

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Pernu. Present were: Commissioners Dennis Pernu, Cal Turner, Greg Buckley and Amy Jackson. Commissioner Chris Erickson was absent. Audience members in attendance were Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro and Sandy Ahlin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the regular PUC meeting minutes of May 8, 2018 made by Cal Turner, second from Greg Buckley. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS

Sandy Ahlin has a hole in her yard where the dry well was it is 6' wide x 7' deep. It is not in the area of excavation. She explains it is where the septic system was and it is now 8' deep x 7' long. She reviews the history of the home it never had a problem for 37 years. Then she was told they had to connect to the sewer system. The Town hired the contractor the contractor was told not to come in the yard unless one of them were home. Unfortunately they came home and they had cut a swath thru the back of the yard. So she is unsure of what they did. And a couple years ago she found a 4' x 4' sink hole in the old septic area, her son filled it. Now this year she noticed the 7' hole and she is asking the Town or whoever to fill in the sink hole where the dry well was. They used ties years ago and she can see a railroad tie. He Son partially fell into it while trying to measure it. This is a dangerous situation. She went to the Town board and they sent her to the PUC. She is asking the Town to take responsibility and fill the hole. Cal said the Township never had the responsibility to fill in the septic systems. It was the home owner's responsibility to vacate any existing septic system properly. Cal had two septic systems in his yard. He paid Bertucci to remove the tanks and fill the holes, two tanks and two dry wells. It was Cal's responsibility to do it. Cal says it's in the ordinance. Sandy would like a copy of it. Sandy had copies of the invoice she paid USA \$350 to connect and abandon the septic tank. The septic and drywell were in the same location.

7:15 Amy Jackson arrives.

Sandy states it is a dangerous situation. She believes it is Fayal's responsibility she is only asking for it to be filled. When she came home that day none of the dirt was disturbed in that area so she is not sure what they did. Cal reported sometimes they pumped the tank and filled it with a sand slurry. It is probable that is how they did the septic tank. It says septic tank was crushed and filled. Sandy states R & M did not bring fill last time her son filled it. Diane stated that was in my notes but I will change them. PUC examined the onsite engineers drawing of her property and the as built drawings. Diane reported the engineer and Dale have been there and Dale's concern is if we bring dirt in her yard could be rutted. Sandy says they drive back there all the time. Dale felt we should not do anything because we have not done anything in the past. Tony's opinion was to bring a load of dirt. Dennis is concerned of the liability. Cal's opinion is someone missed the boat. Not sure of what she paid for but she did pay \$350 obviously you paid for more than the hook up. Cal had 125' and he paid \$180 for the 30' and the hook up, the first 100' was included. With \$350 you took care of the abandonment of the septic tank which is marked as septic tank filled.

With her not being there they missed the other half of the dry well and it didn't get abandon properly. Sandy didn't understand the drawing. The drywell didn't get abandon for one reason or another. Trevor from SEH believes it is a drywell.

Chairman Tony Tammaro arrives at 7:31 p.m.

Chairman Tammaro suggests we bring a load of dirt but we are not responsible for any damage to the yard and make sure we can get back there. It is a cheap fix. We have done a couple of things. And they probably have to knock down the edges so they can get the dirt in safely. Cal says as long as we are not going to be responsible for restoration of the property and we can drive a truck across it. It is going to be a dump truck not a pick-up. Sandy agrees they can drive back there.

- **Motion by Dennis Pernu to recommend the Town Board fill in Sandy Ahlins dry well but we are not responsible for any landscape damage, second by Cal Turner. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sandy would like them to come and look at it first so they know where they are going. Tony said they may have to bring the backhoe to knock down the edges and it is a cheap fix. Sandy thanks the PUC.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report as of 5-23-18 \$ 28,975.39. Reviewed and placed on file.

Tony Tammaro says PSN the payment network services has helped.

May Water Wastewater report. Reviewed and placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter from Fayal to City of Eveleth re: Bulk Water Purchase Agreement. No correspondence from them yet.

List of Sewer Access Charges paid. Tony reports the Town Board approved the SAC of \$6625 he was not there. Many have paid the \$7,000 Cal feels we should keep it the same until the assessments are paid off in a couple of years and it sunsets. Tony feels we should adjust it back to the \$7,000 so we don't have any issues of paying people back. When the 20 years are up then make changes. Greg feels his original motion had the wrong amount.

- **Motion by Greg Buckley to recommend the Town Board change the Sewer Access Fee to \$7,000, second by Amy Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.**

Tony just attended the Gilbert meeting, the WWIF is rethinking the grant and putting Fayal's income in with Gilbert and then they would lose \$2,000,000 in funding. Tony will be calling Stantec and possibly WWIF, and the onsite construction management is going to be JPG.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Line Cleaning-Special Meeting was held by Town Board to approve sewer line cleaning. Town Board approved Great Lakes Pipe Service, Inc. for \$44,963. Chairman Tammaro apologizes for not bringing it the PUC first but Dale needed it approved to get on the calendar for this year. They approved the lowest quote, the money is in the maintenance contingency. Dale created a sewer line cleaning program to clean all of the system within 4 years. Then we will be good for a while. Our lines do not go down the streets so we do not have a typical sewer line cleaning program.

Broadband Community Meeting- June 19, 2018 2:00-3:30 Eveleth Auditorium. Heidi will be attending.

4 M Fund-Chris Erickson has been researching the Town earning more interest and recommends PUC make a motion to recommend the 4M Fund to the Town Board. Greg talked to Chris and he is in agreement with the recommendation. If we go with the 4M Fund they guarantee it will be within the state statute. Right now it will go into a money market account so it will be fully liquid and Chris said

we should get 1.6%-1.8% which is higher than we are getting now. Greg did get a second opinion at Frandsen Bank and they said they are very familiar with the fund and they would recommend it.

- **Motion by Dennis Pernu to recommend to the Town Board approve the 4M Fund, second by Greg Buckley. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chris will be at the June 19 Town Board meeting to review this information and answer any questions they might have. Also Chris will be attending training June 28 with the MN Association of Townships regarding investments.

August PUC meeting must be changed due to the primary election on August 14th. August 7th the PUC meeting will meet early at 4:00 p.m. so everyone can attend National Night Out.

Tony reports MNDot will be attending the Town Board meeting. They are going to talk about the Bodas Rd project closing the cross over.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer report provided by Clerk Coldagelli as of 4-30-2018. Year to date. FWC Beginning balance \$60,098.98 Revenues \$25,418.31 Expenditures \$23,858.37 Current cash balance \$61,098.98.

FSC Beginning balance \$245,958.83 Revenues \$201,341.25 Expenditures \$186,905.04. Current cash balance \$260,395.04.

Treasurer report provided by Clerk Coldagelli as of 5-30-2018. Year to date.

FWC Beginning balance \$60,098.98 Revenues \$35,521.10 Expenditures \$27,202.80.

Current cash balance \$65,429.60.

FSC Beginning balance \$245,958.83 Revenues \$252,107.27 Expenditures \$225,064.95.

Current cash balance \$273,001.15.

CABLE

Nothing at this time.

GAS

Nothing at this time.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

FYI

Next PUC meeting will be Tuesday July 10th 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion to adjourn the regular meeting made by Greg Buckley, support from Cal Turner. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Pernu adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Diane Dickson
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 7.10.2018

