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BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2023

Action Items:

- Commissioner Gott will research the Massachusetts unemployment.
- Mr. McKeon will contact American Super Conductor on the ongoing turbine issues.
- Commissioner Rys will reach out to a contact at Windtest.

The public meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Present were Commissioner- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Phil Gott, General Manager- Sean McKeon, Chris Courville, and Karen Mammone.

Attending via ZOOM- Commissioner- Richard Chase and Brian Pellerin.

Agenda:
The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the January 11, 2023 agenda as written.

Meeting Minutes:

November 9, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board approved unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written.

December 13, 2022, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board approved unanimously (3-0) to accept the meeting minutes as written.

October 12, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes- The Board approved unanimously (3-0) as amended- wording still could be a little clearer- didn't change since contract was approved.

November 9, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes- The Board approved unanimously (3-0) as written.

General Manager's Report:
Current Bank Balances-
The Board read over the bank account balances report dated January 11, 2023. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

2022 Cashflow Budget Review-
Mr. McKeon presented the Board with a copy of the 2022 budget detail dated January 10, 2023. A copy will be placed on file. The cashflow figures were for January-November 2022 with a target of 91.67 %. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were at 96.50 % and expenses were at 91.08 %.

Budget 2023:
The Board and General Manager discussed the 2023 budget for PMLD. The Board approved the proposed budget (3-0).

Update on Operations:

- Wind Turbines- In September, both turbines were struck by lightning causing the turbines to malfunction. PMLD has reached out to Deutsche WindTec for help in resolving the issues but have been unsuccessful in receiving answers. Mr. McKeon found through research, WindTec is a subsidiary of AMSC (American Super Conductor) headquartered in Massachusetts. Mr. McKeon will contact AMSC to see if they could resolve the ongoing issue. Commissioner Rys will reach out to his contact at Windtest to see if they have any information that may help us resolve the turbine problem.

- Itron Metering Issue- The Itron program issue has been resolved. As for the new bill format, the bill has been correct just missing reads. Billtrust spoke with Ms. Mammone ensuring the problem will be fixed for the February 1st billing.

- Sterling Interconnection Project- Currently, there is no progress with the interconnection project until Sterling hires a new Manager for their Light Department.

- Battery Storage- Mr. McKeon sent the Commissioners documents for the new battery storage program. An executive session meeting will be held next week to go over any questions, vote on the contract and sign the battery storage document. The executive session meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th at 3 pm.

- Other Updates- None

Update on Terms & Conditions:

After going through the current Terms and Conditions for PMLD, only pages 2 and 10 would require changes. Currently, residents who rent in Princeton, are only asked to show their license or some kind of proof of who they are. One change would require renters to bring along their lease agreement for proof they are renting at that address. New homeowners would require some kind of closing documentation showing their name for the newly purchased property. Another change, renters are required to have a meter deposit on their account. The residents who rent apartments the deposit is $300.00 and house renters the deposit is $600.00. Mr. McKeon will create a rough draft with the changes for the Commissioners to vote on at the next meeting.

Update on the Princeton Solar Project:

The Solar Committee submitted their report to the Select Board. The Committee's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

PMLD Sponsored Senior Luncheon:

The Board and General Manager agreed to host a Senior Luncheon sometime in the late spring at PMLD. The exact date is to be determined.

Facebook/Website:

We continue to update with rebates from MMWEC.

New Business/Parking Lot:

- An upcoming MEAM (Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts) meeting will be held at NEPPA in Littleton on Wednesday, January 18th at 10:30 am. Commissioners Rys and Chase plan on attending.

- The next BOLC will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 3:00 pm.

- The Commissioners will discuss rotating their positions on the board. In most towns, the Chair is the board member who is up for re-election.

- Commissioner Chase thanked the Linemen for installing the holiday lights on the common.

- Mr. McKeon has received a few phones calls from concerned residents about the electric rates. Princeton Municipal Light Department has no plans at this point to raise rates in 2023.

- Mr. McKeon discussed with the board charging National Grid the same rate they are charging PMLD. National Grid is charging PMLD ~ 46¢ for the few Princeton residents National Grid feeds. PMLD is charging National Grid 24.75¢ for the Westminster residents PMLD feeds.

- Through the Environmental Action Committee, Mr. McKeon will give a talk on NextZero and Peak Shaving.

Public Session:
No guests for public session.

At 4:25 pm the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary