

*Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, August 12, 2019*

Chairman Sittard called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 6:00 pm, Monday, August 12, 2019

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

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to accept the minutes of July 22, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to concur with the payment of **Warrant #E080919** dated 8/5/2019 in the amount of \$137,970.63; and **Warrant #E080919** dated 8/1/2019 in the amount of \$464,279.68. 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 **\$261,329.62**. 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 **\$230,472.95**. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager and the Commissioners discussed the General Managers Contract. After reviewing the contract with some changes the Commissioners discussed extending the contract to December 31, 2021. Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to execute the new contract with the General Manager. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager updated the Commissioners on his meeting with the Historical Commission regarding the renovations to the Operations Building. He explained that they were very receptive to the renovations and were glad that the building would look more like the original. They were going to send a letter to Massachusetts Historical in support of the project. They asked that the brick color match the original brick color of the building.

The General Manager gave the Commissioners an update on the high speed internet project. He explained that construction was going well and that some minor changes were made to the construction standards as information was learned through the process. We are in the process of putting an ad out to hire an additional technician and marketing person. Additional customer training has been scheduled for the end of the month to help customer service and other employees become more comfortable on dealing with customers regarding high speed internet. Hoping to start accepting application in some pilot areas during September.

The General Manager informed the Commissioners that the Chicopee Senior Center would like to include a bill stuffer in the CEL bills to help with its campaign. Commissioner Pajak made a motion to approve the request including the printing. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager reviewed June Financials with the Commissioners. June Electric Sales were \$659,452 lower than budget for the month. This was due to the mild weather in May and June and the elimination of the rate stabilization transfer. Year to Date Revenues are lower by approximately \$200,000. Net Power Costs were lower for the month by \$284,277 and for the year are lower by \$1,517,510. These reduced costs are mostly a result of lower energy prices, Net Income for the month was \$339,241 higher than budget. *CEL Document: June Financials*

The General Manager recommended that the Commission go into executive session to discuss DPU litigation. Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation regarding the current DPU case and return to regular session after conclusion. Motion was seconded on the basis of a roll call vote as follows:

Pasternak Aye  
Pajak Aye  
Sittard Aye

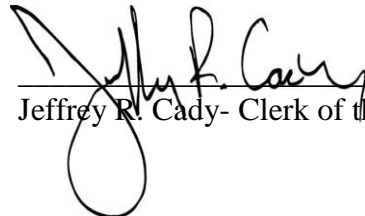
The motion passed 3 to 0

Commissioner Sittard made a motion at 6:29 to adjourn from Executive Session and enter to Regular Session. Motion was seconded on the basis of a roll call vote as follows:

Pasternak Aye  
Pajak Aye  
Sittard Aye

The motion passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

  
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Jeffrey R. Cady- Clerk of the Board

Approved: September 16, 2019