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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling) Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 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, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Attorney Fred Keck (absent), Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Julie Polson and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of December 13, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the December 13, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised no issues to report. Will have to clear some of the (Creed) property in order to trench, looking to start that. Project.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: John Tolan advised IMEA is trying to get a federal grant for mutual aid for all IMEA communities. Both John and Shane will sit in on those meetings. They will have a central location for the equipment to share. It is a matching \$1,000,000 grant, and IMEA will match \$480,000. John and Shane thinks it will be located in Springfield. John said he and Matt met with Rodd Wheatley and Shawn McCarthy on solar/energy efficiency. John said we had a solar customer questioned if he was paying a tax on the energy he pushed back. IMEA did a lot of research and said we are doing it right. The customer is taxed on all the energy you purchase, and it doesn't matter what you push back. The 2035 contract renewal will be discussed at the January 25th meeting.
4. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Discussed above.
5. South Substation Switchgear Preventative Maintenance: The breaker checked out well. This will be a budget item and/or on the 3- to 5-year plan. Item can be taken off the agenda.
6. BHMG Cost of Service Study: Village Administrator Matt Trout advised he, John and Shane met with BHMG yesterday. They are very close but needed a few more pieces of information which Jane has provided. We will meet in the next week or two.

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7. Versalift and Worthington Turbo Charger Service Update: The Versalift is finally in their shop. The Worthington repair should be done very soon, and we will get that tested once it has been received.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shane Krauss Request to Cash Out 100 Compensatory Hours: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board Shane Krauss be paid 100 hours of compensatory time, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Shand sai the diaelectric samples for transformers has been done, but he has not reviewed the results. The truck, sticks, and gloves testing went very well. John said he, Shane and Matt met regarding the upcoming budget and 3- to 5-year plan. He further said the cost of service study will really come into play with that.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn at 5:44 p.m., and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.



Julie Polson
Office Manager