

**Mansfield Municipal Electric Department
Minutes of Light Commissioners Meeting
March 14, 2018**

Present: Chairman Jess Aptowitz, Vice Chairman Frank Delvecchio, Clerk Steve Schoonveld, Commissioner Michael Trowbridge, Commissioner Neil Rhein, Director Joseph Sollecito and Financial Assistant Jacqueline Lee

The meeting was held at the Mansfield Town Hall Room 3AB and called to order at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Aptowitz stated that this meeting is being televised and taped for future broadcast and asked if anyone in the audience was intending to record the meeting to please state their intentions. No one did so.

A complete copy of the Board packet containing all documents that are referenced in the minutes is on file at the Mansfield Municipal Electric Department office.

Citizens Comments: none

50 West Church Street Garage Project- Director Sollecito stated that in October 2017 the Board approved the cost of \$400,000 for the 50 West Church Street concrete floor. It has gone out to bid; there was a walk thru and MMED received five bids. TRI Construction was the lowest qualified bidder at a cost of \$417,167 and Director Sollecito recommends that the Board go with them. He reminded the Board that the bid is good for only 30 days.

Commissioner Rhein said he was happy they were the lowest bidder. Vice Chairman Delvecchio noted that they were substantially lower than the rest and wondered if this was any cause for concern. Director Sollecito said he had spoken to the architect (TBA Architects) and was told TRI Construction had limited experience in this type of construction project and TBA's evaluation of their references was very good.

Director Sollecito stated that MMED has proactively done work for electrical and environmental remediation. These expenses plus TBA's design work will bring the total estimated cost to \$510,000.

Motion: To award TRI Construction the bid for the 50 West Church Street concrete floor and to approve an increase in the amount of the expenditure from \$400,000 to \$417,167

(Schoonveld/Trowbridge) Passes 5/0

Comments from Commissioners – Commissioner Trowbridge complimented MMED for doing an exceptional job during the last storm. He noted that even on Facebook there were comments about Mansfield being lucky to have a municipal light department and how quick their response time is. Director Sollecito said that line crew members that have been with MMED for 30 plus years said they have never seen devastation this bad. He said that they worked for 23½ hours straight the first day before getting a three hour nap. They did the same again the second day before getting a four hour rest period. He said that he was concerned about their well-being.

Commissioner Rhein also commended MMED for doing a great job during the storm and would like to incorporate this great job into an economic development pitch. He suggested somehow compiling statistics comparing Mansfield to the surrounding towns. Director Sollecito said that something official will be published in April.

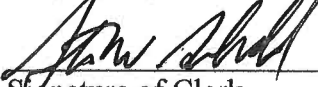
Clerk Schoonveld commented on how the businesses in other towns such as Foxboro and Easton lost money during the time of the storm while downtown Mansfield was packed.

Vice Chairman Delvecchio said it was very nice to read the comments on the website about MMED's good service.

Chairman Aptowitz said he went out with Mark Cook from the DPW and couldn't believe the devastation he saw. He said he also wanted to disclose that he met with Director Sollecito and Town Manager Dumas just to make sure everyone was on the same page and commended all for a great job.

**Motion: To adjourn at 6:20pm
(Delvecchio/Trowbridge) Passes 5/0**

Respectfully submitted: Jacqueline Lee



Signature of Clerk



Date of Approval