

# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present were Commissioners Chris Erickson, Eugene O'Brien, Ed Vest, Amy Jackson, and Secretary Terry Hiti. Members absent were Commissioner Dave Hamalainen. Guests were Town Board Supervisor Mike Erjavec.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Chris Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- Gina and Patricia Brascugli

## CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report – Chairman Vest said it has grown and asked when do we get the money from the county, Hiti answered after the property taxes are paid. Commissioner Jackson asked if we already did the certification filing, and the answer was yes.

March Water/Wastewater Report – Phase monitor's cost approx. \$126.00 apiece.

## OLD BUSINESS

a. Eveleth/Fayal Channel 12 – Commissioner O'Brien asked if the Town Board gave the notice to terminate our contract. Commissioner Erjavec said they had not, that they want to do it the correct way. They do not want to lose any existing funds that would be left owing to Fayal. O'Brien said most of the money was spent on electronic equipment which is now 5-8 years old, and not worth that much. Vest said if we do not terminate now then we will continue to lose the money anyway. O'Brien went onto to say the cable/Channel 12 commission said they will continue to bill us as long as we continue to pay them. There are less than 100 people in Fayal paying for Mediacom. Therefore, if you do not have Mediacom, you cannot view Channel 12. O'Brien did go on to say that there is no guarantee that we would even receive any of the assets/monies, as they may decide to donate it somewhere else. Vest questioned, Is that not in the contract? O'Brien answered, no it is not. Article 8 of their contract states if Fayal, Eveleth, and Rock Ridge were to drop out, there would be no Cable commission anymore. O'Brien feels since Rock Ridge does not pay to be on the cable commission, there is no reason they would drop out. Channel 12 offered to the school to share their equipment with them, but the school decided to go out and buy their own equipment for a sum of \$90,000.00. O'Brien went on to say there is no value with Fayal continuing to stay on the cable board. O'Brien asked if we would write up a letter to be ready for the next Town Board meeting regarding the termination notice. O'Brien asked has anyone reached out to Eveleth as to what their plans are?

b. Sewer Rate Change – Discussion was made about raising the certification fee, Commissioner Erickson asked what townships did we reach out to? Chairman Vest said the penalty charges should be enough motivation to pay your bill, but there is always the same residents that don't pay.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Pat Ziegler Sewer line** - The discussion took place of taking over Pat's sewer line and it was denied. When this property is sold and split, there will be another sewer availability charge due.

- **Motion made to decline the request that the PUC take over Pat Ziegler's sewer line, made by Commissioner Jackson and supported by Commissioner O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. **Sump Pump letter**-New letter to be sent out in this month's billing to try to get the rest of the Fayal resident's information on whether they have a sump pump and where it is running to?

## **TREASURER REPORT**

**FWC March:** *Beginning Balance \$36,697.64, Revenues \$7,366.33. Expenditures \$9,184.664 ending Cash Balance of \$35,437.30. Depreciation not in 4M \$721.80*

**FSC March:** *Beginning Balance \$158,033.54 Revenues \$59,196.40 Expenditures \$67,200.57 Ending Cash Balance of \$217,686.21 Depreciation 4M \$212,472.69 PUC Truck Depreciation 4M \$39,400.81 Assessment Savings 4M \$321,524.35, Sewer Access Charges 4M \$80,081.47, Maintenance Contingency 4M \$43,129.89, and Sewer Company 4M \$155,365.98*

**PUC March:** *Beginning Balance \$-83.27, Revenues \$0.00 Expenditures \$36.06, Ending Balance \$2,442.75.*

- **Motion to approve the Treasurers report, made by Chairman Vest and supported by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion to adjourn, made by Commissioner Chris Erickson and supported by Commissioner Amy Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved May 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Terry Hiti

  
Fayal Deputy Clerk/Billing Coordinator