

*Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2019*

Chairman Sittard called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 6:00 pm, Thursday, November 21, 2019.

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

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to accept the minutes of October 24, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to concur with the payment of **Warrant #E110119** dated 10/24/2019 in the amount of \$177,717.29; **Warrant #E110119** dated 10/28/2019 in the amount of \$45,881.17; **Warrant #E110819** dated 10/31/2019 in the amount of \$162,353.77; **Warrant #E110819** dated 11/4/2019 in the amount of \$34,800.79; **Warrant #E111519** dated 11/7/2019 in the amount of \$251,601.21; **Warrant #E111519** dated 11/12/2019 in the amount of \$271,660.68; **Warrant #E112219** dated 11/18/2019 in the amount of \$2,886,465.94. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to pay **Bills & Customer Refunds** in the amount of **\$217,085.12**. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to pay Power Bills in the amount of **\$9,538.22**. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0

The General Manager presented the Commission with the Annual Bid for Single & Three Phase Padmount Transformers. Commissioner Pajak made a motion, to award the Annual Bid for Single Phase & Three Padmount Transformers, consistent with staff's recommendation in response to CEL Bid #19-0477. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0 *Document: CEL Bid #19-0477*

The General Manager discussed increasing the OPEB funding due to the increase in investments. He explained that this may be a good time to increase the funding and not have to provide any additional funding for several years. He was recommending the he research it further but was looking to possibly fund it by 1.5 million to 2 million. He would make a recommendation at the next meeting.

The General Manger reviewed the current Distributed Generation (DG) Policy and the recommended DG Policy with the Commissioners. He was recommending that the policy be changed to allow full net metering for customers with DG projects under 10 KW. He believed this

would simplify the billing process for solar customers. After some discussion Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to approve the Distribution Generation Policy as recommended. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Motion was passed 3 to 0. *Document: Distributed Generation Policy*

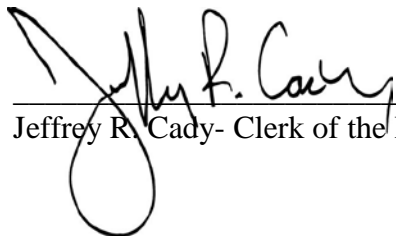
The General Manger discussed the current billing process for solar. He explained that all utilities in Massachusetts use some sort of Net Metering process for billing. Because CEL relies on several vendors for billing and printing, it will take time and money to change the bills. He said that staff was looking at other approaches for solar billing, but would have to review with vendors to determine costs and timelines.

The General Manager gave the Commissioners an update on the building renovations. He explained that the contractor was on site today for a walk through. They plan to start mobilizing after Thanksgiving, but will not start any work until December.

The General Manager notified the Commissioners that Berkshire Wind is now online. The two new turbines have expanded the project to 12 turbines generating 19.6 mw. Chicopee is only part of the 2 turbine expansion. Holiday Hill is expected to go online by the end of December.

The General Manager provided an update to the Commissioners on the high speed internet project. We are currently installing service to residential customers in three pilot areas. Will open the last pilot area for applications soon. Early indications are that customers are very happy with service.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0



Jeffrey R. Cady- Clerk of the Board

Approved: December 18, 2019