

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

September 9, 2014 7:00 pm

Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL Present were: Chairman Peter Bertucci, Dennis Pernu, Greg Buckley, John Damberg and Donna O'Connor Also present Town Chairman, Tony Tamaro, recording secretary Diane Dickson and Chris Erickson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2014 made by Dennis Pernu second by Greg Buckley.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS

Town board chairman Tony Tamaro reports Thursday at 8:00 a.m. they will be meeting with Pam Sarvela from the Gas Company and the contractor regarding the upcoming gas line extension. They are thinking 3 weeks to start the project.

Chairman Tamaro reports Hometown was doing an inspection and found 2 of the indestructible solar panels are shattered. They are working with Silicon Energy, it is a warranty issue. It will be a huge project to replace the panels.

Chris Erickson, introduced himself he has volunteered to be on the Public Utilities Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from John Damberg he is in the process of getting his home ready for sale. He will be leaving the area. As of September 9, 2014 he is resigning from the Public Utilities Commission. He has enjoyed his years of service and will miss working with everyone and serving his community.

The Commissioners thanked John for all his years of service and wished him good luck on his new endeavors.

- **Motion by O'Connor to recommend the Town Board approve Chris Erickson as a public utilities commissioner, second by Pernu.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

July 2014 Water Wastewater Report. Chairman Tamaro discussed the big storm we had in July. We had major outages and 2 of the lift stations suffered damage from trees breaking the power poles and tearing the power out of the lift stations. We were down for a long time and thankfully no sewer backups. The fire dept. came out to help cut trees so we could gain access to these two lift stations by Horseshoe/Long Lake.

Sirens- Chairman Tamaro reported the sirens didn't go off because no one called the Virginia Fire Dept to tell them. Bertucci asks why the weather alerts don't go directly to set off the alarms. By the time we knew about it the storm was over.

Dale worked all week cleaning up trees and getting the lift stations up and running normal.

August 2014 Water Wastewater Report.

Delinquency report as of 8/2014 \$40,084

7/14/2014 tax payments rcvd \$4,555.97

OLD BUSINESS

Upgrade the Lift station radio telemetry Alarm/Monitoring SCADA system. We have had several phone calls from SEH but no proposal yet.

Bertucci wants everyone to prepare for another bad winter. Think about frozen waterlines maybe covering lines with hay, mark shut offs, get certificate of insurance from companies that intend to thaw waterlines.

NEW BUSINESS

Kay Dechambeau is requesting some sort of discount, even if it's small, for people on social security she only gets \$1000 a month. Town board has referred it to the PUC. PUC feels bad but feel there is nothing they can do, our financials are not looking good. Maybe there is a county program that could offer help.

TREASURER REPORT

Sewer Co. revenues YTD \$279,308.34 expenditures YTD \$321,183.75 cash bal \$88,755.28 8-1-14

Water Co revenues YTD \$49,308.66 expenditures YTD \$109,026.73 cash bal. \$24,531.36 8-1-14

Buckley asks about the transfers in and out. I told him to call Clerk Sersha for details. They are concerned there is more going out than coming in. They are going to look at raising the rates. The Walker, Giroux, and Hahne recommended raising the rates yearly.

Donna O'Connor would like Greg Buckley to be the treasurer, because he works with numbers.

CABLE

Nothing at this time.

GAS

Gas line extension- Pam is planning on a meeting at the town hall. This Thursday 9-11-14 at 8:00am. They are planning on starting within a couple of weeks.

STREET LIGHTS

Bertucci would like to try an LED street light, maybe here at the town hall.

FYI

Next PUC meeting October 8, 2014 @ 7:00 pm.

November meeting 2014 –

The 4th is Election Day no meeting held. Town board meeting day.

The 11th is a holiday Veteran's day.

November we will change the meeting date to Wednesday the 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Buckley says we should review the ordinance and change it if need be for the variance procedure. The variance list was printed for the commissioners to review before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pernu, support from O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Dickson
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk