

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW ELECRC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday March 29th, 2023,
4:30 P.M. BUSINESS OFFICE, 9 POND STREET

Present Commissioners: Chairman; Nicholas Baitz, Clerk; Robert Brandt
Foreman: Brett Sanderson
Department Manager: Thomas Petraska

Commissioner Baitz called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Comments from Ratepayers: There were no comments from ratepayers.

Consideration of any additions, deletions, changes to the agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Act on Minutes of February 28th, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Brandt made motion to approve as written. Second by Commissioner Baitz and voted 2-0 to approve.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Foreman's report was given by Brett Sanderson. Sanderson update to the Commissioners which included, but not limited to:

Foreman's March 2023 Report

St. Light Maint.	2 St. Lights
Meter Reading	
Substation Maint.	Monthly Checks
Urd Locates	8
Line Maint.	Trimming Services
Services	
Line Trimming and Tree Removals	
Vehicle inspections.	Small trucks and trailers
Storm Repairs 3/14 & 3/15	Solitude Black River Overlook Benson Point & misc. services & branches
Safety Meeting	Hot Stick Safety
Snow Removals	Office, Service Center and Substations

DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Tom Petraska Department Manager updated the Commissioners which included, but not limited to:

Manager's Report March 29, 2023

We were able to prepare February year to date financial reports.
And now I will give you each a copy for review.
A key item on the Income Statement is sales year to date over last year.
The total revenue to date is 98k less than the previous year resulting
in a 72k loss year to date.

Update on the rate increase: 5.27% across the board rate increase was filed with the
VT Public Utility Commission on March 16th, 2023. Once we get approval from the PUC,
rates will be applied to the services rendered after May 1st billed in June.

Update on security cameras. Cameras have been installed at the office and shop. Substation
cameras will be installed when the weather permits as we need to run some cable underground.

The Light Department has requested a quote from Milton Cat for new 2023 Caterpillar 416
rubber tire backhoe. I will now present to all a copy of their quote. I will let Brett speak more
about why the department should invest in the backhoe.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Brandt asked about concerns with GMP using Ludlow poles. Foreman Sanderson informed that GMP was installing new lines and poles to service their customers at the Southface location.

Adjournment

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 PM Second by Commissioner Baitz. Voted 2-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

_____ Robert Brandt, Clerk

_____ Nicholas Baitz, Chair

_____ George Dunnett