

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

October 10th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present in person are Commissioners Chris Erickson, Amy Jackson, and Eugene O'Brien. Members absent are Dave Hamalainen. Guests are Town Board Chairman Tony Tammara and audience member Gina Brascugli.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of September 12th, 2023 made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Chris Erickson. Motion carries unanimously.**

GUEST

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports – Those that had their delinquent utility bill certified to their taxes will fall off this delinquent list, certified several customers.

Water/Wastewater Reports – Busy during the storm in September. Discussion on a new water customer. This customer had a well that was failing and they chose to connect to city water.

September Financials – Discussed under treasurer report

OLD BUSINESS

Saint Mary's Lake development – Town Chairman Tony Tammara shares that Brad Scott will be applying for a new type of grant through IRRRB in the month of November. Town Clerk Heidi Coldagelli to work with Mr. Scott.

Eveleth Water Agreement – No new information

EPA Lead and Copper – Discussion if anyone has reported lead lines. One or two have galvanized, those also need replacement.

Sump pump – Surveys are being returned

Sewer Camera – Quotes received for a sewer line camera and locate equipment. Previous authorization was \$3,000.00. Town Board Chairman Tony Tammara asks the PUC to table this discussion. Camera quote about \$10,000.00 and Locate quote about \$5,000.00.

- **Motion to table the discussion on sewer line camera and locate equipment made by Commissioner Chris Erickson and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carries unanimously.**

911 – Discussion on who customers should call in the event of a water or sewer emergency and who would 911 call to assist if 911 was called. Commissioner Amy Jackson joins the meeting 6:16 p.m. Discussion on sharing the sewer call calendar with the Fire Department. Discussion on non-emergent 911 number. Discussion on concerns of customers calling an on-call person for issues that really are not emergent, employees might receive too many calls. The township does have a system called SCADA that calls out personnel for Lift Station issues. The SCADA sewer call out system has worked effectively without any issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Board Chairman Tony Tammara shares that a property on Thunderbird Trail will be going for sale. It is a piece of property that is currently zoned as residential and the owner's brought a request to the planning committee to request this property be zoned as commercial so that it may possibly be sold to the Minnesota Power Company for a storage unit and vehicle dispatch. Property is not sold as of yet.

Treasurer Report – Both sewer and water are positive for year to date and for the month of September. This is good.

Town Board Chairman Tony Tammara also shares that the Horseshoe Lake Development grant from IRRRB has been extended by one year and one of the property owner's is now currently building. The Township should be able to receive the remaining grant money.

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

Next PUC meeting to be held on November 14th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved 11-14-2023

Rebecca Waldorf
Town of Fayal PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk