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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, 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. Guests present: Janet Baechle and Paul Bickford from Waste Management.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of May 12, 2021 Minutes: Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the May 12, 2021 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported on the village-wide power outage on May 26th when a farmer hit a 3-phase cabinet that housed the tie between our power plants. The cabinet was at least 25 feet off the field. We had all the needed supplies on hand but did reach out to Mascoutah for some tools to have available. The power was out at noon, and everyone in town was back on by 4:45 p.m. Shane will get Julie the costs so she can work on the claim. Our crew did an excellent job!! Shane also reported an insulator went bad in Deerfield, and a few homes were out. John and Shane informed us MISO may be calling us soon to lighten our load for a couple of days.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: John stated Rodd from IMEA has given Middendorf and Reuss the notice to proceed on their lighting project. We have not received any other applications. Mayor Speiser mentioned the program at Chamber Monday night.
4. North Substation CAT Work/PLC Unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement - BHM&G Memorandum of Agreement for Generator Controls Upgrade: Attorney Keck has reviewed the agreement and is recommending a few changes. He will work with BHM&G to get those revisions made before Monday's board meeting.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board BHM&G's Memorandum of Agreement with changes on the last page and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

- ### B. NEW BUSINESS:
- We have kids throwing rocks in the pool, and Tony is going to get the camera system working there. He spoke to Brade Cole at IML who confirmed the America

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Rescue grant money has not been sent out. He believes that will happen in the next month or so and will notify us when the funds are disbursed. Tony said with the energy bill in the legislature, they are going to take away our ability to charge late fees and reconnect fees. There are 3 – 4 new boards being created to look at our rates. This will affect our ability to run our utility system as needed. We will also lose our ability to shut residents off or take deposits for utilities. We also won't be able to charge the convenience fee when a customer uses a credit card. A study will have to be done for low income residents to see if they qualify for all of this. This bill could be voted on in August. The committee then discussed the late and reconnect fees. Tony confirmed many surrounding communities charge 10%, Mascoutah and Columbia charge 5%. Mayor Speiser believes 10% is too high and suggested lowering the late fee to 5%. Currently, our reconnect fees are \$20 each for electric and water. The committee agreed to lower the late fee to 5% and increase the reconnect fees for all situations to \$50 each for electric and water. Tony will bring the recommendations to a future committee meeting.

Shane advised he would like to order some additional poles, and he will bring 3 quotes to the next meeting.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn at 6:00 p.m and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager