

Trenton Light & Water Dept.
Utility Board Minutes
April 26, 2022 8:30 AM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Jackson. Others present were: Tony Burriss, CeCe Jones, Rickey Graves, Billie Wade, Bubba Abbott, Joe Wamble, Richy Turner, Stacy Rice, Josh Lawler, & Jenny Corbin. Visitors were Logan Watson, Ginger French and Billy Hill.

The minutes of the March 22, 2022 regular meeting were approved unanimously following motion by Tony Burriss, second by Billie Wade.

Ginger French from TLM Associates and Billy Hill from Lashlee Rich presented an amended timeline for the new TLW building and discussed demolition and construction processes with the board.

FYTD Financial Statements for all departments, Revenue Summary for FY22 and payment totals for 3/22/22 – 4/26/22 were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Rickey Graves and second by Bubba Abbott to approve the financial reports passed unanimously.

Safety Report: A safety meeting for the Electric department was held in April. The Water & Sewer department had a job on the day of their safety meeting that needed to be completed; so they opted to continue working and the safety instructor did a job site audit for their compliance with safety procedures on the job. The report was favorable for W&S compliance with safety rules. There were no safety issues. The safety report was approved unanimously following motion by Bubba Abbott and second by Billie Wade.

Joe informed that he had received an agreement from Silicon Ranch that needed to be signed and returned for them to complete the purchase of about 20 acres for solar panels which would produce 2-2.5 MW of electricity for TLW to purchase and distribute through TVA. After motion by Tony Burriss and second by Billie Wade, the board unanimously gave approval for Joe to sign the agreement.

Under New Business TLW requested a rate increase for the Electric and Water Departments. The electric rate increase would be 1.2% effective October 2022; the water rate increase would be 5% effective July 2022. The electric rate increase would add about \$1.20 to the average residential bill. The water rate increase would add about \$1.30 to the average residential bill. Both increases were necessary because of mounting O&M costs from inflation. The electric rate increase was unanimously passed after motion by Tony Burriss and second by Billie Wade. The water rate increase was unanimously passed after motion by CeCe Jones and second by Rickey Graves.

The next regular meeting of the TLW Utility Board will be Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Corbin, Office Manager/Accountant

Ricky Jackson, Utility Board Chairman