

**MINUTES OF THE  
MERRIMAC MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD  
JANUARY 24, 20223**

**PURSUANT TO** notice given, the Merrimac Municipal Light Board ("Board") met in the Fire Station Committee Room, 16 East Main Street, Merrimac, Street, at 4:00 PM.

**PRESENT**

Those present included Chair Norman Denault, Vice Chair Larry Fisher (arrived at 4:09), Secretary Paula Hamel, General Manager, Mary Usovicz.

**MEETING START**

On a motion by Commissioner Denault seconded by Commissioner Hamel the Commissioners voted to bring the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Vote 2-0

- GM Usovicz noted SME hire by Town GIS layers for town departments and now MLD will have a layer to display telephone poles and lights.
- Mike Roy gave an overview of the GIS program for the Town data base management and created map for MLD light pole circuit ties and meters etc...and were able to map Amesbury streetlights. GIS can also incorporate tree and vegetation management.
- Mary MLD has a tree program and residents will be notified to call the office with questions. Harriman Rd residents will be notified with CIP projects.
- On a motion by ND seconded by LF Minutes December 13, 2022, as written Vote: 3-0

**GM reports**

- Proposal of new radios in truck and handheld radios for the linesman the cost is about 28K. Can create another channel off the antenna if another town department needs/wants one.  
On a motion Norman Denault seconded by Larry Fisher accept the quote for the Motorola Moto TRBO system radios for the light department 28K and authorize the GM to enter into the contract  
Vote 3-0
- GM discussed the Consumer Deposits for renters MLD and to create a new separate account for consumer deposits.
- Update on invoice cloud and billing issues.
- Overview of policy for consumer deposits for new service or stop service.
- Car accident that damages poles and debt collection 22K uncollected debt and only collected \$783.00.
- A new policy on return checks reaches out by phone or email and send them a letter. Commissioners suggested coming up with a program or a post to help guide residents to help reduce their electric usage.
- The library is concerned with light usage and would like an energy audit.
- The Commissioners discussed the lighting at Veterans Memorial which is a tripping hazard. MLD is looking to share the cost with the Town and will go under our energy audit.
- Commissioners discussed the transformer backlog.

The Secretary polled each Board Member individually for authorization to enter Executive Session. All Board Members responded in the affirmative and entered Executive Session at 6:04 PM for the purpose of the items listed below: I, Commissioner Denault, Commissioner Fisher, and I Commissioner Hamel. Vote 3-0

Norman R. Demuth  
Chairman

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Vice Chair

Paula Hame  
Secretary