. Dale had thought about having the guys go down with the backhoe. Dennis feels we shouldn't let it go otherwise everyone will do this. Dale states we never said you can't move the dirt over the sewer pipe but you can't be within 10' of the structure. But you have to do the paperwork and use a bonded contractor. Jagunich was ticketed but he made a new sewer connection.

Dale will go and tell him he needs to come in and make a formal request and he should be there in person and he should pay his bill. Otherwise, he can hire an approved contractor and have the manhole lowered, he just has to let us know what's going on and Dale can be there as an inspector. It has to be done thru us so we know what's going on. Erjavec states part of it is probably on his taxes already.

TREASURER REPORT

Report was provided by Clerk Sersha and reviewed. You have two reports one for the end of the year and one for the end of the month.

<u>Year end as of 12-31-2009 Water Company</u>		<u>Sewer Company</u>	
Revenues	\$68,109	Revenues	\$358,743
Expenditures	\$97,715	Expenditures	\$282,299
Checking bal	\$24,537	Checking bal	\$150,611
Less maintenance contingency	\$16,013	Less maintenance Cont.	\$17,176
depreciation not in cd	\$2,526	PUC truck depreciation	\$6,531
test fees	\$302	Depreciation	\$17,500
Standby	\$3,560	Sewer Acc. Charge	\$24,812
Cash balance	\$2,134	Cash Balance	\$84,591

As of 3-31-2010

<u>Water Company</u>		<u>Sewer Company</u>	
Revenue	\$5,447	Revenues	\$26,079
Expenditures	\$4,363	Expenditures	\$21,377
Cash Balance	\$8,479	Cash Balance	\$90,601

CABLE

Our franchise fees are still going to the cable commission. Pernu states you cant see the channel. Everyone feels it's a waste of money. All there is a clock and the print is soo small you cant read it. It is useless. Its about \$1,500 a year.

- **Motion by Pernu to drop the payments that go to the cable commission. Give notice and withdraw. Second by Bertucci.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

GAS

Nothing at this time.

STREET LIGHTS

MPL contacted the township they are removing the fee and now you will pay for any repairs. So, the MPL street lights will be going up. Tammaro was talking to someone about the light that has been going out on the highway.

FYI

Next meeting will be May 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Pernu second by Damberg to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Stewart
PUC/Billing Clerk