

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Present in person were Commissioners Ed Vest and Amy Jackson. Commissioner Gina Brascugli was present via conference call. Commissioners Chris Erickson and Dave Hamalainen were absent. Audience member in attendance was Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the agenda, made by Amy Jackson, supported by Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022, made by Amy Jackson, supported by Ed Vest. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports as of 1-25-2022 \$10,544.85. Several on the list have already paid.

January Water/Wastewater Report- Two new individuals serving on the pager, but have also lost a few.

OLD BUSINESS

Access to Availability Ord 98-1 & 98-2 & Access to Availability and SAC Resolution 2018-13 & 2000-14-Twin homes- Chairman Vest has not had an opportunity to work on this yet, but would like to get it done soon.

American Rescue Plan Act- Use of the funds has been revised to include that all funds can be deemed as lost revenues, which opens up the ability to use the funds.

Waterline- Three engineer's estimates were provided from SEH. Estimates included a waterline loop, coming down Park Drive for a ballfield connection and then the final estimate was connecting the ballfield from Woodlawn Drive East. The survey sent to residents regarding a waterline loop, received very little interest. Discussion regarding cost. Suggestion from Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro to consider there may be available grants. Commissioner Jackson supported looking at grant opportunities and doing what's best for the community. Discussion regarding options. Will revisit next month for Commissioners' Hamalainen and Erickson thoughts.

Zebra Mussels in Ely Lake- Chairman Vest discussed that he spoke with the DNR and likely a filtration system will need to be installed. The DNR will not allow the aqueduct to be opened until further testing is done to check for spread to St. Mary's Lake. Eveleth is looking at the possibility of tapping into the mining pit's water supply and channeling that water into St. Mary's Lake. The DNR may be able to work with the mine to discuss the likelihood of this project.

MN Pump Works- Base elbows E-1 have been completed.

Estimate Fee- The current \$3.00 fee is not encouraging people to read the meter. Clerk Coldagelli informed the Commissioners that the report that she reviewed reflects approximately 25 individuals that had received estimate fees. There are only a few water customers that do not send regular water meter readings. There are about a dozen or so snowbirds that zero usage is manually entered in for. Clerk Coldagelli recommended that an increase of \$5.00 would seem more reasonable.

- **Motion to increase the estimate fee to \$5.00, made by Amy Jackson, supported by Gina Brascugli.**
The increase would take effect in 60 days pending Town Board approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Reschedule March 8th Monthly Meeting due to Annual Town Meeting-

- **Motion to reschedule the meeting to March 15th at 7:00 PM, made by Amy Jackson, supported by Ed Vest. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

PUC Vacancy- Chris Erickson is willing to renew his term.

- **Motion to accept Chris Erickson's renewal, made by Ed Vest, supported by Amy Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER REPORT- Awaiting audit completion for figures. Clerk Coldagelli will have December-February for the next meeting.

CABLE- Fourth quarter franchise fee payment has been received for \$2,832.85. Discussion regarding how many customers does Mediacom have.

STREET LIGHTS- Light is still burnt out. There are supply chain issues impacting replacement.

Clerk Coldagelli updated the Commission that the Town Board is hiring for a PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk at 25 hours per week. She has received four applications already and the position closes on February 15th. There is no medical or dental insurance available. Should have a new individual hired within the next month.

- **Motion to adjourn by Amy Jackson, second by Ed Vest.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Heidi Coldagelli

Town of Fayal Clerk/Treasurer

Approved 4-12-2022