

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

September 12th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present in person are Commissioners Dave Hamalainen, Chris Erickson, and Eugene O'Brien. Members absent are Amy Jackson. Guests are Town Board Chairman Tony Tamaro, Gina Brascugli and Sandra Walner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of August 8th, 2023 made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carries unanimously.

GUEST

Gina and Sandra here to observe only. Chairman Ed Vest welcomes them.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports – Not much change from previous month, a little less. Township will certify approximately seven or eight customers for their delinquent utility bills. Secretary Rebecca Waldorf has made contact or has attempted to make contact with those individuals. Town Board Chairman Tony Tamaro inquiries about delinquent utilities for a customer whose home is for sale and if we have received payment yet or not. Secretary Rebecca Waldorf shares the home has not closed yet and the utilities will be collected prior to the sale or at the least during the sale.

Water/Wastewater Reports – Discussion if Wastewater Operator Rick Bieganek has purchased a camera yet? No camera has been purchased as of yet, Town Board Tony Tamaro shares that this purchase is now a two-part purchase. A camera and locate equipment. The Town Board has given Rick the authorization to look for these items. Discussion on the storm that came through on September 5th and if there were any sewer problems. Secretary Rebecca Waldorf shares that the sewer system did loose power and it was not fully restored for approximately 12 hours. Several Town staff reported for duty to run generators, clean up tree debris from roads and contact power companies for outages. Guest Gina Brascugli asks if she sees the red light on the lift station near where she lives, is that a bad thing? The red-light signals that there is something wrong at the lift station. Chairman Ed Vest asks who would someone call if they noticed an issue with a lift station or were having a sewer problem, there is no number published and could we get a number to call. A phone number should be available for customers to call if a customer feels there is a need to call someone.

August Financials – Discussed under treasurer report

OLD BUSINESS

Saint Mary's Lake development – Brad Scott is applying for a different type of grant per IRRRB. There is a new IRRRB program with funds being allocated for the type of work Mr. Scott is seeking funding for.

Eveleth Water Agreement – No new information

EPA Lead and Copper – Customers are returning their survey's. No reports of Lead pipes at this time. Many sump pump survey responses have also come in. Many customers do not have sump pump, some do and they are daylight, and a few that are connected to the sewer. Those that are connected to the sewer will be dealt with at a later time.

Commissioner Dave Hamalainen asks if there has been a spike in usage sent to Gilbert for treatment since the last rainfall. Secretary Rebecca Waldorf will have Wastewater Operator Rick Bieganek to look into this.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Report – In August the Water Company was positive for revenues vs expenditures. Sewer Company is currently positive for revenues vs expenditures. The last couple of months the Sewer Company has been negative revenues vs expenses. There is fluctuation month to month, it does seem to be closer in balance now. The sewer rate increase is now appearing, which is keeping the Sewer Company even with the previous expense increases that have incurred. The hope is that now we will stay even for a while.

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

PUC Meeting Time

Discussion on changing the PUC meeting time to 6:00pm moving forward.

- **Motion to change the PUC meeting time to 6:00pm made by Treasurer Chris Erickson and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carries unanimously.**

Town Board Tony Tammaro informs the PUC members that the \$17,000.00 bill for repairs at LS L on W Long Lake Road was paid for from the maintenance contingency fund per PUC motion from August 8th, 2023 meeting.

Next PUC meeting to be held on October 10th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- **Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carries unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rebecca Waldorf

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Town of Fayal PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

Approved October 10, 2023