

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

**Board Members -**

Present: Pat McGuire, Jeff Palisin, Tim Werner, Jan Geht, John Taylor

Absent: Amy Shamroe, Bob Spence

**Ex Officio Member -**

Present: Marty Colburn, City Manager

**Others:** Tim Arends, W. Peter Doren, Scott Menhart, Karla Myers-Beman, Kelli Schroeder, Jennifer J. St. Amour

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Secretary Arends.

Secretary Tim Arends opened the floor to nominations for Chairperson of the Light and Power Board:

Palisin nominated Jan Geht, McGuire seconded.

Tim Arends closed the floor to nominations.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

Tim Arends turned the meeting over to Chairman Geht.

Chairman Geht opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Light and Power Board:

Taylor nominated Jeff Palisin, McGuire seconded.

Chairman Geht closed the floor to nominations.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

Chairman Geht recommended Tim Arends be reappointed Secretary for the Light and Power Board. Moved by Taylor, seconded by McGuire that Tim Arends be reappointed Secretary for the Light and Power Board.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

Chairman Geht asked for volunteers to serve on the Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee. Pat McGuire, Jeff Palisin and John Taylor volunteered.

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Palisin, that the Board create a Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee set to expire in one year.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

Moved by Geht, seconded by Werner, that Pat McGuire, Jeff Palisin, John Taylor and Bob Spence as the alternate be appointed to the Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

Tim Arends requested item 2b be removed from the Consent Calendar to be placed on a future agenda.

### **Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar**

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Taylor, that the following actions, as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda, as amended, be approved:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2016.
- b. *Removed from the Consent Calendar.*
- c. Purchase order to Power Line Supply for LaFranier/Barlow Transmission Line Upgrade project.
- d. A series of Purchase orders to Thomasson Company for Wood Distribution Poles for the Pole Replacement project.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

### **Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

None.

### **Item 3 on the Agenda being Unfinished Business**

With the consensus of the Board, Chairman Geht announced the Reserved Public Comment from Ann Rogers would be allowed during the public comment for item 3a.

- a. Customer Generation – solar rate discussion.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director  
Karla Myers-Beman, Controller

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Palisin, that the Board authorizes staff to amend the Net Metering Policy by removing the rate class restrictions.

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

1. Reserved

Ann Rogers, 1236 Peninsula Drive, ratepayer  
Greg Reisig, NMEAC, non-ratepayer

2. General

Dr. Lisa Delbuono, 1800 Nelson Rd., non-ratepayer  
Dan Worth, Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities, non-ratepayer  
Mary Van Valin, 871 Webster St., ratepayer  
Kate Madigan, 400 Buffy St., ratepayer  
Marcia Curran, 800 Cottageview Dr. #203, ratepayer  
Mike Grant, 619 Webster St., ratepayer  
Dave Petrov, 9988 Riley Rd., Interlochen, non-ratepayer  
David Poinsett, 9770 E Harbor Hills Dr., non-ratepayer  
June Thaden, 520 Highland Park Dr., ratepayer

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

**Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business**

- a. Consideration of approving a construction contract for LaFranier/Barlow Transmission Line Upgrade project.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director  
Michael McGeehan, President, GRP Engineering, Inc.

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Werner, that the Light & Power Board authorizes the Chairman and the Secretary to execute a construction agreement in the amount of \$798,909.00 with CC Power, LLC for the LaFranier/Barlow Transmission Line Upgrade Project; subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director and as to form by General Counsel; and further authorizes the Executive Director to approve change orders in the best interests of the utility.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

- b. Garland Street Project presentation and request for approval and funding of the lighting components.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director  
Marty Colburn, City Manager  
Karla Myers-Beman, Controller  
W. Peter Doren, General Counsel  
Tim Lodge, City Engineer  
Rob Bacigalupi, DDA Director

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Palisin, that the Board authorizes an amendment to the six year capital plan to include Garland Street decorative lighting in the amount of \$169,011, more or less, for the underground costs of the system, as requested by the City Manager.

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

Marcia Curran, 800 Cottageview Drive #203, ratepayer  
Mike Grant, 619 Webster, ratepayer  
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley St., ratepayer

## Roll Call:

Yes- McGuire, Palisin

No- Werner, Geht, Taylor

FAILED.

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Werner, that the Board authorizes and amendment to the six year capital plan to include Garland Street decorative lighting in the amount of 307,000, more or less, for the underground costs of the system, as requested by the City Manager.

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

Tim Lodge, City Engineer

## Roll Call:

Yes- Werner, Taylor

No- McGuire, Palisin, Geht

FAILED.

- c. Consideration of a request for approval and financial participation in the Cass Street/Lake Street Streetscape Improvements Project and the Park Street Streetscape Project lighting components.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director

Marty Colburn, City Manager

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Werner, that the Board authorizes an amendment to the six year capital plan to include Cass/Lake Streets and Park Street streetscapes projects for the underground lighting elements of those projects.

CARRIED unanimously. (Shamroe, Spence absent)

**Item 5 on the Agenda being Appointments**

None.

**Item 6 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications**

- a. From Legal Counsel.

1. W. Peter Doren reported that he asked the City attorney to initiate a utility wide city ordinance amendment to establish a retroactive period in the event of any billing disputes or billing errors.

- b. From Staff.

1. Karla Myers-Beman presented a closeout report for Southside Distribution Substation, West Side Transmission Line Upgrade and Wayne Street Distribution Line Rebuild, and Hickory Hills Distribution Underground.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director

c. From Board

1. Marty Colburn distributed a booklet from the Michigan Municipal League.
2. Chairman Geht requested clarification on the Customer Survey Review Ad Hoc Committee, expiration date of 4/26/16, verifying the staff deemed the committee dissolved.

**Item 7 on the Agenda being Public Comment**

a. General

No one from the public commented.

There being no objection, Chairman Geht declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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Tim Arends, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD