

**TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**TIME:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 4:00 PM – 6:40 PM

**PLACE:** Office of the Commission

**PRESENT:** Chairman Blackwell, Commissioner Corr, Commissioner Hebert, Manager Holmes, Attorney Pollart (KP Law), Ms. Davine, Ms. Silveira, Mr. Melanson, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tremont, Ms. Britland, Mr. Frank, Mr. Irving, Mr. Bell, Mr. Him

Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order.

Chairman Blackwell called for a roll call.

**Present**

**Absent**

Commissioner Hebert  
Commissioner Corr  
Chairman Blackwell

**MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve. Unanimous.

22-098

**REGULAR WARRANT OF MAY 26, 2022**

**REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 2, 2022**

**REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 9, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve. Unanimous.

22-099

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS**

**Interoffice Communication from Dana Sullivan to Kimberly Holmes dated May 23, 2022 – Subject: Request for Sealed Bids – Pad Mount Transformers**

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

*Request to send out sealed bids for (3) 300-KVA pad mounted transformers and (2) 150 KVA pad mounted live front transformers. The cost of each is approximately \$16,000 for a total price of approximately \$80,000. The transformers are needed for upcoming building projects and replacements.*

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to authorize the request for sealed bids for (3) 300 KVA pad mounted transformers and (2) 150 KVA pad mounted live front transformers for a total approximate cost of \$80,000. Unanimous.

22-100

**Interoffice Communication from Dana Sullivan to Kimberly Holmes dated June 6, 2022 – Subject: Request for Sealed Bid for Fiber Optic Cable**

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

*Request to send out sealed bids for 50,000 feet of 144 count fiber optic cable for stock. Price is approximately \$1.28 per foot and the total cost would be \$64,000. This cable is for stock.*

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to authorize the request for sealed bids for 50,000 feet of 144 count fiber optic cable for an approximate cost of \$64,000. Unanimous. 22-101

**AWARD OF SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS**

**Interoffice Communication from Dana Sullivan to Kimberly Holmes dated June 14, 2022 – Subject: Bid Rejection and Rebid Request for Sealed Bids**

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

***Network Transformers 2022***

*Request to cancel existing approved bid for Network Transformers for 2022 due to manufacturer escalation costs.*

*Additional request to rebid for (2) 500 KVA network transformers with protectors. The cost of each is approximately \$250,000 for a total price of approximately \$500,000. The network transformers are needed for spare and additional network system hardening for the future.*

Manager Holmes stated this was an item the Commission awarded at the last meeting but there was a pricing change after the fact so we want to cancel that award and go back out for fresh pricing.

Commissioner Hebert asked with supply chain constraints are any of these getting impacted either in price and or deliver times.

Mr. Sullivan responded yes.

Commissioner Hebert asked so do you expect these to be a much longer lead time than usual.

Mr. Sullivan responded yes, the price is about 100% up.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the request to cancel existing approved bid for network transformers for 2022 due to manufacturer escalation costs and to authorize the request to rebid for (2) 500 KVA network transformers with protectors for an approximate total cost of \$500,000. Unanimous. 22-102

**Interoffice Communication from Dana Sullivan to Kimberly Holmes dated June 1, 2022 – Subject: Justification for Network Protector refurbishing with Richards Manufacturing**

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

*TMLP needs a 3 network protectors refurbished and parts for the following downtown network units:*

- *Winthrop and High – Refurbished protector - \$17,210.46*
- *Weir & High – Refurbished protector and door gasket - \$17,620.46*
- *Post Office Square – Refurbished protector and new stainless steel cast - \$33,877.16*

*These network transformers and protector cases are an average of less than 10 years old. New protector and stainless steel case was quoted at approximately \$37,000 each from Richards Manufacturing which would require sealed bids. New protectors was quoted approximately \$20,000. Refurbishing each protector is \$17,210.46 each for a total savings of \$8,701.92 to refurbish 3 protectors and 1 new stainless*

steel case. Refurbished protectors come with same warranty and guarantee as new. Cases cannot be refurbished. Richards Manufacturing is the sole manufacturer of this equipment and the only vendor capable of quoting, selling or refurbishing the network protector needed for the downtown network system.

Request to approve the refurbishing of 3 network protectors and one new case from Richards Manufacturing as a sole source provided.

Total cost of \$68,708.08.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the request for the refurbishing of 3 network protectors and one new case from Richards Manufacturing as a sole source provider for a total cost \$68,708.08. Unanimous.

*22-103*

**Interoffice Communication from Jim Irving and Mark Medeiros to Kimberly Holmes dated June 8, 2022 – Subject: Unit 9 Detroit Diesel Engine On-site Overhaul:**

Manager Holmes read the memo into the record:

As part of the Major Project Request #1199, TMLP issued Request-for-Proposal (RFP) 22-01R in order to receive quoted to perform Unit 9 Detroit Diesel Engine on-site overhaul services.

TMLP received one proposal associated with RFP 22-01R as identified in the attached table. Based on the project's team review of the proposal, the team recommends the TMLP Commission authorize the award of RFP 22-01R to Fairhaven Shipyard Companies, for a fixed price of \$38,640.

<b>RFP 22-01R; Detroit Diesel Engine On-site Overhaul Services</b>				
<b>Company</b>	<b>Meet Specs</b>	<b>Meets Schedule</b>	<b>Proposal Price</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Fairhaven Shipyard Co., Inc. Fairhaven, MA</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$38,640</b>	
ATG Raynham LLC Raynham, MA	N/A	N/A	N/A	No proposal provided.
Infield Diesel Service Wilmington, MA	N/A	N/A	N/A	No proposal provided.
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>				
The project team recommends the TMLP Commission authorize the award of RFP 22-01R to Fairhaven Shipyard for a fixed price of \$38,640.				

Manager Holmes stated that this is actually the second time we sent this out for proposals. We did not receive any responses the first go-around.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to award RFP 22-01R for the Unit 9 Detroit Diesel Engine on-site overhaul services to Fairhaven Shipyard Companies for a fixed price of \$38,640. Unanimous.

*22-104*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Interoffice Communication from Dana Sullivan to Kimberly Holmes and the Commission dated May 25, 2022 – Subject: Recommendation for Street Light**

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

*Recommendation to improve and increase street lighting on the following street:*

*Intersection of  
Blackbird Lane and Mockingbird Way  
Taunton, MA*

*City of Taunton resident Scott Martin has requested improvement of street lighting at the corner of Blackbird Lane and Mockingbird Way, Taunton. It is recommended to install (1) 48W LED Street light on pole #6 Blackbird Lane.*

*This is a city approved street and in conformance with the City of Taunton Street Light Guidelines.*

- Estimate cost is \$4.75 per month*
- This does not include fuel adjustment credit*

*Approval for additional lighting is requested.*

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the request for improved street lighting at the corner of Blackbird Lane and Mockingbird Way and to forward the request to the City Council for approval. Unanimous. *22-105*

**Major Project Request – 115KV Line “S8” Rebuild**

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request Form into the record:

Project Title: 115 KV Line “S8” Upgrade

Project Description: To replace the original 115KV pole line from Berkley tap to Cleary

Project Justification: The original “S8” line was constructed in 1981 and serves as a backbone supply to TMLP and surrounding parts of our service territory from National Grid. The pole line needs to be re-built to harden the 115KV line from National Grid Tap to Cleary. Existing 13 wood poles are in need of replacing as well as insulator strings and davit arms. Existing arms are delaminating and will be replaced with metal type. Insulator strings and davit arms have already been procured. Proper 115KV clearances will also be attained in rebuilding the line. This outage to be coordinated in conjunction with National Grid Outage of Line “S8”. This is approved by the Strategic Planning Committee and is reimbursable through PFT.

Alternates Considered: Leaving existing line is a large reliability risk going forward given the age of the equipment and poles. No alternatives considered.

Budget Estimate: \$400,000

Project Start Year: 2023

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the 115KV Line “S8” Upgrade for a budget estimate of \$400,000. Unanimous. *22-106*

**Major Project Request – Lakeville Municipal Fiber Grant**

Manager Holmes stated that the next four items are from the Internet Services Group related to some municipal grants that were awarded to some cities and towns.

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request Form into the record:

*Project Title: Lakeville Municipal Fiber Grant*

*Project Description: The Town of Lakeville was awarded \$168,876 through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program. Lakeville requests fiber installation for the town transfer station, water tower, animal shelter and elementary school. The Strategic Planning Committee has approved this plan.*

*Project Justification: The Town of Lakeville will fully reimburse TMLP through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program.*

*Alternates Considered: None*

*Budget Estimate: \$185,000*

*Project Start Year: 2022*

Manager Holmes stated that the \$185,000 is the estimated project total. The City of Lakeville will be responsible for the remainder over and above the grant money.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the Major Project Request for the Lakeville Municipal Fiber Grant for a budget estimate of \$185,000. Unanimous.

22-107

**Major Project Request – City of Taunton Municipal Fiber Grant**

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request Form into the record:

*Project Title: City of Taunton Municipal Fiber Grant*

*Project Description: The City of Taunton was awarded \$190,000 through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program. Taunton requested fiber installation to the Lakeville water tower. The City of Taunton treatment plant owns and operated the tower. It is crucial for the treatment plant to provide ground security and maintain water levels. This project will be fully reimbursed by the City of Taunton. The Strategic Planning Committee has approved this plan.*

*Project Justification: The City of Taunton will fully reimburse TMLP through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program.*

*Alternates Considered: None*

*Budget Estimate: \$209,000*

*Project Start Year: 2022*

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the City of Taunton Municipal Fiber Grant for a budget estimate of \$209,000. Unanimous.

22-108

**Major Project Request – Dighton Municipal Fiber Grant**

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request into the record:

*Project Title: Dighton Municipal Fiber Count*

*Project Description: The Town of Dighton has intermittent communication between municipal buildings. Maintaining dispersed networks poses a security risk to the town and community. Dighton was award \$201,124 through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program for TMLP to design and build a high-speed fiber-optic network connecting the town hall to police and two fire stations. The Strategic Planning Committee has approved this plan.*

*Project Justification: The Town of Dighton will fully reimburse TMLP through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program.*

*Alternates Considered: None*

*Budget Estimate: \$220,000*

*Project Start Year: 2022*

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the Major Project Request for the Dighton Municipal Fiber Grant for a budget estimate of \$220,000. Unanimous.

22-109

**Major Project Request – Raynham Municipal Fiber Grant**

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request Form into the record:

*Project Title: Raynham Municipal Fiber Grant*

*Project Description: The Town of Raynham was awarded \$250,000 through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program. Raynham requests fiber to the two water towers in Raynham for police and fire radio communications. In addition, they are installing safety cameras along the route. The Strategic Planning Committee has approved this plan.*

*Project Justification: The Town of Raynham will fully reimburse TMLP through the Municipal Fiber Grant Program.*

*Alternates Considered: None*

*Budget Estimate: \$275,000*

*Project Start Year: 2022*

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the Raynham Municipal Fiber Grant for a budget estimate of \$275,000. Unanimous.

22-110

**ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Public Service Announcement – “Honor our Military Event”**

MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2022

Manager Holmes stated I just want to share that the City is hosting an "Honor our Military Event" on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM behind City Hall. The TMLP will be sending a bucket truck as part of the "touch a truck" program piece of the event at the request of the Veterans Committee. I would also like to thank Dana and the crews that coordinated with the City to hang the banners on the light poles.

Chairman Blackwell announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Blackwell stated that the next order of business is Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations.

Manager Holmes stated that we will not be returning to Public Session and will be adjourning in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to go into Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations. (4:24 PM)

22-111

The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to go into executive session as follows:

In Favor

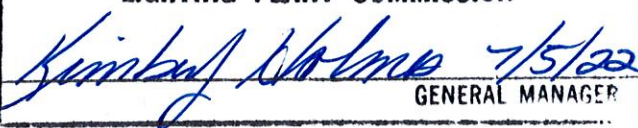
Absent

Commissioner Hebert  
Commissioner Corr  
Chairman Blackwell

*Executive Session discussion.*

  
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APPROVED: BY VOTE OF  
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL  
LIGHTING PLANT COMMISSION  
  
GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Competitive Advantage

Manager Holmes and the Commission discussed numerous topics on this subject.

Contract Negotiations

Manager Holmes and the Commission discussed numerous topics on this subject.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. Unanimous. (6:40 PM)

*22-112*