

*Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2018*

Chairman Pasternak called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 6:00 pm, Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Present for this meeting were Chairman Joseph F. Pasternak, III, Commissioner Carl E. Sittard, 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 January 22, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to concur with the payment of **Warrant #E020218** dated 1/29/2018 in the amount of \$2,511,372.64; **Warrant #E020918** dated 1/31/2018 in the amount of \$352,505.80; **Warrant #E020918** dated 2/5/2018 in the amount of \$197,864.94; **Warrant #E021618** dated 2/12/2018 in the amount of \$693,932.53 and **Warrant #E021618** dated 2/7/2018 in the amount of \$70,503.99. Commissioner Pasternak 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 **\$279,295.36**. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to confirm the rate stabilization withdrawal of \$315,000 a month as included in the 2018 budget. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager explained that as part of the Advanced Meter Infrastructure Project, CEL was going to install load control devices on the hot water tanks to replace the time clocks. As this has been further researched, it seems to make sense to do away with the load control devices. Since CEL got out of the Electric Hot Water Tank program, when customers replace the tanks they have not been putting in the same type of tanks which makes them impossible to control the same way. Also the time clocks were not accurate. Based on this he was recommending that CEL do away with the load control option but still allow the customers to be on the electric hot water rate. Commissioner Pajak made a motion to eliminate the load control requirement, but still allow customers with electric hot water tanks to remain on the electric hot water tank rate. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager provided the Commissioners with an update on the Fiber Project. He explained that the Szot Park design was being completed shortly. He has signed an agreement with the same firm for approximately \$127,000 to complete the design for the entire city. He expects the advertisement for a marketing/sales position to go out very shortly. He recently met with the Mayor and some City Councilors to discuss the direction of the project, which the majority

supported. He also explained that he was meeting with HG&E and South Hadley to discuss partnership opportunities.

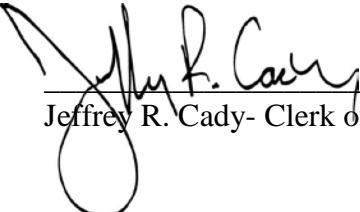
He gave the Commission an update on the MMWEC peaking project. He explained that the project cleared the capacity auction. He also explained that CEL has reduced its participation in the project from 6 mw to 2.7 mw. Another MMWEC member was looking for more capacity.

The General Manager provided the Commissioners with a reliability report for 2016 and 2017. In the report, he provided a comparison to WMECO and National Grid. The report shows how much better CEL's reliability is than both of the investor owned utilities. A Chicopee customer faced an outage of under 18 minutes on average, where WMECO's was 93 minutes and National Grids was 108 minutes. *Document: Reliability Report*

The General Manager provided the Commissioners with a report on the residential and commercial rebates for 2017. On the residential side, 180 rebates were submitted and 101 audits were completed. On the commercial side, 26 rebates were completed for approximately \$205,000. *Document: Energy Rebate Report*

The General Manager provided draft December Financials to the Commissioners. He explained that they did not include a transmission charge and would not be finalized until the audit was complete.

Commissioner Sittard made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.



Jeffrey R. Cady- Clerk of the Board

Approved: March 27, 2018