

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commissioners was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Ed Vest. Present were Commissioners: Ed Vest, Chris Erickson, Gina Brascugli and Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro.

Amy Jackson arrived at 7:25 p.m. Absent: recording secretary Diane Dickson.

Choose a new Chairman for the PUC. Ed says they will wait for Amy Jackson to arrive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the regular PUC meeting minutes of August 10, 2021 made by Chris Erickson, second by Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS

Chairman Tony Tammaro nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports as of 8-24-2021 \$16,110.03. Reviewed and placed on file.

Town Board approved the list of Utility Charges to be Certified with St Louis County Auditor to 10 accounts Totaling \$11,706.93 plus \$2,000 for the Certification fee. One more said the check is in the mail and it will be removed when we get the payment.

- **Motion by Chris Erickson to approve the list, minus anyone who pays, of ten names and have Clerk Heidi Coldagelli Certify the delinquencies to the County, if anyone pays prior to the list being certified then they would remove the \$200 fee. Second by Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**

August Water Wastewater Report. Tony reports lift station A-1 had the new pump installed by MN Pump Works, the job went well. Ed states the generators were out when they had an 8-hour power outage. Tony talked about possibly getting a couple of generators to have put in place if we could use the American Rescue money. Rick will bring a proposal to the PUC.

Email from St Louis County with assistance that is available to St. Louis County residents.

MN Commerce MN Water Assistance Program. We will send out with the bills. This is available through AEOA.

OLD BUSINESS

Access to Availability Ord 98-1 & 98-2~Diane previously provided a copy of them with mark-ups to update wording from *Access to Availability and SAC Resolution 2018-13 & 2000-14- Twin homes 98-2*. Ed says we need to make sure we follow the State Statute regarding the mother in-law apartment, which is different when they are renting out an apartment then it should be two monthly payments.

MN Pump Works for Lift Station A-1 ~ Pump has been replaced.

American Rescue Plan Act~ New Cares Act name. Tony said we have received half of the money. Ed is concerned with the water in St Mary's Lake due to the zebra mussels in Ely Lake, the City of Eveleth will have to filter for zebra mussels.

Dennis Longar Split- The SAC has been attached to the new account. They need an update on how it is being paid if it is on a payment plan or not.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed states the zebra mussels in our water system and what is the City of Eveleth going to do.

Tony believes the certification fee for the delinquent assessment could be raised due to the amount of extra time that is spent tracking the delinquent utilities.

- **Motion by Chris Erickson to have Clerk Heidi Coldagelli put together a cost estimate to see how much time is being spent per year on certifications and report that cost to the PUC, second by Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Coldagelli provided the financial report as of 8-31-2021 Year to date. Chris Erickson reported the Water Co, has been cash flow negative this year. The rate increase should help that. The Sewer Co. is running cash flow neutral. No action should be taken on rates or finances at this time.

7:25 pm Amy Jackson arrives.

FWC Beginning balance 2021 \$38,907.11 Revenues \$56,888.09 Expenditures \$73,228.13.

Cash balance \$20,456.53. Depreciation CD bal. \$101,154.48.

FSC Beginning balance 2021 \$93,291.30 Revenues \$531,138.92 Expenditures \$532,135.50.

Cash balance \$64,780.47. Depreciation CD \$268,372.14 (\$874.25 2020 int.) PUC Truck Depreciation CD \$30,318.31 (\$89.21 2020 int.) Assessment Savings Balance \$413,916.47.

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

PUC Beginning balance 2021 \$15.85 Revenues \$5,118.20 Expenditures \$5,219.96 Cash bal. \$-85.91.

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

Ed nominated Amy to be the new Chairman. Amy nominated Ed to be the new Chairman. Amy said she would but she said it is not going to work out with her job at this time.

- **Motion by Chris Erickson to make Ed Vest the Chairman of the PUC, second by Amy Jackson. Amy is the Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.**

CABLE

Cable rates are high and people are using streaming services that are more economical.

STREET LIGHTS

Nothing at this time.

FYI

Next PUC meeting will be held October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Motion to adjourn by Amy Jackson, second by Gina Brascugli.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Transcribed by,



Diane Dickson
Fayal Township Deputy Clerk
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 10.12.2021
