

Mansfield Municipal Electric Department
Minutes of Light Commissioners Meeting
July 18, 2022

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Present: Chair Jess Aptowitz, Commissioner Mike Trowbridge, Vice Chair Frank DeVecchio, Clerk Diana Bren, General Manager Joseph Sollecito, Business and Finance Manager Joe Pereira and Mayhew Seavey of PLM Company.

The meeting was held at the Mansfield Town Hall, room 3AB and was also virtual via GoToWebinar. It was called to order at 5:35 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

A complete copy of the Board packet containing all documents that are referenced in the minutes is on file at the Mansfield Municipal Electric Department office.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session at 5:36 PM for the following reasons and to return to open session

- a) **Review and possible approval of minutes of May 16, 2022 Executive Session where Exemption 3 was declared**
- b) **Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 164, Section 47D and M.G.L. Ch. 30, Section 21, Exemption 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares**

(Trowbridge/DelVecchio) Passes 4/0

Roll call vote: Bren – aye; DelVecchio-aye; Trowbridge-aye; and Aptowitz-aye

Open Session resumed at 6:10 PM.

Procurement Clerk/Meter Installer Class 2 job description – General Manager Sollecito presented a new job description for a Procurement Clerk/Meter Installer Class 2. Clerk Bren asked if this was a job replacement as opposed to a new position. GM Sollecito explained that the title is a new one but it is to replace only one person who is planning to retire.

Motion: To approve the Procurement Clerk/Meter Installer Class 2 job description (Trowbridge/DelVecchio) 4/0

MMED financials for May 2022 - GM Sollecito presented the financial statements for May 2022. He explained that due to Open Market position and Load growth being higher for FY 22 our debt is \$2.24M as of May & June will be close to \$3 million. Joe provided several charts and backup.

Projected power supply budget for FY2023 - Mayhew Seavey (PLM) and GM Sollecito discussed power price increases and options for price increases. Mayhew conveyed that open market power prices continue to climb at rates that haven't been seen in over 30+ years. Power

prices continue to lag behind recent reducing petroleum prices. Winter power prices are particularly troublesome since market speculators see natural gas constraints. Mayhew recommends one of three options presented to the Board depending if the proposed rate increase starts in August or September.

**Motion: To increase PPCA by 5.5 cents beginning September 1st (Option 2)
(Trowbridge/DelVecchio) 4/0**

Project updates – GM Sollecito gave updates on several projects:

Peabody Peaking Project (MMWEC Project 2015A) - request from EPA new regulations regarding Environmental Justice outreach fact sheet

Equipment Storage Building – delay due to sub-contractor questioning LSP inconsistency of charts

Gilbert Street storage shed – pre-fab building is expected to go out to bid in August

Office renovation project – expected to bid in the fall since it is for inside work

Town Hall lights – should be finished in August

Key Accounts Conference – will be held in Fall and include discussions about HVAC and MMWEC battery storage behind the meter for Industrial customers

**Motion: To approve the minutes from the May 16, 2022 Light Commissioners meeting
(Trowbridge/DelVecchio) Passes 4/0**

Citizen Comment – no comments

Comments from the Commissioners – Commissioners commented about the Family Fun Night and what a good time it was. Chair Aptowitz commented about rate increase and making sure that we explain the increase in laymen's terms

Any items not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to this meeting - NONE

**Motion: To adjournment meeting at 6:57 PM
(Trowbridge/DelVecchio) 4/0**

Respectfully submitted: Larry Wells



Signature of Clerk



Date of Approval