

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2008 7:00 P.M.
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

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

ROLL present were: Bertucci, M. Erjavec, Pernu & Campbell. Water Wastewater operator Dickson, and recording secretary Stewart. Also present Town Board Supervisor Branville & Tammaro. Damberg & Troutwine were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion by Campbell to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 18, 2008, second by Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion by Erjavec to approve the March 18, 2008 Rostvit public hearing minutes, second by Pernu. Discussion Rostvit has not produced photos and drawings. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS

Judy Sersha Fayal Clerk/Treasurer- asks for questions.

Sewer -Campbell asks about the cash. Judy explains the checking balance has the accumulated funds in the check book for maintenance contingency, sewer access charges, depreciation, sewer replacement & a cash balance of \$56,145. The cash balance will be paying a part of the August Loan payment on the third loan. Sewer rates we increased anticipating the increase from Gilbert from \$3.50 to \$3.90 also medical insurance and fuel has increased. At this point we are not in need of increasing the rates. All of our depreciation is being funded. Looking at the 2007 year ends we are spending about \$25,000 per month for sewer.

Water-Eveleth fee will be \$2.76 per thousand + \$75 per month. Judy explains the checking balance has the accumulated funds in the check book for standby water, water access charges, maintenance contingency, depreciation not in a CD, water test fees, & a cash balance of \$13,101. Water access charges are for expansion, the water line loan is \$236.41, deducted monthly. All of the depreciation is being funded.

Public Utilities- Funded by franchise fee's with a cash balance of \$6,933.

The standby water fees are in CD's but they have not been designated.

Eric Jankila – He is planning to build and needs to know what direction the sewer line will be coming from ASAP.

- **Motion by Campbell to recommend to the Town board to have SEH Engineering do the surveying of O'Laughlin and sewer project to the extent of approximately \$2,000, to start ASAP, Second by Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Donna O'Connor has volunteered to be on the Public Utility Commission. She is an environmental specialist who works with sewer and septic.

- **Motion by Erjavec to recommend the Town board appoint Donna O'Connor to fill the empty position that will run for 3 years, second by Pernu. Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

O'Laughlin water line- Ms Kennedy would like to have a workgroup session on Tues April 22 @ 10:00 am. Then hold the Preliminary public hearing on Tuesday May 13, 2008, before the regular

PUC meeting. O’Laughlin water line is not up to ten-state standards, we have received a matching grant from IRRB for this project.

We will post the workgroup session saying there may or may not be a quorum present. The PUC has been put in charge of the Preliminary Public Hearing.

Eveleth water-Nothing new still waiting for the ground to thaw.

Kaleva Sewer- Nothing new still waiting for the ground to thaw

NEW BUSINESS

Set new rates. Erjavec reports on redesigning the rate structure. All of the fixed costs are paid by everyone, a 10% mark up on all parts of the business, and the usage rates are per gallon. Have the new system in place and ready to change at the end of this year.

Appoint new commissioners. Review and update list. Troutwine will renew. Campbell is done.

SEWER

Dickson reports Lift station S has been leaking. Had the seams sealed.

WATER

Nothing to report at this time.

TREASURER REPORT

The first quarter 2008 financial report was provided and reviewed by Clerk/Treasurer Sersha.

CABLE

Nothing to report at this time.

GAS

Nothing to report at this time.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing to report at this time.

FYI

Next PUC meeting will be May 13, 2008 immediately following the Preliminary Public Hearing for the O’Laughlin Water line project that starts @ 7:00 p.m.

- **Motion by Campbell second by Erjavec to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart
Town of Fayal
Recording secretary