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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Smith/Niebruegge)
Wednesday, January 14, 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, January 14, 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 (absent), 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 December 10, 2014 Minutes: Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the December 10, 2014 minutes and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Shane advised we did surplus a large majority of the transformers left over from the Wiegmann project and received a check in the amount of \$13,741. He is working on the I bid system through the State and once the paperwork is finalized, we can post anything for bid that we see fit.
3. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Tony said we are done with the net metering topic. Tony asked Julie to contact IMEA to get started on the geothermal program. We will have \$15,000 to use for 2015. We will have it ready for next month's meeting.
4. Shed: Shane said the inside work has wrapped up. We are waiting for Mr. Davinroy to complete the final install of the fixtures. Shane receive quotes from Rebel, Anderson, Goalie and Wagner to insulate the ceiling. Rebel came in with the lowest quote. Mayor Speiser said we can probably raise the "R" value of the insulation and still stay within our budget. Trustee Blaies asked if the door openers for the overhead doors are working and Shane said no. He will try running a coax cable and attach an antenna on the outside and see if that helps.
5. Charter Pole Agreement: We are waiting on AT&T.
6. New bucket truck: Shane said we should have the truck by the end of the month or the first week of February.

7. APPA Legislative Rally: Seth and John will be attending the rally. Item can be taken off the agenda.
8. IMEA/Ameren Settlement: Julie confirmed we received the check in the amount of \$125,500. Item can be taken off the agenda.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMEA Rate Schedule Effective December 1, 2014: Tony put this information in the packet so everyone could stay informed. The Schedule B delivery charge for voltage below 100 kV was reduced. The notice also advised the Rate Schedules B-2, B-6 and Load Retention Rate B-4 have been extended to 12/31/15. John is attending the monthly board meeting next week where rates for businesses will be discussed. The first rate is to help existing businesses and the second and third ones are to help new businesses locating in our town.

Trustee Trout asked if we have a large event being held at the square park, would there be electric there to accommodate it. Shane believes that can be done. He said when he was in Belleville for an event, they have portable power stations which were made by Glaener Electric. He would like to look at something like that instead of having power cords everywhere. Shane also said he is revisiting the agreement with Altorfer to service our generators. He would like to see the generators at the north power plant included in the agreement. He and Bob Elden are working on this to determine what needs to be done. We will add this item to next month's agenda.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** John said our last reportable accident was in May of 2012. He and Tony talked about starting some type of safety award program. He will bring more information to next month's meeting.

Tony would like to set up a Committee as a Whole meeting to discuss executive session minutes and also to prioritize our projects. The committee agreed to meet Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. before the board meeting.

- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet asked a question about executive session.

- 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
Office Manager