

Marquette Board of Light and Power 01-25-2022 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 January 25th, 2022 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: John Prince, Chair
Robert Niemi, Vice Chair/Secretary
Ed Angeli
Paul Schloegel
John Sonderegger

Absent: None

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, P. Schloegel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the December 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

P. Schloegel made a motion to accept the December 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. R. Niemi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable:**

E. Angeli made a motion to approve the Bills Payable, as presented, totaling \$ 1,912,875.94. J Sonderegger seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Bills Payables as presented.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comment was made

4. **Retirement Presentation – K Downs**

5. **Recommendation to Approve Purchase of Polyphase Transformers**

R. Niemi made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 pad mount polyphase transformers from Powerline Supply in the amount of \$ 96,406.00. E. Angeli seconded the motion and after discussion, the Board unanimously approved.

6. **Capital Projects**

a. **Second Interconnection** – Manager of Utility Planning & Projects B. Collins updated the Board on the status of the project. He is meeting with ATC's Project Manager and Black & Veatch in the next week to make sure all parties are on the same timeline. We currently have our people and Steigerwaldt completing survey, Right-of-way, and base-mapping work. Everything is moving in the right direction.

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- b. Shiras Demolition – T. Carpenter updated the board; a little additional work to be completed in the spring, Director of Operations J. Hendrickson is working with the State of Michigan to figure out what we need to do with the land and what the options are. T. Carpenter mentioned that the conversations about what could be done with the land would most likely be starting soon. J. Sonderegger presented the Board with information relating to a covered community ice rink on the property. J. Sonderegger shared a few different styles of coverings, along with options for used rink boards. He noted that the project would not likely need to be privately funded. T. Carpenter noted that we would be doing what we need to do to figure out what can be done with the property and that we are going to start looking into an avenue to include public discussion regarding the property.
 - c. Other – CFO, M. Link updated the Board on our new billing system; stated that we are in the final days of our old (legacy) system and the new system is set to launch on Monday.
7. **Financial Discussion – CFO, Mark Link:**
Chief Financial Officer, Mark Link presented the Interim Operating Statement for the month ending December 31st, 2021, Projected Cash Flow Statement, KWH Comparative vs. Prior Year and Five-Year History, Trending Actual Revenue versus Budget, and Summary of Investments.
8. **Public Comments:**
No public comment was made.
9. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present:**
T. Carpenter reminded everyone to ask their friends and neighbors to fill out our customer survey.
10. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present:**
J. Sonderegger – Nothing additional
R. Niemi – Nothing additional
E. Angeli – Commented on the Lighting Contest and stated that he and his family appreciated all the work that went into it and that he believes the MBLP should be doing more of that kind of stuff in the community. He also thanked Kevin for all the work he has done at the BLP, wished him a happy retirement, and that stated that he will be missed.
P Schloegel – Inquired about the number of surveys completed and he stated that he has been pushing it on social media and that he would continue to spread the word.

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J. Prince – Inquired with J. Hendrickson regarding the status of billing on the Shiras demolition and if he had a final total. J. Hendrickson stated that there is a slight delay, waiting on the final numbers on profit sharing from scrap metal and that he hopes to have those numbers heading into the next meeting.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Robert Niemi,
Vice Chair/Secretary