

**Lewes Board of Public Works  
Special Meeting  
1:00 P.M.  
January 12, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

1. WELCOME, CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Lee called meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

**Board Members**

*Preston Lee, P.E.- President*

*A. Thomas Owen- Vice President*

*Robert Kennedy- Secretary*

*Thomas Panetta- Treasurer*

*Earl Webb- Assistant Treasurer*

**Ex-Officio Members**

*Darrin Gordon- General Manager*

*Austin Calaman- Assistant General Manager*

*Michael Hoffman- Legal Counsel*

**Others**

*Charlie O'Donnell, GMB*

*Dan McAllister, counsel*

3. OPEN FORUM/GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE CAPITAL PROJECTS WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13, 2021.

Mr. Gordon stated that the purpose of the workshop is to get all five of the board members together and go over the 10-year plan and get everyone's thoughts on the future of the BPW's capital projects. Mr. Gordon is looking to get "one voice" on the direction that BPW will be moving, and which projects will be taking priority. President Lee stated there is a lot of work to do over the many years. The Board has been pushing to do away with the iron/lead as soon as possible. The BPW had a plan five years ago, however it did not address all, i.e. side streets. President Lee stated that Mr. Gordon will be presenting a 10-year plan and will extend past 10 years. President stated that the purpose of the workshop is to discuss completing projects over a longer period (10

years) and keeping rates level or shorten length of time and increasing rates. Mr. Gordon restated that he needs a collective voice, not only on water but the other utilities as well. Mr. Webb stated that he felt that looking at map helps to see the layout and others may too. President Lee stated that there six streets are relatively new streets and probably PVC, not iron. Mr. Kennedy stated that he would like to use the workshop to have the Board to consider a couple of projects that are anticipated to start as soon as the next fiscal year. Mr. Kennedy stated he has consistently raised concerns over AMI and the solar farm, as he does not believe it is “ripe” yet. Mr. Kennedy feels that it would be prudent to get a cost benefit analysis that would determine the benefit for these projects. Mr. Kennedy stated that there is a significant amount of money needed for the AMI and solar projects. President Lee stated that the workshop will have no decision and is for discussion purposes only.

**ACTION:** *Mr. Owen motioned to adjourn to Executive Session, Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Adjourned to Executive Session at 1:13 P.M.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 3:24 P.M.**

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF APPLICABLE.

**ACTION:** *Mr. Owen made a motion to approve agreement as discussed in executive session and grant staff/counsel the authority to proceed as discussed. Mr. Webb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

6. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION:** *Mr. Owen motioned to adjourn; Mr. Webb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Austin Calaman  
Assistant General Manager