

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Minutes of Meeting
September 12, 2023

TOWN OF GROVELAND

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

Time Started: 3:39 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.

Citizen query opened at 3:39 p.m. and closed at 3:54 p.m. No attendance at this meeting.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Motion to approve by SD.
- 2nd by MC.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Warrants: (24-03), (24-05) & (24-07).

- Motion to approve by SD.
- 2nd by MC.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2023.

- Motion to approve by SL.
- 2nd by SD.
- All in Favor.

July 2023 Financials:

- Per KS: The income statement was down \$16,400.00 for the month. However, the Interest Income was up \$42,800.00, leaving total income for July at \$26,300.00. Year to date it is up \$117,000.00. Operating cash is currently \$474,000.00..

Collection:

- 1) The trial balance was up \$28,697.17 July 2023 to August 31, 2023.
- 2) Since August 30, 2023, the department has collected \$48,430.02 in arrears.
- 3) MCC informed the Commissioners that usage was up due to the heat and humidity.

DPU Report:

- KS mentioned due to interest income and the power market 2022 was not a great year. At the end of the year net income was down \$803,000.00. Operating cash was down \$346,000.00. Interest income was down \$444,000.00. Operating cash losses were due to KS being slow in raising the rate to compensate.
- The Commissioners signed two copies of the DPU Report.

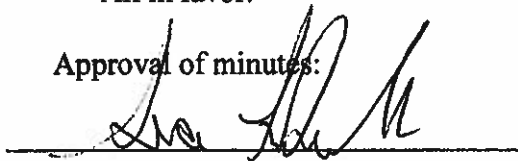
Manager's Report and Ongoing Projects:

- Battery Storage is moving ahead according to KS. A study will be done by Citizens Energy to install the 3MW/9MWh battery at the substation. The model shows a saving of \$5.2 million savings over a twenty-year term. There are still issues regarding the location such as being in a flood zone, an aquifer, and a riparian zone. Town Meeting would have to approve a zoning bylaw change allowing for its construction in the Spring. I am working with the Town Planner on language for the bylaw.
- The build out of Unit H at 944 Salem Street is underway. At this time GML is offering vehicle maintenance, utility line clearance, power supply consultation and engineering services to members and other utilities. Due to demand, GML is looking to hire a second line clearance crew and may wish to equip it by renting our forestry truck. Additionally, the Holden Light Department is interested in joining GML as an owner.
- SD asked if the first tree line crew had been spoken to about the issue Groveland had last time they work here.
- KS replied yes and they are going through training.
- The Birchwood /Pinewood/Blueberry Road project is complete minus the double poles.
- SL likes how the work looks. It was a good job by the crew.
- The School Street reconductoring project will be starting soon. Kirk wants to wait for our new hire to be here so that he gets to see it start to finish. Our new hire is Philip DaSilva, he comes from Middleton Highway Department.
- EV Chargers Project has one approval and it qualified for 100 percent of the grant for installation, minus the cost of protective bollards. It will be installed at The Pines Rec Area in October. The other two units are still in the queue.

Next month's commissioners meeting will be the following month October 10, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by SL at 4:31 p.m.
- 2nd by MC.
- All in favor.

Approval of minutes:



Date:

