

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

OCTOBER 14th, 2025

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 5:59 PM by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present were Commissioners Dave Hamalainen, Eugene O'Brien, Chris Erickson, and Recording Secretary Terry Hiti. Absent was Amy Jackson. Attending also was Town Board Supervisor Mike Erjavec.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of September 9th, 2025, made by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report – Commissioner O'Brien said it looks like a couple new names, and Chairman Vest asked why the resident with a \$1200.00 balance was not certified. Hiti explained that Clerk Latvaaho was reaching out to Gilbert PUC for some assistance as he is a Gilbert resident.

September Water/Wastewater Report -Vest commented he doesn't see anything to revolting on it.

Mn Dept of Health Letters- PUC rec'd the paperwork from Eveleth and the explanation from the MDH, Erickson commented as the paperwork from MDH was mislabeled, it implied we were high for the year but that is not the case at all. Fayal is within the limits of the MDH requirements. Commissioner Hamalainen did agree to be a sampling site.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sewer Rate Change – No updates.
- Sump Pump Letter- Approx. 285 received so far. Appointments are getting set up to visit the Residents whom need help taking pictures.
- Cable TV- O'Brien asked if we stopped making this payment and Erjavec explained we were under a contract so No, they are still making the payment, O'Brien went onto say that Fayal has no more voting rights so he doesn't understand why it is still getting paid.
- Depreciation Account – PUC Board does not want to allocate more money to this fund, at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – **PUC Truck Fund**: Financial agreement was made Starting A.S.A.P.

- **Motion was made to recommend to the Town Board to invest \$600.00 a month for the PU truck, made by Commissioner O'Brien and supported by Commissioner Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Dept Loan-Chairman Vest asked about the interest in this loan and it doesn't look like 4%, but Commissioner Erickson explained it probably is only 2 payments a year, he will reach out to Clerk Latvaaho for these answers.

November meeting: November meeting will be Wednesday Nov 12th, as Tuesday Nov. 11th is Veterans Day and the office is closed.

Depreciation Account: It was decided to not restart funding this account as they feel there is enough money in it and possibly Fayal could absorb any future rate increase if needed. Erickson did ask what is the long-term plan for the Assessment Savings balance. Erjavec did explain that if any part of the sewer was to need repairs or replacement it would come out of here, but its highly unlikely the whole system would need to be repaired/replaced at the same time.

- **Motion was made to not restart funding on the Depreciation Account, made by Commissioner Erickson and supported by Commissioner Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

Liaison Erjavec did bring up the fact that starting on Jan. 1, 2026 the State has mandated businesses to pay into the Paid Family Leave Act. The rate is .88%, the township will pay .44% and the employee will pay .44%. Erickson explained this further stating it's like unemployment insurance, so if you need extended time off due to a family situation. This will pay up to 90% of your wage. Pointing out its another expenditure for the Township.

TREASURER REPORT –

FWC September: *Beginning Balance \$36,697.64, Revenues \$7,896.60. Expenditures \$11,945.64 Ending Cash Balance of \$31,245.54. Depreciation not in 4M \$3,248.10.*

FSC September: *Beginning Balance \$158,033.54 Revenues \$59,461.11 Expenditures \$65,834.14 Ending Cash Balance of \$204,325.95 Depreciation 4M \$218,322.70 PUC Truck Depreciation 4M \$40,485.63 Assessment Savings 4M \$348,950.05, Sewer Access Charges 4M \$89,004.33, Maintenance Contingency 4M \$44,317.37 and Sewer Company 4M \$210,345.46.*

PUC September: *Beginning Balance \$-83.27, Revenues \$0.0 Expenditures \$54.09, Ending Balance \$* Commissioner Erickson pointed out the water company was negative this month, as the wholesale water was higher than the month before.

Erickson did question expenditures in September; he will reach out to the Clerk.

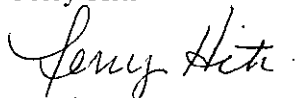
- **Motion made to approve the September Treasurers report made by Chairmen Vest and supported by Commission Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion to adjourn, made by Commissioner Erickson and supported by Commissioner O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved Nov. 12th 2025

Terry Hiti



Fayal Deputy Clerk/Billing Coordinator