

*Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, January 31, 2019*

Chairman Pasternak called a regular meeting of the Chicopee Municipal Lighting Board to order at 6:00 pm, Thursday, January 31, 2019.

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

Commissioner Sittard made a motion to accept the minutes of December 20, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pasternak made a motion to concur with the payment of **Warrant #E010419** dated 12/27/2018 in the amount of \$366,643.10; **Warrant #E010419** dated 12/31/2018 in the amount of \$14,523.67; **Warrant #E011119** dated 1/4/2019 in the amount of \$291,985.42; **Warrant #E011119** dated 1/7/2019 in the amount of \$220,200.08; **Warrant #E011819** dated 1/10/2019 in the amount of \$390,960.73; **Warrant #E011819** dated 1/14/2019 in the amount of \$1,167,766.61; **Warrant #E012519** dated 1/18/2019 in the amount of \$216,662.00; **Warrant #E012519** dated 1/22/2019 in the amount of \$2,365,296.72 and **Warrant #E020119** dated 1/24/2019 in the amount of \$161,577.05. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to pay **Bills and Customer Refunds** in the amount of **\$95,107.00**. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to pay **Write-off Uncollectibles** in the amount of **\$33,412.43**. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to appoint **Jeffrey R. Cady** as the Clerk of the Municipal Light Board for **2019**. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion that Commissioner **Sittard** become Chairman of the Municipal Light Board as of **February 1, 2019**. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion it was voted that any person made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a commissioner, officer or attorney of the City of Chicopee Municipal Lighting Plant ("CMLP"); or because he or she served at the request of CMLP on a committee or task force of any public corporation or organization, shall be indemnified by CMLP against all damages and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with said action, suit or proceeding including any appeal therefrom. It is

the intent of this vote to indemnify such commissioners, officers or attorneys to the fullest extent permitted by Chapter 258 of the Massachusetts General Laws. No one shall be indemnified under this vote for violation of any civil rights if he or she acted intentionally. The term "expenses" includes amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments or in settlement of any action, suit or proceeding other than amounts paid to CMLP itself. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such commissioner, officer or attorney may be entitled apart from this vote. The indemnification provided for in this vote shall commence after all insurance proceeds or other indemnification proceeds have first been applied to a settlement or judgment awarded for a claim for which indemnification is provided under this vote. Any amount payable by way of indemnity hereunder shall be calculated and paid pursuant to a determination of the CMLP Manager. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager presented the Commissioners with the Annual Bid for Polemount Transformers. Commissioner Pasternak made a motion, to award the Annual Bid for Polemount Transformers, consistent with staff's recommendation in response to CEL Bid #18-0467. Commissioner Pajak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager presented the Commissioners with the Bid for Calix GPON & Active Ethernet Central Office Equipment. Commissioner Pajak made a motion, to award the Bid for Calix GPON & Active Ethernet Central Office Equipment, consistent with staff's recommendation in response to CEL Bid #19-0469. Commissioner Pasternak seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.

The General Manager reviewed the revised website with the Commissioners and examples of the Crossroads Fiber website design with the Commissioners. After reviewing the site and discussion it was decided to have the marketing firm review the website to be more consistent with the Crossroads Fiber website.

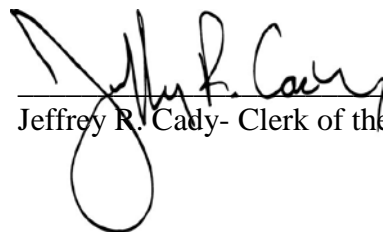
The General Manager provided the Commissioners an update on the Fiber to the Premises Project. He explained that CEL is working on the website design including the incorporation of the demand aggregation model. A telecomm hut has been ordered which will be delivered sometime in April. Three of the other locations for the central offices will use existing buildings at old CEL substations. We have ordered significant amount of materials for the installation including fiber, attachment hardware, cabinets, MST's, OTE's, central office equipment and inside installation equipment. Some of the materials have lead times at 10 to 12 weeks. Batteries for CO's are up to 6 months. Working on fiber installation RFP for outside and inside fiber installation contractors.

The General Manager gave the Commissioners an update on the building renovation project. The environmental firm hired by the architect has been holding up the process and was slow to respond which has delayed the project. As a result, the architect

has engaged a new environmental engineering firm to take over the project. We will also need to present the project to the Chicopee Historical Commission per the planning department. Based on discussions the architect has had with Mass Historical Commission, they do not have an issue and would only need to present to local historical commission. Because of these delays the bid will not go out until probably May. We would hope that work on the Meter Dept. renovations would start in the summer and the 1895 building would hopefully start in September/October.

The General Manager discussed Clean Energy Standard Legislation that has been filed. Several Legislators have filed various versions of Clean Energy Standards that could impact MLP's who represent 14% of the load in Massachusetts. Some of this legislation calls for 100% renewable by 2050. Currently none of CEL's portfolio would meet the Clean Energy Standard requirements. The Berkshire Wind and possibly the Holiday Hill Wind Project will include REC's. Adding the REC requirement to CEL could add 40-50% to the cost of energy. The General Manager and the Commissioners concurred that CEL does support clean energy based on the contracts added to its portfolio, the solar rebate program and CEL Energy Conservation programs. Because CEL has many long term contracts it wants to make sure those are taken into account so customer rates don't get significantly impacted. The General Manager explained that the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts filed legislation that was backed by all MLP's that would include MLP's in the standard but would grandfather existing resources. New contracts would require MLP's to purchase REC's.

Commissioner Pajak made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Sittard seconded the motion. Discussion: None; Motion was passed 3 to 0.



Jeffrey R. Cady- Clerk of the Board

Approved: February 25, 2019