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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Village Attorney Fred Keck (5:33), Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of September 10, 2025 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the September 10, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated there were 3 outages since last meeting. They replaced a transformer on Creek Ridge that shorted out due to an issue with a meter can. A primary wire burnt in two on S. Belleville St., mostly likely from a squirrel. They had a blown fuse at SAVE site that goes to the cencom building.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said the tax abatement ordinance is done and will go to finance and then to the first board meeting in November.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wholesale Connection Agreement: John said that typically IMEA has one wholesale connection agreement with Ameren. Ameren has decided that they want to have an agreement with each individual community. Village Attorney Fred Keck said he went through the agreement and highlighted some items. They will set-up a call with IMEA to discuss.
2. Village Health Insurance Renewal: Matt said going with an HSA, employees will be able to choose between the Renewal Choice+ Plan and the CORE Plan. The difference between those premiums and their contracted amount will go into their HSA. The insurance committee voted and it was a 4-2 vote. The insurance committee will need to meet again to disburse the remaining funds in the health insurance stability fund.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board the Health Insurance Renewal Choice+ & Core Plans along with the HSA, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Matt said it was brought up at the last meeting on how the retirees were handled. The Board discussed and agreed that the retirees would continue to have the option to choose between the UHC Renewal Choice+ Plan and CORE Plan along with the HSA, but the Village would no longer provide deductible reimbursements.

Matt said he and Village Engineer Tim Pruett have a meeting tomorrow with Socket Fiber Company. Village Attorney Fred Keck talked about it as he has had some experience with them.

John said Chad Murphy from Murphy development reached out regarding getting an updated price. He said they have been working on Dairy Queen and should finish up on Friday. They have had a lot of new services and service upgrades. He discussed generating their monthly exercising with IMEA today. He discussed the OSHA inspection we had last week.

Ordinance #1805: Ordinance appointing Matt Trout to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors: Mayor Seth Speiser said that when John retires in December, they want to move Matt into John's position on the board of IMEA.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board Ordinance #1805 appointing Matt Trout to the IMEA Board of Directors, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. and Trustee Lia Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager