

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



July 18, 2024, Commissioner's Meeting

6:00 PM – Remote Go to Meeting

Commissioners Present: Bryan DiPersia, Mark Cousins, Danby Whitmore. Also, in attendance was General Manager Matthew Brown, Office Manager Eric Grover

Danby Whitmore opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

Citizen Query

There wasn't anyone participating in citizen's query.

Review and Accept Previous Minutes

After reading the minutes from the previous meeting session, May 14, 2024, provided, the corrections made by the board were edited prior to the meeting.

Mark Cousins made the motion to accept the regular minutes for May 14, 2024, with the corrections made. Bryan DiPersia seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Mark Cousins, "I," Bryan DiPersia, "I" and Danby Whitmore "I." Voted in at 6:06.

Battery Storage Update

A few weeks back Citizens contacted Scott Edwards from GML regarding re-negotiating the percentage of shared savings. All three systems and Scott had a meeting yesterday and agreed Citizens needs to honor the original terms for the three systems to move forward with the project. What Matt thinks happened is the Frequency Response Market isn't as profitable as they thought, and Citizens is learning that the hard way. They are trying to offer us a greater percentage of Frequency Response but decreasing the Transmission and Capacity. We heard back from Citizens this morning and they will respond in the coming weeks.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Continuation Update: There are now 33 total systems now. Currently we have two new arrays, and the phone keeps continuing to ring with questions and requests for information.

Shutoffs: We have completed our third round of collections. The list is shrinking due to the hard work of the office and staying on top of the delinquent customers. The next shut off day is August 7th.

Construction Projects: The line staff have been working on the Ocean Avenue project. The poles and wire to continue to be installed and the project is going well.

Substation Power Transformers: The substation transformer bid was awarded to VTC of Virginia. As of today, the purchase order and agreement has been signed. Delivery of the transformer should be on schedule in the fall of 2025 and energized by December of the same year.

Rowley Regional 911: The town is going to go to Northshore Regional Dispatch faster than anticipated. Tuesday July 9th Manager Matt Brown received an email stating it was going to happen on August 1st. Brown met with Chief Stephen May and they discussed a few different scenarios, and some other questions that still need answering. The big one was who was responsible for making the "night button" ring in Middleton starting on the first and not the Rowley Police Department like it does now after hours. May reassured Brown they [NSR] had the technical staff to make the switch happen on time. They are offering some training on July 25th that the office manager and line superintendent will attend.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

Manager Matt Brown wanted to let the board know he was going to be on vacation July 23 through July 30th. He also said we customarily don't have an August meeting and if something comes up, we can schedule something.

Executive Session If Required

There was no reason to go into executive session for this meeting.

Adjournment

Mark Cousins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan DiPersia seconded. All voted in favor at 6:34 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

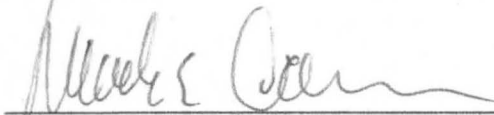
Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Danby Whitmore, Chair



Bryan DiPersia, Clerk



Mark Cousins, Member