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## ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 by Chairperson Mike Blaies via Zoom. Committee members present via Zoom were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers (5:32 p.m.), Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser (Village Hall), Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout (Village Hall), Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Village Hall was open to the public and there were no guests present. Guest present via Zoom: Janet Baechle.

### A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of April 14, 2021 Minutes: Trustee Mike Heap motioned to approve the April 14, 2021 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported a line was hit at Foxtail due to a mismarked line. We had a customer on Edgewood with their lights blinking, and found a bad connection at the weather head. We received a call about pole leaning on Park St in the area where we removed our overhead infrastructure. Shane contacted Charter since they are the only utility left on the pole. They normally replace the pole.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan advised we have \$18,281 which has to be spent by next May. John recommends waiting until December to see if we have any other projects come up. We can then spend it on our LED lighting. Matt advised that Middendorf and Reuss is moving their business to Freeburg into the old Towers buildings. They are waiting to get the utilities transferred into their name before they proceed with a grant for their lighting projects. Shane is in discussion with their electrical contractor to consolidate their five electrical services into one service. Shane commented that they will have quite a bit of work to get that accomplished.
4. North Substation CAT Work/PLC Unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: John confirmed BHM&G's proposal was approved, and Tony is working on the financing for this project.
5. Old Power Plant Insurance Claim: Shane received the release form from Ehret's insurance company today, and has forwarded that the Tony for handling.

Shane said with regard to the breakers, everything is back in service and working as they should.

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**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Project #21-05: Stock Transformer Purchase: Shane stated we need to replenish our stock to be prepared. He received three quotes with Emerald Transformer being the low quote at \$14,700. He commented we used them on the last subdivision, and they have worked out well. He will also have transformers that have failed to turn in for credit which will amount to about a \$200.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board to purchase eight 25 Kva and four 37.5 Kva transformers at a cost of \$14,700 and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Shane does have some transformers going to T&R service that contain PCBs. None of the transformers going to Emerald have any traceable PCBs. They have all been tested.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated Illinois is trying to close down the coal plants in 2030, we have outstanding debt service on them until 2035. He has sent letters to our elected officials on this matter. John commented we would be paying the debt service and also would have to purchase power from someone else. John also said they talked about the ability to self generate but would make us go through the ICC who would control our rates. We would like to keep that at the local level.

Shane advised Paden went to another schooling in Kentucky and did very well. Tony stated we have students that will be attending lineman school and paying for it themselves. He suggested we direct them to IMEA communities looking for apprentices.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn at 5:49 p.m and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager