Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board Minutes of Meeting Monday, January 22, 2018

Chairman Pajak called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 6:00 pm Monday, January 22, 2018

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

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to accept the minutes of November 20, 2017 and December 19, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to concur with the payment of Warrant #E120117 dated 11/27/2017 in the amount of \$35,160.30; Warrant #E120817 dated 11/29/2017 in the amount of \$219,952.68; Warrant #E120817 dated 12/4/2017 in the amount of \$231,699.61; Warrant #E121517 dated 12/6/2017 in the amount of \$124,051.38; Warrant #E122217 dated 12/18/2017 in the amount of \$230,178.42; Warrant #E122217 dated 12/19/2017 in the amount of \$2,863,721.75; Warrant #E010518 dated 12/27/2017 in the amount of \$312,129.62; Warrant #E010518 dated 1/2/2018 in the amount of \$352,428.53; Warrant #E011218 dated 1/8/2018 in the amount of \$224,214.58; Warrant #E011918 dated 1/10/2018 in the amount of \$124,680.82 and Warrant #E011918 dated 1/12/2018 in the amount of \$18,280.22. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Sittard made a motion to pay *Bills & Customer Refunds* in the amount of *\$310,848.88.* Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to pay *Power Bills* in the amount of *\$ 1,388,373.44*. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Sittard made a motion to *Write-off Uncollectibles* in the amount of *\$35,701.59*. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to appoint Jeffrey R. Cady as the Clerk of the Municipal Light Board for 2018. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Sittard made a motion that Commissioner Pasternak become Chairman of the Municipal Light Board as of January 23, 2018. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

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Commissioner Sittard made a motion that any person made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a commissioner, officer or attorney of the City of Chicopee Municipal Lighting Plant ("CMLP"); or because he or she served at the request of CMLP on a committee or task force of any public corporation or organization, shall be indemnified by CMLP against all damages and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with said action, suit or proceeding including any appeal therefrom. It is the intent of this vote to indemnify such commissioners, officers or attorneys to the fullest extent permitted by Chapter 258 of the Massachusetts General Laws. No one shall be indemnified under this vote for violation of any civil rights if he or she acted intentionally. The term "expenses" includes amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments or in settlement of any action, suit or proceeding other than amounts paid to CMLP itself. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such commissioner, officer or attorney may be entitled apart from this vote. The indemnification provided for in this vote shall commence after all insurance proceeds or other indemnification proceeds have first been applied to a settlement or judgment awarded for a claim for which indemnification is provided under this vote. Any amount payable by way of indemnity hereunder shall be calculated and paid pursuant to a determination of the CMLP Manager. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Sittard made a motion to give CEL employees ¹/₂ day on Good Friday for 2018 and 2019. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager presented the Commission with the Annual Bid for Electric Watt-hour Meters. He stated that this was an annual bid for possible replacements but any purchase would depend on the AMI project. Commissioner Pasternak made a motion, to award the Annual Bid for Electric Watt-hour Meters, consistent with staff's recommendation in response to CEL Bid #CEL 17-0458 Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0. *Document: CEL Bid #17-0458*

The General Manager discussed the 2018 Revenue and Expense Budget and the 2018 Capital Budget that were reviewed at the December meeting.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to approve the 2018 Revenue & Expense Budget as presented in December. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Sittard made a motion to approve the 2018 Capital Budget as presented in December. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager provided the Commissioners with November financials. November Revenues were lower by approximately \$145,000 due to mild weather. Year to Date Revenues are lower by approximately \$1.4 million due to mild winter and mild summer weather. Energy

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Costs for the month were higher by approximately \$238,000 because of higher energy prices than forecast. Year to Date Power Costs are lower by approximately \$999,000 due to lower energy purchases and lower energy prices than budgeted. Operating Expenses were lower for the month by \$21,191 and for the year are lower by \$24,771. This is .2% from budget. Net Income for the month was a loss of \$568,047, which is lower by \$396,734 from budget. Year to Date Net Income is \$653,081 higher than budget.

The December and January energy markets have been extremely high due to the intense cold that surrounded the region. The Front Street diesel generators ran more hours in that timeframe then they typically run in the whole year. These energy spikes will have a huge impact on CEL's January financials, as the spot market price was more than double for what CEL is selling energy for in many hours.

As a result of the extended run times CEL had some issues with the diesel generators and they all faced some outages. Currently one of the units is in extended outage due to radiator issues.

The General Manager provided the Commissioners with an update on many of the Legislate and Regulatory issues that could have impacts on Municipal Light Plants. The Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts has been heading up these issues for MLP's.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Jeffre R. Cady- Clerk of the Board

Approved: February 15, 2018