

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Minutes of Meeting
February 15, 2022

Present: S. LaBelle (SL), M. Cloutier (MC), S. Daniels (SD), K. Snow (KS) & M. Croteau (MCC) & Kirk Blaisdell

Time Started: 3:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.

Citizen query opened at 3:36 p.m. and closed at 3:51 p.m.

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Approval of the Agenda:

- Motion to approve by S. Daniels.
- 2nd by M. Cloutier.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Warrants: 22-31, 22-33.

- Motion to approve by M. Cloutier.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2022

- Motion to approve by S. Daniels.
- 2nd by M. Cloutier.
- All in Favor.

Introduction of the Foreman:

- KS introduced the new Foreman, Kirk Blaisdell, to the Commissioners. Kirk currently works in Marblehead and will be joining our team February 28, 2022. We believe he will be a great addition to the crew.
- Kirk Blaisdell briefly spoke about what he has done in the industry and that he is happy to come to the Groveland Light Department.

Financials:

- KS proceeded by informing the Commissioners that the loss on the Flynn investment portfolios was \$90,000.00. KS also added that everyone took a hit last month.
- KS had better news for the operating cash from the balance sheet. The operating cash was up \$76,000.00. Income for the year end was \$442,797.10 due to interest income. KS also informed the Commissioners that he was going to raise the PPAC.
- MC asked how much the P.P.A.C was going to be raised.
- KS replied \$.003.

GML Utility Services LLC:

- KS has good news about GML Utility Services, the certificate has been signed by all three utilities. He is planning on filing it tomorrow when he receives the check from the Town of Groveland.
- SL was wondering if there had been any thought into hiring any employees for the co-op?
- MC made mention that there is an individual that is interested. The position needs someone with a utility background. There are a few that are interested in the event we go with heavy vehicle/hydraulics repair.

- KS would like the Commissioners to share any good ideas that they may have for GML.

PILOT:

- KS made mention that the past two years the amount given was \$40,000.00.
- A small discussion amongst the Commissioners ensued.
- MC made a motion to keep the PILOT the same and pay \$40,000.00.
- 2nd by SD.
- All in favor.

Collections:

- The Commissioners looked at the number presented by MCC. The figure was up by \$19,129.62 but was still very low compared to past years. She averaged the last three years and if the number can stay around \$112,000.00 toward the beginning of March it will be a good thing.
- SL asked if information had been put on the website for customers to get help paying their electric bills. KS and MCC replied that the information was posted the next day after our last meeting. MCC asked to have another agency added to the list which would help limited income households who are not eligible for fuel assistance. KS will be given that information tomorrow.

Managers Reports:

- KS has Merrimac Light Department coming in to assist our team with the installation of the new 13KV North Circuit coming across Governors out by Seven Star Rd tomorrow.
- KS is working with the town's Highway Superintendent to have islands placed back at Pleasant St, Chestnut St, Garrison St and Spring at School St to protect poles.
- KS said that Renny Carrol is going to stake out the poles on sidewalk to be moved on School St to make way for sidewalks when street is done over.
- Merrimac's new manager Mary Usovicz is coming here tomorrow with the Office Manager, Tara Aniello, to discuss the AMI metering system.
- KS informed the Commissioners that the heat in this zone (Commissioner's Room) of the building isn't working because it needs a new circuit board, which is on-order through ATCO.
- KS The new pickup truck was delivered today, and the decals will be going on it Thursday morning.

Other:

- KS reminded the Commissioners that Ron's retirement party will be at 401 Tavern in Hampton, NH at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a catered lunch for the linemen Ron worked with over the years on Thursday in the garage.

Next month's Commissioners meeting March 15th at 3:30 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by SL at 5:52 p.m.
- 2nd by SD
- All in favor.

Approval of minutes:

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Date:

4/12/2022