



**LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 5, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners met at the BWL Headquarters-REO Town Depot located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

Chairperson David Price called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Chairperson Price announced that due to the posting of the meeting time at both 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Lansing State Journal, and in order to give everyone a chance for public comment, the meeting would start at 5:00 p.m., as much business as possible would be conducted, and if all business was finished before 5:30 p.m. the vote would be held, the meeting would recess and reconvene at 5:30 p.m. There would then be a call for any additional public comment, and then the vote would be held on the resolution.

Corporate Secretary Griffin called the roll.

Present: Commissioners Beth Graham, Dennis Louney, Anthony McCloud, Anthony Mullen, David Price, Ken Ross, Tracy Thomas, and Sandra Zerkle (at 5:10 p.m.) Non-Voting Commissioners present: Douglas Jester (East Lansing) (at 5:08 p.m.), William Long (Delta Township), and Rod Taylor (DeWitt Township).

Absent: None

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

Commissioner Rod Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEETING PURPOSE:**

**Consider a Resolution for a Rate Structure Change for Electric, Water, Steam, and Chilled Water Rate Schedules to be Effective February 1, 2018, 2019, and 2020.**

Commissioner Price stated that he called for this Special meeting to consider the rate structure change for electric, water, steam, and chilled water rate schedules and would like to put forward a Resolution.

**RESOLUTION #2017-12-01  
2018 – 2020 Rate Adjustments**

WHEREAS, rates shall be established at a level that will enable the Board of Water and Light (BWL) to meet its mission of serving the Greater Lansing area by providing high quality utility services, reliably, at the lowest reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the BWL's Rate Making Principles, BWL management has reviewed the electric rates relative to its financial plan and recommends an overall increase of 3%, comprised of varying individual rate class increases, to electric billings on February 1, 2018, February 1, 2019, and February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the BWL's Rate Making Principles, BWL management has reviewed the water rates relative to its financial plan and recommends a 5.5% increase to water billings on February 1, 2018 and a 7.5% increase to water billings on February 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the BWL's Rate Making Principles, BWL management has reviewed the steam rates relative to its financial plan and recommends a 5.5% increase to steam billings on February 1, 2018 and a 7.5% increase to steam billings on February 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the notice of the proposed increases was communicated to all customers by public notice on November 14, 2017, and a public hearing was held on November 30, 2017 to receive comments on the proposed increases; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has considered the comments of the public as well as recommendations made by the BWL.

THEREFORE, it is:

RESOLVED, that the electric, water, steam, and chilled water rate schedules, detailed in attachments A –D, be adopted and made effective for electric, water, steam, and chilled water consumption on February 1, 2018, February 1, 2019, and February 1, 2020.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mullen, Seconded by Commissioner McCloud to approve the stated Resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Chair Price recessed the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Chair Price reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and called again for Public Comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Chair Price called for a vote on the motion before the Board to adopt the Rate Schedule Resolution.

Yeas: Commissioners Graham, Louney, McCloud, Mullen, Price, Ross, Thomas, and Zerkle

Nays: None

**Action:** Carried Unanimously

### **MANAGER'S REMARKS/COMMENTS**

None.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS/COMMENTS**

Commissioner Zerkle stated that the Commissioners have spent many hours in the last six months to review, understand and determine what rate increase would be optimum. There were many presentations and lots of information presented the Board by the General Manager Peffley and Chief Financial Officer Heather Shawa their Administration. She also stated that the Commissioners take the comments seriously that are given by the customers and clients. Mr. Peffley has responded to the comments given by customers and clients and his responses have been presented to the Commissioners.

Chair Price stated that this rate schedule resolution started with the IRP over a year ago and went through several processes. He also thanked all the staff that worked on the proposal and noted that the Commissioners approved the rate schedule resolution unanimously.

Chair Price announced that Commissioner Rod Taylor will be leaving the manager position of DeWitt Township to go to work for the Michigan Department of Treasury. He welcomed Commissioner Taylor's continuation on this Board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Chair Price noted that the Lansing State Journal on their own posted two different meeting times for today's Special Board meeting.

Commissioner Thomas stated that is was not the fault of the Corporate Secretary that the newspaper incorrectly posted the meeting time. She posted and noticed the Special Board meeting for 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2017.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Price adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.