

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

MARCH 12th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 5:02 PM by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present were Commissioners Chris Erickson, Dave Hamalainen, Eugene O'Brien, Ed Vest and Clerk Heidi Coldagelli. Member absent was Amy Jackson. Guests were Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro. Guests Gina Brascugli and Patricia Brascugli arrived at 5:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of February 13th, 2024, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports – Clerk Coldagelli confirmed that many on the list have paid.

February Water/Wastewater Report – Commissioner Hamalainen questioned who is paying for the meter that was replaced? The Township covers the cost if the meter is faulty. In this case, the resident had a pipe burst and they will need to pay for the meter.

OLD BUSINESS

St. Mary's Lake Development – The Developer asked to meet with Clerk Coldagelli a few weeks ago, but they have not met yet.

EPA Lead and Copper Survey – There are only about 38 surveys that need to be returned.

Sump Pump Survey – Surveys are being returned.

Sewer Camera and Locator – Clerk Coldagelli re-applied for a grant and it was denied again due to the amount of applications received. The equipment has now been ordered.

City of Eveleth Bulk Water Purchase Agreement – The agreement has been signed and returned to Eveleth.

NEW BUSINESS

Differding Point Waterline – Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro brought forward that he and Clerk Coldagelli met with representatives from the City of Gilbert. Gilbert is requesting the 31 residents on Differding Point pay the same rates as the Gilbert residents, which is an increase of \$31.00. Gilbert water debt service includes water tower work and new meters. Need to come up with a plan to move forward. Fayal is emphasizing that they are bulk water customers and own their own line. Customers on Differding Point pay the same rates as our other water customers. There is not a current water contract with the City of Gilbert on file to Clerk Coldagelli's knowledge. All Gilbert is providing at this point is water to those residents. If the line breaks or needs servicing, Fayal makes those repairs. Town Board Chairman Tammaro added that there is another option of turning the waterline over to the City of Gilbert. Gilbert would be responsible for any repairs and those customers would become Gilbert's customers. Fayal would still maintain ownership of the line and could request the line back at any time. The proposed increases would amount to an increase of \$900.00 per month on the Gilbert water bill. Discussion regarding holding a meeting with the affected residents on Differding Point and the City of Gilbert. Decision to hold a public

meeting April 9th at 6:00 PM with the PUC meeting to follow. The Town Board can approve at their next meeting. Discussion that Fayal is willing to assist in some of the debt service costs, but not all.

Pat Brascugli was present to discuss concerns she had in her home. A few years ago, there was water in her basement. The Township steamed the ditch on the other side of the road. She has had a damp basement ever since. Another incident she had occurred a few years ago and her car bottomed out on North Airport Drive and the repair cost her \$1,000.00. Gina Brascugli added that there is a bad rut there every year and the Road and Bridge Department has it marked. Chairman Vest commented that this winter is especially bad due to the freeze/thaw cycles. He also added there is quite a bit of ground water in that area. Town Board Chairman Tamaro will have the Road Department look at the road issue. As far as the vehicle issue, that needed to be brought forward right away and difficult to prove where or how it occurred. Foreman Jason Latvaaho can look at the ditch and see if it needs ditching.

Treasurer's Report – Balances look good. February balances are as follows: Fayal Water Company- beginning balance was \$32,537.91. Revenues were \$6,525.82 and expenditures were \$5,447.59. Ending cash balance was \$33,626.60 and depreciation not in the 4M Fund was \$721.80. Fayal Sewer Company- beginning balance was \$227,877.93. Revenues were \$58,910.80 and expenditures were \$53,392.30. Ending cash balance was \$229,454.15. Depreciation 4M was \$201,079.66 and PUC Truck Depreciation 4M was \$37,288.10. Assessment Savings 4M \$225,246.04, Sewer Access Charges 4M \$75,787.43. Maintenance Contingency 4M \$33,014.56. PUC- beginning balance was \$2,231.08. Revenues were \$2,655.67 and expenditures were \$62.17, for an ending balance of \$4,855.67. Discussion regarding interest rates.

- **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, made by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

Pat Brascugli brought forward that the individuals that live on O'Laughlin Lane have opened up the road and have made a driveway on North Airport Lane. Clerk Coldagelli informed the Brascugli's that the nearby property owners purchased those lots and they are able to access North Airport Lane. It is private property, so only those owners can use those accesses. Ms. Brascugli also brought forward that when the sewer line was repaired a few years ago, the area still has not been reseeded. The employees will need to look at it.

Next PUC meeting to be held on April 9th, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The hearing will occur first with the PUC meeting to follow.

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

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Heidi Coldagelli

Town of Fayal Clerk/Treasurer

Approved April 9th, 2024