

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Minutes of Meeting

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Present: K. Cross, S. LaBelle, S. Daniels, K. Snow and
Time Started: 3:36 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.
Citizen query opened at 3:36 p.m. and close at 3:46 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Motion to approve by K. Cross.
- 2nd by S. LaBelle.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Warrants: 19-15, 19-13 & 19-11.

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

Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2018.

- Motion to approve by S. LaBelle.
- 2nd by K. Cross.
- All in Favor.

Meter Deposit (Changing Minimum):

- K. Snow asked M. Croteau to explain why the Meter Deposit needs to be increase.
- M. Croteau explained by looking at the Manor Dr. and taking the last three month of each unit and then averaging the dollar amount the average came out to \$219.00. The minimum of our department from many years has been \$200.00. By doing this exercise it shows that the average is higher than our minimum. Therefore, M. Croteau is asking the Commissioner to raise the minimum Meter Deposit to \$225.00 from today forward.
- A discussion ensued and the commissioners agreed to increase.
- A motion was made by S. LaBelle to increase our minimum Meter Deposit to \$225.00 from this day forward.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in favor.

Banner Policy:

- K. Snow was approached by Robert Lay from Georgia Street asking if the Light Department could hang a banner across Main St in front of the fire station. There is a set up to hang a banner however we have not hung a banner in the time I have been here. (4 years) Further, I question the wisdom of getting involved with hanging banners across a state road, or any for that manner, roadways. While I think it is nice public service, there are several aspects of it which would need to be addressed. Not only would there have to be banner specifications written up regarding size and number of windports, size and number of grommets, fabric weight and maximum length, but there would also need to be liability insurance take out by the requestor in the event an incident with the banner occurs causing some sort of accident.
- S. LaBelle asked if they are GELD pole or Verizon.

- K. Snow said one is ours and the other is Verizon.
- K. Snow mentioned banner can be hung over at the Groveland Bridge.
- S. Daniels mentioned and K. Cross thinks this could become a liability.
- S. LaBelle mentions that he is behind any decision K. Snow recommends on this process.
- K. Snow didn't feel the need to take a vote or motion to have one taken to have a policy about hanging banners because of the liability.

Clean Energy Standards:

- K. Snow explains that currently Municipal Utilities are exempt from CES regulations. CES requires that a utility provide a certain percentage of its power from "Clean Energy" sources, such as Solar, Wind (Class 1) and Hydropower (Class 2). There's a lot of fuzzy math involved, but if we apply the same standards to GELD's current power supply from 2017, 8% was supplied from CES Compliant sources. Though we are currently under no mandate, I think it is in GELD'S best interest to start to raise the level of CES compliant purchases so that in the event that Public Power is no longer able to keep from being mandated that we have a head start on achieving those goals. ENE hosted an event in early October where they showcased some of the compliant PPA'S that will be available starting this fall/winter, including Biomass, wind and solar opportunities. I anticipate working with ENE to better position GELD in respect to its portfolio percentages while maintaining low electric rates.
- S. LaBelle asked why our solar doesn't count.
- K. Snow responded by mentioning that GELD doesn't own the rexs.
- K. Snow will look into buying energy to achieve the goals for GELD.

Contract Hedging:

- K. Snow reminds the commissioners that this past spring they asked him to look into hedging our power contracts to help in lowering cost. K. Snow spoke with Gill from ENE and he pointed out that taking 95% would seem overly risky for it leaves the possibility of being long (oversupplied) with power and needing to sell it on the market. K. Snow would like to leave it at 85% as it is stand now. It is common amount to hedge. Leaving little risk.
- The commissioners agree with the 85%.

Florida Mutual Aid:

- GELD has a team of two of our linemen. R. Saunders and K. Rhudick left Wednesday, October 10th. As of today they had been in Tallahassee, Florida but will be relocated somewhere else tomorrow.
- Just in case K. Snow mentioned if there is a chance that Florida needs another line crew I would like to go next. I thought I would mention this to you just as I did when GELD helped out the Virgin Islands. R. Saunders would be left in my place to do the duties for the outside. M. Croteau can handle the responsibilities that arise inside the office.
- All the commissioners mention that using common sense when going on a mutual aid is being entrusted to K. Snow.
- K. Snow would never send R. Saunders and himself on an out of state Mutual Aid at the same time.

Other:

- The front of the building has been dressed up a bit with plants donated from my garden and M. Croteau's garden. Next year the sign out from will be dressed up to make the outside of the building eye appealing.
- Hardy Lane construction has almost been done by the line crew. Next week the plans are to grade Manor Drive.
- K. Snow mentions that M. Croteau has been working with NDS and Elster in solving the demand reading decimal. Ebony McCloud at Elster is looking into the trailers so they can be picked up in NDS system. Once this is done M. Croteau will let you know if it is possible to read faster and streamline the demand reading and billing. Which should cut the amount of time spent reading.
- Next meeting will be November 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by K. Cross at 4:38 p.m.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in favor.

Approval of minutes:

Kermit H. Cross

Date:

11-14-2018