

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

OCTOBER 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Present were Commissioners: Ed Vest, Chris Erickson, Gina Brascugli and recording secretary Diane Dickson. Amy Jackson attended via conference call.com.

Also in attendance were Town Board Chairman Tony Tamaro and Dave Hamalainen.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Chairman Ed Vest would like to add Base Elbows repairs at lift station E-1 \$5,296. and City of Eveleth Gravel pit property to the agenda.

GUESTS

Dave Hamalainen has sent in his letter requesting to re-join the Public Utilities Commission. He has previously served as a PUC Commissioner. He worked as a wastewater and water operator at Hibbing Taconite. He has resided in Fayal Township for many years.

Chairman Tony Tamaro nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the regular PUC meeting minutes of September 14, 2021 made by Amy Jackson, second by Chris Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE

9-15-21 Letter from David Hamalainen expressing interest in rejoining the Fayal PUC.

- **Motion by Gina Brascugli to recommend the Town Board approve David Hamalainen as a new PUC Commissioner, second by Chris Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

Delinquency Reports as of 9-24-2021 \$5,770.10 due to the \$10,054.85 certified and adjusted off of the accounts.

Certified ~ Clerk Coldagelli Certified with St Louis County Auditor 9 accounts Totaling \$10,054.85 plus \$1,800 for the Certification fee. Chairman Tamaro asks if people still have time to pay off. Diane explained the list has been sent to the county but at this time the county has not attached it to the tax role. If someone comes in and pays Heidi sends a letter requesting that account to be pulled from the list and not certified. The \$210.10 account the owner passed away and no one is paying the bill. Diane called everyone on the list and some say they are coming to pay, but don't. Ed questions how the certification process works. Each year delinquent customers past due amount is certified to the County tax role payable the next year. Unpaid taxes after 5 years start the foreclosure process. If they don't pay the sewer bill the next year that amount is pulled off of Fayal's billing accounts and certified on the County's tax role for the next year. Each year a new certified amount is tracked by the year. Eventually the account will be paid when they pay their taxes or the home goes for back taxes. Tony reports we did try the RCB collection agency and that did not work out for us. Amy states RCB takes a large amount after so many days they take 50%. Tony states we are getting 10% per month for the year plus \$200 to certify.

September Water Wastewater Report. Report was reviewed. Ed asks about LS A-1 techs from MN Pump works believe there is no immediate danger of bearing failure, continue to monitor it. LS S has been degraded Diane had sent out notes to the people in the neighborhood saying Do Not Flush any type as much.

OLD BUSINESS

Access to Availability Ord 98-1 & 98-2~Diane provided a copy with mark-ups to update wording from *Access to Availability and SAC Resolution 2018-13 & 2000-14- Twin homes 98-2*. Ed has been reviewing it but not ready to present it. Subdivisions of land and multi-unit development wording.

American Rescue Plan Act~ The Town has received half of the funds. Tony states we are waiting to hear about the water at the ball field, gazebo, A-1 pump was paid for \$26,000.

Dennis Longar Split- The SAC of \$6625 has been paid in full.

Certification Fee-Clerk Coldagelli is working on the cost estimate report for the certification time.

Zebra Mussels in municipal water- No one has mentioned anything from the City of Eveleth.

Great Lakes Pipe Service ~ line cleaning, next time we have to notify the residents ahead of time of possible equipment in their yard. Tony watched them clean the line he was very impressed with the operation. Diane states if your house has a venting issue and the toilet lid in not shut, it can come into the house we have had about one issue per year.

NEW BUSINESS

L. S. E-1 Base Elbows repair ~ Rick's report states the base elbows at lift station E-1 \$5,296 it was recommended by the MN Pump to repair. Gina is questioning the breakdown of the quote. Diane will get the quote out to the PUC.

- **Motion by Amy Jackson to recommend the Town Board use the American Rescue Fund to repair the base Elbows at Lift Station E-1 quote of \$5,296, second by Chris Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

Gravel Pit ~ City of Eveleth Gravel pit property is for sale and there is an offer to purchase. Ed is questioning if the city paid the SAC. Diane states the City of Eveleth paid for several of them at the beginning of the sewer project. The property has not closed the prospective owner has talked to IRRRB and they told him come back when he is the owner. I advised him to reach out to the Township before getting to deep in plans to confirm everything is viable.

Street Light Hwy 53 ~ Tony noticed the power was ripped out of a street light on Hwy 53 with the construction project. He is wondering if it is Fayal's or the States. Amy said she can check on that.

TREASURER REPORT

Chris asks when will we see the water rate increased revenue. Diane states the bill due in October will show the increase. The rate changed for the water used in September. Chris is hoping the water will come back into balance soon, there was a deficit in September. The Sewer Co. there was a \$26,000 depreciation charge in September which also puts Sept. in a negative cash flow. Chris will ask Heidi if it is for the pump. Tony said we would get that back because it was American Rescue Act Funds. Otherwise, it was looking good.

Clerk Coldagelli provided the financial report as of 9-30-2021 Year to date.

FWC Beginning balance 2021 \$38,907.11 Revenues \$64,243.93 Expenditures \$83,338.38.

Cash balance \$17,658.12. Depreciation CD bal. \$101,154.48.

FSC Beginning balance 2021 \$93,291.30 Revenues \$585,109.24 Expenditures \$609,995.86.

Cash balance \$34,265.43. Depreciation CD \$268,372.14 (\$874.25 2020 int.) PUC Truck Depreciation CD \$30,318.31 (\$89.21 2020 int.) Assessment Savings Balance \$425,121.64.

PUC Beginning balance 2021 \$15.85 Revenues \$7,974.09 Expenditures \$7,599.96 Cash bal. \$389.98.

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

CABLE

Nothing new.

STREET LIGHTS

Street Light on Hwy 53 has been damaged. Amy will check who owns it/

FYI

Next PUC meeting will be held November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Motion to adjourn by Chris Erickson, second by Amy Jackson.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Diane Dickson
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 11.9.2021

