

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works was held in the Council Room of the Town Hall on Thursday night, December 16, 1976 at 8:00 o'clock

Members Present: Messrs. D. A. Potter, Howard H. Seymour, William R. Beauchamp, Charles W. Futcher, Jr. and W. James Bell, .

Others Present: Mrs. Eleanor H. Joseph, General Manager  
Mr. Irving C. Gillis, Field Supervisor  
Mr. Wm. B. Miles, Jr., George, Miles & Buhr Representative  
Mr. Gregory Booth, Booth & Associates, Consultant  
Mr. John E. Messick, Attorney  
Mr. Alfred Stango, Mayor  
Mr. John Rhoades, City Councilman  
Mr. Dennis Fourney, Reporter  
Mr. Julian Raymond & Wife  
Mr. Barnard Muir  
Mr. Thornton Shipley, City Councilman  
Mr. Gary Saulsman, Reporter

President Potter Presiding:

Minutes of  
Nov. 18, 1976  
Meeting

1. Minutes of November 18, 1976 were approved as written

Motion: Mr. Beauchamp - Seconded: Mr. Seymour

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Beauchamp	x	
Mr. Futcher	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Bell	x	

Re: Proposed  
Kings Highway  
Development

2. A discussion was had with Mr. Julian Raymond, concerning his proposed development on Kings Highway.

Mr. Greg Booth explained to Mr. Raymond that the plans which had been forwarded to him on December 2, 1976 had been reviewed; and, in compliance with the Rules & Regulations of the Board of Public Works, the developer is responsible for the difference between the cost of underground and aerial electric utilities.

The developer is responsible for supplying the Board with plans for the utilities: what he proposes in the way of transformer size, cable size - both primary and secondary and an estimate of the cost for these facilities.

Mr. Booth explained that he had given approval of the plans so far but he would need the additional information before anything else would be decided.

#1 Well and  
#5 Well

3. Mr. William B. Miles of George, Miles & Buhr reported that upon investigation, authorized by the Board at its last meeting, into the collapse of #1 Water Well, he found that the screen on the well had collapsed and that a new well would have to be drilled, if the Board wanted to replace the well. Four bids have been received, the

find no reason not to award the bid to the low bidder Delmarva Drilling Co., Inc.

His firm has checked whether the capacity proposed by the new well would hinder the other wells or would endanger the aquifer; and, the conclusion was that the new well pumping 1,000 gallons a minute would be proper.

Mr. Seymour asked if he could interject and bring the next item up for discussion; since, the two would tie in together. No objections were heard.

Mr. Miles was asked to report on a letter dated December 7, 1976 from Delmarva Drilling explaining that a new pump with a 2-speed motor recently installed in #5 Well had been found on pumping tests to be pumping sand - more at high speed than at low. Delmarva Drilling had recommended that Well #5 be pumped only at low speed and at long period of times.

Mr. Miles had two comments on said letter:

1. A well which is passing a considerable amount of sand through the screen is a serious problem contributing to wear on the equipment which could lead to abandonment of the well.
2. He would have to concur with Delmarva Drilling that it should be pumped only at low speed and for a long period of time until the Board can get a perspective of how serious the problem is. It would not be imperative to shut the well down at this time.

Mr. Seymour reported that he had met with Mr. Kauffman from Delmarva Drilling Co., Inc. and had found that if authorization was given for the new well, then the replacement parts installed in #5 Well recently could be pulled and placed in #1 Well when driven, amounting to a savings of about \$12,000 on the cost of new well, low bid being \$37,741.

Mr. Seymour explained that by taking the 2-speed 75 H.P. pump from #5 Well and putting the 20 H.P. pump on #5 Well would be the most feasible.

Mr. Miles agreed that this could be done and that the low bidder could be negotiated with. Mr. Messick, also noted that he could foresee no legal problem with this method.

Motion was made to accept the low bid of Delmarva Drilling Co., Inc. for a new #1 Well.

Motion: Mr. Seymour - Seconded: Mr. Fletcher

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	
Mr. Bell	x	
Mr. Futcher	x	

Chair voted Nay

Motion was made to authorize Mrs. Joseph, General Manager to negotiate a price with Delmarva Drilling Co., Inc. for the movement of the 75 h.p. motor and pump from #5 Well to #1-A Well and to install the spare 15 h.p. motor at #5 Well and report back to the next meeting on January 1977.

Motion: Mr. Seymour - Seconded: Mr. Futcher

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Futcher	x	
Mr. Bell	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	

Field Inspector 4.  
for New Sts. &  
Storm Drains  
Project

Mr. Miles reviewed with the Board a letter that he had sent to the Board, regarding his recommendation of a fully qualified to fill the position of Field Inspector for the New Streets and Storm Drains Project on 3rd & Shipcarpenter Streets.

After discussion, motion was made to table the matter until the next meeting.

Motion: Mr. Futcher - Seconded: Mr. Beauchamp

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Futcher	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	
Mr. Bell	x	

Mr. Miles then left the meeting.

Capacitors & 5.  
Peak Generation  
Study

Mr. Greg Booth explained that his firm, Booth & Associates Inc., had been hired by the Board several years ago to act as the Board's Electrical Engineers.

The particular problem with capacitors arose with the project of converting the city to 4160. Blattenberger was awarded the job and did the work according to Booth specifications.

The capacitors were left on the line and not reconnected which resulted in a loss of power factor. The power factor dropped to 81% before the error was discovered and corrected.

The discussion centered on whom responsibility the pr

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should lay. Mr. Booth's own opinion was that the error should be equal among the Board's personnel, Blattenberger's personnel and also Booth's personnel.

After discussion, no decision was made on what course of action the Board would take.

Mr. Booth presented his summation on the Peak Generation Study he was requested to assemble. The report consisted of several plans; but Plan I he feels is more feasible at the present time.

Plan #1 recommends using the 24-4160 newer generators to peak for a month or two to see what ramifications result from Delmarva Power & Light. Then proceed a step at a time.

Mr. Messick suggests that before doing anything, the agreement with Delmarva Power & Light Co. should be checked.

Motion was made to have Mr. Messick and Mrs. Joseph review the Standby Agreement and the present rate structure with Delmarva Power & Light Co.

Motion: Mr. Futcher - Seconded: Mr. Bell

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Futcher	x	
Mr. Bell	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	

McAdams'  
Trial Results

6. Mr. Messick reported that Mr. John McAdams had lost his law suit filed against the Board of Public Works. The case was heard at the Magistrate Court #2 on December 3, 1976 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting on  
Lecato Sewer  
District

7. Mr. Messick announced that a meeting on the Lecato Sewer District will be held on Saturday, December 18, 1976 at 10:00 A. M. in the Rehoboth Beach Municipal Building.

At 9:00 o'clock on Saturday, December 18, 1976 before the proposed meeting, the City Councilmen of Rehoboth the City Councilmen of Lewes and the Board members of the Board of Public Works will meet in the same building.

Mr. Seymour, serving on the Advisory Committee for the Board, asked if he had any authority to decide anything in regard to any motions proposed with the Lecato Sewer Project. Mr. Messick advised that he should bring the information before the Board before he could vote on the motion.

Resolution 8. Motion was made to adopt the Resolution regarding set-  
 Re: Settlement ment of Docket 8947 with Delmarva Power & Light Co.  
 Docket 8947 -  
 Rate Case Motion: Mr. Bell - Seconded: Mr. Futchner  
 Started in 1974

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Bell	x	
Mr. Futchner	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	

Copy of Resolution is filed with these minutes.

- AAA176 Pilot Point 9. Mr. Messick reported that he had been in contact with  
 Plot Plan Kevin Carroll of Realty Growth Investors and John Flo  
 Change Assistant Treasurer of the Farmers Bank. A meeting i  
 in the process of being organized in regard to the pr  
 posed plot plan change.
- Re-imbursement 10. Mr. Messick referred to past minute books in relation  
 of Phase II, the Pilot Point Subdivision reimbursement for undergr  
 Underground utilities. The problem being that nowhere in the min  
 Utilities at books is a specific mention of the original plans of  
 Pilot Point Phase I; mention is made using Pilot Point Subdivisio  
 only.

The Rules & Regulations regarding underground extensi  
 were read. The rules are found on page 21 of the Rul  
and Regulation Applicable To Electric Service For  
Customers.

Excerpt from rules - Paragraph 2:

"Where it is requested that new distribution faci  
 ities be placed underground for the supply of ser  
 to a customer, the Board of Public Works will ins  
 own and maintain such an extension provided the  
 guaranteed annual revenue will justify the invest  
 ment and the underground extension conforms with  
 existing Board of Public Works' facilities. Wher  
 the investment exceeds the amount of the guarante  
 revenue, the Board of Public Works shall determin  
 for each case the amount of contribution in aid o  
 construction required of the customer and under w  
 conditions such financing on the part of the cust  
 will be refunded."

Motion was made to have the General Manager review th  
 return of investment at Phase II and report at the ne  
 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Beauchamp - Seconded: Mr. Bell

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Beauchamp	x	
Mr. Bell	x	

Mr. Seymour  
Mr. Fatcher

x  
x

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10  
Christmas  
Bonus

11. Motion was made to pay the Board's employees a Christmas Bonus at the rate of 75% of a week's salary those employed longer than one (1) year and 50% if employed less than one (1) year.

Motion: Mr. Futchner - Seconded: Mr. Beauchamp

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Futchner	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	
Mr. Bell	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	

Letter to  
Realty Growth  
Investors

12. Motion was made to send a letter from the Board to Realty Growth Investors informing them that any further phases of work involving the Board of Public Works must be resubmitted for approval.

Motion: Mr. Beauchamp - Seconded: Mr. Bell

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Beauchamp	x	
Mr. Bell	x	
Mr. Futchner	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

Ruth Anne Steelman  
Secretary



## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Delmarva Power & Light Company, on October 24, 1974, implemented an increase in its wholesale electric rate to the Board of Public Works by filing revised electric tariffs with the Federal Power Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of Lewes, Delaware, together with other wholesale electric customers of Delmarva Power & Light Company contested the proposed changes in wholesale electric rates in the case entitled, Delmarva Power & Light Company, FPC Docket No. E-8947, and

WHEREAS, during the course of the aforementioned proceedings, the parties held numerous settlement conferences, and

WHEREAS, at a settlement conference held on November 4, 1976, representatives of the Board of Public Works, all other Intervenor, the Staff of the Federal Power Commission and Delmarva Power and Light Company reached tentative agreement as to the terms and conditions of the Company's proposed change in its wholesale electric rates, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned settlement proposal is subject to final approval by the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes and by cognizant officials of the other Intervenor in FPC Docket No. E-8947,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes does hereby accept, adopt and subscribe to the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement and authorizes and directs representatives of the Board of Public Works to enter into an appropriate stipulation to implement such agreement.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Lewes, Delaware

BY:

*B. Anthony Potter*  
B. Anthony Potter, President

Adopted: December 16, 1976