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