

Paxton Municipal Light Department
578 Pleasant Street
Paxton, MA 01612-1300
Light Commission Meeting
May 11, 2021
In Person & Via Zoom

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Orell at 5:31 p.m. Members present in person: Yvette Orell, Mike Benoit, and Tara Rondeau, Manager. Commissioner Emerson Wheeler was present via ZOOM. Public Attending Via Zoom: None.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Benoit motioned to approve the agenda; Wheeler seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Wheeler motioned to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes; Benoit seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- IV. Public Comment: None
- V. Reorganization of Board:

Benoit made a motion to continue the past practice of making the commissioner next up for reelection, Chairman. Emerson Wheeler is up for reelection in 2022. Orell seconded the motion.

Vote for reorganization of the light board, as follows:

Wheeler-Chairman
Benoit-Vice Chairman
Orell-Clerk

Vote:

Wheeler: "aye"
Benoit: "aye"
Orell: "aye"

Motion passed 3-0.
- VI. Managers' Report:
 - A. Operations and Electrical Systems Updates:
 1. The linemen continued trimming and chipping. They are currently working on Crestwood Rd. They have completed Tanglewood Rd., Ridgewood Rd., Birchwood Rd. and Blackhill Rd.
 2. They:
 - a. Continued installing fiberglass brackets on Grove Street for new primary wire.
 - b. Dug and set a pole on Asnebumskit. Pole #8 was damaged by a recent storm.
 - c. Transferred services on Pole #8 and removed old pole.
 - d. Upgraded a transformer on Laurel Street.
 - e. Replaced a failed meter on Tanglewood Rd.
 - f. Repaired streetlights: Pole #2 Tanglewood Rd and one outside Forest Garage.
 - g. Fixed underground pipe, ran new primary wire, energized the service and removed the temp service on Bumbobrook.

3. The linemen performed street patrols removing branches on the wires on: Crystal St., Richards Ave., Marshall St., Laurel St., and Orchard Dr.
4. They worked with the field technicians from Landis & Gyr, testing the radio signal strength at the proposed locations of the 11 routers.
5. The lineman installed and energized the electric vehicle charger at Anna Maria College.
6. They hung the banners of the 2021 Paxton high school senior graduates.
7. The linemen began installing the AMI routers.
8. Outages: None.

B. Office and Operations:

1. The lobby was opened to the public on May 3rd.
2. PMLD is contributing to the Lions Club "Welcome Basket" for new residents. We provided 30 reusable grocery tote bags filled with rebate and audit information, prior newsletters, and basic information about PMLD. Each bag has a pen, notepad, koozie and a 4 pack of LED light bulbs.
3. PMLD's accounts receivable 90 days past due balance is \$35, 887. Last year at this same time it was \$49, 585.
4. The Manager will be participating in a weekly project progression meeting with Landis & Gyr.
5. A resident of The Hills called enquiring about the installation of an EV charger.
6. We picked up the new pickup truck. At this time, we are waiting on the registration and lettering.

C. Financials February 2021:

- a. February revenue decreased from January by \$50,983. This is primarily due to a variance in the length of days between each month's billing. January had 34 days and February only 28.
- b. PMLD's purchase power costs increased by \$10,000 this is attributed to a \$9,000 loss in our Reserve Trust investments.
- c. Overall net income decreased by \$43,809 from January.
- d. When comparing the 2021 sales revenue against 2020, we need to remember that the PPA has been reduced by \$.02 per kWh from 2020.

D. MMWEC Project Updates: Nothing to report on the projects. MMWEC has been concentrating on issues surrounding Project 2015A, which Paxton is not a participant of.

AMC EV Charger: The charger has been installed and is fully operational. AMC has decided to provide this free of charge to its employees and students. PMLD still needs to install signage before submitting paperwork to the state for reimbursement through the grant.

VII. Other Business: No other business.

VIII. Adjourn-Benoit motioned to adjourn, Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

The Next Meeting is June 15th, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Approved Minutes Submitted on behalf of the Paxton Light Commission

by Tara Rondeau on 6/15/21 Tara Rondeau

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