

*Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019*

Chairman Sittard called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 6:00 pm, Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Present for this meeting were Commissioner Carl E. Sittard, Commissioner Robert L. Pajak and General Manager and Clerk of the Board Jeffrey R. Cady. Commissioner Joseph F. Pasternak, III asked to be excused.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to concur with the payment of **Warrant #E030819** dated 2/28/2019 in the amount of \$104,934.78; **Warrant #E030819** dated 3/4/2019 in the amount of \$15,017.09; **Warrant #E031519** dated 3/11/2019 in the amount of \$985,399.88 and **Warrant #E031519** dated 3/7/2019 in the amount of \$343,493.08. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to pay **Bills and Customer Refunds** in the amount of **\$469,002.44**. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

The General Manager presented the Commission with a Bid for a New/Unused Digger Derrick Truck. Commissioner Pajak made a motion, to award the Bid for a New/Unused Digger Derrick Truck, consistent with staff's recommendation in response to CEL Bid #19-0471. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0. *Document: CEL Bid #19-0471*

The General Manager provided an update on the AMI Pilot Project. He explained that all systems have been integrated and that we will start billing off of AMI data for the meters already installed. The integration with the City Water Department has been proceeding successfully. Additional meters have been purchased as part of the 2 year replacement program. Expected to use only CEL personnel to complete project. Additional gateways are also being installed ahead of meters.

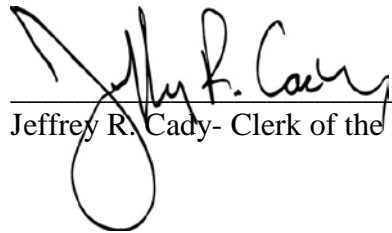
The General Manager gave an update on the high speed internet project. He expects the website and the demand aggregation model to be operational by the second week of April. In addition businesses will be able to fill out an application for our review to see if we have facilities in the area and if it is cost effective to serve them. Central offices should all be ready for equipment installation, expect for Baskin Rd., which we are waiting for a telecomm hut to arrive by the end of April. Site is being prepped and will be completed by the time the hut arrives. Also need to wait the 20 days for the variance to clear without objections by abutters. Bid for Installation Contractor due on March 28th. Selected contractor will provide fiber installation, splicing and customer installation services.

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The General Manager gave an update on the building renovation. He explained that because part of the delay in the project is due to having to transition the dispatch and fiber equipment, we are looking at modifying the project to completely remove the dispatch and telecomm equipment, which will lower costs and expedite the project.

The General Manager discussed many of the legislative issues regarding the clean energy initiatives. Although CEL is in favor of clean energy, we want to make sure the CEL residents and businesses aren't severely impacted by costs related to any legislation.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 pm. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.



Jeffrey R. Cady- Clerk of the Board

Approved: April 22, 2019