

# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present in person are Commissioners Amy Jackson, Dave Hamalainen, and Gina Brascugli. Absent is Commissioner Chris Erickson. Audience members in attendance are Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022 made by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Commissioner Amy Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.**

## CORRESPONDENCE-

Delinquency Reports - As of 7-26-22 \$15,644.53. No real concerning changes. In June the Township received about \$6,000.00 back from certifying delinquent utility charges to resident's taxes and will receive another lump sum in December 2022.

Treasurer Report - June treasurer report, discussion regarding Heidi's note about the bills she has had to pay out and expenses of personnel.

- **Motion to approve Treasurer Report made by Commissioner Amy Jackson and supported by Chairman Ed Vest. Motion carried unanimously.**

July Water/Wastewater Report - Discussion about lift station H and the odor exhausting from it.

MnPower Rate Change - Commissioner Amy Jackson explains that the Township has now been moved to On Demand charges for electricity. This means that we are using more than 2,500 kWh or our peak kW is more than 10 for three consecutive months. We will be charged at whatever the highest spike is for that month. Something is causing a peak in electricity. Commissioner Amy Jackson can look at the bills and see if we can find out what is going on and where this peak is occurring and why. If this peak is somewhat irregular in nature and does not happen again, we can come back down off the On Demand billing. Discussion on the lift stations running a lot more than normal and possible effect from I&I. Suggestion is to look on My Account on the MnPower website and look at the hourly usage and we can identify peaks and review individual lift station meters. This information can be seen on the billing statements. Commissioner Amy Jackson willing to work with Township Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to investigate this issue. Discussion if this is due to the unprecedented rainfall this summer and or use of sump pumps attached to the sewer.

St. Louis County Short Term Rental - Discussion on what exactly is a short-term rental and time frames. Discussion regarding the limits of people in the home based on the number of bedrooms while on city sewer, PUC feels there could be more people in the home than the proposed factor of 2 per bedroom. PUC would like more information and would like a Q&A session with St. Louis County liaison Jenny Bourbonais. PUC coordinator Rebecca Waldorf will contact Jenny Bourbonais to schedule a meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

Access to Availability Ord 98-1 & 98-2 & Access to Availability and SAC Resolution 2018-13 & 2000-14-Twin homes - Chairman Ed Vest developed a proposed change to the verbatim. PUC to review and Township Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to work with Chairman Ed Vest on this. Discussion on property owner's choosing a

particular parcel that the initial fee should apply to. When a plat or subdivision is approved by the County the owner should designate which lot or parcel the initial Sewer Access Fee applies to. When the newly created lot or parcels sell the Sewer Access Fee should now become due and payable.

Brad Scott St. Mary's Lake Development - The City of Eveleth paid the sewer assessment for parcel 304-0010-03220 on August 31, 2001. Discussion on the work being done in that area to date and the amount of sand and gravel being hauled out of this area, the road doesn't seem to be affected too badly so far. They will be responsible for repairing any damage to the road.

Zebra mussels in Ely Lake - no further update

Mark and Jinny Craddock - Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro shares that the Craddock's are investigating other options for their well vs installing the water line. Discussion if the Township would run two pipes with two separate curb stops and take a chance that the Craddock's or someone in that area would someday want to hook on the city water. The work will begin week of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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.

Garage Floor Drains – Discussion on leaving the floor drains ordinance the way it is at this point.

- **Motion to leave the Ordinance as it stands made by Chairman Ed Vest and supported by Commissioner Gina Brascugli. Motion supported unanimously.**

Delinquency Reports – Discussed under correspondence.

Street Light - 53 and Miller Trunk is still not working, it's been out for a while. Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro informed the PUC that the light is still burnt out as of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Discussion on who's responsibility is it to fix this light. Commissioner Amy Jackson shares that the metal poles are owned and serviced by MnDOT. There are two lights burnt out, 53 and Miller Trunk on the north end and another on the south end of 53 and Miller Trunk and Hwy 37. Need pole numbers if possible.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Reschedule the November PUC meeting - General Elections on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, PUC unable to meet that night. November PUC meeting to be held on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Next PUC meeting to be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Amy Jackson and supported by Gina Brascugli Motion carries unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Rebecca Waldorf

Town of Fayal PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 9-13-2022