

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005 7:00 P.M.  
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- **Motion by Campbell to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 9, 2005, second by Damberg. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

**GUEST**

*Steve Salzer 4459 Lakeside Dr* re: municipal water. Mr Salzer provided plat maps of his area. He is new to the area and is requesting the PUC to plan ahead and look at installing a water line into the area. Campbell remembers when they petitioned the area, 18 out of 22 wanted it. Since then several have installed new wells. Supervisor Tammaro states 10 years ago the engineers estimate to do the Lakeside loop was \$146,000. In 1999 we got estimates again. At this time there are no grants; low interest loans with assessments are available. PUC advised Mr. Salzer to bring in a petition in order to start the process. Campbell would be willing to help them.

*Brad Bodie 4475 Woodlawn Dr W. re: trees in the sewer easement.* Mr. Bodie provided a letter disagreeing with the violation. He disagrees with accuracy of the measurement, and feels the trees will not interfere with the sewer line. Campbell did go to the property and feels there is no hardship by moving the trees. Campbell recommends the PUC stand with their decision to have the trees removed. Campbell says the PUC will send a letter stating the decision has been made and if you disagree you can take the next step. Mr. Bodie states he will not remove the trees, he strongly disagrees with the decision and states the Township does not have permission to touch the trees.

*John Jamnick* from RLK is here on behalf of the City of Gilbert to discuss the proposed project the City is evaluating regarding the sewer in Differding Point and Cedar Island Dr. This is known as the Sparta area. This is not including the area on the west side of the tracks. Residents have petitioned the City to investigate what it will take to get sewer into this area.

Mr. Jamnick reviewed the meeting with Gilbert a month or so ago. A couple of members of the board the Mayor and the city clerks from Fayal and Gilbert met with John Jamnick to discuss

1. Coming up with an agreement on connections to the Fayal's line, and the city of Gilbert.
2. Come up with an agreement on our rates to avoid going into arbitration again, the agreement will expire in one and half years.

Mr. Jamnick is here today to work out the details. Gilbert has applied for CDBG grants. Campbell states at the last meeting it was understood this project will no way affect Fayals capacity going to the sewer plant. Kniefel asked how Fayal will be compensated. Our pipe has a value, Jamnick states the savings is \$600,000. Also, the sewer improvement fund Fayal has been paying is not to be spent on this project, its intent was to upgrade the plant. Jamnick feels we should look at a sewer district for water and sewer. Tower and Breiting Township each own and operate their own lines, then jointly operate the plants.

Our agreement expires the end of 2006. Kniefel recommends talking to a consultant, possibly Mary Francis.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MRWA –securing financing for small systems pre register by 9-21-05,

class will be Wed. 9-28 (8:30-3:30) St Cloud at the Kelly Inn. Placed on file.  
MN Dept of Health-Drinking water report- No Coliform Bacteria was found. Placed on file.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

General construction notes #2 – 20’ wide easement area. A copy was provided.

- **Motion by Campbell to send Mr Bodie a letter stating the decision was unanimous to stand with the original and final decision to clear the 20’ sewer easement of all trees. He will have until Novemeber 1, 2005. Support from Damberg. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

Copy of the letter sent to J. Tomsich re: removal of tree in the right-of-way. The Township sent a letter stating the tree will be removed. Dale will call for quotes.

Kaleva – The house is going to be occupied, it has not run since it froze. Campbell and Kingston met with Rod Flannigan from Benchmark engineering. He was to provide a proposal to Bertucci, we are still waiting. Talk to Kingston and have him call Benchmark. Kelly states Flannigan said the gravity line must be 10’ from the well.

### **SEWER**

The county has been called re: Josephson property on Long Lake.

The old house on the Cazin property has been torn down on Park.

Re-check on the property’s not connected to the sewer. Kueten is on this list.

Dale has most of the sewer mainline easement area’s cleared.

Bone is still not connected. He will have to make a new connection to make grade.

### **WATER**

High water pressure on mainline, the regulator stuck. This was replaced, Dale got a couple of estimates to install a new by pass, it will be about \$7,500 to put the valves in and by pass the pressure reducing valve for maintenance.

Swanson will be making a new water connection next week. They are having the tech school build them a new house. Christianson Construction is the contractor.

Gary Malenius was charged a WAC. The Townboard agreed to remove the late fees and allow him to pay off the WAC on a promisary note. Judy will set it up.

### **TREASURER**

Report was read by Campbell. (See attached) The PUC is not doing well. FSC went (-1,786) after the PFA payment was made. Both FWC and FSC are slightly in the black. Unpaid bills are still about \$15,000. We have a few customers that have never paid, this makes the delinquency amount climb. Most customers catch up at the end of the year.

### **CABLE**

Bertucci reports cable has lost as much as 40% of their customers. Our franchise fee will reflect this loss.

### **GAS**

Nothing at this time.

### **STREET LIGHTS**

Nothing at this time.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY DAMBERG, SECOND BY TROUTWINE.**

**ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart  
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk