

TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

MINUTES OF MEETING

TIME: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 4:00 PM – 5:41 PM

PLACE: Office of the Commission

PRESENT: Chairman Hebert, Commissioner Corr, Commissioner Thomas, Manager Holmes, Mr. Pollart (KP Law), Mr. Melanson, Mr. Worthington, Ms. Britland, Mr. Frank, Mr. Grilo, Ms. Mello, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Corr, Mr. Boucher, Ms. Rodier

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hebert called for a roll call.

Present

Absent

Commissioner Thomas
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Hebert

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

23-073

REGULAR WARRANT OF MAY 25, 2023

REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 1, 2023

REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 8, 2023

REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 15, 2023

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

23-074

Manager Holmes requested that we go out of order to Communications (a).

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to go out of order to Communications (a). Unanimous.

23-075

COMMUNICATIONS

Major Project Request – Service Water Pump Replacement – Project #1178 – Revision #1

Project Title: Service Water Pump Replacement (Rev. 1) – Project #1178

Project Description: **Rev 1:** Based on the bid price received for the (2) new service water pumps, additional funding is necessary to award the bid and complete this project.

This project revision has been vetted and approved through the Strategic Planning Committee.

Project Justification: The existing (2) service water pumps have operational deficiencies and have reached the end of their useful life. New service water pumps are needed to meet plant operations and regulatory needs.

Alternates Considered: Option 1: Rebuild/repair existing pumps; these pumps are approximately 20 years old. Therefore, this alternative option would not be cost effective based on their age and the harsh

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environment they operate in. Also, this option would leave the plant without a back-up pump for an extended time. Hence, this option is not recommended.

Budget Estimate:	Project Start Year:	2019
	Amount of this Request:	\$65,000 (Rev. 1)
	Total Approved to Date:	\$110,000
	Amount Spent to Date:	\$24,000
	Total Amount Requested:	\$175,000

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve Revision #1 to the Major Project Request #1178 for Service Water Pump Replacement in the amount of \$65,000 for a new Budget Estimate of \$175,000. Unanimous.

23-076

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to revert back to the regular order of business. Unanimous.

23-077

AWARD OF SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Award of Bid for Service Water Pumps Replacement

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

TMLP issued an invitation-for-bid (IFB 23-08) to replace the aging and failing service water pumps at the Cleary Flood Generation Station to the following entities:

- Allen Pump – Barre, MA
- Diversified Pump – Brentwood, NH
- Industrial Pump Sales & Service, Tiverton, RI
- Sulzer Pumps Services – Houston, TX

Only one bid submittal was received in response to this invitation as indicated in the attached spreadsheet. The Power Production Department project team therefore recommends that the TMLP Commission award IFB 23-08 to Industrial Pump Sales and Service of Tiverton, RI for a total price of \$146,173.

TMLP			
IFB 23-08 Service Water Pumps Replacement			
Bidders	Meets IFB Requirements	Bid Price	Comments
Industrial Pump Sales & Service Tiverton, RI	Yes	\$146,173.00	Recommend Award
Allen Pump Barre, MA	No	N/A	Did not respond
Diversified Pump Brentwood, NH	No	N/A	Did not respond
Sulzer Pumps Services Brentwood, NH	No	N/A	Did not respond

Recommendation:

Power Production Department recommends that the TMLP Commission award IFB 23-08 to Industrial Pump Sales and Services for a contract price of \$146,173.

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Commissioner Hebert stated that the project request is \$175,000 and this award of bid is for \$146,173. Why the difference?

Manager Holmes responded that some of the cost is internal labor so the Major Project includes all of the expenses related to the project. So this award is just for the pumps themselves.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to award the bid for Service Water Pumps Replacement to Industrial Pump Sales and Service for a total bid price of \$146,173.00 per the recommendation of the Power Production Department. Unanimous.

23-078

Award of Bid for Demineralized Water New Resin Beads

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

TMLP issued a new invitation-for-bid (IFB 23-10) to potential vendors in order to replace the Demineralized Water Resin Beads at Cleary-Flood Station. The reason for a new IFB was that the previous IFB 22-10 bid price received was significantly higher than TMLP had anticipated/budgeted.

The scope of work was modified in the new IFB to provide potential bidders 2 options. Option 1 scope of work included potential bidders to furnish, deliver and install the new resin beads. Option 2 scope of work included potential bidders to only furnish and deliver the new resin beads – TMLP would install them.

TMLP issued the new IFB to the following entities:

- Complete Water Solutions – Twin Lakes, WI
- Klenzoid Equipment Company – Wayne, PA
- ML Ball Company – Norcross, GA

TMLP received one bid in response to this invitation-for-bid as indicated in the attached spreadsheet. The Power Production Department project team therefore recommends that the TMLP Commission award IFB 23-10, Option 2 to Klenzoid Equipment Company of Wayne, PA for a total price of \$60,575.

TMLP				
IFB 23-10 Demineralized Water New Resin Beads				
Bidders	Meets IFB Requirements	Bid Price Option 1	Bid Price Option 2	Comments
Klenzoid Equipment Company Wayne, PA	Yes (1)	N/A	\$60,575.00 (2)	Recommend Award
Complete Water Solutions Twin Lakes, WA	No	N/A	N/A	Did not respond
ML Ball Company Norcross, GA	No	N/A	N/A	Did not respond

NOTES: (1) There is a lead-time delay in obtaining new beads due to post COVID-19 supply chain issues.
 (2) Bid Price includes \$59,575 for new beads plus \$1,000 for shipping and handling.

Recommendation:
 Power Production Department recommends that the TMLP Commission award IFB 23-10 , Option 2 to Klenzoid Equipment Company for a price of \$60,575.

Manager Holmes stated that with the TMLP installing these beads themselves and going out a second time for bid we are actually saving \$50,000 from the original proposals.

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Commissioner Corr asked if we have a delivery date.

Mr. Medeiros responded about 180 days.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas seconded by Commissioner Corr to award the bid for the Demineralized Water New Resin Beads to Klenzoid Equipment Company for a bid price of \$60,575.00 per the recommendation of the Power Production Department. Unanimous.

23-079

COMMUNICATIONS:

Interoffice Communication from Dana Sullivan to Kim Holmes dated June 2, 2023: Subject: Bucket Truck Price Escalation

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

Transmission & Distribution Department is requesting additional funding to complete the purchase of 2 aerial bucket trucks due to material and freight escalation. TMLP awarded 2 bucket trucks to Minuteman Trucks in 2020. Due to the pandemic and material shortages the bucket trucks are due to be delivered next month. Metal, tires, freight and aerial lift materials needed to construct the bucket trucks have all risen over the last 3 years. T&D is requesting and additional \$15,795 per bucket truck for a total of \$31,590.

An additional \$12,195 extra was for the aerial lift material and \$3,600 was for the chassis and tire escalation. This cost could be offset if we trade in the 2 old bucket trucks at the original trade price of \$13,000 for each bucket.

Commissioner Thomas stated on this particular one do we make a motion to trade-in the two other bucket trucks in so we only have to come up with the \$27,095 difference.

Manager Holmes stated that I do not believe we would be trading them in necessarily with the same company. Dana could better answer that. It might be more of a matter of selling them back at this point because the purchase was so far along but we could look into that. I do not have the details on how we would do that right now.

Commissioner Thomas stated it states here to offset the cost.

Commissioner Hebert stated so we have a need to hang on to those two bucket trucks.

Manager Holmes responded no. So we could either sell them as salvage or try to trade them in. Typically, with a trade-in we would do that at the original get go. We did not in this case because at that time they were not ready to be retired but now they are 3 years older and we no longer need them. So I can get more information for you.

Commissioner Thomas yes please. So from what I am gathering, the \$13,000 was originally what they were offering at the time you were going to trade them in. It might not be that number today because it was 3 years ago.

Manager Holmes responded right. We can get a hard price for you for the next meeting.

Commissioner Thomas asked where these trucks are coming from.

Manager Holmes responded Minuteman Trucks.

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Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the request for an additional \$31,590 for the price escalation in the purchase of 2 aerial bucket trucks from Minuteman Trucks. Unanimous.

Interoffice Communication from Mark Medeiros & Peter Botelho to Kim Holmes dated June 14, 2023: Subject: Unit 9 Main Steam Stop Valve Emergency Repair

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

This memo is to request authorization to perform emergency repair services on the Unit 9 Main Steam Stop Valve associated with the Unit 9 Steam Turbine.

The existing Unit 9 Main Steam Stop Valve is leaking high pressure, high temperature steam that is causing damage to the valve and to nearby piping systems. Therefore, Unit 9 Steam Turbine is currently not available for operation.

TMLP solicited inspection and repair service pricing from the following entities:

- Elliot Turbine – Jeannette, PA
- Millennium Power Services – Westfield, MA
- Power Services Group – Cape Coral, FL

Elliot Turbine did not provide an estimated cost in the timeline that TMLP requested. Millennium Power Services provided an estimated cost of \$75,000 to perform the inspection and repair while Power Services Group provided an estimated cost of \$110,750 to perform the inspection and repair.

Millennium Power Services had the lowest estimated cost, as well as the quickest response time, due to being a local Massachusetts company.

Action Requested

Please authorize Millennium Power Services of Westfield, MA to provide inspection and repair services to the Unit 9 Main Steam Stop Valve for a not-to-exceed cost of \$75,000 on a time-and-material basis based on the hourly rates attached.

Millennium Power Services		
	Supervisor	Technician
Regular Time	\$118/Hour	\$112/Hour
Overtime	\$145/Hour	\$138/Hour
Premium	\$188/Hour	\$178/Hour

Commissioner Hebert stated just to clarify this is a not-to-exceed amount.

Manager Holmes responded correct.

Commissioner Thomas stated so they will send us an itemized bill.

Manager Holmes responded absolutely.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the request to authorize Millennium Power Services to provide inspection and repair services to the Unit 9 Main Steam Stop Valve for a not-to-exceed cost of \$75,000. Unanimous.

23-081

Interoffice Communication from Tom Worthington to Kim Holmes dated June 14, 2023: Subject: Request for Internet Services Group – Retain New Income

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

The Internet Services Group (ISG) requests changing how TMLP handles ISG's net income. Each year the ISG net income is rolled up in the TMLP net income. ISG is asking that we separate their net income so the group can retain it for ISG-specific projects. These funds would be rolled back into the group to fill gaps in backbone infrastructure, improve redundancy, used to fill small gaps in reaching fiberhood business case needs, conduct beta tests on new technologies, etc. With this approval, ISG would still follow all TMLP purchasing policies and procedures, whether utilizing standard funds or retained net income.

The Internet Services Group requested approval to retain its 2022 net income for ISG related projects.

Commissioner Thomas stated for right now, today, ISG funnels up \$763,000 to the TMLP.

Manager Holmes responded depending on the year. The number you have is the unaudited net income from 2022.

Commissioner Thomas stated that right now they are requesting it to stay with the Internet Services Group at the TMLP.

Manager Holmes correct so they can re-invest in the infrastructure and build out some of the expansions.

Commissioner Thomas asked so today who invests for them, the TMLP.

Manager Holmes responded the TMLP does. They have to come forward with a business case model showing that wherever they want to build is going to turn a profit in a certain amount of time and that it meets a certain business case. Sometimes there is some gaps in that and it has slowed down our ability to expand the fiber areas that people have been asking for. So allowing ISG some cushion to use their net income to help fill some of those gaps would help in that way and it does not affect the TMLP ratepayers because it is money that the Internet group itself has earned.

Commissioner Thomas stated so what it does is it circumvents the system on how they ask for that money. The just get to use that money.

Manager Holmes stated no it does not circumvent that at all. They would still have to come to the Commission if they had a Major Project and would have to show to you where all the funds were coming from and what the proposed revenue of the build out would be. It does not circumvent that, it just gives them the ability to use that block of money if there is a little bit of a lapse in a model but you would see that in their breakdown to you.

Commissioner Thomas state so what do you mean lapse in a model. I am just trying to understand. I do not want it to be a free for all and then we have no control.

Commission invited Mr. Thomas Worthington to the table.

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Manager Holmes stated that you have not seen a business case because we have not been able to bring one to you yet because it did not make financial sense and this is one of the solutions we have talked about.

Mr. Worthington stated what we are looking at is if we are going to build out a fiberhood and what we typically do is get people to sign up before we build it out so we can make sure we can cover our costs. What is happening is if we go to a residential area that has 100 homes and we know we need to get 25 signups to make that a viable business, what we are seeing is if we can make it a go at 20 we know we are going to get an additional rate-take in about 6 – 12 months after we build it because a lot of times people don't want to sign up unless the service is already there. They don't want to wait a year. The idea is if we can get a heavy interest in the area but maybe we are coming up a little short we know there is a potential of 80 more houses if we are willing to fill that gap in with the net income from the previous year we can build it and then the idea is in time more people will sign up and we will actually turn a profit.

Commissioner Thomas state so if this wasn't here today the process would be denied because you do not have them in place.

Mr. Worthington responded correct. So this give us more flexibility and it helps us to be proactive in building out.

Manager Holes stated that these projects would still come before the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Thomas stated that you would still come before the Commission but they would be allowed to start the process already by what I understand, right. So you would be able to start it ahead of time.

Manager Holmes stated they would be able to use some of these funds in their business case model and that business case model would come before you before they actually did anything.

Commissioner Corr stated so they would come to us with a request and they are going to say they need to take out of this fund a little extra.

Mr. Worthington stated we would present the case stating we know that the business model will sustain 90% and we want to take the other 10% out of this bucket.

Commissioner Thomas stated so in a course of a year how much would the TMLP fund something that you would be asking for. Have you asked for more than \$750,000 a year for projects?

Manager Holmes stated that all of the Internet infrastructure is owned by TMLP and TMLP leases it. The projects come out of the T&D Department because they are the ones building it. Over the course of a year I cannot think of a time where we have had that high of an investment.

Mr. Worthington stated typically this past year, 2022, I think we actually hit about \$800,000 or \$900,000 but it was all grant money and we have to front the money but we are reimbursed. What we have done in fiberhoods I do not think we have done more than 2 or 3 and they are usually about \$100,000 to \$150,000 each.

The Commission thanked Mr. Worthington.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the request from the Internet Services Group to retain its 2022 net income. Unanimous.

23-082

Interoffice Communication from Devon Tremont to Kimberly Holmes dated June 15, 2023:
Subject: Rate Adjustment to Voluntary "GO GREEN 100%" Renewable Energy Program

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

I am requesting that we increase the voluntary "GO GREEN 100%" rate from its current rate of \$0.019/kWh to \$0.035/kWh. This rate will more appropriately reflect the price that TMLP pays to acquire and retire the MA Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). When this rate was created in early 2019, MA Class I RECs were trading around \$19/REC (noting that one REC will support 1 MWh, or 1,000 kWh) which is converted to \$0.019 when switching from kWh to MWh. Shortly after the rate went into effect, the MA Class I REC market began climbing towards \$30 in late 2019, and even above \$40 in 2021. At the most recent round of REC minting for 2022 Q4, the market was still around the \$36 - \$38/REC range and it is not expected to reduce.

As such, we believe that an assumed REC price for the GO GREEN 100% rate should be set at a target near or slightly below its current market value, hence our selection of \$35/REC, which equals \$0.035/kWh. TMLP will continue to retire MA Class I RECs specifically for the purposes of supporting the consumption of the GO GREEN 100% subscribers.

Please approve this request and obtain necessary TMLP Commission approval of the new voluntary "GO GREEN 100%" renewable energy program, to be effective September 1, 2023.

Commissioner Thomas asked if these people are under contract today.

Manager Holmes responded that it is a voluntary rate that they choose to be on and can end it at any time that they want.

Commissioner Thomas stated so there is no yearly subscription.

Manager Holmes responded no.

Commission invited Mr. Mitchell Corr to the table.

Commissioner Thomas stated that the rate sheet shows a 12 month term of contract.

Manager Holmes responded that is standard language. We do not hold them to that. It is not related to the rate. Just standard language that we have on all of our rates. If someone called tomorrow morning to be released from the rate we would. It is a voluntary program and they can choose to get out of it at any time.

Commissioner Hebert asked what happened in between late 2019 and now when we were collecting at \$.019 and obviously paying a little bit more for RECs. Do we just buy less RECs and use the dollars we collect.

Manager Holmes responded no. We retire the actual RECs and we cover the expense because we had an overabundance of RECs. We essentially gave it to them at a discount for that time period.

Commissioner Hebert stated acknowledging that renewal credit prices can move around, where this is being revisited, do we look at this regularly in case prices go up even further.

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Mr. Corr stated we have such little consumption that we will settle up yearly so whatever the GO GREEN consumption is over that year we will retire the RECs accordingly. If there is a major change in the price over the year we will change it.

Commissioner Hebert asked how much consumption is it annually.

Mr. Corr responded about 500 – 600 MWh per year, about 60 customers.

Commissioner Hebert stated so if we settle it out annually is that when you revisit. Are we collecting the right amount?

Mr. Corr responded yes. We are flexible with it because it is such low consumption. It is not worth changing it every year if it is moves 5 – 6 cents.

The Commission thanked Mr. Corr.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the request for the new voluntary "GO GREEN 100%" renewable energy program rate \$0.035/kWh effective September 1, 2023. Unanimous.

23-083

Interoffice Communication from Sonja Britland to Kimberly Holmes dated June 12, 2023: Subject: ARPA Grant Funding – 0% Loan and Heat Pump, Weatherization and Barrier Mitigation Program

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

The purpose of this memo is to seek approval for the ARPA Grant Funding Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump (ccASHP), Ground Source Heat pump, Weatherization and Barrier Mitigation Program, (TMLP Saves™). As you know, Senator Pacheco's Amendment to the ARPA bill earmarked \$1,000,000 to create a program for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient heat systems and improvements. We are excited to provide a program similar to Mass Save's Heat Loan for our non-gas heat customers. Gas heat customers in the TMLP service territory have similar benefits available to them through the Mass Save program.

The monetary incentives along with Low and Moderate Income (LMI) adders include:

TMLP Saves Program	Qualified Incentive	Qualified LMI Adder
Up to \$25,000 financing with terms up to 7 years	0% Interest	0% Interest
ccASHP Whole Home Heat Pump	\$10,000	\$5,000
ccASHP Partial Home Heat Pump	\$1,250/ton up to \$10,000	\$1,000/ton up to \$5,000
Ground Source Heat Pump	\$10,000	\$5,000
Weatherization & Air Sealing	\$75% up to \$10,000	100% up to \$10,000
Barrier Mitigation	50% up to \$7,000	100% up to \$7,000

The purpose of this program is to help our customers' transition to a more energy efficient heating and cooling fuel source while reducing their carbon footprint. This program will be available to qualifying non-gas heat TMLP Commercial and Residential customers within our service territory for as long as grant

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funding is available. TMLP will use the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Low and Moderate Income qualification chart as listed and updated on the mass.gov website.

In addition to an equipment rebate, TMLP recognizes that a heat pump heating and cooling system's efficiency is based on certain factors:

- 1. Ensure the proper weatherization and air sealing is in place before installing the heat pump,*
- 2. Purchase a cold climate, Energy Star 6.1 rated unit, and*
- 3. Purchase the right size heat pump – bigger is not better.*

Therefore, we have provided supplementary rebates for weatherization, air sealing, barrier mitigation requirement and a 0% financing option to ensure the final product operates as efficient as intended.

The customer will then have one (1) year from the date of program approval to weatherize and install a heat pump at their business/home based solely on the audit recommendations.

Consistent with other TMLP programs and our policy, we have always maintained that customers who qualify for the TMLP Saves rebate, the following conditions must exist:

- 1. Customer must have an audit conducted with Energy New England within the last 5 years.*
- 2. Customer is an active residential or commercial account with the TMLP for at least 6 months.*
- 3. Customer active account must have a \$0 balance.*
- 4. Projects must be approved by the City or Town Building Inspection, Wire Inspector, Heat Pump Administrator (HPA) 3rd Party vendor and TMLP prior to receiving the rebate.*
- 5. Projects must also be completed by licensed electricians and professional, licensed contractors (specific to the TMLP Saves program).*
- 6. Customer must sign a TMLP Saves application and provide LMI income verification.*
- 7. Customer must consent in writing permission to pull credit, if income eligible for HP 0% Interest Loan.*
- 8. Customer needs AHRI certificate, prior heat pump sizing approval and quality assurance approval from out HPA 3rd party vendor.*
- 9. Customer must choose a TMLP Saves program participating financial institution.*

Additionally, we will be adjusting the following programs for the duration of the grant funding of the program.

- 1. TMLP will temporarily suspend the Residential House N' Home rebate program until the ARPA funding is exhausted. The House N' Home rebate program will automatically resume when funding has been exhausted.*
- 2. The ductless mini-split heat pump and the ground source heat pump rebates will be removed from our appliance rebate program. While we anticipate continuing the TMLP Saves program*

after the grant funds have been exhausted, in the event we do not, the ductless mini-split heat pump and ground source heat pump will be added back into our appliance rebate program.

We are proud and thankful to have the grant funding available to offer our customers a robust program. Currently we are in the process with setting up agreements with local community banks, HPA 3rd party vendors and working with the state. Once this has been completed we expect to launch the program in Q3 – Q4 of 2023 and is intended to last for approximately 5 years or until funding has been exhausted.

For your consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the ARPA Grant Funding – 0% Loan and Heat Pump, Weatherization and Barrier Mitigation Program. Unanimous.

23-084

General Manager Holmes Elected to NEPPA Board

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

The Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA), is a non-profit trade association, founded in 1965 to represent and service consumer-owned utilities of New England. In the six New England states there are over 78 public power systems serving 2 million retail customer. As a regional organization, it uses the combined strength of its diverse members to provide low-cost services and to advocate public policies and federal legislation, which are beneficial to its members' interests.

NEPPA is governed by an elected Board of Directors comprised of 21 public power officials representing member utilities in all six New England states. I'm honored to share, that at their Board of Directors meeting held in May 11th, the board elected to have me join them as a new member to the board. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with other leaders in the industry to support public power.

The Commission congratulated Manager Holmes.

Commissioner Corr asked how long has it been since someone from the TMLP has been on the Board.

Manager Holmes responded at least 15 years.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to accept and place on file. Unanimous.

23-085

Letter from the Taunton Retirement Board to Kim Holmes and the Commission dated May 30, 2023: Notification of Retirement of Jeffrey Bagge effective August 10, 2023

Manager Holmes read the following letter into the record:

Please be advised of the retirement for Superannuation of Jeffrey Bagge an employee of the Taunton Municipal Light Plant on August 10, 2023 under the provisions set forth in Section #5 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Please pay regular compensation and accumulated benefits up to the day before retirement.

If you have any questions. Please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully yours,

Karen Medeiros, Assistant Executive Director

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Manager Holmes stated that Jeff started at the TMLP in 1995 and is a 28 year employee of the TMLP.

The Commission congratulated Jeff on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to accept the letter of retirement for Jeffrey Bagge and place on file. Unanimous.

23-086

Note of Appreciation from Leddy School Students for Donation of Go-Talk Devices

Manager Holmes presented a card prepared by the Leddy School students in appreciation of TMLP's donation of the Go-Talk devices.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to accept the note of appreciation and to hang it on the bulletin boards. Unanimous.

23-087

Note of Appreciation from Raynham Giants Board of Directors

Manager Holmes read the following note into the record:

On behalf of Raynham Giants Board of Directors

Dana/TMLP.:

We continue to value and appreciate your support and partnership towards the Raynham Giants. Thank you for replacing the deteriorated pole at Bettencourt Football Field. Please accept this small donation as a token of appreciation. We present this in honor and in memory of Bill Nickerson.

Thanks,

Ryan Schleicher, President RGYF

Manager Holmes stated they did send us a check for \$500 but we will be sending this back to them.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to accept the note of appreciation and place on file. Unanimous.

23-088

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Hebert announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

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

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to go into Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations. (4:40 PM)

23-089

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

In Favor

Absent

Commissioner Thomas
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Hebert

Manager Holmes stated that we may have a vote and will be returning to Open Session to adjourn.

Executive Session discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to return to open session and affirm action taken in Executive Session. Unanimous. (5:38 PM)

23-090

The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to return to Open Session as follows:

In Favor

Absent

Commissioner Thomas
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Hebert

Chairman Hebert stated that we are back in Open Session.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to accept the agreement for Kimberly Holmes as presented for the contract effective January 1, 2023. Unanimous.

23-091

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to give the General Manager a 3% salary increase effective March 1, 2023. Unanimous.

23-092


Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to adjourn. Unanimous. (5:41 PM)

23-093



SECRETARY

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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 – General Manager’s Contract

Manager Holmes and the Commission discussed the General Manager’s contract and her annual increase.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to return to open session and affirm action taken in Executive Session. Unanimous. (5:38 PM)

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