

Middleton Electric Light Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2025

The following individuals were in attendance:

Frank Twiss, Chairman

Chuck Clinch

Jim Kelley

Jim Carbone

Michael Cloutier, Manager

Chairman Twiss called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

***Approval of Agenda:***

**Motion:**

**Chuck Clinch motioned to approve the agenda as written. Jim Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

***Approval of the Minutes:***

**Motion:**

**Chuck Clinch motioned to approve the minutes of December 11, 2024, as written. Jim Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

***Financials:***

No surprises in this month's financial statements. There is a positive income on our investments and also operationally. Our numbers are tracking very similar to last year with the exception of the investment income, which is up considerably this year. Our cash position is healthy, which is good because of the costs this year for the MELD building project and also the generator for the Town complex.

On the power supply side, the 3 million KWH that we sold more than last year has been consistent. This is basically due to the hot summer this year. We signed a PPA a couple of years ago for a solar field in Connecticut for one megawatt. This is scheduled to go online next month. It is a favorable price.

***Manager's Report:***

There have been 2 minor outages since the last meeting. One was on Park Avenue and the other on Evans Road. One had a nest in the fuse tube and the other was a tree limb on a wire which affected only one customer.

The new storage building will be at the end of the bays. We will be selecting the finishing materials, such as the flooring, faucet handles, and lighting. We have selected Manole for our project manager as he has a PE, which is required. This will save us some money. We are hoping to break ground this summer. The tank that is out back will need to be replaced. There will be some disruptions during the construction, but they are unavoidable.

We have issued a PO for the Town complex generator. The delivery date is 90 weeks out. We will be making payments along the way. We have also ordered the transformer, but that lead time is significantly less than the generator. Now that the orders have been placed, we can get the final design on the natural gas service. We should have the information to give them by March.

GLM is continuing to grow. Next week they will begin to test gloves. They just need to do some training. Pat Lavery, the Chief Operating Officer, and Scott Edwards, the Chief Executive Officer, have planned an open house after the training. Bernie will be going from MELD and also the General Foremen from other departments to watch the glove testing. This is intended to help them feel comfortable with the glove testing procedure. Jonathan is doing great and the tree trimming and the repair shop have been very busy as well as the consulting services and pole testing.

We are losing lineman, Robbie Rubchinuk. He has taken a position in Reading. The newer men are doing great and are getting along with the crew.

American Public Power Association Legislative Conference will be held in Washington DC. Let Mr. Cloutier know if you would like to attend.

Next meeting: February 19, 2025

Jim Kelley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05PM. Chuck Clinch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Carbone  
Clerk