

Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2024

Chairman Mashia called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 4:06 PM on Monday, April 29, 2024.

Present for this meeting were Chairman Daniel J. Mashia, Commissioner Joseph F. Pasternak, III, Commissioner Daniel T. Maciolek, and General Manager and Clerk of the Board, Daniel R. Faille.

Commissioner Maciolek made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting, 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 #E032924 dated 3/25/2024 in the amount of \$263.01; Warrant #E040524 dated 3/28/2024 in the amount of \$276,705.78; Warrant #E040524 dated 4/1/2024 in the amount of \$67,733.06; Warrant #E041224 dated 4/4/2024 in the amount of \$203,114.81; Warrant #E041224 dated 4/8/2024 in the amount of \$184,366.16 ; Warrant #E041924 dated 4/11/2024 in the amount of \$184,419.11; Warrant #E041924 dated 4/16/2024 in the amount of \$1,866,853.24 and Warrant #E042624 dated 4/18/2024 in the amount of \$464,529.71.* Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to pay ***Bills and Customer Refunds*** in the amount of ***\$180,444.14***. Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to pay ***Write-off Uncollectibles*** in the amount of ***\$50,949.90***. Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Bid(s) Approval

The General Manager presented the Commissioners with CEL Bid #24-0511 300 & 500 kVA 3-Phase Padmount Transformers. This bid was to allow for the purchase or either used or new transformers to bring into CEL inventory, which is running low. CEL has multiple pending orders for new transformers, but the current lead times will not allow for the delivery of units on a schedule that is consistent with the inventory level CEL seeks to maintain. This is the first time that CEL has sought a response for used/refurbished transformers, with the expectation that would result in reduced lead times. CEL also asked for bidders to respond with new units, if they were available and could meet the delivery requirements. There were six (6) bidders that responded. One (1) bidder was disqualified due to providing inaccurate terms in the bid response. Of the remaining five (5) bidders, Graybar provided a response for NEW GE/PROLEC transformers, for a total award amount of \$279,843. The only note on this response is that the units are manufactured in

Mexico before they are shipped to New Hampshire and before ultimate delivery to Chicopee. CEL is often required to provide equipment that is manufactured in the United States when working on DOT jobs. Engineering has indicated that this requirement typically applies for any materials for which CEL is seeking reimbursement, and that transformers are not typically something that CEL seeks reimbursement for, as they are capitalized upon receipt, per regulations. Additionally, as this inventory is to fill the gap between the currently owned inventory and the inventory on order, this should not be a problem; any transformers needed for DOT jobs will be sourced out of the current old-stock inventory. Alternatively, if US made inventory is of critical concern, Engineering has indicated CEL could award to Sunbelt Solomon for refurbished units with a staggered, but acceptable, delivery schedule for a total award amount of \$318,000. Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to award the bid to Graybar for NEW GE/PROLEC transformers, in response to CEL Bid# 24-0511 for a total award amount of \$279,843., consistent with staff's recommendation. Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Designation of 2024 MMWEC Voting Representatives

Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) has requested that we update our certification of voting representatives prior to the upcoming meeting on May 2, 2024.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to assign voting priority as follows:

Designate the manager of municipal lighting, Daniel Faille as CEL's Voting Representative, to vote and execute written instruments on its behalf relative to adoption, amendment, or repeal of MMWEC By-Laws, the election of President and Directors of the Corporation, and other action by the Member cities and towns of MMWEC;

Second: Commissioner Maciolek be designated as an Alternate Voting Representative who shall, in the absence of the previous Voting Representative, have all the powers conferred upon the Voting Representative;

Third: Commissioner Mashia be designated as an Alternate Voting Representative who shall, in the absence of the previous Voting Representative, have all the powers conferred upon the Voting Representative;

Fourth: Commissioner Pasternak be designated as an Alternate Voting Representative who shall, in the absence of the previous Voting Representative, have all the powers conferred upon the Voting Representative;

and to have the Clerk of the Board certify the vote as such. Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Executive Session

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing sensitive personnel, strategic, and/or financial information and return to Regular Session after conclusion. Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mashia – Aye
Commissioner Pasternak – Aye
Commissioner Maciolek – Aye

Regular Session

Commissioner Mashia made a motion to direct the General Manager to discontinue negotiations with Delorean/Lightshift Energy on the proposed Battery Storage System near the Grattan Street substation. Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

New Business

1. City Treasurer, Marie Laflamme, has requested time at an upcoming MLB meeting to discuss CEL's investments accounts and introduce the City's financial advisor to the new General Manager and the Commissioners. Dates for May and June meetings to be provided.
2. We have received final Pension and OPEB adjustments from the auditors. After consideration of adjustments recommended by our auditors, the preliminary financials for 2023 include a \$500,000 contribution to rate stabilization, and a net income after unrealized gains/losses of \$4.31M, approximately \$360,000 above budgeted.

Commissioner Mashia made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 PM. Commissioner Maciolek seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.


Daniel R. Faille, Clerk of the Board

Approved: May 29, 2024