

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



June 10, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting

6:00 PM – Remote GoTo Meeting

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

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 6:02 PM

Citizen Query

Nobody from the general public participated in this citizen's query.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

After reading the minutes from the previous meetings session, May 13, 2020 provided, there were no corrections.

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to accept the regular minutes for May 13, 2020. Sayad Moudachirou seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 6:05 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Managers Update:

MLP Solar Program Update: This program was implemented back in May of 2019 with a set amount set of \$50,000.00. Currently awarded has been \$24,066.00 with the remaining sum being \$25,934.00. Five roof top units have been added with the average array size being 8KW. The state has extended this program out to December 31, 2020.

Septic Design/Build: The department has received word from the Conservation and Health Department giving the project the ok to proceed. Currently Matt is waiting to hear from the building inspector for future direction. Matt and Eric have a timeline for the bids advertisement and sealed bids coming into the office.

2019 Audit: George Hunt has been out to the department to do his work for our annual audit. Our goal is to have everything done by the middle of June. Bill Fraher will send a report to the manager when complete.

2019 DPU Report: Matt emailed out the final report to the commissioners yesterday for approval and signatures. Once it is returned, Matt will send it to the DPU. A suggestion for next year will be to change the municipal customers and put them back into their own Rate C Municipal so it will reflect on revenue and KWH for the town. This way the town can see the savings.

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to accept the 2019 Departments Public Utilities Report for the RMLP. Mark Cousins seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 6:27 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Re-Opening to The Public: There has been no rush to reopen the office to the public with the current Covid 19 pandemic. It has been proven people are using the drop box and paying online to get their payments to us. We have taken care of application for service and sign offs for the town hall via email.

Construction Projects: We have started work back on the Bradford Street 4KV upgrade. New Hendrix wire has been run and is carrying the load from the VFW to Wethersfield Street along with new secondary wire. Next, we will be setting new poles on Summer and Burke Avenue and the conversation will continue down those streets. On Stackyard Road there were 4 new poles set along with anchors. These poles have shown their age and longevity.

2019 Q1 Budget: Hold over till quarter 2.

Clarification on Depreciation to cash transfers [Quarterly] cash to depreciation [Monthly]:

The board received clarification on why Matt was making the transfer from depreciation to cash. He explained it was the capital items, such as materials and labor that needed to be reclassified.

Mark Cousins made the motion to transfer from depreciation to operating cash in the amount of \$77,353.99. Sayad Moudachirou seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 6:50 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

There was also a vote taken for cash to depreciation in the amount of \$40,411.41 for the month of June. This will be a monthly transaction going forward.

Mark Cousins made the motion to transfer from operating cash to depreciation in the amount of \$40,411.41. Sayad Moudachirou seconded the motion. All voted in favor at 6:51 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

All Other Items Not Anticipated By The Chair

Bryan DiPersia asked when the next meeting would be. There may be a conflict so if we could do Tuesday the 14th of July, that could work. Bryan also asked about our rebate program and was wondering if cordless electric lawn equipment could be added to the program? Matt said he would investigate this, and it was worth mentioning that additional heat pump offerings will be in the future.

This was Sayad Moudachirou last board meeting with the RMLP. His wisdom, productivity, and collaboration to the board has not gone unnoticed. The board wished him good luck in the future. Thank you, Sayad, for your work.

Adjournment

Bryan DiPersia made the motion to adjourn. Sayad Moudachirou seconded. All voted in favor in favor at 6:57 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover


Bryan DiPersia, Chairman


Mark Cousins, Clerk

Term Expired

Sayad Moudachirou, Member