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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF  
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR  
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER  
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
Keck Brown, P.C.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser (5:38), Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Attorney Fred Keck, 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 October 15, 2025 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the October 15, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: None.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Village Administrator Matt Trout said they met with the grade school today about their security lighting. He said they went through a threat assessment and are looking to redo all their exterior lighting, so he gave them the energy efficiency information. He said they are also looking to add some additional security lighting and asked if we could put them up. He discussed that process and how that would work.
4. Wholesale Connection Agreement: Matt said we passed it at the last meeting; however, there are 2 versions, a public and non-public, and they need both of them signed. We passed the public version and it appears the only difference between the two is a map showing where our connections are and they don't want that made public. He and John will speak with IMEA tomorrow.

John said they hooked up the transformer at Dairy Queen. He said the cell tower is hooked up and passed inspection and they also ran wire to the new storage unit.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Head Lineman: Matt said John would like to fill this position before he retires. We can put it in-house for 5 days if the Board is interested in going this route. John said he would like some time to transition someone into this leadership role and go over everything.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to post the head lineman position internally, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

John said they put in about 4 new services. He said they will start putting up Christmas decorations next week and finish getting the sports banners down. They had an issue with Unit 9 the last time they exercised and found a loose wire shorting out the unit. There was no penalty as they were able to get it back online. The guys are doing a great job operating the generators. Working diligently on the OSHA items. Completed training on the emergency action plan and it is posted in each building. Discussed other training they have been working on.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet asked what the pay difference was between the head lineman and journeyman.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager