

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

**August 11, 2015 7:00 pm**

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

**ROLL** Present were: Dennis Pernu, Cal Turner, Greg Buckley and Chris Erickson. Donna O'Connor was absent. Also present, Town Chairman Tony Tamaro, Supervisor Rich Sather and recording secretary Diane Dickson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2015 with the correction to delete the line at the end of the first page a type o “The customers would have to be paid by the customer.” made by Erickson, second by Buckley. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GUESTS**

Chairman Tamaro reports of smells at the lift station H, have Dale check into charcoal filter. Dale has checked before and there was never a viable option.

Supervisor Sather nothing to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

July 2015 Water Wastewater Report. Placed on file.

Delinquency Report as of 7/27/2015 \$44,275. A significant decrease.

Pam Sarvela- update on Long Lake gas extension, project is on hold.

Brandon Larson St Louis County Auditor- Amortization Schedule Proposals, due to a special assessment program change. The calculation for determining principal and interest changed.

Brandon also found 49 parcels that have to have different calculations to get the total interest and principal according to the official amortization schedule.

- **Motion by Erickson to recommend the town board approve the schedule #1 with even payments spread out the last 5 years. Second by Turner. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

SCADA- The concrete is poured, the computer is in and will be sent to TPC. The towers and antennas are on order. Chairman Tamaro says there should be bills coming in. We will check with IRRRB and SEH regarding the submittal procedure so we get reimbursed.

Delinquency disconnects- Chairman Tamaro states he did not contact Scott Neff due to the shortage of staff in the office.

Erickson states the 2 issues he was to work on were, Scott Neff and changing the delinquent fees. Right now the delinquent are charged an additional \$88 and that's not much of an incentive to pay. He has learned that we can only charge the attorney fees if the signed sewer agreement gives us permission to do that. Not sure if that is correct so we will check into that, and if can we charge for an attorney used in conciliation court. Usually there are no attorneys in that court. Maybe, if we do go to conciliation court we would use staff.

Chris states we talked about changing the penalty from 10% to 20% after 3 months, but with the billing program it would be easier to charge 10% each month, and impose a \$200 certification fee, which would work out to be the same \$1,260 for the year opposed to \$684 if they pay on time. We are still checking into the certification module.

Chris talked to the League of MN Cities, they say we can charge a certification fee of \$200 for the cost of time reimbursement for the extra work to certify on taxes. Then we could keep our late fees at 10% per month. Our ordinance states certify or may file suit, so can we do both? Chris will send the questions to Tony and he can forward them to Scott Neff. We will still keep the disconnects on the table in case this doesn't work out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing new.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Clerk Coldagelli is working on a user friendly report. We will be making the big PFA payment in August. Chris explains loan #3 comes from the general operating, the Big and Diff Pt loan come from the debt service account. There are plenty of funds to cover the payment.

**CABLE**

No meeting.

**GAS**

*Gas line extension-* Ely Lake project is complete.

*Long Lake extension-* Pam sent an email saying the project is on hold.

**STREET LIGHTS**

Nothing else.

**SEWER**

All ready discussed.

**FYI**

Next PUC meeting will be held September 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion to adjourn by Pernu, support from Buckley. Motion carried unanimously.**  
Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Diane Dickson  
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk