

Minutes:

Stowe Electric Commissioners' Meeting
January 22, 2009 7:30 a.m.

Present:

Ted Teffner, Chairman; Denise Gutstein, Vice Chairman; Ellen Burt, General Manager; Pat Householder, Controller; Steve Lambert, Superintendent of Operations; Ed French, SED Attorney; Dawn Haslam, Clerk of the Board

Ted called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Denise made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2008; Ted seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ted made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 18, 2008 however since Art was absent from the present meeting it was decided that the approval should be done at the next Board meeting.

Executive Session

Ted made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:32 a.m. to discuss legal matters and personnel; Denise seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:12 a.m.

Denise made a motion to accept VELCO's offer on the Moscow Substation for \$4,500.00. Ted seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Banner Discussion

Steve began the discussion explaining the situation between the Town and SED in regards to the hanging of banners. He stated that he has been coordinating banner hanging with Andrea at the Town. Steve said that the old process of hanging a banner was the person/company must have their banner/hardware in to the SED garage by Friday at noon the week prior to the Monday of hanging and then taken down the following Monday. More recently, the unwritten policy has not been followed accordingly. He said he has received calls from Andrea on Tuesdays, and even Wednesdays requesting a banner to be hung. He made the point that taking SED's bucket truck out and 2 men to hang banners all through the week can be very costly. He suggested having a written policy, or more of a structured plan to the system to be given to all customers needing a banner hung. Presently we do banner hanging as a community service. Steve made the suggestion that we should consider charging half the cost of a truck and 2 men (\$65.00) if we are asked to hang a banner outside of the required time frame.

After much discussion regarding the best way to handle this situation it was decided Steve would talk to Andrea about devising a more structured policy for banner hanging. In addition, SED will make every effort to not charge a customer for this service but work with them to satisfy all parties.

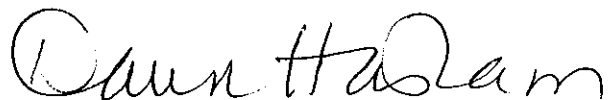
A further dialogue with reference to the problem of banners flipping over ensued. Steve explained that he has received suggestions to hook guide wires to the bottom of the banners. He told the Board that by doing this it could cause a "sail" like scenario and if a big wind was to come up, which it often does it could do damage to our poles. He mentioned constructing 2 separate poles and fastening guide wire to them. It was discussed and decided that this could possibly cause an issue of the lower wires being hit by passing vehicles in addition to making more clutter around our present poles, that have not only electric wires, but phone and cable wires attached to them. It was decided that inquiries with other municipalities displaying banners would be made by Steve. That information would then be presented at a subsequent Commissioners' meeting.

Other Business

Denise made a motion to extend SED's line of credit for 1 year with Union Bank for \$1.5 million effective January 18, 2009. Ted seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Haslam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dawn Haslam
Clerk of the Board