Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board Minutes of Meeting Monday, April 23, 2018

Chairman Pasternak called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 4:00 Monday, April 23, 2018.

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

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to accept the minutes of Tuesday, March 27, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to concur with the payment of **Warrant** #**E042018** dated 4/13/2018 in the amount of \$1,137,792.43; **Warrant** #**E042018** dated 4/11/2018 in the amount of \$277,898.56; **Warrant** #**E041318** dated 4/6/2018 in the amount of \$290,350.30 and **Warrant** #**E041318** dated 4/4/2018 in the amount of \$71,467.18. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to pay *Bills & Customer Refunds* in the amount of \$200,408.52. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to *Write-off Uncollectibles* in the amount of *\$42,477.32*. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

The General Manager presented the Commission with the Annual Bid for AMI Cots Hardware & Software Licensing. Commissioner Pasternak made a motion, to award the AMI Cots Hardware & Software Licensing, consistent with staff's recommendation in response to CEL Bid #18-0462. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0. *Document: CEL Bid #18-0462*

The General Manager reviewed some changes to the policy handbook. After review Commissioner Pajak made a motion to approve the modified policy handbook. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

The General Manager recommended funding the OPEB expense for \$500,000 for the current calendar year. The OPEB funding would take place every quarter at \$125,000. This would allow CEL to continue to fund the OPEB obligation. The General Manager explained that the OPEB calculation would change next year as the calculation will be similar to the pension calculation. Commissioner Pajak made a motion to fund the OPEB Trust Fund by \$500,000 for 2018. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

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The General Manager provided the Commissioners with an update on the Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) project. He explained that the project continues to move forward and that it has been approved by the City committee and presented to the Mayor for his signature. After the Mayor signs the City's contract, the General Manager will sign CEL's agreement with Honeywell. He expected that to be completed in about a week. The interdepartmental agreement between CEL and the City is also close to being completed. Expecting the pilot project to begin in the fall.

The General Manager gave the Commissioners an update on the proposed Energy Legislation being proposed by the Department of Energy Resources and the Governor. The proposal will provide homebuyers with more information on the energy efficiency of homes.

The General Manager explained that there has not been much movement on legislative issues that are important to MLP's.

The General Manager discussed the latest updates on the Holiday Hill Wind Project. MMWEC continues to negotiate with the developer. MMWEC has recommended CEL take up to 4MW of output from the project. Commissioner Pajak made a motion to contract for up to 4MW of capacity from the project. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

The General Manager explained that the extension of the Hydro Quebec projects are coming up this fall. MMWEC is currently reviewing the economics and will make recommendations to the MLP's during the summer.

The General Manager gave the Commissioners an update on the Fiber to the Premises project. He explained that some equipment has been ordered and that CEL has been talking to some business customers about participating in a pilot this summer.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 2 to 0.

Jeffrey R. Cady- Clerk of the Boar

Approved: May 21, 2018