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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling)  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF  
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR  
Eugene Kramer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
Matt Trout

VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
Weilmuenster & Keck, P.C.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (5:43 p.m.), Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blumenkamp, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 16, 2019 Minutes: Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised we had two small outages. A small tree branch brought down service on N. Edison; and the second one was a wire that broke off from the wind. Both were taken care of within two hours. Shane stated IMEA is experiencing a problem with their monitoring of our SCADA system. They are seeing outages but we aren't experiencing any. They will place it on their schedule to fix.
3. Meadow Pines Subdivision: Shane said it's been too wet to do anything. He is going to start on the transformers within the next week or so.
4. Traffic Lights Battery Backup: Shane advised the quote from Wissehr came in pretty high at about \$50,000. He said the battery backup has to be placed on a separate pole with a foundation, box and conduit which increased the cost. Both Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Attorney Fred Keck recommended placing this on the 3- to 5-year plan.
5. Solar Program Update: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the ICC hasn't ruled on IMEA and non-investor owned utilities.

Attorney Keck said he and Tony need to meet with Ameren to discuss the attachment fees to the poles. We have approximately 18 – 20 poles.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:** Shane has been monitoring a transformer in the north sub for a while, and stated it needs to be serviced. Solomon can do the work remotely, and it will cost approximately \$9,000. Shane confirmed the work will be done during an off peak time. He is also working on getting a cylinder fixed that has a small leak since it is still under warranty.

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1. Executive Session to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(2):

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**5:41 P.M.**

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to enter Executive Session citing Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(2) and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED**

**5:48 P.M.**

The regular committee meeting reconvened at 5:49 pm.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board the Village enter into the Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association's Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Overtime Guidelines and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

2. Fireworks' Sales: Tony stated we have someone who has asked to open up a fireworks stand in town. Chief Schutzenhofer has spoken with the State Fire Marshall about it. He agreed with our code under Section 27-9-15 which states that they can't sell fireworks. The issue of what defines a firework was discussed. If we approve the request, the applicant would have to then obtain a permit from the State Farm Marshall. Tony said we need to be clear on the novelty fireworks to make sure we are treating everyone the same. Attorney Keck said he agrees with our default provision where it says they can't do it. He did a quick surrounding community survey and only Belleville allows the sale of them and charges \$250 for the permit to sell them. The office of the Fire Marshall is the one who determines if they are selling the correct fireworks. Fred suggested if we allow them to do this, we need an ordinance to spell it out. Tony asked to take this discussion to Legal/Ordinance Committee. He also said if she is only selling the novelty fireworks, they are not considered true fireworks and would be permitted. They would be just like the ones sold by Dollar General, Ace and Toms.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet asked about the traffic light battery back-up and the cost increasing in the future. She feels the fireworks that aren't considered fireworks should be able to be sold by the person wanting to open up the stand.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 6:11 p.m and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager