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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Smith/Niebruegge)
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Stanley Donald

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (5:43 p.m.), Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 14, 2015 Minutes: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the January 14, 2015 minutes and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Surplus Equipment: Shane passed out a list of surplus items that he and John would like to see the committee recommend to the full board for auction. Shane said you can either place a minimum bid on an item, or you can let it run and see what happens. He suggested a minimum on the larger items like the bucket truck. If we don't set a minimum bid or time limit, the item could be purchased at less than what we want. Tony, Shane and John will decide the minimum bid items. Shane suggested putting an ad in the paper directing them to the auction site. We will advertise that and can put this information on our website.

   Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to recommend to the full Board the surplus items be placed on the Ibid auction site and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Tony has two press releases ready to go that we will give to the paper which will allow the people to start applying. The first release will state, "Freeburg Businesses Offered Cash Incentives to Become More Energy Compliant." The applicable form will be available on IMEA's website. On our side of the grant, IMEA advised pumps or blowers are the best way to save money instead of the street lights. Sullivan just did theirs and IMEA suggested we talk to them. We have $10,000 from 2014 and will receive another $10,000 for 2015. Tony will get all of this information emailed to the trustees before Tuesday's board meeting. Trustee Blaies suggested we take $2500 and release that now for the businesses and another $2500 later in the year. Tony said we or IMEA can also make the decision on which business

receives the money. The committee decided to have a 2-month application period. Tony will have the press release ready to be issued at Tuesday's board meeting. Rod said in the future we can do a high energy bulb replacement program. The second press release is for the refrigerator recycling program.

4. Shed: Shane said the shed is all wrapped up, plumbers and insulation is done. The insulation made a big difference.

5. Charter Pole Agreement: Nothing new.

6. New bucket truck: Shane said we are hoping to take delivery this week.

7. Altorfer Service Agreement: Shane has not met again with the Altorfer representative. He will have something by next meeting.

8. Safety Award Program: John doesn't have anything on this.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Transformer Quote: Shane obtained quotes from three companies since he needs to replenish his stock. Shane received quotes from Solomon and T&R for reconditioned transformers and from Fletcher Reinhardt for new ones. For 16 transformers, there is a price difference of approximately $3000. There is money in the budget for this purchase. John asked if the warranty is different, and Shane said we don't get much of one.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to recommend to the full Board we purchase 4 each of the transformers from Fletcher Reinhardt not to exceed $23,828 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked if the shed should be taken off the agenda.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adjourn at 5:59 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Julie Polson

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Office Manager