

**TRAVERSE CITY  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center  
Tuesday, January 27, 2015

**Board Members -**

Present: Barbara Budros, Jim Carruthers, Pat McGuire, Jeff Palisin, Bob Spence,  
Jan Geht, John Taylor

**Ex Officio Member -**

Present: Jered Ottenwess, City Manager

**Others:** Tim Arends, W. Peter Doren, Scott Menhart, Karla Myers-Beman, Tom  
Olney, Kelli Schroeder, Rod Solak, Stephanie Tvardek, Jessica Wheaton,  
Blake Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Taylor.

**Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar**

Moved by McGuire, seconded by Budros, that the following actions, as recommended on the  
Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015.
- b. Revised organizational chart and job description for the Light & Power Department.

CARRIED unanimously.

**Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

None.

**Item 3 on the Agenda being Unfinished Business**

None.

**Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business**

- a. Consideration of City Commission Resolution regarding West Front Street reconstruction  
funding level.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director  
Jered Ottenwess, City Manager  
Tim Lodge, City Engineer  
Karla Myers-Beman, Controller  
W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

Moved by Geht, seconded by McGuire, to reject the City Commission's request.

The following individuals from the Public addressed the Board:

Tim Lodge, City Engineer

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, McGuire, Palisin, Spence, Geht, Taylor

No - Carruthers

CARRIED.

Moved by Budros, seconded by Palisin, that Light and Power agree to fund up to \$527,000 for the high level lighting, low level decorative lighting and the primary service.

At the request of Chairman Taylor, Stephanie Tvardek restated the motion.

With the consensus of Budros, Chairman Taylor proposed the motion be amended to read:

Moved by Budros, seconded by Palisin, that Light and Power agree to fund the high level lighting, low level decorative lighting and the primary service as presented with an estimated amount of \$527,000.

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, Carruthers, Palisin, Spence, Taylor

No – McGuire, Geht

CARRIED.

Discussion continued amongst the Board and the Executive Director regarding TCL&P's involvement in the planning process for this project.

6:34 p.m. Jered Ottenwess departed the meeting.

b. Consideration of Six Year Capital Improvements Plan – 2015.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director

Karla Myers-Beman, Controller

6:42 p.m. Jered Ottenwess rejoined the meeting.

Moved by Palisin, seconded by McGuire, that the Board authorizes the Executive Director to submit the Six Year Capital Improvements Plan – 2015 as amended to the City Manager for review and approval of the City Commission and City Planning Commission.

CARRIED unanimously.

**Item 5 on the Agenda being Appointments**

None.

**Item 6 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications**

a. From Legal Counsel.

1. W. Peter Doren reported on a recent ruling by the Michigan State Court of Appeals regarding the customer's right to choose its utility if more than one utility runs in proximity to the property.

6:48 p.m. Jeff Palisin departed the meeting.

b. From Staff.

1. Staff presented the 2014 Strategic Plan Year End Review.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director  
Karla Myers-Beman, Controller  
Jessica Wheaton, Manager of Energy Services & Key Accounts  
Tom Olney, Operations Manager  
Blake Wilson, System Engineer  
Scott Menhart, Manager of Telecom & Technology  
Kelli Schroeder, Manager of Human Resources & Communications

2. Karla Myers-Beman presented the September 30, 2014 (first quarter) financial position.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director

C. From Board.

1. With the consent of the Board, Vice Chairman Geht directed staff to develop questions to poll TCL&P ratepayers regarding their expectation of the utility's funding obligations to various city projects.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Tim Arends, Executive Director  
W. Peter Doren, General Counsel

**Item 7 on the Agenda being Public Comment**

No one from the public commented.

There being no objection, Chairman Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



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Tim Arends, Secretary  
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD