

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER  
SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2008**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Canfield at 6:00 pm. Present were Board Members Beachum, Hall, Straub and Valentine. Also present were Administrative Manager Sawka and Operations Manager Mullins. Tom Richards was not present due to his resignation which was effective June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Approval of Agenda:** There was a motion by Beachum and a second by Hall to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous decision of the Board.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Update on Office and Operations:** Canfield updated the Board on the interim general manager position. Greg Pierce the Deputy Director from the Traverse City utility has expressed interest in coming to Lowell Light and Power as acting interim general manager. There is a possibility that he could start as early as June 18<sup>th</sup>. Canfield will keep the Board updated on this issue.

**Public Comments:** City Council Member Altoft again made a request for information from the utility. He said he had been previously asked to wait 30 days before requesting any more information but he said he did not want to wait that long. He said he was requesting this information on behalf of the City Council as part of his involvement on the committee in researching "Payment of Lieu of Taxes." His request included:

- What a LLP employee does in a day and does it included overtime?
- What was the amount spent on the Chatham Street building?

Canfield asked Altoft how what he was requesting had anything to do with revenue and revenue is what "Payment In Lieu of Taxes" is based upon.

Altoft asked why the utility was charging the City for street lighting. He asked if the City should subcontract out street light changes and maintenance. Canfield said that perhaps it would be cheaper for the City to do that. Straub also responded that the change occurred when the new Light and Power accounting system went into effect and to comply with what the City Charter states.

Canfield also told Altoft that the City Attorney has said that possibly Altoft could look through the utility's files for the information that he wants but he would need to coordinate the effort with the utility's office staff.

**Board Comments:** Each Board Member thanked the Administrative Manager and the Operations Manager for their efforts and support and the extra work taken on by them since the resignation of Tom Richards.

**Closed Session for Interim Manager Discussion:** The Board went into closed session at 7:00 pm to discuss the Interim Manager position.

**Adjournment:** There was a motion by Beachum and second by Hall to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous decision of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Greg Canfield-Chairman

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Date