

## Extract from MBLP 13 March 2007 Minutes

2) in response to a letter from Joe Buys questioning the Board's internal controls and bidding process for the September purchase of an overhead door for the Warehouse from Wolverine Door, he said the same door was purchased several years ago through the competitive bidding process for the west side of the Warehouse garage from Wolverine Door, the lowest bidder. When the east side garage door needed to be replaced because parts were no longer available, Superintendent of Distribution David Lynch recommended the same door be installed due to interchangeability of parts and the practicality of one (1) vendor providing maintenance for both doors. Board Legal Counsel Kenneth Seavoy and staff reviewed the door purchase and deemed the application of the process was appropriate. He added that for the past six months additional audit controls have been reviewed and have been assigned to Accountant Helen LaFayette. K. Juntala said Mr. Buys made some good points and future Board letters will contain better detail regarding purchases. C. Stien and R. Goodney commented internal controls are necessary, but need to be reasonable in order for the utility to be able to function. The Board discussed the response to Mr. Buys and concurred with providing a response via the Board Minutes;