

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2006 7:00 P.M.
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Motion by Kingston to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2006, second by Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUEST

Dan Maltrued- He is purchasing the Josephson property on Hwy 37. The plan is to remove all of the buildings and clean the property, which is in very bad condition. At the closing all of the unpaid taxes and delinquent sewer fees will be paid in full. He would like a waiver from the monthly sewer charge and delay connection until the new house is built next year.

- **Motion to recommend the Town Board waive the monthly sewer charge until the next building season July 30, 2007 made by Bertucci, second by Damberg for discussion - they have a purchase agreement. They are waiting until they can get title insurance. They will clean up the property. Call for the question Ayes- all - except Erjavec voted No. Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

American Water Works Assoc. invites us to participate in their survey. They will send us a free copy of the benchmarking summary report. Placed on file.

RLK letter Re: Differding Point sewer Gilbert connecting to Fayal. Sewer.

Delinquency report.

MN Rural Water Assoc. Utility personnel training session on Meth labs. May 23, 2006 St Cloud.

Bertucci asks if Dale was invited to go to the meth training at the Fayal Fire Hall.

MRWA Water Week May 7-13, 2006. Placed on file.

Rod Luoma letter giving permission to install an on-site septic. Old business.

OLD BUSINESS

Dale questioned the motion to allow water into the manhole on St Mary's Dr N. Dale was not at the meeting. He explained he would be violating the Township ordinance and the Gilbert agreement. The PUC said it will save money, no change to the motion.

Kaleva Island Rod Luoma was invited but cannot attend. Rods letter was read giving the Town permission to replace the municipal sewer with a St Louis County approved on site septic.

- **Motion to proceed with installing an on site septic system at the Ed Luoma property near Kaleva Island made by Damberg, support from Erjavec. Discussion – there will be no monthly service fee, but the assessment stands. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Tammaro will bring it up at the town board and get the paper work moving.

RLK letter re: Sparta Differding Pt sewer- 4 items in the letter.

- **Motion to reduce item #3 to \$10 a month, this rate will be good for one year, items #1, #2, #4 to remain the same made by Erjavec, second by Damberg for discussion-**

Kingston will not vote because he didn't have enough time, Campbell adds this should be final offer, #2 may change, this is the actual cost of the system #3 is the fee to use Fayal's lift station and lines. Call for the question

- **Ayes- Erjavec Nays- Bertucci, Campbell, Damberg, Troutwine Abstain- Kingston Motion Failed.**
- **Motion to recommend to the Town Board to leave item #1 & #2 the same, #3 reduce to \$10 per month, #4 Extend the existing agreement through 12-2008, as stated in the original proposal, Add #5 This is the final offer. Made by Campbell, second by Damberg for discussion - Kingston is questioning the rational of the \$10, Campbell states it is a concession.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Delinquency Report there is \$22,000 late at this time.

SEWER

The Water/wastewater operator reports the City of Eveleth made the connection to our sewer line. They will have 4 water meters installed to meter the sewer usage. The sewer service agreement and the addendum have been signed. Dale advised Wiscow the protruding manhole in the R.O.W. needs to be barricaded with reflectors, he suggested a split rail fence. St Louis County doesn't want them to taper around it due to drainage issues. Two new homes are planning to be built. Braun Pump Company is the ABS distributor. They have provided a quote for \$250 each to service 4 lift stations. There was a large power outage last night and all 4 employees were called out.

WATER

PUC and the City of Eveleth had a meeting scheduled for April 21, 2006 at 9:00 am. There was no quorum. Chairman Kniefel and Dickson and Stewart met with Jackie Monahan-Junek, City Administrator and Mike Wiscow, Public Works Director regarding water line ownership. Wiscow said he will bring a proposal for water after he is done with the Vets Park. Kniefel told them Fayal would take over all of the lines in Fayal and showed them the letter from 1997.

TREASURER

Kelly reviewed the attached report. Kelly would like to talk to Banyon and have them design him a report.

CABLE

Nothing at this time.

GAS

Nothing at this time.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

FYI

The next PUC meeting will be held on June 13, 2006 starting with a variance for Mish at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Damberg, second by Troutwine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk