

**Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, January 27, 2025**

Chairman Mashia called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 2:04 PM on Monday, January 27, 2025.

**Present:**

- Chairman Daniel J. Mashia
- Commissioner Joseph F. Pasternak, III
- Commissioner Daniel T. Maciolek
- General Manager and Clerk of the Board, Daniel R. Faille

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**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2024, meeting as presented.

Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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**Financial Approvals**

Commissioner Maciolek made a motion to concur with the payment of the following warrants:

Warrant #E112924 dated 11/25/2024 in the amount of \$1,706,972.21; Warrant #E120624 dated 11/27/2024 in the amount of \$243,734.94; Warrant #E120624 dated 12/2/2024 in the amount of \$71,140.73; Warrant #E121324 dated 12/5/2024 in the amount of \$405,045.57; Warrant #E121324 dated 12/9/2024 in the amount of \$634,633.21; Warrant #E122024 dated 12/12/2024 in the amount of \$283,757.32; Warrant #E122024 dated 12/16/2024 in the amount of \$1,385,860.91; Warrant #E122724 dated 12/19/2024 in the amount of \$577,053.56; Warrant #E122724 dated 12/23/2024 in the amount of \$1,605,971.53; Warrant #E010325 dated 12/27/2024 in the amount of \$196,072.47; Warrant #E010325 dated 12/30/2024 in the amount of \$71,988.42; Warrant #E011025 dated 1/3/2025 in the amount of \$105,634.46; Warrant #E011025 dated 1/6/2025 in the amount of \$45,826.05; Warrant #E011725 dated 1/13/2025 in the amount of \$277,741.50; Warrant #E011725 dated 1/9/2025 in the amount of \$257,652.50; Warrant #E012425 dated 1/16/2025 in the amount of \$174,154.93; Warrant #E012425 dated 1/22/2025 in the amount of \$4,547,339.58 and Warrant #E013125 dated 1/27/2025 in the amount of \$244,728.70

Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Maciolek made a motion to approve the payment of Bills and Customer Refunds in the amount of \$140,510.89.

Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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Commissioner Maciolek made a motion to approve the Write-Off of Uncollectibles in the amount of \$22,831.94.

Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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The General Manager noted that 28 properties were lienied this year, totaling \$40,126.61 in past due balances. As of January 3, 2025, \$25,131.37 has been collected.

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## **Annual Votes**

Commissioner Maciolek made a motion for Commissioner Pasternak to become Chairman of the Municipal Light Board as of January 28, 2025.

Commissioner Mashia seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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The General Manager noted that the Clerk position was previously set at the October 2024 meeting and remains General Manager Daniel R. Faille for calendar year 2025.

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The General Manager requested that the Board approve a half-day holiday on December 31 (New Year's Eve) for 2025, consistent with the City's holiday schedule.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to approve a half-day holiday for all CEL employees on New Year's Eve 2025.

Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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The General Manager noted that, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, he has conducted a periodic review of executive session meeting minutes to determine whether any may be disclosed. Following the review, he concluded that all undisclosed minutes continue to meet the criteria for confidentiality, as their release would defeat the lawful purpose of the executive session. In compliance with Open Meeting Law, this determination is documented in these minutes.

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## **Discussion Items**

### **Approval of Capital Items**

#### **Phone System Upgrade**

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to approve the purchase of a new phone system from Hogan Technology for \$27,647.53.

Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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#### **Signage Upgrade**

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to approve the replacement of the lit signage at the Front Street office for \$2,400.

Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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#### **Generator 1 Radiator Replacement**

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to approve the replacement of two radiators in Generator 1 for a total estimated project cost of \$99,045. The result would be Generator 1 back online, and two (2) refurbished radiators in stock for future replacements.

Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

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#### **General Manager Review**

The General Manager submitted a self-review letter detailing his performance over the past year.

Commissioner Mashia made a motion to set the General Manager's salary at \$215,000 annually.

Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0..

**Document:** *2025 General Manager Letter to Commissioners.pdf*

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## **New Business**

None.

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## **Adjournment**

Chairman Mashia made a motion to adjourn at 3:27 PM.

Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 0.

  
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Daniel R. Faille, Clerk of the Board

Approved: February 19, 2025