

**TRAVERSE CITY
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held at 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Board Members -

Present: Mike Coco, Linda Johnson, Jim Carruthers, Ralph Soffredine, John Taylor, John Welch (arrived at 5:22 p.m.)

Absent: John Snodgrass

Ex Officio Member -

Absent: R. Ben Bifoss

Others: Ed Rice, Tim Arends, Stephanie Tvardek, Blake Wilson, Glen Dine, Jim Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Chairman Coco.

Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar

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

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Wi-Fi Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of February 8, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED unanimously. (Welch, Snodgrass absent)

Item 3 on the Agenda being Old Business

None.

Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business

- 4(a). Consideration of approving bids for tree trimming services.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Soffredine, that the Board authorize the Chairman and Secretary to enter into a Tree Trimming Services Agreement with Trees Inc., for the 2011 Tree Trimming Program in the amount of \$102,517.04; and further for any additional work at a hourly/weekly rate of \$74.25 and \$2,970.00 respectively; subject to approval as to form by General Counsel.

John Welch joined the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

CARRIED unanimously. (Snodgrass absent)

- 4(b). Consideration of authorizing underground cable purchase.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Johnson, that the Light & Power Board authorize the Executive Director to issue a purchase order to Power Line Supply Company for the purchase

and delivery of underground electric cable for use along portions of Bay Street in the amount of \$430,577.00, subject to adjustments for changes in the price of metals.

CARRIED unanimously. (Snodgrass absent)

Item 5 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications

A. From Legal Counsel.

None.

B. From Staff.

1. Jim Cooper spoke re: the Green Consortium Area Wide Recycling Event on March 13th.

C. From the Board.

1. John Taylor and Jim Carruthers gave an update re: the 2-17-11 Major Customer Meeting and the 2-18-11 Public Meeting.
2. Mike Coco gave an update re: the upcoming Strategic Planning Open House scheduled for Wednesday February 23, 2011.
3. Jim Carruthers spoke re: a customer concern he received in regards to the Fiber House.

Item 6 on the Agenda being Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Tom Karas, 8801 Section Line Road, Michigan Energy Alternatives Project, Non-Ratepayer

There being no objection, Chairman Coco declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Edward E. Rice, Secretary
LIGHT AND POWER BOARD

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