

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary James Regan, General Manager William G. Bottiggi, Ken Stone and Chuck Coyne, all of BELD.

**I. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

**i. May 14, 2019 Open Meeting**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to accept the minutes of May 14, 2019 Open Meeting as written.

**II. Items for Action**

**i. 89 Hobart Avenue**

Mr. Bottiggi said he gave the Board pictures of what the property looked like in February. He explained that this is the house we did extra tree trimming on at the homeowner's request and the husband came home and said we did too much. He continued: as you can see, it looks great and even better than before we did the tree trimming. Mr. Bottiggi's recommendation is not to give the homeowner any compensation. Previously, Mr. Bottiggi had offered \$1,000 and they declined. He offered them \$2,000 and they declined again. This item had been tabled until after the spring/summer so as to see how everything looked after the leaves came back on the trees. There was discussion.

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to offer no compensation for any work done on his property.

**III. Items for Discussion**

**i. Fireking Update**

Mr. Bottiggi updated the Board: Fireking is finishing up their build-out and we are ready to supply electricity to them when they are ready. In addition, we are installing two 2 megawatt natural gas firing generators at this site. Tangent will own those and we are finalizing the Purchase Power Agreement (PPA). He continued the PPA will be done this week and then we will install the generators – but they will probably not be running until late this year. When those generators run we will buy the energy and meter Fireking as if those generators were not there. We will get revenue and also he will have back-up power. There was discussion – BELD gave Fireking the Economic Development Rate for their electricity.

**ii. Diesel Generator Building Update**

Mr. Bottiggi said there is no update on this but the gas line has been brought out to the street and we are now waiting for National Grid to tie that into their system. Once that is done we can commission the two new engines and be ready to go.

**iii. Floating Solar Array**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that he received a preliminary denial from the DEP. He continued the Great Pond Reservoir is a “great pond” and is over 10 acres in its natural state – before it was dammed and that makes it fall under the guise of Chapter 91. Chapter 91 says you can only use “great ponds” for water-dependent needs. Mr. Reynolds asked about the upper reservoir: Mr. Bottiggi thinks that is also a “great pond” but will confirm. He continued the other problem with the upper reservoir is the level changes so much. There was discussion. Mr. Bottiggi explained that he only heard this afternoon so he will pursue it further and see where it goes.

**iv. 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade**

Mr. Bottiggi said we are going to have a couple of hybrid bucket trucks and a couple of electric cars in the parade this year. BELD will be giving away little EV cars and sunglasses at the parade.

**v. APPA National Conference**

Mr. Bottiggi reported that he, Mr. Stone and Mr. Ford attended the APPA National Conference in Austin TX last week. Mr. Stone added that the keynote speakers were great. Mr. Bottiggi said Jen Goldbeck spoke on artificial intelligence. She is a professor at the University of Maryland. She said that Twitter, Facebook and Instagram know more about you than you realize. Mr. Bottiggi explained they have algorithms and facial recognition – they know about everybody, you have no privacy at all. Mr. Stone said you post a picture on Facebook and they will use that picture to connect you to someone else and then from there to someone else. He continued, even if you do not have a Facebook account, you still have one somewhere behind the scenes. They know who you are, where you live, who your friends are, what your shopping habits are. There was discussion. This was Mr. Bottiggi’s last conference as BOD member for APPA.

**IV. Personnel Update**

Mr. Bottiggi reported some changes that are taking place. One of the electricians, Mr. Currie is retiring. He continued in anticipation of Mr. Currie’s retirement and the shift that happens upon retirements we had hired an electrician. There was discussion: we need to have electricians who have substation experience. We posted Mr. Currie’s position (General Working Foreman Electricians) and it was awarded to Mr. Toye. Mr. Toye’s position (Working Foreman, Electricians) was posted and awarded to Mr. Pagliuca. We have also hired a lineman to help with the extreme amount of work we currently have. When someone from the line department is ready to retire we will not need to replace them.

Mr. Bottiggi reported changes at the plant. With Mr. Sardano’s retirement and posting of his position (Engineer) Mr. Dailey was awarded the position. Mr. Dailey’s position (Relief Engineer) was posted and awarded to Mr. Montanez. We posted Mr. Montanez’s position (Relief Fireman) and with no bidders we hired a relief fireman from outside. We also have an opening for an I&C Tech as Mr. Charest has retired and there were no qualified bidders for his position.

**V. Old Business (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**VI. New Business (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**VII. Public Participation (As Determined/Needed)**

None.

**VIII. Tabled Items**

**IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings**

- i. August 6 or 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**
- ii. September 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

There was discussion. The Board decided to have a meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. If an issue arises that requires a board meeting we will announce it.

**X. Executive Session (As Determined/Needed)**

Not needed.

**XI. Adjournment**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Electric Division meeting at 5:25 p.m. So voted.

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James P. Regan  
Secretary

Chairman Thomas Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. in the BELD Board Room. Those present at the meeting included Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chairman Anthony Agnitti, Secretary James Regan, General Manager William G. Bottiggi, Ken Stone and Chuck Coyne, all of BELD.

**I. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

**i. May 14, 2019 Open Meeting**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to table the minutes of May 14, 2019 Open Meeting. So voted.

**II. Items for Action**

None.

**III. Items for Discussion**

**i. Updated High Speed Internet and Video Rates**

Mr. Bottiggi reported to the Board that we have been trying to simplify our rates. He continued from now until the foreseeable future we are only going to offer basic high speed Internet rate which will be \$39.95 per month for 100 meg and \$49.95 with phone. That is more than enough for most people. We are not doing anything with our video rates at this point. There was discussion.

**ii. YouTube TV Demo**

Mr. Bottiggi did a demonstration of YouTube TV and streaming using a Roku stick. There was discussion on how you would get the YouTube channel – either with a smart tv and downloading the app or using a stick. You can get a 1 month free trial of YouTube TV - it has 70 channels - and then goes to \$50 per month and it can go on 6 televisions. He showed the menu and there is a library with unlimited recording-although they delete recordings after 90 days. He continued showing the home screen where you can go straight into watching movies or shows or go to live television. If you go to live television it is streaming it live over the Internet, it is not using a coax cable and a modem. It is high definition. Once you are on a channel, if you want to go look for another channel, you can listen to that channel while you are looking. There was discussion. The Roku stick will cost around \$49 and you get the stick and a clicker. We will be demonstrating this to customers. This is like going to a la carte but you have more control over what you want to pay for.

**IV. Personnel Update**

None.

**V. Old Business**

None.

**VI. New Business**

None.

**VII. Public Participation**

None.

**VIII. Tabled Items**

**i. Minutes of March 7, 2019 Executive Session Meeting**

**IX. Next Regular Meeting – Upcoming Meetings**

**i. August 6 or 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

**ii. September 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Board had decided in the electric portion of the meeting to have the next meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. If an issue arises that requires a board meeting we will announce it.

**X. Executive Session**

A Roll Call Vote was taken to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing competitively-sensitive information at 5:34 p.m.

Mr. Agnitti – yes

Mr. Regan – yes

Mr. Reynolds - yes

Chairman Reynolds stated that any votes taken in executive session will be announced in open session after adjourning the executive session.

Executive Session commenced at 5:35 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 5:44 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment**

Voted: on motion of Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Agnitti, to adjourn the Broadband Division meeting at 5:45 p.m. So voted.

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James P. Regan  
Secretary