

**Mansfield Municipal Electric Department  
Minutes of Light Commissioners Meeting  
February 6, 2019**

**Present:** Chair Jess Aptowitz, Commissioner Steve Schoonveld, Commissioner Michael Trowbridge, Clerk Frank Delvecchio and Light Department Manager Joseph Sollecito

The meeting was held at the Mansfield Town Hall Room 3AB and called to order at 7:45 PM. Chair Aptowitz stated that they had already said the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the Selectmen's meeting prior to the Light Commissioner's meeting.

A complete copy of the Board packet containing all documents that are referenced in the minutes is on file at the Mansfield Municipal Electric Department office.

**Citizens Comments-** none

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the January 2, 2019 Light Commissioners meeting  
(Trowbridge/Delvecchio) Passes 4/0

**MMWEC 2019 Designation of Voting Representatives-** Manager Sollecito explained that there is a certificate that needs to be signed and returned to MMWEC designating voting representatives and alternates.

**Motion:** To approve and sign the MMWEC 2019 Designation of Voting Representatives and Alternates Certificate  
(Trowbridge/Delvecchio) Passes 4/0

**Lineworker Job Posting-** Manager Sollecito informed the Board that Line Foreman Tom Weir will be retiring. He said he will be hiring another lineman before Tom is gone but has not decided at this time the exact skill level he wants for this new position.

**Financial Results for December 2018** – Manager Sollecito explained an issue that had come up at a previous meeting with customer deposits. There was a large difference between the asset deposit number on the balance sheet and the deposit number in the liability section of the balance sheet. It was discovered that an entry had not been made on the Light Department side that had been made on the Town side. The remaining difference is a timing issue between when the deposits are received at the Light Department and when they are credited at the bank.

Manager Sollecito stated that the net operating income year-to-date through December is \$1,229,908 and the net income through the month of December is \$1,392,313. He explained that approximately \$2,000,000 in projects such as transformers, a bucket truck and the Jewell Street capital project has not been paid yet making the net income appear larger than it really is.

Manager Sollecito also explained that MMED is undercollecting the generation charge and income is still increasing. He said that he has spoken to Mayhew Seavey about this as well as

MMED's rate structure but has decided not to change rates during the high heating bill season.

Manager Sollecito said that, although not on the agenda, there were some items he wanted to mention. House bill 3054 regarding clean energy standards was filed by the MEAM group which represents all 41 of the utilities in Massachusetts. He also told the Board that Mansfield Cable Access will be running a service message for the Mansfield Community Assistance Fund. He also hopes to have a newsletter run in March or possibly April. Manager Sollecito told the Board he will be away at a rally in Washington, D.C. February 24-27.

Chairman Aptowitz mentioned the terrible accident in Norton involving a transformer. The Director of MFN sent a letter of thanks to MMED for how quickly they were on scene to take care of the situation.

Chairman Aptowitz would like MMED to take another inventory of burnt out streetlights. Manager Sollecito said that most are LED and are not going to burn out anytime soon.

The executive session was called to order at 8:20 PM.

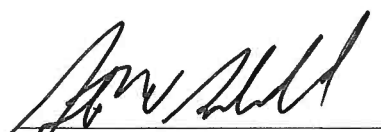
**Motion: To enter into Executive Session for the following reasons and to not return to open session:**


- 1) Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 164, Section 47D and M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, Exemption 2, to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining session or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.**
- 2) Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 164, Section 47D and M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, Exemption 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.**
- 3) To consider and approve Executive Session minutes of October 29, 2018 meeting, where Exemption 6 was declared.**
- 4) To consider and approve Executive Session minutes of January 2, 2019, where Exemptions 3 and 6 were declared.**

**(Delvecchio/Trowbridge) Passes 4/0**

**Roll Call Vote: Delvecchio-aye; Trowbridge-aye; Schoonveld-aye and Aptowitz-aye**

Respectfully submitted: Jacqueline Lee

  
Signature of Clerk

  
Date of Approval