

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Minutes of Meeting
February 13, 2024

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

Time Started: 3:37 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.

Citizen query opened at 3:37 p.m. and closed at 3:52 p.m. Kirk Blaisdell (KB)

Public Comment submitted by K. Blaisdell:

- KB wanted to thank the Board of Commissioner's for all the work that was done on the new wage scale for the employees.
- Commissioners thanked KB and asked that he pass along to the staff to keep up the excellent work.

Manager's Report:

- KS asked to move one topic ahead on the agenda so that KB could be involved with the discussion.
- Per KS Kenneth Rhudick gave his resignation to our department with a departure date of March 4th, 2024.
- KS explains that K. Rhudick was looking for a supervisory position which will give him more experience.
- KS nods to KB and mentions that he and KS have discussed this position opening and feel that we will not fill it until sometime after the Spring.
- The board agrees and wishes K. Rhudick good luck in his endeavors.
- KB thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of Warrants: (24-27), (24-29) & (24-31).

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

Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2023, and January 9th, 2024.

- Motion by SD.
- 2ND by MC.
- All in Favor.

December Financials:

- KS informs the Commissioners:
Operating Cash was \$549K.
Dec. Total Operating Income: \$19K.
Net Dec. Income: \$63K
YTD Total Operating Income: \$113K
YTD Net Income: \$545K

- MC made mention that the PILOT payment should be moved to the Balance Sheet.
- KS will speak to K. Kelly.

Budget 2024:

- KS explains that all figures were based off planned projects (Capital Budget) and anticipated expenses (Operating Budget).
- SL asked how KS came up with \$80,000.00 in Jobbing Revenue.
- KS replied by looking at historical Mutual Aid revenue.
- SL wondered if \$200,000.00 in interest income was projected for this year.
- KS answered that he typically projects less but has a strong feeling for a positive year.
- MC asked about Net Income.
- KS informed him that he includes interest income with net income.
- SL questioned the amount of rent (\$28,000) for this year.
- KS said based the amount of rent on historical rental charges for the unit and anticipates GML opening there in the coming months.
- MC says so the \$532,000.00 which means you will not continue to fund depreciation?
- KS replied yes.
- MC asked about the radios (Communications- Capital Budget).
- KS replied that it is already in. The repeater is located here at 944 Salem St and has made a world of difference.
- SL asked if anyone had any more comments on the budget.
- There were no further comments from the Commissioners.

Shut off Policy:

- KS talked with Diedre Lawrence and was informed that no vote was needed to change the shut-off policy of the department.
- KS said overnight turn-ons will no longer exist.
- KS informs the Board the cost to be turned on will go up to \$60.00 to reflect a half hour based on the foreman's rate of pay and the cost to roll the truck.
- KS will notify the DPU of the changes to the Terms and Conditions and will file it as MDPU#72.
- KS mentioned that the notices sent to customers will also be changed to reflect the policy.

General Manager's Review and Negotiation:

- A discussion between the Commissioners and KS regarding what they think and what KS was asking for went on for a bit. KS dismissed himself from the room so that the Commissioners could discuss this amongst themselves.
- Commissioners discussed percentages and on-call pay and came to a decision.
- A motion was made by MC to increase KS salary to \$182,000.00 a year and to get paid the regular rate for stand by on-call pay.
- 2nd by SL.
- All are in favor.
- KS reentered the room and was told a vote was taken and a decision made about his salary. KS thanked the Board of Commissioners.
- SL asked if everyone was good with the General Managers review.
- There were no further comments.

Manager's Report Continued:

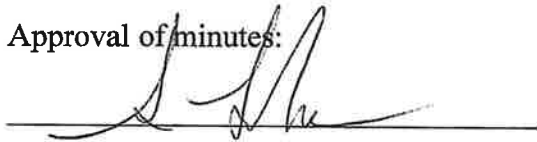
- Battery Storage: the Planning Board approved the new bylaw that would need to be passed at the town meeting to allow for construction of a BESS at the substation.
- KS met with the Building Inspector, Fire Chief, Town Planner and Planning Board to educate them on BESS systems.
- KS informed the Commissioners that the last two areas that need to be transferred to the newly installed 13kv circuit section will be done on February 15th, 2024. These include the Birchwood Road area and the Parker Road/Carlida Road areas. Notifications have been given to customers. Rowley Light crews will be assisting due to the number of transformers as we wish to keep the outage duration as short as possible.
- KS has been assisting GML Utility Services in filling out and submitting the Special Permit so that GML can open its vehicle repair facility in the vacant H unit. There will be a hearing before the ZBA on March 6, 2024. KS and Scott Edwards of GML will be attending to answer questions they may have.
- As part of the permitting KS sent out the required notices via certified mail to all the abutters. GML is advertising the hearing in local papers as required.

Next month's commissioners meeting will be March 12th, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by MC at 4:48 pm.

- 2nd by SD.
- All in favor.

Approval of minutes:



Date:

