

Wendell Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:30 pm

Minutes

Present: MLP Board - Robert Heller, Laurie DiDonato, MLP Manager - Ray DiDonato.

Absent- Lou Leelyn(Chair); Meeting called to order 6:36 pm

Minutes - Approval of August 15th minutes - Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes, Robert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Website is in beta testing and needs comments by the 15th - both MLP and WendellNET pages. Board members will try to look at those this week for accuracy or completeness.

Solar credits pay for the internet? Trevor Kearns has excess solar credits of about \$60-80 a month that he has asked if he could use to pay his taxes or give away. The town is considering this, but the MLP could also consider it. The credits will vary month to month because usually it is a percentage of production. One option might be to credit his internet bill every 6 months. The solar credits can be used to pay any electric bill, so it could offset some of the Hut bill which is approximately \$400 a month. It was decided to wait and see what the selectboard and tax collector says about whether this is possible through the town, and then see what Trevor's preference is.

MLP Manager report:

- We have a signed quote for work to be done on the generator but are waiting on parts.
- There is a CAF-II amendment that we need to sign. We have to certify that we have to use money for broadband purposes, which includes paying down the broadband debt. Do we need to tell SB? Ray will check in with Carolyn and notify SB before signing. Board agrees Ray can sign.
- Also, we need to provide info on the premises that have been built since 2020 for CAF-II. It will be good to report any new installs as they might offset not-built locations. Ray has asked Phil for that info.
- Whip City is going to document car vs. pole incidents -- we should get Police reports so we can contact the driver insurance company to get reimbursed for the cost of the repairs. Make sure the police know we want these reports. Ray will do this.
- Poles NGrid is replacing are for the purpose of running 3 phase down Lockes Village Road. We'll have to pay to move stuff to the new poles.
- Hilltown meet and greet coming up- Sept 26th - not sure if anyone wants to or can go.
- Nothing new about the redundancy project. Still finishing up the West project. We have an amount for down payment available from retained earnings.
- New install off Jennison will cost MLP \$2500 for our part of the drop.
- No maintenance bill for Mormon hollow outage repair yet. A truck hit fiber going across road - Ray will look into the truck insurance company and ask whip city about whether the accident would be covered by the truck company's insurance.

- Smartphone apps - Laurie and Ray will work to write out instructions before the next meeting.

Next meeting time - Oct 10th, 6:30pm in person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm