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John M. Driscoll, *General Manager*

**Light Commissioners' Meeting  
December 16, 2020**

Members present were: Board Clerk Chris Stewart  
Board Member Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: General Manager [GM] John Driscoll  
Light Superintendent [LS] Thomas Berry  
Business Manager [BM] Jennifer Belliveau

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. by Chris.

The agenda for 12-16-20 was approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 2-0 in favor.

The minutes of 11-18-20 were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 2-0 in favor with the last sentence in the draft minutes about Ross Rd utility poles struck. The Board felt that this last sentence about Ross Rd poles didn't accurately portray their opinions formulated on the issue.

**Old Business:**

The General Manager (GM) discussed with the Commissioners the TMLP Operations Garage Expansion and the TMLP Transformer Storage Facility. The GM explained that the contracts were signed by us and their will be a contractor zoom meeting on Friday December 18. They applied for the building permits. The Light Superintending (LS) said the poles have been relocated to the Sewer Dept on Reservoir Street.

**New Business:**

The GM had a handout for the Commissioners of the 2021 Light Plant Budget. The GM explained that the budget is similar to last years, \$7.28M 2021, \$7.267M 2020. The Power Supply will be cheap at 6.5 cents for purchasing. When the GM started with TMLP the Power Supply was 77% of the budget it is now 56%. The GM suggested waiting for Dana to vote on the budget, Gregg said yes. The GM discussed with the Board the 2021 Light Plant Retail Rates. The GM suggested to lower the transmission cost and increase the generation portions of the bills, along with private light changes. The GM proposed waiting until January to discuss when Dana is here. The GM explained to the Board the 2020 Light Plant Abatements. The GM said there are 2 sections of inactive accounts, one being route #20 the other route #25. For route #20 there will be \$10,940.18 in abatements (write-offs) and for route #25 there will be \$13,949.26 in abatements (write-offs). These amounts consist of bankruptcies, people who have passed away and

tenants who have left with balances we will not collect. The Board signed both pages. Melanson CPA recommends getting the debt off TMLPs books.

*On a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 2-0 in favor the Board  
voted to accept the abatements as listed*

*Gregg – Aye*

*Chris – Aye*

The GM & LS discussed with the Commissioners the 1301 Circuit ROW Bridge Street to the RR Bridge. The LS told the Board about the issues with the 1301 circuit which goes underground down Bridge Street, then goes overhead through the woods and down by Lee's to feed Seaman Paper. During the storm on Saturday, Dec. 12 a tree fell in the woods that knocked out Seaman Paper for 2 ½ hours. The LS stated that we really do need to trim, but there are 2 options in order to do that. The first being to higher a contractor who can do it better than we can, the LS said there is a valley and a little water, the railroad is a nightmare to deal with. The other option would be to try to brainstorm as to how to get the circuit out of this area, we could go up Bridge St, up Hospital Rd and down Highland Ave which might be easier. The LS said it was not a good weekend for weather, the guys were out all weekend. Chris had asked if that was why his lights were blinking; the LS said not that was another problem on Mill Street. The GM talked with the Board about the Farnsworth Road Solar Array. The GM explained that the solar array had been sold to another company and the array had lost an inverter recently. The LS noticed the reading were coming in real low. The LS contacted the new company, Terraform Phoenix, and discovered they also had some solar panels broken since the Oct. 7, 2020 storm that were just fixed and they are waiting on parts for the inverter. They were not sure when they would be out to repair it.

The Manager had four handouts tonight:

1. October 2020 Power Supply
2. November Wind Generation
3. November 2020 KWH Sales Summary
4. November 2020 Retail Rates

The GM explained the October Power Supply was 5.93 cents, Wind for November was good with an average of 5.73¢/kWh and we sold almost 5,200,000 kWh.

#### **Other Business:**

The GM informed the Commissioners that there is a bill pending in Legislation for greenhouse gas, but it has not gone through the Committees.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 2-0 in favor, the Light Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll  
General Manager