

MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Thursday March 5, 2020

80 Commercial Street, Commissioner's Conference Room, Marblehead, MA

Minutes

Present for the meeting were: Commissioners – Chairman Hull, Homan, Maccario, Johnson and Tumulty. General Manager Kowalik, Finance Assistant Barrett and Manager of Technical Operations Coleman.

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Minutes:

Vote #2020-5

It was moved by Commissioner Tumulty and seconded by Commissioner Maccario to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2020 meeting. **Unanimous**

Financial Report:

Finance Assistant Barrett distributed to the Commission the December 2019 Operating Statement and the 2019 kWh sales and revenue and 2019 cost of power.

The Purchased Power Adjustment for March 2020 is 3.1 cents per Kwh for all customers.

General Managers Report:

Village 13 Substation:

Michael Barrett of PLM Electric Power Engineering reviewed three bids for the procurement for two (2) 18/24/30 MVA 22.9 – 13.2kV power transformers to replace the existing transformers at the Village 13 Substation. The following bids were received:

Virginia	\$891,754
Delta Star	\$1,151,940
ABB	\$1,204,100

All three bidders were considered qualified vendors with Delta Star requesting 90% payment at time of award, ABB requesting 30% progress payment during manufacturing while Virginia Transformer had no payment stipulation.

Vote #2020-6

It was moved by Commissioner Tumulty and seconded by Commissioner Maccario to award the transformer contract to Virginia Transformer for \$891,754 to be paid out of the plant and equipment depreciation cash fund. **Unanimous**

Michael Barrett of PLM Electric Power Engineering reviewed three bids for the procurement for one (1) 15kV switchgear assembly to replace existing switchgear at the Village 13 substation. The following bids were received:

Eaton	\$1,174,787
AZZ	\$1,174,236
Myers	\$1,232,500

All three bidders were considered qualified vendors. Eaton had an acceptable delivery timeframe, AZZ had a delivery timeframe 10 weeks too late and Myers would not commit to a timeframe.

Vote #2020-7

It was moved by Commissioner Tumulty and seconded by Commissioner Maccario to award the switchgear contract to Eaton for \$1,174,787 to be paid out of the plant and equipment depreciation cash fund. **Unanimous**

Marblehead Town Bootcamp:

The Town of Marblehead is running a program where various town departments are meeting with interested residents to provide them with a better insight of the day to day operations of their department. MMLD will attend the Bootcamp on Thursday, March 19.

NREL:

MMLD will schedule a meeting this Spring with MMWEC and NREL to discuss NREL's preliminary results which utilized NREL's tool called REopt to evaluate the techno-economic report for the potential of adding PV, wind, and battery storage to offset MMLD's energy costs.

Bell School:

MMLD will coordinate with the new Bell School architects to include plans for MMLD Community Solar PV on the roof and EV charging in the parking lot.

Power Lines Tree Trimming Project:

General Manager Kowalik informed the Commission that Arborist Ben Staples of Cicoria Tree Service Company will begin assessing trees around MMLD's equipment on Friday, March 6.

ISO-NE Tariff:

General Manager informed the Commissioners that ISO-NE may propose a fuel security tariff that could cost MMLD 100K annually. MMWEC and ENE Services will continue to monitor and update MMLD for any new developments.

Flood Mitigation:

General Manager Kowalik informed the Commissioners that he attended a 2030/2050/2070 flood forecast presentation by the Salem Sound Conservancy. Kowalik will invite them to attend a Spring meeting.

Vote #2020-8

Motion to go to Executive Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information regarding activities by a governmental body as energy suppliers, municipal aggregator, or energy cooperative, if an Open Session will adversely affect conducting business relative to other entities making, selling, or distributing energy. The Commission will not reconvene in Open Session.

The Commission was polled: Maccario-Yes, Tumulty-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Homan-Yes, Hull-Yes.

Executive Session commenced at 4:45 P.M.