

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10, 2005 7:00 P.M.  
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

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

**ROLL** present were: Bertucci, Campbell, Damberg, M. Erjavec, Kingston & Troutwine.  
Town Board Supervisor Tammaro. W/WWO Dickson, Absent –Aultman

Welcome our new commissioner Russ Troutwine; he will be taking over the empty position.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- **Motion by Damberg to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 12, 2005, second by Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**GUEST**

Supervisor Tammaro states the Town & RLK deal is not over, their attorney added things to the agreement re: the easements. The Town did put the money into a trust, until the work is completed. RLK has until Nov 1, 2005 to finish the easement work.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Media Com franchise fee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2004. Placed on file

4-13-05 MN Municipal Utilities Association re: Aquila's proposed sale of its MN Gas operations. Discussion, PUC feels we would not be interested in taking over the gas line. Placed on file.

4-21-05 Certificate of Liability from Jola and Sopp Excavating. Placed on file  
Delinquency report was reviewed and placed on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Clearing utility easements: copy of letter sent dated 5-1-05. After review, discussion held re: who is going to do the work once we are ready to clear the area. Dale started with the A-line today and we plan to send the letters tomorrow. Campbell asks what if the mainline is not in the center of the easement at his house, due to the location of his line. Dale states we need to have access to every manhole. We are looking for permanent structures, trees, and brush due to the damage roots create in the sewer.

- **Motion by Bertucci to send the notification of violation letter to the property owners via certified mail, second by Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

Finish the permanent easements:

Waterline study on O'Laughlin Square: Discussion, O'Laughlin line does not meet the ten-state standards. At this time we do not have the funds, to replace the water line.

Kaleva Island: we are working on it, but we have to wait for RLK. Dale has the project planned with the owner.

Sump pumps: M. Erjavec asks what it costs to send an extra piece of paper with the bills. No extra postage. He would like a letter to be drafted stating we will be checking sump pumps, and sent in the bills during the months of August and February. Dale was informed at training he attended, the best way to reduce your I & I is public notification thru the mail.

- **Motion by Erjavec to draft a letter re: sump pump inspections and have it reviewed by the PUC next month, Second by Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

The W/WWOperator states he does not have the right to go into someone's house to inspect the sump pump. If they don't let you in the house you can charge the people an extra \$100 until the

sumps are checked off, so we will need to change the service charge to add an extra fee. They need to have the sump pump collecting the clear water and pumping it outside.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Copy of violation notice, dealt with during old business.

Copy of variance to be held on June 14, 2005. Variance will be held next month for Bill O'Neal. He has a guest cabin that was being rented; it is no longer being rented.

Bertucci would like a reminder sent with the bills, telling people to connect the saunas etc. and a variance application is needed so they only pay the one monthly sewer charge.

Kingston states the PUC should have been involved with the RLK issue. Tammaro states no, the financial decisions are done by the Town. All of the other items pay requests etc. came to the PUC. Damberg feels the PUC should see what is going on b4 they approve items, and be kept informed. Campbell says we should be looking at the water and sewer rates, maybe the PUC should have a session to decide what the role of the commission is.

Damberg and Troutwine would like an ordinance book.

**SEWER**

Discussion held regarding Gilbert residents wanting to connect to our sewer line on Differding Pt. M. Erjavec reports sewage is going into the creek by his cabin. Dale will check on the petition that was going around Differding Point. We haven't heard anything from Holcomb in Sparta.

Put Sparta sewer on the next agenda.

Dale reports Data problems continue. It is mostly our terrain; the signal usually goes in and out. He has been checking all of the manholes and tracking the leaking manholes. None need immediate attention. Dale made a list of all of the approach's that need to be repaired at the lift stations. The road and bridge put together a bid, including labor and materials.

Dale was trained on operating the grader last week. Someone from the cities came and trained him on the township grader.

Jola and Sopp cut Ely Lake Dr by Primozich's to make the sewer connection for Cameron Jason. Pager has been going good. Diane also carries it now.

**WATER**

Dale reports no problems.

**TREASURER**

Kelly talked to Clerk Sersha regarding the financial report that she presented. They decided she will provide a spreadsheet on a quarterly basis. Kelly would still like to see the expenses each month.

**CABLE**

**GAS**

**STREET LIGHTS**

**FYI**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY CAMPBELL, SECOND BY DAMBERG.  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart  
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk