

# Marquette Board of Light and Power 9-10-18 MINUTES

## 2200 Wright St., Marquette, MI 49855 (906) 228-0311

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on September 10, 2018 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Tom Tourville, Chair

David Puskala, Vice Chair/Secretary

Jerry Irby

Robert Niemi

Ed Angeli

Absent: None

T. Tourville requested to move item 7- MEC Noise Discussion to item 3a. J. Irby made a motion to accept the revised agenda with support coming from R. Niemi. Revised agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

1. **Approval of the August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and the (confidential) Closed Session Meeting Minutes from August 14 and August 28, 2018 Meetings.**

R. Niemi made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as a group, as presented. Motion was supported by J. Irby and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$1,777,222.05 with support coming from J. Irby. After discussion, the Bills Payable were unanimously approved by the Board.

3. **Public Comments:**

Mary Thorrington, 2412 Huron Street addressed the Board regarding her home experiences with the noise and vibration coming from the MEC. She pleaded with the Board to fix the problem as soon as possible.

a. **MEC Noise Discussion – Mitigation Study:**

Executive Director, T. Carpenter stated that he was in contact with INNOVA Global today and even though he does not have the final report, they did tell him what their recommendations are. Their recommendation is basically to thicken the walls, ceiling and roof and reconfigure the Muffat vent silencer so it has more silencers on it and redirect the vent away from the residential area. They stated that they will have a budgetary estimate in a week or so. As far as the whining noise that is coming from the radiators, this will be an easier fix than the low frequency noise but it is not something we can immediately do. The next step is to wait for their proposal and budgetary quote and then for them to come in and do the work. Board members are very focused on getting this problem fixed and suggested that if the proposal comes in

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the next week or so, they will schedule a special meeting to get the job going as soon as possible.

4. **Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget:**

Chief Financial Officer Mark Link gave an overview of the budget and reported some of the changes that were made and why. He stated that the fuel charge was less than expected so our customers will be receiving a fuel adjustment credit on their bills. Discussion followed.

At 5:08 p.m., T. Tourville opened for the Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. There were no comments so T. Tourville closed the hearing.

E. Angeli made a motion to adopt the Budget for FY 2018-2019 as presented. R. Niemi seconded. Board members thanked staff for their very thorough process. T. Tourville stated that it is important that we keep this budget in front of us each month. Board approved and adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

5. **Financial Discussion – Mark Link:**

Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the ten months ending July 31, 2018, Projected Cash Flow Statement, Electric Revenues – Budgeted versus Actual and KWH Comparative for the Twelve Months Ending September 30. Discussion followed.

6. **Proposed Cash Reserve Policy Discussion:**

T. Tourville stated that this item is only for discussion tonight and a formal policy will be given to the Board for approval at a later date. M. Link gave an overview of the policy and guidelines and recommended it be updated each year, through the budget process. Discussion followed with the Board establishing a subcommittee to work on fine tuning the policy with board members, David Puskala and Ed Angeli along with staff members, Tom Carpenter, Mark Link and Toby Smith.

7. Moved to 3a.

8. **Public Comments:**

Jorma Lankinen, 8 Marquette Dr. addressed the Board regarding the budget and planning and asked the Board to be responsible with their decisions to keep the ratepayers costs at bay.

9. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**

T. Carpenter informed the board that many staff members will be out of the office the next few days, as they are going to the Michigan Municipal Electric Association Conference.

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10. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**

J. Irby introduced Bill Carlson who is the new Township's Representative for the Utility Review Committee. B. Carlson told the Board that he appreciates their comments when discussing the finances and his township is dealing with some of the same issues. He also invited everyone to come for a tour of the new electric power plant being built in Negaunee Township on October 19 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Board informed B. Carlson if he has any questions, to please just give them or the staff a call.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



David Puskala  
Vice Chair/Secretary