

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utility Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Greg Buckley. Present were: Greg Buckley, Cal Turner, Chris Erickson, Donna O'Connor and Deputy Clerk Diane Dickson. Dennis Pernu was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2016 made by Turner, second from Buckley. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Donna O'Connor arrives 7:03 p.m.

GUESTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report as of 5/23/16 \$14,158.98. Buckley would like to compare our late revenues to last year. Remember there is still \$15,497.11 removed from the utility billing program because it has been certified to the county. Chris and Diane will check on late fee revenue reports.

Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro arrives 7:08 p.m.

May 2016 Water/Wastewater report. Reviewed and placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

IRRRB Pine Dr Sewer Extension to K & B—Chairman Tammaro reports they missed the deadline for IRRRB, so it is a dead issue for this year.

Park Dr water line survey—The Town Board sent out a survey to Park Dr. residents to see if there is any interest in a water line. There was interest in getting water to Nelson's lot that is for sale so they surveyed some of the residents. So far there is only a couple interested in getting more information about costs.

Discussion of the Woodlawn waterline, Cal thinks there is a missing piece in the line. Diane found an old plan to put in waterlines on Park Dr and Woodlawn. It appears they only did part of the project, and did not do the Park Dr. extension.

Woodline new kiln connection— We have not heard anything from them.

Julie Olson Gilbert— purchase inquiring about Fayal water and sewer. The question went to the City of Gilbert. No response since. Chairman Tammaro states they would have to get permission from Gilbert, then possibly get easement from the neighbors. They would have to pay the Water and Sewer Access charges so that would be \$10,000 and then they would have to pay for all of the connection. More to come.

Turner states we have to be careful and think about 30 years from now. We can't assess them and the line needs updating. Just like Eveleth and St Mary's waterline it has very bad water because of the lines and the City cannot assess Fayal residents. Chairman Tammaro says it would be their service line and we could charge a fee if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Stand by water fee - does it transfer with new ownership, yes if the current customer has been paying the fee all along. No if they stopped paying the fee. The yearly stand by fee is \$132, the Water Access Charge is \$3,500 which is waived if you are a stand by customer.

Erkill family assessments— Russell called asking why the outlot A had an assessment on it. Lengthy discussion 7 parcels were owned by different family members and three assessments were placed. One was possibly placed on the wrong parcel. We can do nothing, move it, or remove it. It appears as they changed it to 2 assessments in the file but it was never removed

from the data base or the county. More research will be done into the process used to determine which properties were assessed. Chairman Tammaro suggested we invite Mr. Erkkila to a meeting to see what he is looking for.

Kaleva sewer assessment removal- Sauli Vuorela requested removal of the sewer assessment. Kaleva has a small budget and they are looking to cut costs. They could never connect to the sewer line, so why are they still paying for the sewer assessment. Discussion- the Luoma property was on the municipal sewer and used a small lift station. There was issues with the line freezing and not pumping. In November 2007 the lift station was disconnected and removed. A new on site sewer was installed for the Luoma home. The island was benefited while the pump was in place. When it was removed the Island is no longer benefited it is beyond the 300'.

- **Motion by Turner to recommend the Town Board remove the assessment from the Kaleva Island property, due to the fact they no longer have access, second by Erickson.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion by Turner to recommend the Town Board refund Kaleva Island property from the time the pump was removed in 2008 through 2016 per the figures of the total paid for sewer assessment, second by Erickson.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Planning Committee – Chris Erickson is on the Planning Committee and they are looking at doing a strategic long range plan. Turner talked about the old water line plan from Kelly Campbell. There is no plan for the wastewater expansion. The Planning Committee meets at 4:30 Thursday. Maybe the PUC and Planning could work together to come up with a long range plan.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer report as of 5-31-2016 Year to date.

FSC Revenues \$239,753.67, Expenditures \$231,764.16 Cash Bal. \$193,444.23.

FWC Revenues \$33,222.01 Expenditures \$22,895.64 Cash Bal. \$47,249.27. Erickson explains the depreciation loss is actually on the pipes in the ground from an accounting point of view. We are cash flow neutral or slightly positive so we are doing fine.

- **Motion by O'Connor to approve the treasurer's report, second by Turner.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

CABLE

Meeting minutes of May 18, 2016. Buckley explains the Fayal contribution is less than the franchise fees we receive. Chairman Tammaro requested more details on the budget. The budget is increasing for equipment.

GAS

Long Lake Gas Line project- They are working on obtaining easements. Pam Sarvela has been temporarily re assigned, the new contact is Dave Valine. Pam said no letters have been sent out. The process will not start until all of the easements are acquired or the project will not go.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

The next Public Utilities Commission meeting will be held July 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

- **Motion to adjourn the regular meeting made by Turner, support from O'Connor.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Dickson
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved

7.12.2016

