



General Meeting

May 12, 2014

Meeting called to order by Collin Braunel at 6:35P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Sulynn Moore, Jack and Helen Nasep, Joe Trader, Molly and Jeff Dewane, Collin Braunel, Barry Nelson, Ben Hilburger, Tyler Martell, Paul Tittl, Don G, Bernie S, and Greg O.

Guest Speaker- Tom Reed from Manitowoc Public Utilities

Tom was here to talk about what MPU is doing to respond to the new regulations handed down by the EPA. As of this moment, coal is the main source of power from MPU to the City of Manitowoc. Over the years, MPU has been expanding its alternative energy process by expanding its services and upgrading their facilities. One major source is water and steam. Since the creation of the Clean Air Act in 1963, the EPA had been tasked with writing the regulations. Since 2010, the EPA has been very active writing new policies for major companies and cities. Most of the new regulations are being directed at coal plants, and as a result, there are no plans to build any new coal plants in most of the United States. A new form of drilling known as fracking has become a new and more preferred technique. The main push from the EPA is to control CO2 emissions (Carbon Dioxide). President Obama has been pushing the EPA to finalize guidelines for future and existing power plants.

MPU is responding by diversifying their fuel supply, as well as participating in the market place with energy and capacity contracts. They are starting to burn 100% biomass fuel to save energy. The problem is power needs to be available at a moment's notice. MPU has the capacity to provide the power, but it does not have much storage space for the energy. If one generator goes out, it will affect the power supply to the citizens of the city. MPU will rely on new technologies to meet these growing energy demands, and will always think ahead to serve the citizens.

Treasure's Report- \$3,600.00 total in our account with \$300.00 in the PayPal account. The headquarters is paid off until the end of election season

Joe Approved, Ben Seconded

State Convention Recap- the Manitowoc County GOP did win an award, and it is hanging up on the wall in the headquarters. Margaret Mueller has received the Bovey Award which is only given to 8 people throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Grand Opening of Headquarters- Good turnout to meet many of the candidates running for elected office. Thank you to all the candidates and people who came out and supported the grand opening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

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