

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant



November 22, 2022, 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

See attendance sheet for the public sign-in.

Bryan DiPersia opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Citizen Query

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

Review and Accept Previous Minutes

There were no previous meetings to accept.

RMLP Commissioners Meeting Schedule 12/14/22

Manager Brown asked if the board could meet on December 14, 2022. Danby Whitmore mentioned she would be out of the country so Brown said he will look at some other dates and email the board.

Lien List/Write Offs

Manager Brown said the office has been looking at the lien list to see who may be included in the process. Currently, we have 16 on the list. We will supply a final list to Rowley Assessor Sean McFadden on December 12, 2022. In past years, the list has been cut in half as this is a suitable time to clean up our overdue homeowner's accounts. We are working on the write off list now and have something to the board prior to the next meeting.

Community Solar Credit

We did the yearly solar credit back to our customers in the November 2022 bill. We gave \$3192.00 back to 381 customers and 3 residential solar customers. [At the meeting, I quoted \$2,000.00 and 250 customers which was incorrect.] Manager Brown explained to the board how the process worked, and we will continue to do it annually.

EV2/Town Hall Charging Station Update

Manager Brown gave a rundown on how the project came to be and the timeline of the project. The grant awarded to the RMLP was \$27,710.46 and the project total was \$36,218.87. There were a few items the grant wouldn't cover such as consultant fees, legal fees, license agreement with the Town of Rowley, and miscellaneous equipment such as bollards, cameras and the 5-year prepaid I-Cloud plan.

We have submitted the paperwork and we should be receiving a check in the near future. The unfunded cost for \$8,508.41 of items not covered by the grant for 3100 rate payers would equate to \$2.74.

If for some reason we don't receive the grant money, the investment cost for 3100 rate payers funding total construction cost of \$36, 218.87 would equate to \$11.68 per Ratepayer.

This breakdown was provided to address some questions the department received from Ratepayers asking how much this is going to cost each Ratepayer. There will be no charges or line items on any bills specifically for the EV2 charger.

Manager Brown informed the board that the Chargepoint representative reported 20 different users have plugged in to charge.

Battery Storage Discussion

The project is still moving forward as discussions with the developers continue. DeLorean was the vendor chosen by MMWEC to do the project and we are just waiting for more information from them. The battery would be used as a peak shaver and help reduce departments' power supply costs. The question was asked if we did this could we have more solar to resell back to National Grid. The project would be owned by the vendor, they own the equipment, and if something happens to anything, we are not on the hook for any replacement components.

Brown explained the solar we have in town wouldn't be able to be sold back to National Grid. The substation would need to have to get new equipment for this to happen and the thought from a discussion there isn't a municipal that does this with National Grid. The real purpose for the battery project is when we have these peak alerts, we can switch over to the batteries and keep the cost down and pass the savings onto our customers.

Managers Update

MLP Solar Continuation Update: There are four potential solar customers who have applied for service. Other than that, everything remains the same. There are 31 total systems now.

Winter Prep: The line crew has been busy getting things ready for the winter season. There have been tool checks, new tires on two bucket trucks, and we are in good shape.

Power Supply/Financials: We continue to track and watch the budget closely. The purchased power is up through September \$570 thousand dollars more than this time last year. Even with the high energy market conditions we are profitable as a business but have lost money in investments like most other MLP's. We are approximately 90% hedged which will help control costs for 2023.

End of The Year Inventory: The line crew is working on the Christmas lights which will be turned on for December 3rd. We are getting ready to do our annual inventory count in December.

Fleet Vehicles: We have the cab and chassis currently, but we are waiting on the body which is stuck out in South Dakota. There is nothing we can do but wait for it to come in. There was also a new vehicle ordered for the General Manager. MHQ had a cancelled order that met our needs, a Ford Explorer Hybrid. Delivery date was October 12th, but has not come in yet.

Supply Chain Issues: With the supply issue being such an issue throughout the country, it isn't anything anyone can avoid and the RMLP is on top of ordering stock and items needed. Anything taken down is saved if it can be reused again. Some stock and transformers are out 80 weeks for delivery date. Most recently APPA wrote the White House asking them to use the Defense Production Act to address the current Supply Chain problems in regards to long lead times for necessary equipment.

All Other Items Not Anticipated by The Chair

There was nothing added in by the chair.

Executive Session under GLC 30A, Section 21 a Strategy for Negotiations with Non-Union Personal

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

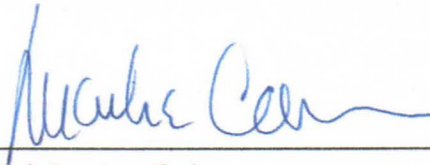
Adjournment

Danby Whitmore made the motion to adjourn. Mark Cousins seconded. All voted in favor at 6:50 PM with a roll call vote with everyone saying yes.

Minutes submitted by Eric R. Grover



Bryan DiPersia, Chair



Mark Cousins, Clerk



Danby Whitmore, Member