

## **TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

The Board of Trustees of the Traer Municipal Utilities met in regular session on **Thursday, March 7, 2019** in Traer Municipal Hall.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Podhajsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM; with Trustees Barnes and Whannel in attendance. Absent: Trustees McEwen and Dostal.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Barnes, seconded by Whannel, that the Agenda is approved. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Whannel, seconded by Barnes, that the Consent Agenda is approved; Minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting and March Checks #33247-33297; total expenditures of \$140,640.01. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CONSIDER SHARED RESOURCES AGREEMENT WITH DYSART**

The agreement with Dysart would be basically the same as the agreement in place with Hudson. TMU will perform Electric line work for Dysart based on their needs, and will collect \$1,575 per month as a base charge, covering a certain amount of hours on an annual basis. Charges for extra hours and equipment would be additional.

MOTION by Whannel, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agreement. Motion approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **CONSIDER WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSALS**

It was noted that the recently approved TMU budget for FY20 included a \$16,000 shortfall in expenses over revenue. This shortfall is primarily due to a 10% decrease in water usage over the last several years, while at the same time there have been increased costs for water main repairs, as well as general treatment costs (chemicals, salt, etc.).

General Manager Stief has prepared options for increasing water revenue with a stepped increase of 3-4% per year over a three year period, beginning July 1, 2019. None of the proposals will completely cover the shortfall in FY20, but should provide a positive cash flow by the end of the third year.

The board discussed the options, and decided to put the matter up for consideration and approval at the April 4 Board meeting, after the public has had an opportunity to provide feedback.

### **DISCUSS LED LIGHTING REBATE**

TMU currently has rebates for efficient appliances, but does not have a rebate program for commercial LED lighting conversions. General Manager Stief has reviewed what other utilities offer, and suggested TMU institute a program. TMU currently budgets for efficiency rebates, and this program would fit within the annual budget.

The Board discussed the options, and determined that it would be a benefit to TMU's commercial rate payers and will consider a plan, as prepared by GM Stief, at the April 4 meeting.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

NONE

### **CITIZEN INPUT**

NONE

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**FEBRUARY Revenues:**

Electric.....	\$ 181,063
Water.....	\$ 30,970
Sewer.....	\$ 14,280
Telecom.....	<u>\$ 10,852</u>
	\$ 237,165

**FEBRUARY Expenditures:**

Electric.....	\$ 188,704
Water.....	\$ 26,104
Sewer.....	\$ 12,161
Telecom.....	<u>\$ 8,739</u>
	\$ 235,708

**FEBRUARY FUND BALANCES:**

Electric.....	\$ 316,124
Water.....	\$ 76,591
Sewer.....	\$ 134,077
Telecom.....	<u>\$ 99,300</u>
	\$ 626,092

Check Register attached

Chairman Podhajsky  
Jon Panfil, Board Secretary