

# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

October 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Amy Jackson. Present were Commissioners: Amy Jackson, Ed Vest, and Gina Brascugli. Recording secretary Diane Dickson and Chris Erickson were attending via a conference call. Greg Buckley was absent. Also present: Town board chairman Tony Tamaro.

Due to a technical issue Diane and Chris were attending via a conference call from Amy. Heidi bought 2 lines and they were both logged into the Fire Department meeting.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the regular PUC meeting minutes of September 8, 2020 made by Ed Vest, second by Gina Brascugli. Chris voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

## GUESTS

Tony nothing at this time.

## CORRESPONDENCE

*Delinquency Reports* as of 9-25-2020 \$16,047.29. Next month report will show the certified amounts removed. Tony asks if people can still come in and pay off delinquent, yes Diane would make adjustments in the billing side and Heidi would send a letter to the county and have it removed. When the county posts, then it is too late.

*September Water Wastewater Report*- was reviewed and place on file. Tony reported Rick is doing a good job. He is not carrying the pager yet, he has not been trained. Gina asks what was going on Airport Rd. Diane states MN Pump is here doing the lift station inspections and the Great Lakes Pipe is here cleaning the sewer lines.

## OLD BUSINESS

*Certify* list has been sent to the St Louis County Auditor to be placed on the tax role payable 2021 \$11,496.40 as of 9-29-20 and removed in the Utility Billing program.

*SEH Matt Reid Horseshoe Lake Sewer Extension* - Jola and Sopp is expected to begin sometime in October or November. IRRRB meeting was held. Fayal will receive up to a 90% gran, 50 % upfront and as the people are connecting we will have more requests for reimbursements. The \$5,000 for SEH engineering will have to be paid by Fayal for the drawings and paperwork. We got a great deal. I think we have 3 or 4 people who will be connecting. It will be done in about a week.

*TPC Telemetry & Process Controls, Inc.* Diane has been in contact with Charlie they are ready to install the new SCADA computer this month.

*Great Lakes Pipe Services*-Cleaning and Televising section 3 which is the area south of Ely Lake, Woodlawn, Park Dr. They are done cleaning and then it will take a couple of weeks to televise. They will provide us with the disks and print outs. Rick reported the televising was going well.

*GIS SEH*-Matt dropped off a new copy of maps for our review. Ed would like us to bring the maps to the next PUC meeting.

*Access to Availability Ord 98-1 & 98-2*- review to update wording from Access to Availability. Heidi and Diane are working on it. We want to take our time and get it all at one time due to the amount of work to review and re-write the Resolution and Ordinances. Tony reports Heidi asked if we are looking at anything else to make all of the changes at one time due to the work. Amy would like to get a committee and sit down and walk through everything line by line.

Possibly have computer access to update and compare things. It has to be read at 3 meetings before approval then it must be published which is about \$150. Diane says a committee is two people. Chris is not able to help due to his work load. Amy will be willing to help but she won't be able this week. Amy will check with Greg and come up with a couple of blocks of time to work on this and we could even start with a conference call. We are going to take more time and cover all the following. Ed is willing to help if Greg cannot. Amy says the small committee will discuss and then each piece can be put on the agenda and the entire PUC can talk about each part.

*SAC Resolution 2018-13 & 2000-14*-when to impose the charges connection vs the splitting / creation of a lot. Presently we are saying when the lot is subdivided. Our subcommittee be working on it and then bring it to the PUC.

*Twin homes 98-2*- Review regarding twin homes, apartments etc. the sewer connection charges SAC. Ed says we don't have any at this time but we don't want to be dealing with it when a contractor is sitting at the table. The subcommittee will read thru this when they are meeting and bring it to the PUC.

*State of MN/ Eveleth Gravel Pit*- Nothing new.

## NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new at this time.

## TREASURER REPORT

Chris did not see the current numbers. Chris did bring report when we moved the depreciation account to the 4M Fund it was making more money, now with CoVid interest rates have collapsed even on this money market fund. It is now paying .02% Chris was talking to Matt Uhan who owns the Gilbert bank and he came up with a deal for savings accounts between \$200k and \$500K he is willing to pay .75% which is not huge but it would be a couple of grand interest that we wouldn't be getting. No term commitments with Gilbert Bank. Chris is wondering how everyone feels about that. Tony says we would have to make them one of our depositories right now it is the Miners Bank. Chris should talk to Heidi. Amy agrees we should look into it.

Report provided by Clerk Coldagelli as of 8-31-2020. Year to date. FWC Beginning balance 2020 \$52,690.12 Revenues \$ 54,383.34 Expenditures \$53,910.43 Cash balance \$49,842.10.

FSC Beginning balance 2020 \$185,921.48 As of 8-31-20 Revenues \$425,361.32 Expenditures \$456,201.67 Cash balance \$174,168.08.

Depreciation 4M Fund \$227,497.89 (2,699.04 int.) PUC Truck Depreciation 4M Fund \$24,903.02 (269.90 int.)

PUC Beginning balance \$0 As of 8-31-2020 Revenues \$7,521.39 Expenditures \$7,463.47. Current cash balance \$57.92.

As of 9-30-20 FWC Beginning balance 2020 \$52,690.12 Revenues \$ 60,915.26 Expenditures \$62,355.88 Cash balance \$48,272.01.

FSC Beginning balance 2020 \$185,921.48 As of 9-30-20 Revenues \$502,827.49 Expenditures \$515,903.70 Cash balance \$162,932.21.

PUC Beginning balance \$0 As of 9-30-2020 Revenues \$7,521.39 Expenditures \$7,542.57. Cash bal \$-21.18.

Chris states the Water and Sewer Co. both look to be in balance, so everything is good.

- **Motion by Ed Vest to approve the Treasurers Report, second by Gina Brascugli.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## CABLE

Nothing at this time.

## STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

## FYI

Next PUC meeting will be Tuesday November 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

- **Motion by Gina Brascugli to adjourn the meeting, second by Ed Vest. Motion carried unanimously.**

Vice Chairman Amy Jackson adjourned the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Dickson

Fayal Township Deputy Clerk

PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 11.10.2020

