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May 12, 2008

NOTICE

MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Valentine/Smith/Miller)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, **Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items To Be Discussed

A. Old Business

1. Approval of April 9, 2008 minutes
2. South Circuit Contract update/Lugge easement
3. Power Plant update
4. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power
5. Village of Freeburg utility needs analysis
6. Budget discussion

B. New Business

C. General Concerns

D. Public Participation

E. Adjourn

At said Electric Committee Meeting, the Village Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (3)], litigation [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)] personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (1) a.]; or real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)].

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 by Chairman Corby Valentine. Committee members present were Chairman Corby Valentine, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Tony Miller, Trustee Rita Baker, Mayor Ray Danford, Administrator Dennis Herzing, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan and Office Manager Julie Polson.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of April 9, 2008 minutes: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of April 9, 2008 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*
2. South Circuit Contract/Lugge easement: Ron met with both Herschel Parrish and Jim Lugge. The easement has been received and just needs to be signed by both parties. Ron confirmed the south circuit will be ready by peak season. Ron commented that when he met with Herschel Parrish, Herschel stated he wants access to his property at the new power plant.
3. Power Plant: Ron said the situation has not been resolved and had a copy of Chuck Fiessinger's (BHM&G) email to Altorfer attached to the packet. The committee agreed that a letter to BH&MG would be appropriate with a date set to have the problem fixed. We also need to find out if the performance bond was paid. Dennis will look into this.
4. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Ron said Ameren wants to charge us full price. Just to hook up Dr. Vick with the prices Ameren gave us would cost approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000. The committee felt we should have the residents who are ready to be disconnected contact Ameren and advise them to disconnect their service. We will start getting the customers ready.
5. Village Utility Needs Analysis: Item can be discussed when committee is ready to do so.
6. Budget discussion: Corby asked the cost for a new truck and Ron advised about \$20,000. Item can be taken off the agenda.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

Tony asked about an ordinance for yearly electric rate adjustments. Ron advised we have a fuel adjustment cost so it is not as important that the electric rates be raised. The committee agreed that we need to review this topic on a yearly basis.

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Corby asked about the light pole by Mr. Video and Ron advised they are aware the arm is broken and are going to replace it with a single head light.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS:

Rita asked if the storms were the reason why the power has been going out and Ron advised that it was. Rita advised Karen Nash has a yard light out, Julie will put in a work order.

Ron said this is the second month meter reads have been done and everything is going very well.

Tony brought up financing the radio reads and Ron said the local banks can do this or it can be done by borrowing from the electric fund. Once the budget is passed, we can look further into this issue. Ron said it makes sense to go by the route book when replacing the meters.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



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A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 11, 2008 minutes: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the minutes of March 11, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*
2. South Circuit Contract/Lugge easement: Ron has not met with Herschel Parrish yet. Once he does, he will have Rhutasel prepare the map for Jim Lugge to review the final placement of the easement. They will be starting next week on the last section of the south loop. They have been waiting for the weather to improve.
3. Power Plant: Ron said it is Intercon's third attempt to fix the problem and it is not going well. They are scheduled to come back next week with a new plan. Ron said basically we have 5 units that need to work at the same time using a PLC (programmable logic controller). The PLC needs to look at dividing the generators instead of dividing the load. Another part is needed and the logic needs to be redone. Corby stated he would like a timeline to establish a deadline. It's been almost a year that we have been dealing with this problem. Tony asked if we were paying for this and Ron said no. Ron confirmed BHM&G has been present at all of the testings.
4. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Ron and Dennis met with Kelly Bosa from Ameren last week. Ron doesn't know if we will like the ultimate outcome. Right now, Bosa will come up with a cost of buying equipment or pay for half of the demo. He is looking at SAVE and Turkey Hill Lane and will provide the costs of buying that equipment or splitting the cost of the demolition, and provide those to us by April 15th. Ron did not like the comment made, using Corby's aunt as an example, her line was removed a few years ago, it cost Ameren \$70,000 to remove that line. Now if she decides to annex into Freeburg and utilize our power, Ameren will have to eat the \$70,000. When we go to Ameren and ask the cost of demolition or any equipment to buy, they will say it is \$70,000. In that case, we would probably decide not to take that customer. In a normal case, i.e. Dennis' home, with depreciated costs, it will not be much money at all. Dennis and Ron told Ameren if they are fair with their demolition costs, we will probably just buy the equipment and demolish it ourselves. Ron brought up Silver Bay and said that will have a pretty high value in that system. We can build for a lot cheaper than Ameren. Ron thinks they are using that in a roundabout way so we won't take their customers.

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This agreement covers everyone prior to 1996. They would do a case-by-case basis for now but also have a master agreement to be put into effect. Dennis said we need to see what the numbers say on the 15th. Both Tony and Corby both felt we should just go ahead and push Ameren a little bit and hook up the customers who want to be hooked up, i.e. Dr. Vick. Ron wanted to see what numbers Ameren provides before making any decision.

5. Generators: Ron advised they have been putting the plugs and switches in. CN has sent the agreement for the easement. Item can be taken off the agenda.

6. Village Utility Needs Analysis: Both Dennis and Ron met with Dean Park to review his preliminary findings. No hard copy report was provided. Dennis and Ron advised the committee it would be worthwhile to continue looking into this project.

7. Streetlights north on 13/15: Ron has installed 2 at the intersections. Ron said some of the residents called IDOT requesting streetlights at the other intersections after seeing the ones we put up.

8. Traffic signals being updated to LED lights: Committee agreed IDOT will do this regardless of the cost to the Village. Item can be taken off the agenda.

9. Budget discussion: Ron reviewed the budget and the only item that needed to be changed was 53-40-833, Christmas lights in the amount of \$9,500, which can be taken out of the budget. Ron left some money in the generator line, 53-40-835, as some things still need to be purchased, transfer switch, lift station upgrade items. Under 53-40-841, it is just one truck; 53-40-843 radio reads, \$30,000, that number could change depending on whether we do a lease/purchase. JF will read them this month but the board needs to make a decision. The \$10,000 in power plant expansion, 53-40-855 is to finish the fencing at the new power plant. Line item 53-40-532 is bumped up to include a bill for the needs analysis study and also for the continual upgrade of the SCADA system, should be around \$20,000 for that this year.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

Ron provided copies of information from Rob Stone of CellnetHunt which is a company that obtains pole agreements in order to provide Ameren the capability to read their radio read meters. They want us to provide free electricity for their radio read receivers. Under advisement.

Ron provided a copy of IMEA's Rate Comparison and Freeburg is neither the highest or the cheapest for rates. He advised that IP had a 2% increase passed effective June, 2008 and is asking for another 8% increase in September, 2008.

Ron advised he was contacted by St. Joe's and are going ahead with getting a transformer at a cost of \$8,800.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS:

Tony questioned the placement of the banners and Ron will make sure they are placed correctly.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager

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From: FPWD]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2008 10:21 AM
To: Dennis Herzing; Julie
Subject: Fw: Freeburg generators

----- Original Message -----

From: Chuck E. Fiessinger
To: JBradford@Altorfer.com
Cc: David E. Stephens ; mthomas@bhmg.com ; fpwd@freeburg.com
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2008 2:55 PM
Subject: Freeburg generators

Jay,
In regards to the two units being modified at the existing power plant:

1. Has anything been resolved as to why the units are not operating in the same manner as before the addition of the load follower controls?
2. When do you think Cat and Enercon will have a solution available on the load following issue?
3. Ron would also like to know in advance when Enercon and Cat are planning on returning.
4. Ron also has concerns about the way the generator swings are affecting his system. If at all possible he would like to isolate the units for testing with a load bank.

The two generators at the existing plant should be made to work together again, before any future work is to be done on the load following system.

Thanks for your help in getting this resolved

Chuck Fiessinger, P.E.

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