Middleton Electric Light Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026
The following individuals were in attendance:

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

Approval of Agenda:
Motion:
Frank Twiss motioned to approve the agenda as written. Jim Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Minutes:
Motion:
Jim Kelley motioned to approve the minutes of March 18, 2026. Jim Carbone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Financials:
Power is still expensive, although February 2025 was one tenth of a cent higher. However, year to date, we are half a cent higher than last year. It was a good month with a positive net income. Our investments did very well and are up over $2 million from last year. Cash is down about $2.5 million from 2025. This is due to substantial payments for the Town complex generator and the MELD building renovations. We are still in a good cash position so we should not have to take any money from the reserves for upcoming expenses.

Manager's Report:
We only had one outage since our last meeting due to a squirrel blowing a fuse.

The concrete pad for the generator behind the public safety building at the Town complex was poured on Tuesday. It is two feet thick and has one inch rebar.

The gas line is in from the street to one side of where the meter is going to be. We are now waiting for a design from the engineering firm for how the meter will be placed. This is the last piece of the gas part. We should easily have everything done by the time the generator is delivered in July. Yesterday we ordered the emergency 500KW generator for the police and fire building. It is expected to be delivered in 14 to 16 weeks. The generator will be there first, the load bank next, so that it can be tested, and lastly the automatic switch.

There are still issues with the MELD building stabilizers. They have not been finally designed as they are too close to the floor to drill it that low. We are also waiting for the design of structural supports. The inside renovations are going well. The air conditioning was not working. It was out of phase on the old unit and was fixed without any problem. The employees are very happy with the renovations.

We are looking at a small nuclear reactor and seeing if there is any interest from other light departments. They are not that big and are much safer. There is basically no fail mode as you don't need electricity to continue to cool it. They also have a longer life span than wind power, which is about 20 years. They are also modular and can be stacked. We are just in the early stages of consideration right now.

APPA Conference is June 26, 2026. Let Mr. Cloutier know if you would like to attend.

Next Meeting: May 27, 2026

Jim Kelley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:34PM. Frank Twiss seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Carbone
Clerk