

NEWBERRY WATER & LIGHT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 12, 2019

**Present:** Chairperson Lawrence Vincent, Harold Dishaw, Charles Medelis.

**Absent:** Sharon Brown.

**Also Present:** Clerk -Schummer, Director of Human Resources & Community Engagement - Watkins, Lori Stokes, Rebecca Handa, Bruce Lane, Scott Ouellette.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Vincent called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Offices, 302 East McMillan Avenue, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Dishaw, support by Medelis, **CARRIED**, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Dishaw, support by Medelis, **CARRIED**, to approve minutes from the January 15, 2019 W&L meeting as presented. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

**Water and Light Chairperson Announcements:** None

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Scott Ouellette – E. John St.

**Submission of Bills and Financial Updates:**

A.) **Water & Light – Monthly Bills – January 2019** - Motion by Dishaw, support by Medelis, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the January Electric Fund bill in the amount of \$121,034.44. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown. Motion by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, recommend Village Council pay the January Water Fund bill in the amount of \$55,465.79. Discussion followed. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

B.) **Christmas Light Fund** is currently at \$14,522.24.

**Petitions and Communications:** None.

**Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions:** None.

**Reports of Village Management:**

- 1.) Superintendent of Water and Light: Joe Lively, working foreman, submitted a written report.
- 2.) Assistant Village Manager: None – Absent due to medical leave.
- 3.) Village Manager: None – Absent due to illness.

**Reports of Committees:**

- 1.) Save the Bells: None

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- 1.) Consumers Energy – Closed Session.

**Closed Session:** Moved by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to go into closed session to discuss pricing contracts pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 460.833a. Ayes: Dishaw, Medelis, Vincent. Absent: Brown. Board went into closed session at 5:46 p.m.

**Return to Open Session:** Moved by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to return to open session at 5:55 p.m. Ayes: Dishaw, Medelis, Vincent. Absent: Brown.

**Board Action:** Moved by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, that we recommend to the Village Council to approve the Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement Confirmation Letter for Capacity, as presented. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown. Moved by Dishaw, support by Medelis, **CARRIED**, that we recommend to the Village Council to approve the Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement Confirmation Letter for Firm (LD) Energy, as presented. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown. Vincent stated that it was a 10-year contract proposal with Consumers Energy and it potentially could mean significant savings to the Village in purchasing its power, possibly around \$80,000 a year.

**Comments by Board Members:** Dishaw made a statement regarding changes and additions to the agenda. Medelis stated the fire hydrants needed attention and to be cleared of snow.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Motion by Medelis, support by Dishaw, **CARRIED**, to adjourn meeting at 6:02 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Brown.

These minutes are unapproved until voted on at the next meeting.