



HINGHAM MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Meeting Called to Order:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant (HMLP) was called to order at 0735 on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the Hingham Municipal Light Offices at 31 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham, Massachusetts.

Present:

John P. Ryan, Chairman; John A. Stoddard Jr., Vice-Chairman; Roger M. Freeman, Secretary; Paul Heanue, General Manager (GM); and Tom Morahan, Assistant General Manager.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The General Manager (GM) presented the meeting minutes for the September 25, 2018 meeting to the Board for their consideration.

MOTION

A motion was duly made by the Vice Chairman to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting. The Chairman seconded and they unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting.

Financials:

Roger M. Freeman, Secretary joined the meeting.

The GM presented the Board with financial statistics for August 2018. kWh sold in August 2018 was very close to August 2016 and 2017. Revenue for August 2018 was approximately the same as 2016, but higher than 2017. Net income for August 2018 was \$368k, August 2017 was \$1.9m and August 2016 was \$540k. The August 2017 numbers include \$1.4m in return of flush of funds from MWEC. Net income YTD August was (\$273k). Net income YTD July was (\$629.3k), which was the first month after the rate change. The GM observed we are trending in a good direction since the rate increase.

Updates:

additional transmission supply line/s:

HMLP is in receipt of a more comprehensive study from National Grid regarding their plans for upgrading some of their transmission infrastructure and our possibly piggybacking onto their work with the goal of HMLP bringing another transmission line to feed Hingham. The Town currently gets fed from two (2) National Grid taps off Eversource lines. The GM is still waiting to hear back from Eversource- scheduling a meeting similar to the one held with NGrid.

fiber study:

The GM recently had a conference call with HMLP's consultant on our possibly installing fiber. It is expected, the numbers still being flushed out, the cost to run fiber throughout Hingham so HMLP can read its meters 24/7 and communicate with our distribution equipment will be approximately \$4m. This figure is based on having a contractor do all the work associated with installing the fiber. The GM described recently having had several calls/emails from residents regarding charging their electric vehicles off-peak. The GM expects that the State will soon enough enact legislation that will encourage widespread use of electric vehicles that will make HMLP's ability to read its meters 24/7 necessary. The GM believes HMLP will need to enact time of use rates to help control when people charge their electric vehicles. HMLP does not want to establish new and higher peak load totals as it will dramatically increase our capacity and transmission charges. The GM hopes to have the final report from the consultant by the end of the month. Depending on what the report ultimately says HMLP will possibly put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering and begin installation of fiber in 2019.

solar canopies at the two MBTA commuter rail parking lots:

There are still outstanding issues for the developer that are causing delays to bringing these systems online. They are around easements, insurance and recently a legal dispute between the current and former developer over intellectual property rights. All of these problems have been exacerbated by how difficult the T can be to strike a deal with and the multiple changes in ownership of the project.

landfill:

The GM has received a more than rough layout of the array from the developer. The developer still has not yet applied to the DEP to get the post-usage closure permit. The GM is scheduling a meeting with the developer to get an update.

battery storage:

The GM has received pricing from ENGIE, a developer, on a battery storage system for HMLP. ENGIE is an international company who has installed utility sized storage around the world and as close as Holyoke. ENGIE has a combination solar and battery storage facility in Holyoke and the GM is trying to schedule a date for the Board to visit. They have come down approximately 11% from their initial price to HMLP. ENE is reviewing the new offer. The batteries will be co-shared assets between HMLP and ENGIE. ENE is following up with ENGIE regarding their anticipated frequency and use.

water:

If the Town decides to acquire the water company from Eversource the latest plan from the Board of Selectmen has them picking an engineering company to run the system/treatment plant. The Town Administrator, Tom Mayo, has asked the GM if HMLP is interested in managing the back office operation for the newly acquired, presuming it happens, water company. He suggested the GM reach out to the companies the Town intends to solicit bids from. The GM told Mayo he would need to talk to his Board first. The Chairman had questions about how that might work that the GM didn't feel comfortable answering given the level of detailed conversations he'd had with Mayo. The GM volunteered to try and arrange a meeting or conference call with the he, the Chair and Town Administrator.

Motion to Adjourn

On a motion duly made by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice Chairman it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 0830.

