

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Light and Power was called and held on December 29, 2009.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order.

Present: Karen Kimar Johnson
Kenneth C. Wanberg
Edward M. Angeli
John L. Sonderegger
John H. Prince

Absent: None

On a motion K. Wanberg, seconded by J. Prince, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the December 8, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Following a discussion it was moved by K. Wanberg, seconded by and unanimously carried to approve the Accounts Payable totaling \$758,781. K Kimar Johnson questioned the listed Board approved notations? Executive Director Kirby Juntila said the notation indicates items previously approved by the Board which have now been invoiced. J. Prince questioned the contract for ash hauling? K. Juntila responded the contract with Gentz Trucking Inc. has an annual rollover term if agreed by both parties. The ash hauling is bid out periodically.

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda.**

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

2. **Time for Citizen Comment.**

Earl Robinson of the Township Utility Review Committee questioned if the township franchise agreements have been received by staff? K. Juntila said he has been notified the documents will be delivered next week. He said the township franchise agreements were never finalized and following several years of language revisions and meetings with township representatives the documents are being prepared for signing. Board Legal Counsel Kenneth Seavoy said the franchise agreements were part of a 1984 ordered settlement of a lawsuit between the townships and the utility regarding the rate differential charged to township residents vs. city residents. He added the formalized documents provide guidelines for the utility regarding the utility doing business within the township boundaries and provide the utility with the ability to use road rights of way. K. Seavoy said the township franchise agreements can also be used regarding the bonding of future projects.

3. **Recommendation for Payment of Unit No. 3 Flame Scanner Fans.**

It was moved K. Kimar Johnson, seconded by K. Wanberg, and unanimously carried to authorize payment to J.E. Gasho & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of four (4) Unit No. 3 Flame Scanner Fans totaling \$8,838.73. J. E. Gash & Associates was the only scanner fan supplier recommended by Board consultant Hamworthy Peabody. E. Angeli questioned why the fans were being purchased now? Juntilla responded the current fans were the original equipment installed approximately 25 years ago. The new fans are expected to increase airflow by approximately 50 percent which is anticipated to keep the fans cleaner and more reliable as they are a critical boiler safety device.

4. **Any Additional Business the Executive Director Wishes to Present.**

K. Juntilla presented no additional business.

5. **Time for Citizen Comments.**

No comments were received from citizens.

6. **Any Additional Business the Board Members Wish to Present.**

K Wanberg wished all present a Happy New Year.

7. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

John L. Sonderegger,
Vice Chair/Secretary

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