

**Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

Present: Don Bell and Elliot Riggott
Absent: Jon Pieper
Staff Present: Jerod Wagner and Darla Taylor
Visitors: Council Member [Mindy Albrecht-Benson](#),

Regular Meeting:

Commissioner Pieper called the regular meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Bell motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Bell motioned to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 16, 2021
 - Accounts Payable
- C. Staff Update:** Supervisor Jerod Wagner noted the following updates:
 - The Hydro unit is operating, although at half of the output from previous years. Wagner is working with the Engineers to determine why this is happening.
 - MiEnergy will be providing a quote to install RF electric meters in town. Our current meters are nearing the end of their useful life.
 - A meeting with MiEnergy is scheduled to discuss a proposed housing development and how that can be incorporated into the Lanesboro system.
 - On an average day the solar output and the hydro generation are supporting the full load of the City, with no additional power being purchased. Wagner noted that perhaps the commission could look into battery storage. Additionally, would it be possible to be a part of a special energy project or research project.
- D. City Council Update:** Administrator Peterson noted that the Council has approved allowing improvements to Hillside Avenue to allow for a future housing development. Work is being done to annex the additional 140 acres into the City, as well as considerations for utility services.

Regular Business

- A. Yonts - Water:** Administrator Peterson noted the property had experienced water loss last month. The Utility account has been adjusted to reflect average sewer usage. In the past the commission has not adjusted water usage charges. Members discussed the possibility of reviewing a policy to guide future requests. No motions were made.
- B. Continued Business:**
 - a. Electric Rates:** Jerod Wagner has requested a completion date for the rate study, discussion to be continued.

- b. **Automate Generator Quote:** Jerod Wagner noted that he was not able to find another contractor to provide an estimate. Wagner and Peterson will pull together information to share with the commission outlining the benefit to having this work completed.
- c. **2021 2022 Rebate Form:** Discussion will be continued.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Motion was made by Commissioner Bell to adjourn the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission at 10:32 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Riggott. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk