

**MINUTES OF THE
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD
MARCH 22, 2023**

PURSUANT TO notice given, the Merrimac Municipal Light Board (“Board”) met in the Municipal Light Department’s (“MLD” or “Department”) Administration Building, 10 W Main Street, at 4:01 PM.

PRESENT

Those present included Chair Norman Denault, Vice Chair Larry Fisher (arrived at) 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 4:01 PM. Vote 2-0

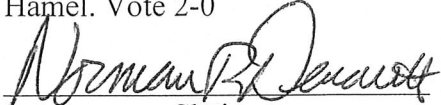
- On a motion by ND 2nd PH the Commissioners voted to accept the minutes for January 24,2923 as written Vote 2-0

General Manager report:

- Review on DOER RCS annual report 2022 .25% of total KW required to spend \$12,6025 but spent \$16, 885 previous years did not spend the money required.
- Reviewed Annual report 2022 and annual reliability report APPA.
- Update on SOS software system
- Streetlight requested at East Main between 130 and 132. Line crew followed the new policy and due to the age of the induvial and the safety of the area the line crew recommendation a streetlight. On a motion by Commissioner Denault seconded by Commissioner Hamel the Commissioners vote accept the line crew’s recommendation of a streetlight. vote 2-0
- Radios have been ordered but we are waiting for FCC to approve the channel.
- Reclosure is all set and ready just waiting for one piece should be in by end of March. Enhance reliability.
- Breezeline high speed internet get ready should thus winter or early spring 2024.
- Reviewed MLD S&P bond rating which is an A+ one concern was that we lack commercial property.
- Reviewed the end of the year financials all the costs have been from interest from the stock market.
- GM reviewed our commercial consumers 158 and noted that other MLD do not offer commercial consumers a discount. Took a deep dive and the top ten could save us \$10,000 a year. GM recommends we remove the 10% discount for the F1 and F 2 commercial rate.
- GM reviewed a survey for consumers to tell us how well MLD is doing. The cost of this is \$5,000. On a motion by Commissioner Denault seconded by Commissioner Hamel the Commissioners voted to accept the proposal from great blue market research to conduct a survey to found out how of consumers feel about MLD for the cost 5K Vote 2-0

- GM noted that we need an ARC FLASH study for !2K which was good for five-years.

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 6:09 PM for the purpose of the items listed below: I, Commissioner Denault,, and I Commissioner Hamel. Vote 2-0


Chairman


Vice Chair

Secretary