

**TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**TIME:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 4:00 PM – 5:06 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. Sullivan, Ms. Ready, Mr. Medeiros, Ms. Grant

Chairman Hebert called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hebert asked for a Moment of Silence for Francis Soares, a retiree of the TMLP and Don Cleary, former Mayor and City Council member who passed away.

Chairman Hebert called for a roll call.

**Present**

**Absent**

Commissioner Thomas  
Commissioner Corr  
Chairman Hebert

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2023**

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

23-111

**REGULAR WARRANT OF AUGUST 17, 2023**

**REGULAR WARRANT OF AUGUST 24, 2023**

**REGULAR WARRANT OF AUGUST 31, 2023**

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

23-112

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Second Annual Peter Corr Day**

Manager Holmes read the following into the record:

***In Loving Memory of Peter Corr***

*We are looking for individuals and organizations to support free ice cream cones to Taunton Public School Kids in Leddy and Elementary schools to honor the memory of Peter Corr – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peter Corr Day.*

Manager Holmes stated that this falls outside of our normal sponsorship policy but I think it is a worthwhile cause and it benefits the children of the City of Taunton and obviously Peter Corr was a long standing Commissioner of the TMLP so I wanted to bring it to you for your approval.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to donate \$350.00 from the TMLP for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peter Corr Day. Commissioner Corr voted Present. Motion carried.

23-113

**Request from the City of Taunton – Donation for the 110<sup>th</sup> Lighting of the Taunton Green**

Manager Holmes read the following into the record:

*Greeting to our faithful Lights On Sponsors!*

*Another year of planning for Taunton's most anticipated event of the year is upon us! This year marks the 110<sup>th</sup> Lighting of the Taunton Green and 10 years as a major holiday Festival in the City's downtown neighborhood. This local tradition has blossomed in recent years and is now a regional event that draws an average of 15,000 people to the downtown on Lights On Festival night and thousands more throughout the month of December to see the wondrous decorations and enjoy our City center.*

*In addition to being a beloved tradition, the event is an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to increase their brand awareness and tap new markets through one of our generous sponsorship packages. Attached, please find the 2023 Sponsorship form. Once you have decided which level is the best fit for your business or organization, please follow the directions on the form to get started.*

*Thank you for considering a Lights On Sponsorship in 2023! Together, we can create a memorable event and stimulate our local economy.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Lights On Committee*

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to donate \$500 to the City of Taunton's 110<sup>th</sup> Lighting of the Green & Lights On Festival 2023. Unanimous.

23-114

**Letter of Appreciation from the Taunton West Little League**

Manager Holmes read the following letter into the record:

*Dear Values TWLL Sponsor,*

*On behalf of the entire Taunton West Little League Community, Thank you for your generous donation this year.*

*It is support like yours that allows us to create a great Little League experience for the children and families of Taunton. At Taunton West, we believe in the power of youth baseball to teach and build stronger individuals and communities. We pride ourselves on having one of the premier baseball facilities in the state, and it's all thanks to you!*

*Taunton West little league supports over 500 families and your donation directly helped the young athletes of TWLL. Sponsors like you help provide scholarships, cover registration costs for families that may have a hardship, purchase new safety equipment, new practice equipment, field maintenance, facility maintenance and so much more. Some upgrades we have made in the last year include building a new garage, putting up a new scoreboard, upgrading our old scoreboards to be wireless and building a new countertop around the concession area, just to name a few.*

*We could not do this without sponsors like you. From all of us at Taunton West Little League, THANK YOU.*

*Sincerely,*

Tyler Doehler, President Taunton West Little League

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to accept letter of appreciation from the Taunton West Little League and place on file. Unanimous.

23-115

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

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Hebert announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

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

Manager Holmes stated that no votes are expected and we will adjourning in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to go into Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations. (4:07 PM)

23-116

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

*Executive Session discussion.*

*Pat J. Corr*

SECRETARY

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APPROVED: BY VOTE OF  
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL  
LIGHTING PLANT COMMISSION  
*Kimberly Holmes* 10/16/23  
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 the status of contract negotiations with Local 1729.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Corr to adjourn. Unanimous. (5:06 PM)

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