

**Middleton Electric Light Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 26, 2023**

The following individuals were in attendance:

Frank Twiss, Chairman  
Chuck Clinch  
Jim Kelley  
Tim Houten  
Jim Carbone  
Michael Cloutier, Manager

Chairman Frank Twiss called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

***Approval of Agenda:***

**Motion:**

**Tim Houten motioned to approve the agenda as written. Chuck Clinch seconded the motion. Motioned carried 5-0.**

***Approval of Minutes:***

**Motion:**

**Tim Houten motioned to approve the minutes of March 22, 2023, as written. Jim Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

***Financials:***

The power supply sheet shows the February cost was more than last month. We had a cold snap at the beginning of February and the spot market pricing was expensive. Overall, we are not in bad shape. We are about a penny cheaper than last year for January and February combined. March should come in favorable as

far as our pricing for energy. We sold about a couple hundred thousand KWH less than 2022. We are down about \$200K in 2023. Currently Seabrook is offline and is scheduled to start up next week. Financially, we were operationally profitable, but the investments brought us down. We had an investment gain in January, but a loss in February. February showed a loss of \$43K due to the loss of investment income. March did come back up. The Transportation Expense account is up. This is due to the problem of trying to keep the aging trucks operational. There are supply chain issues in receiving new trucks in a timely manner.

***Manager's Report:***

The 15-year-old truck #3 has a leak in the block of the cylinder inside the lower boom. It is a small leak. It is still holding and not dropping down, but Kiley recommended we not use it. So, it has been taken out of service until it can be repaired. Groveland Electric is lending us their extra bucket truck and we will pick it up tomorrow.

The new Altec truck should be in by late summer. We have finalized the specs for the next truck, and it should be ordered by our next meeting. The lead time is about two years. Our next oldest truck is now eleven years old.

The three new linemen have started, and we are getting positive feedback from the crew. One got his physical today and the other two are getting them tomorrow.

David has installed 1,460 meters. That allows us to read about 3,300 remotely. He has about 800 ready to go in and 120 demand meters are on order. About 450 meters still need to be installed. David is retiring June 30, 2023, but will continue in a parttime capacity. Kenny will also be retiring sometime this year. Bernie is doing well and is hoping to get a doctor's note to come back in approximately two weeks to a month.

Linemen's Rodeo will be held in Plymouth, NH from May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>.

No one is planning to attend the MEAM meeting in Plymouth, MA.

Mr. Cloutier forwarded invitation from fellow Commissioners to attend the Commissioners' meeting.

***Other:***

Chairman Twiss stated that an invitation came out today for the meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6PM to 8PM at the Flint Public Library regarding the Open Meeting Law. Town Counsel will be hosting the meeting because there are some changes to the Open Meeting Law. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The Town Clerk, Ilene Twiss, stated that she will do an all meeting posting and if there is a quorum for the Board, everyone will be covered. Mr. Cloutier thanked the Town Clerk for being a valuable resource in keeping us informed of the open meeting laws.

Mr. Clinch wanted to let those present know of a phenomenal job that was done by the MELD crew when the Family Medicine building lost power. The crew replaced the transformer and completed the job in 1 ½ hours. He stated that it was very impressive.

Next meeting May 24, 2023.

Tim Houten motioned to adjourn at 5:40PM. Jim Kelley seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Carbone  
Clerk