

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

JULY 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present in person are Commissioners Dave Hamalainen, and Gina Brascugli. Absent are Commissioner's Amy Jackson and Chris Erickson. Audience members in attendance are Town Board Chairman Tony Tamaro, Mark and Ginny Craddock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2022 made by Chairman Ed Vest and supported by Commissioner Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- Mark and Ginny Craddock inform the Township that they have had conversations with Patrick Ziegler about installing a waterline to their home off of the existing water line main on Woodlawn. Mr. Ziegler finds it feasible to run the waterline strait along the north side of the Ballfield over to Mr. Craddock's house and hook up to the main at Woodlawn. Mr. Craddock is seeking an easement from the Township on the north side of the Ballfield for the installation of this waterline. Mr. Zeigler is ready to do this work and anticipates that the project could be completed by Labor Day. Discussion that Mr. Craddock's existing water comes from a sand point and this system is old and failing, home was built in 1957. This is a family-owned cabin and they need to improve the water situation. Cost of waterline would be shared by their family. Town Board Chairman Tony Tamaro informs the PUC that the Township can work on the easement, Mr. Craddock will have to pay a \$3,500.00 water access fee. The Township feels it's very doable project. Mr. Craddock intends on being at the Town Board Meeting scheduled for July 19th, 2022 at 7:00p.m. The cost of the easement through the attorney will be at Mr. Craddock's expense. Mr. Craddock's home is located on W Park Blvd. Discussion if the property in which to be excavated for waterline is already marked, there is a meander line that needs to remain intact, the Township will need to locate the property pins. Township Foreman Jason Latvaaho can work on this. Discussion about the meander line is used for platting and surveying by the St. Louis County.

- **Motion made to support Mr. and Mrs. Craddock installing a waterline to their home made by Chairman Ed Vest and supported by Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion about the Township installing a waterline to the Ballfield at the same time the work is being done for Mr. Craddock. The Township would like a small hydrant so that there is some water at the Ballfield. The Township will need to draft the easement in such a way that the easement is a workable easement for the Township and Mr. Craddock. Town Board Chairman Tony Tamaro suggests that the Township use some money from the ARPA to fund this project. Discussion if we need someone to design this waterline or if the work could just be done at the same time as Mr. Craddock's line placement. Work can be done at the same time.

- **Motion made by Chairman Ed Vest that the PUC recommends to the Town Board that the Township installs a water line to the Ballfield at the same time that Mr. Craddock's line is being installed and supported by Commissioner Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion if that line will be at a cost of the taxpayers; no, the Township would use the ARPA funds. The waterline would be metered and have a separate shut off/curb stop.

CORRESPONDENCE-

Delinquency Reports- As of 6-29-22 \$17,474.51. Several on the list have already paid or made partial payments. Discussion regarding the high unpaid bills. PUC Coordinator Rebecca Waldorf shared with the committee that the Township does attach a 10% late payment fee and a \$200.00 certification fee, these fees generally result in doubling the amount owed by the resident and the Township always gets the money back when its certified to the residents taxes. Chairman Tony Tammaro questioned if the Township has received their first allotment of money from prior delinquent utility bills certified to the property owner's taxes, PUC Coordinator Rebecca Waldorf shared, yes, we have received payments but I am not aware of exact numbers. Likely, this information will be available for next month's meeting. Will get more detailed information from Township Clerk Heidi Coldagelli.

Treasurer Report- May treasurer report, discussion that the report doesn't reflect like we are in any sort of trouble financially, Commissioner Chris Erickson is absent and Chairman Ed Vest wondered if Commissioner Chris Erickson had any comments to share at the meeting. Commissioner Chris Erickson did not.

- **Motion to approve Treasurer Report made by Chairman Ed Vest and supported by Gina Brasculgi. Motion carried unanimously.**

June Water/Wastewater Report- Discussion about the hair and rags at lift station I-1, wondering what kind of rags are being flushed. Discussion about putting in another memo in the bills regarding flushing wipes.

Updated NEM rates from MN Power- Discussion on what NEM rate is and the use of the Solar Panels behind the Township offices. The Solar panels are still working and Chairman Tony Tammaro is working to find other panels, the current panels are obsolete.

Garage Floor Drains/Sewer Ordinance Articles- Articles provided in regards to prior discussions about garage floor drains. Discussion that these articles don't specifically cite garage floor drains. The Articles reference all connections to the sewer. Discussion if the PUC wishes to have the Ordinance reflect garage floor drains specifically or not. Discussion that in the past it was recommended that the garage floor drains be hooked up to the sewer and there are quite a few residents that did do this. Discussion if the PUC wants to make changes to the existing Ordinance or not. No further discussion.

SEH Sewer Line estimates- this information was provided to show the proposed sewer line maps for the Ballfield area including Mr. Craddock.

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. Discussion regarding developments and parcel splits. Chairman Vest suggests that the Township consider this an assessment versus an access charge, depending on how it works out to receive payment, either when property is sold or at the time it is split.

Brad Scott St. Mary's Lake Development- Mr. Scott met with the Town Board, no new information as Mr. Scott was unable to supply the Town Board with a development plan from Benchmark at the time of the Town Board meeting. PUC would like to see those plans when they become available. Chairman Ed Vest would like to see the records of who paid the Sewer Access Assessment fee on this parcel of land. PUC Coordinator Rebecca Waldorf to find this information. Discussion on how many lots Mr. Scott plans to parcel out. Discussion if Gilbert can handle the additional incoming sewer treatment, response from Jill Zallar at the City of Gilbert was received and yes, the Gilbert city system can handle the proposed 22 homes.

Zebra mussels in Ely Lake- no further update

MPL/Planned MN Power Outage- waiting to hear more information on this from Commissioner Amy Jackson. April callout, Meter #B560649 Lift Station B on 4-27-22 at 3:16 p.m.

Street Light- 53 and Miller Trunk is still not working, it's been out for a while and Commissioner Amy Jackson was to be checking on this. Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro informed the PUC that the light is still burnt out as of July 11th, 2022. Discussion on who's responsibility is it to fix this light, Township or MnDOT. The PUC would like to know who pays for the use of the street lights, PUC Coordinator Rebecca Waldorf to find out who pays the bills for the lights and who is responsible for fixing them.

NEW BUSINESS

Reschedule the August PUC meeting- Primary Elections on August 9th, 2022, PUC unable to meet that night. Discussion on what dates and times are available. PUC chose to hold next meeting on Tuesday August 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Will also need to reschedule the November PUC meeting, possible date Tuesday Nov. 1st, 2022.

- **Motion to approve August 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 as the next PUC meeting date made by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Gina Brascugli. Motion carried unanimously.**

Next PUC meeting to be held on August 2nd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Gina Brascugli Motion carries unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Rebecca Waldorf

Town of Fayal PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 8.2.22