

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

August 8th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present in person are Commissioners Chris Erickson, and Eugene O'Brien. Member Amy Jackson joins by phone. Member Dave Hamalainen joins at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of July 11th, 2023 made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Chris Erickson. Motion carries unanimously.**

Member Dave Hamalainen joins the meeting. 6:04 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports – Not much change from previous month, a little less.

Water/Wastewater Reports – Discussion on repairs at Lift Station L.

Mediacom Franchise Fee – Received \$2,846.31 on July 31st.

June and July Financials – Discussed under treasurer report

OLD BUSINESS

Saint Mary's Lake development – Town Clerk Heidi Coldagelli worked with Brad Scott and was able to submit and application for grant funds. Chairman Ed Vest explains that he did go to the last Town Board meeting and shared he thinks that if Brad Scott does receive grant money for sewer infrastructure, then the town would not want to forgive the SAC fees from each parcel. Town Board did not take any further action on the matter.

Eveleth Water Agreement – No new information

Lead and Copper – Secretary Rebecca Waldorf shares that so far, the Township is receiving a good response to the survey and including the sump pump survey. Those that have sump pumps connected to the sewer will receive a corrective action letter and will have to redirect where their sump pumps discharges water.

Consumption Reports – Commissioner Chris Erickson had done some work with the data for 10 lift stations and their power usage. Trying to look for any area of concern, a spike in pump runtime. This would possibly suggest a problem area. However, each lift station is connected to another and the graph cannot take that into account.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer line camera – Discussed at the June meeting and PUC agrees with purchasing a camera.

- **Motion to approve purchasing a sewer line camera, may spend up to \$3,000.00 made by Eugene O'Brien and supported by Chris Erickson. Motion carries unanimously.**

Treasurer Report – The last few months of the sewer company financials the expenditures have run higher than the revenues. PUC Treasurer Chris Erickson has spoken with Town Clerk Heidi Coldagelli. The revenues for the new sewer rates have not been received yet. Also discussed was taking the \$17,000.00 bill from Jola and Sopp for repairs at Lift Station L on W Long Lake Rd out of the maintenance contingency fund instead of the sewer fund. This was a maintenance repair and this would be reasonable to bill the \$17,000.00 to the maintenance contingency fund. Commissioner Amy Jackson asks why this would be billed to the general sewer fund in the first place, this should never have been taken out of the general sewer fund.

- **Motion to charge the \$17,000.00 bill from Jola and Sopp for Lift Station L repairs to the maintenance contingency account instead of the general sewer fund and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carries unanimously.**

Discussion on PUC account starting balances and revenues. Clarification on the expenditures and the revenue from the Mediacom Franchise Fee. This revenue will be seen on the August balances.


- **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written made by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carries unanimously.**

Next PUC meeting to be held on September 12th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- **Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Ed Vest and supported by Amy Jackson. Motion carries unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Rebecca Waldorf
Town of Fayal PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved 9-12-2023