

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

December 9th, 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 Eugene O'Brien, Chris Erickson, Dave Hamalainen and Recording Secretary Terry Hiti. Attending also was Town Board Supervisor Mike Erjavec and Rebecca O'Brien.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of November 12th, 2025, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Commissioner Chris Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report – Chairman Vest commented the list looks longer, wondered if it's because of Christmas season?

November Water/Wastewater Report – O'Brien commented that it looks like Rick is helping with the snow plowing.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Sewer Rate Change – No updates.

b. Sump Pump Letter- Approx. 55 surveys left to receive. Still mailing, emailing, and calling the ones who haven't returned theirs yet. This is the 3-4th attempt on most of the ones left. Vest asked if the pump inspections are still happening and if the ones not in compliance are being fixed? Yes, that is the case. O'Brien asked if putting a penalty on the ones that haven't answered yet is due? Erjavec commented we can certainly do that when were ready. Vest acknowledges, this procedure is nothing new for other townships/cities, as we just need to keep moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS – Expiration Terms for Commissioners: 1 letter of interest received. Chairman Vest and the PUC Board would like to Thank Commissioner Eugene O'Brien for his years on the Board, and Rebecca O'Brien for the treats/cookies.

- **Motion to recommend Becky Squibbs application to become a Commissioner on the PUC, to the Town Board, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

Cable TV- Erickson asked O'Brien if there is any update information we may need from him since this is his last meeting? O'Brien just added that in April our contract is finished and to send a note re-stating that with our last payment. Nothing has been advertised for Fayal for a long time.

St Mary's Lake Grant- Vest asked about this grant and Erjavec informed the board, it was not accepted by the IRRRB.

TREASURER REPORT –

FWC November: *Beginning Balance \$36,697.64, Revenues \$7,130.60. Expenditures \$6,299.21 Ending Cash Balance of \$33,040.61 Depreciation not in 4M \$3,969.90.*

FSC November: *Beginning Balance \$158,033.54 Revenues \$59,247.03 Expenditures \$54,589.88 Ending Cash Balance of \$225,726.86 Depreciation 4M \$219,779.60. PUC Truck Depreciation 4M \$40,755.80 Assessment Savings 4M \$368,943.69 Sewer Access Charges 4M \$89,598.26, Maintenance Contingency 4M \$44,613.11 and Sewer Company 4M \$211,749.13.*

PUC November: *Beginning Balance \$-83.27, Revenues \$2,439.40 Expenditures \$2,493.49, Ending Balance \$2,091.11.*


Chairman Vest would like to Thank Commissioner / Treasurer Chris Erickson for his due diligence on keeping up with the Treasurers reports and the financial information. Erickson commented it is a work in progress, but is working with the Clerk to keep everything updated and look at the trends. Erickson went onto say the sewer and water company are doing modestly positive. Vest wanted to acknowledge the fixing of the 2 bigger issues, one in the Long Lake area and the other in the Airport area has ended up saving the Township about 4-5 thousand dollars. O'Brien did ask about consolidating of the PUC accounts and Erickson informed the committee, yes its being done. Erjavec informed PUC that the health insurance rates for employees are being raised starting January 2026, and it will affect the PUC budget. Chairman O'Brien and Chairman Hamalainen would like to acknowledge the good work PU employee Rick Biegenak does to help keep our fiduciary costs down.

- **Motion to approve the November Treasurers report made by Chairman Vest and supported by Commissioner O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion to adjourn, made by Commissioner Hamalainen and supported by Commissioner O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:25 PM.
Respectfully submitted by,

Approved Feb 10th 2026

Terry Hiti



Fayal Deputy Clerk/Billing Coordinator