

**MINUTES OF THE
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2021**

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 4:00PM.

PRESENT

Those present included Chair Larry Fisher, Vice Chair Norman Denault, Secretary Paula Hamel, General Manager Kurt Demmer (“Manager”), and Office Manager Tara Aniello.

MEETING START

A motion was made and accepted to bring the meeting to order at 4:04PM.

GENERAL MANAGER’S ITEMS

Request from Old Home Days Committee:

The Old Home Days Committee requested that the Light Department put a flyer in with the monthly mailing. The Board voted 3-0 to approve putting an insert in the monthly mailing for the Old Home Days Committee.

Review of Pending Projects:

The Board reviewed any open projects that are ongoing with the Manager. Kenn Lamb was working with Kruger for battery storage right before he left. When Dick Joyce came in, he held off on making any commitments until the new General Manager came in. The Mnager will investigate the details of battery storage and continue to move forward with it.

The Light Department has consulted with Luna Design to do renovations to the building. The main goal was to have a conference room at the location of 10 West Main Street. There are also options of including 20 Federal Way with the renovations. The Mnager will contact Joe Luna and figure out where they left off.

The Department has investigated installing fiber optic in Town to offer broadband service to the community. Dick Joyce had come in as a consultant to discuss how they were able to successfully do it in Wellesley and how that might be possible for Merrimac. The idea is to start with the Town buildings to connect them. Once that is successful, the Department could then branch out to offer it to the community.

Norman Denault also mentioned that the Emery substation needs to be updated at some point to give better reliability. Larry Fisher mentioned that the digger truck is 25 years old and may need to be replaced soon. Norman Denault also mentioned that making sure the system was reliable enough for BROX now that they have upgraded their building.

Vegetation Management:

The Manager noticed that there were a significant number of outages due to falling trees and limbs. He said that there were a few ways to control vegetation. One would be a four-year cycle plan where the crew, or a company brought in, would dedicate a year to trimming each circuit. Or the trimming could be limited to where there is bare or Hendrix wire and allow the crews to do maintenance trimming. Hazard tree awareness is also something to consider where larger trees that may cause a problem could be focused on.

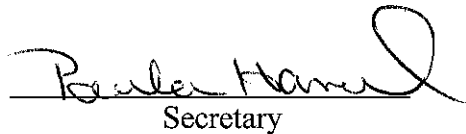
Approval of Bills and Payrolls:

The Board reviewed a form that would allow only one commissioner to approve warrants and payrolls rather than the minimum of two. The board decided that this was not necessary since everyone was available to sign on a consistent basis.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 4:32PM and would not reconvene into public session.


Chairman


Vice Chair


Secretary