

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

APRIL 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present in person are Commissioners Chris Erickson and Eugene O'Brien. Members absent are Amy Jackson and Dave Hamalainen. Audience members are Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of March 21st, 2023 made by Commissioner Chris Erickson and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.

GUEST

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports – not much change from previous month

Water/Wastewater Reports – Commissioner Eugen O'Brien really enjoys Wastewater Operator Rick Bieganek taking his own initiative to seek out new ways to save the township money, this is fantastic. Sewer infrastructure is slowly wearing out. Discussion on generators. The township is considering purchasing some permanent generators to be placed at lift stations that are most challenging to get in and out of.

City of Gilbert Utility Rates – Letter received on 4-5-23 with new sanitary utility rates approved by Gilbert City Council on 4-4-23.

February financials – discussed under treasurer report

OLD BUSINESS

City of Gilbert Utility Rates – New rate increase to debt service for Fayal Township residents on utilities is \$10.25. Discussion on what the City of Gilbert residents were increased to. Discussion on how long the debt service will last. Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro explains that the City of Gilbert is in a lawsuit and hopefully they win. The question is if the residents of Fayal Township will get their money back. Dependent on how much the lawsuit wins. Secretary Rebecca Waldorf to send Treasurer Chris Erickson a copy of the Gilbert Sewer Agreement dated 5-1-2013. Commissioner Chris Erickson to meet with Township Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to review Sewer Company financials and discuss how much Fayal Township will need to increase the utility rates. Township Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to contact City of Gilbert Clerk Jill Zallar to find out what is the effective date of the new sewer rate increase.

Fayal Sewer Rates – Commissioner Chris Erickson to meet with Township Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to review Sewer Company financials and discuss how much Fayal Township will need to increase the utility rates. A special meeting will be scheduled to vote on the Fayal Sewer Rate increase.

Saint Mary's Lake development – Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro and Clerk Heidi Coldagelli met with Brad Scott last week. Mr. Scott is moving forward with his development. Plans include seven lake lots and eight back lots. The plat is not finished yet. Sanitary utilities and roadway also to be established. Mr. Scott plans to meet with IRRRB to seek funding assistance for this project and also would like to know what the Fayal Township can do to help financially. Chairman Ed Vest reminds commissioners that historically Township has set a past precedence of helping other persons or developments such as the Horseshoe Lake development. As the new Saint Mary's Lake lots sell the SAC fees will need to be collected. Commissioners express that the PUC does have an interest in seeing this project done and done right.

Eveleth Water Agreement – no new information

May 9th PUC – Secretary Rebecca Waldorf unable to be at this meeting, need someone to record and take minutes. Commissioner Chris Erickson will record the meeting. Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro to attend and open the doors for PUC members.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Report – Financials are stable at this time. There is a bank error in the Sewer Company. The cash balance looks like -\$100,000.00 this is not correct and will be rectified on April's financial report. Treasurer Chris Erickson to meet with Township Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to discuss Sewer Company in more detail.

- **Motion to approve the Treasurer report made by Commissioner Eugen O'Brien and supported by Commissioner Ed Vest. Motion carried unanimously.**

Running water credits – There are a few residents running water to prevent water lines from freezing. The March credits were \$5.61.

Special meeting – Special meeting to be tentatively set for Tuesday April 18th, 2023 to discuss and vote on Fayal Township Sewer rate increase.

Next PUC meeting to be held on May 9th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Chris Erickson and supported by Commissioner Ed Vest. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Respectfully submitted by,



Rebecca Waldorf
Town of Fayal PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 5-9-2023