

**Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

Present: Elliott Riggott and Don Bell
Absent: Jon Peiper
Staff Present: Jerod Wagner and Darla Taylor
Visitors: Deb Fahey

Regular Meeting:

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

- A. Agenda:** Member Riggott motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Bell motioned to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 17, 2021
 - Accounts Payable
- C. Wastewater Treatment Facility Update:** No update was available.
- D. Staff Update:** Supervisor Jerod Wagner reported the following:
- We currently use a market based rate for purchased power. There is an option to use base load rate as well. A recent analysis showed that the market rate is the best option for us. Although at this point there will be a bill due to Dairyland Power at a minimum of \$40,000 for 2021. UMMEG is considering the creation of a mil rate, which would start to generate a rate mitigation account.
 - Staff will begin the repair of the water lines on Dupont Street this week.
 - Further design changes have been made for the Hwy 250 Campground upgrade, no final decision has been made.
 - Due to a project on Grosbeak Road, a power pole will need to be moved.
 - Truck has been ordered, we are waiting on an update.
- E. City Council Update:** Lanesboro City Council is still considering the purchase of the Peterson Motors building to be utilized as an Emergency Services Building reported Administrator Peterson.

Regular Business

- A. Apartment Base Charges:** Deb Fahey proposed that the commission consider creating an apartment base rate. Members noted a desire to look into that option for Water and Electric customers. Fahey also requested a refund on overpaid Sewer charges, a refund will be processed based on statutory limitations. Administrator Peterson will put together information

to be presented at a future meeting regarding potential apartment rates for both Water and Electric customers.

B. Interconnection Process - Resolution 2021-22: Member Riggott motioned to approve Resolution 2021-22. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Continued Business:

a. Power Plant Repair: Currently waiting for contractor to begin project.

b. Capital Projects:

- i. Pricing for replacing the relays as a 2021 project:** Supervisor Wagner noted that he had not been able to talk with an Engineer yet, discussion will continue.
- ii. Updated estimate for a 6" sludge pump:** Supervisor Wagner provided two options, \$16,080 and \$17,875. Discussion will continue.
- iii. Quotes for valve replacement:** At this time a quote has not been received.
- iv. Updated quote for Automating the Generator in 2022:** The quote remained unchanged at \$192,995 and is valid until April 1, 2022. Discussion will continue.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19, 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 10:51 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Riggott. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk