

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, September 28, 2010

**BOARD MEMBERS -**

Present: Mike Coco, Linda Johnson, John Snodgrass, John Taylor, Ralph Soffredine, Jim Carruthers

Absent: John Welch

**EX OFFICIO MEMBER -**

Present: R. Ben Bifoss

**OTHERS:** Ed Rice, W. Peter Doren, Tim Arends, Stephanie Tvardek, Jim Cooper, Glen Dine, Jessica Wheaton

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Coco.

Chairman Coco added an allotment of 15 minutes to Brian Beauchamp and the Michigan Land Use Institute during public comment.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Johnson, that the following items, as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the agenda, be approved:

- A. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2010.
- B. Consideration of approving minutes of the Closed Session of September 14, 2010.

CARRIED unanimously. (Welch absent)

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Soffredine, to authorize General Counsel to commence a lawsuit seeking a Writ of Mandamus directing Elmwood Township officials to place Brewery Creek Condominium Unit delinquencies on the 2010 tax roll and bills.

CARRIED unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Snodgrass, that the Light and Power Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute an agreement for professional services with GRP Engineering, Inc., for a total lump sum fee amount of \$158,500 including expenses, for design services for the Traverse City East Side Substation project, subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director and approval as to form by Counsel; and authorize the Executive Director to execute Design Phase I – lump sum work order No. 1 and Design Phase II – lump sum work order No. 2; and authorize the Executive Director to administer

amendments and change orders that are in the best interests of the Light and Power department.

CARRIED unanimously.

- B. Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Johnson, that the Light and Power Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Energy Resources, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to assist Light & Power in negotiating natural gas contracts in the best interest of Light & Power ratepayers, subject to approval as to form by Counsel.

Roll Call:

Yes – Coco, Johnson, Snodgrass, Taylor, Soffredine

No – Carruthers

CARRIED.

## 5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. From Legal Counsel:

- (1) W. Peter Doren spoke re: 3 case decisions and how they relate to Light and Power.

- B. From Staff:

- (1) Ed Rice and Jim Cooper spoke re: the Energy Optimization Program.  
(2) Jessica Wheaton spoke re: the upcoming Light and Power Open House scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2010.

- C. From Board:

- (1) Commissioner Carruthers spoke re: the recent passing of Gary Harsh, a regular attendee of Light and Power meetings. Carruthers felt Mr. Harsh was very supportive of energy efficiency and LED lighting. Carruthers would like to dedicate the Light and Power LED Street Lighting Project to him.

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Soffredine, to suspend the Board Rules and add to the agenda that the dedication of the new Light and Power LED Street Light Program in the name of Gary Harsh be approved.

Roll Call:

Yes – Coco, Snodgrass, Taylor, Soffredine, Carruthers

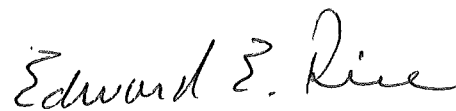
No – Johnson

CARRIED.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Brian Beauchamp, Michigan Land Use Institute, 535 Woodland, Ratepayer

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



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Edward E. Rice, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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