

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Scott Blomquist, Secretary, presiding.

Present: David Atherton, Commissioner, President
John Wik, Commissioner
Valarie Leary, Commissioner (*joined at 9:06 a.m.*)
Scott L. Blomquist, Secretary

Staff in Attendance: Kendrick Natale, Comptroller
Jay Guyer, Manager, Water Utility

Absent: Artie Granter, Manager, Electric Utility

Mr. Blomquist convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

Electric Department Report – Mr. Blomquist reporting
(See attached report)

School Lane Treatment Facility Solar

Mr. Blomquist reported that RFPs were put out for the School Lane Solar:

KW Solar - \$241,192.00

Solar SME - \$265,000.00

The total budgeted with the grant is \$197,266. It was intended that this would pay for the EV, Solar, and the Electric Excavator; however two (2) years have passed since applying for the grant and costs have increased to the point where the grant will not fully pay for the Solar Array. After discussions the decision Mr. Guyer questioned if it could be funded with Water Department funds since it is at the School Lane Treatment Facility.

In response to a question from Commissioner Wik, Mr. Guyer stated the funds would come from the PFAS litigation funds. Mr. Guyer added that the current solar array is approximately 25 kW, and this will add about 66 kW. The combined kW will offset almost the full carbon footprint of the treatment facility itself; which is good for the environment.

A motion to approve using Water Utility funds for the installation of solar at the School Lane Water Treatment Facility was made by Commissioner Wik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atherton and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Blomquist stated that the project will be awarded to Solar KW Solar.

Delaware Street Railroad Crossing

Mr. Blomquist stated that RFPs were issued for the project. He explained that one (1) bid was received in person by 10:00 a.m. on September 4th as per what the Bid Package was to be. There was a conflict within the bid documents that allowed bids to be submitted via email that was not identified. A contractor submitted a bid five (5) minutes before the bid opening via email that MSC was unaware of

until after the bidding closed. After consulting with MSC's attorney he recommended that the project be cancelled and re-bid. Mr. Blomquist stated that this would push the project into spring 2027.

(Stenographer's Note: Commissioners Leary joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.)

Mr. Blomquist updated Commissioner Leary on the School Lane vote and recapped the discussion of the Delaware Street Railroad Crossing project.

Commissioner Atherton recommended that details on traffic for the project be settled with the City before the project is re-bid. Mr. Blomquist stated that in initial conversations held with Chief McCabe and Ms. Tantillo they were very opposed to closing the street, and they will be working to develop a traffic plan. He added that DelDOT was in favor of closing the roads for the project. Commissioner Atherton recommended that the bid documents be closely reviewed to ensure there are no other issues.

Mr. Guyer will contact both bidding contractors to inform them that the current project bid is being cancelled and will be re-bid at a later date.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leary and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Blomquist noted that the Board did not vote on re-bidding the Delaware Street Railroad Crossing matter.

A motion to return to session was made by Commissioner Wik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leary and was passed unanimously.

A motion to cancel the project for the Delaware Street Railroad Crossing and re-bid it at a later date was made by Commissioner Leary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atherton and was passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Leary and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.



Kathleen R. Weirich
Stenographer

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