

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2017

Immediately following the variance hearing for Ryan Turner. The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Pernu. Present were: Commissioners Dennis Pernu, Cal Turner, Greg Buckley, Chris Erickson and Deputy Clerk Diane Dickson. Amy Jackson was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro and Town Board Supervisor Pat Ziegler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the regular PUC meeting minutes of July 11, 2017 made by Greg Buckley, second from Cal Turner. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS

Town Board Chairman Tammaro and Town Board Supervisor Ziegler had nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report as of 7-24-17 \$19,367.39 last month was \$17,568. The 10% penalty is causing the delinquency to increase at a faster pace. Placed on file.

July Water Wastewater report was reviewed, the lead and copper samples have been done, we have customers willing to help out and we are grateful. Placed on file.

Media Com \$2,413.86 franchise fee payment. Placed on file.

Received a notice to file claims in the account we just wrote off. Wells Fargo is the current owner of the property. Diane will work on getting the contact information for billing.

OLD BUSINESS

TPC Telemetry and Process Controls, Inc.: Upgrade SCADA to provide extended pump run time alarm notifications. They are still planning for August 2017.

North Memorial Air Care- is putting in housing at the Eve/Virginia Airport in hangar #5. The airport is a commercial account. Ziegler stopped a couple of times but Gary wasn't there. Pat states they will have a meter for the water usage for the City of Eveleth. The project is moving along. Diane will find contact information for the account.

SCADA- IRC reported the big generator at the Town Hall needs repair or replacement.

340-xxxx-xx460- will go tax forfeited on Oct 3, 2017. Talk to SLC about the assessments.

NEW BUSINESS

Pine Dr, Old K & B location- sewer extension- Patrick Ziegler presented a plan to SEH and Chairman Tammaro to make a sewer extension for a new business at that location on August 2, 2017. He is asking the Town to assist in the IRRRB grant application. Tammaro reported there is time to get the grant application in to IRRRB. Once this gets going, if it does, we will hold a public hearing, Diane has a list of owners within 500' of the property. After the Town Board meeting, then we would have a public hearing with the Town Board and PUC, probably the last Tuesday of the month.

Pat Ziegler is looking at developing the corner and having the sewer run. He had Benchmark shoot all the elevations and they found out we can gravity feed all the way from the Hwy to the existing manhole and they proposed around \$86,000. If we get the IRRRB grant with matching funds there would be no cost to the Township. Cal asks who would own the line. Pat states the line would be turned over to the

Township it would be an 8" main. They are thinking maybe a moratorium for the three people who live there now. Pat Ziegler states he is not here as a supervisor he has stepped out of his role and is making a request as a citizen, asking for assistance from the Township. Chairman Tammaro states the only catch is Pat did a good job presenting the project, but for the three owners it is really not fair to force them to hook-up so he can build on the corner. Were probably going to catch some flack but that's okay. Diane checked with the county. Pat has talked to West's and Bird's but not Maloney yet. He is not looking to force them to connect to the sewer just get the sewer to the corner so his project can move forward. Cal asks we don't have to force them to hook up do we? Tony said we can say if when they sell or become out of compliance, then connect. Cal agrees the language allows that freedom. The ordinance does state if the municipal sewer goes by your property you will connect to the sewer. It does allow for discretion if the on-site sewer is compliant. We just re did the ordinance and we are covered in what we intend to do. If they sell or fall out of compliance then they must connect. Diane stated the County's rules state as long as there 10 year certificate of compliance is still good then there is no need for an inspection. Bird is still compliant, West and Maloney would have to have an inspection. The County's standards utilize the point of sale inspection. Non-conforming but still working are okay but they can't get a building permit without upgrading. Non-compliant system the county gives them 2 years to replace them. Dennis asks if they are going to extend the line any further. Pat states the manhole will be on the west side of the K & B parking lot so it would be there to go across the Hwy. then you wouldn't have to disturb the parking lot. SEH said if the job is under \$100,000 we do not have to go for bids, so they could break ground this year. Tony says we need the PUC to recommend move forward with the grant process. And then Tony will bring it to the Town Board meeting next week. Mike Larsen should have all of the paperwork going by then. We could end up with three SAC from the new development.

- **Motion by Cal Turner to recommend the Town Board proceed with the IRRRB grant application for the Pine Dr. Sewer Extension, second by Greg Buckley.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Sewer Access Charge- the ordinance states it will be charged when the sewer line goes by your property. Chairman Tammaro states we will deal with that within the moratorium. We have the option to give them a promissory note for whatever time period we would like. Tammaro asks where the access will be, Pat states on both the Hwy 53 and Pine Dr. property will be split, the first 200' will be a 3 acres parcel on the east side, and a 7.2 acres parcel.

Chairman Tammaro states we will probably end up having a special meeting possibly the last Tuesday of the August 2017. IRRRB will be meeting before the end of the month and they would like to have the application.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer report provided by Clerk Coldagelli as of 7-31-2017. Year to date.

FWC Beginning balance 1-2017 \$52,793.31 Revenues \$46,786.81 Expenditures \$34,993.72.

Current cash balance \$61,377.18.

FSC Beginning balance 1-2017 \$223,502.32 Revenues \$318,633.11 Expenditures \$328,043.82.

Current cash balance \$222,567.68.

Chris Erickson reported the Water Co. is cash flow positive and the Sewer Co. is very slightly negative and it is not a material item.

Chairman Tammaro would like to get a meeting with the Gilbert Mayor and see what is happening in the Sewer Department. So, we know what is coming. Chris reminds us part of our \$59 charge about \$5.70 is to repay a loan that will be paid off in 3-3.5 years that should help to offset whatever Gilbert will be charging.

CABLE

Nothing at this time.

GAS

Long Lake Gas Line project- They are continuing to make service connections.

Miller Trunk project-

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

FYI

Next PUC meeting will be September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Tammaro reports the road project will be starting the end of the month. The project came in \$150k under budget. So they will be grinding and overlaying the parking lots and putting in concrete where the recycle bins are and adding blacktop in front of the fire hall they will be doing some work by the back of the garage. They will be doing Shady LN, N Airport, Lakeside, Maple and Birch. We are not raising the taxes and we will follow SEH's plan for redoing the roads. We will try and pay it off as soon as possible. Then do the next batch of roads.

ADJOURNMENT


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

Chairman Pernu adjourned the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Dickson
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 9.12.2017


**PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR VARIANCE
August 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

Roll: Chairman Dennis Pernu, Commissioners Cal Turner, Greg Buckley, Chris Erickson & PUC Coordinator Diane Dickson. Absent: Amy Jackson.
Chairman Dennis Pernu called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Applicant is: Ryan Turner
Address of applicant: 7537 Park Lane Eveleth, MN 55734

PURPOSE:

Ryan is requesting a variance from Sewer Use Ordinance 98-1 requiring each structure to have a separate building sewer line and pay separate sewer user fees for each connection. Ryan is replacing the existing guest cabin and has made a connection to the sewer. He is requesting one monthly sewer service charge for his property.

GUESTS:

Dennis Pernu	4484 Woodlawn Blvd E
Cal Turner	7417 Ely Lake Dr
Greg Buckley	3829 Miller Trunk Rd
Chris Erickson	7303 Ely Lake Dr
Ryan Turner	7537 Park Lane
Tony Tammaro	4412 Maple Lane
Patrick Ziegler	4387 Golf Course Rd
Diane Dickson	4343 Golf Course Rd

INPUT: Will only be taken regarding this variance.

Cal Turner is Abstaining, Ryan is his son.

Buckley asks Ryan if he will be renting the cabin. Ryan states no, he will not be renting the cabin. The old cabin has been torn down and the new sewer is connected the cabin is roughed in.

- **Motion by Dennis Pernu to recommend the Town Board grant the variance for Ryan Turner with the normal variance stipulations, second by Chris Erickson.**
- **Ayes: Dennis Pernu, Greg Buckley, Chris Erickson**
- **Abstaining: Cal Turner**
- **Motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Dennis Pernu.

Chairman Pernu adjourned the variance hearing meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Dickson
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 9/12/2017
