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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 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  
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:33 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director John Tolan (absent), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, 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:

- Approval of April 10, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the April 10, 2024, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yeas, the motion carried.
- Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said we had a pretty active month. We had an outage on Rock Hill Lane that he believes was lightning related. We had 3 different transformers go bad. They were all very old and was just a coincidence that they all went out. We had a hit pole, it didn't result in an outage but had to replace.
- IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Shane said they did purchase the LED to switch out the decorative. They are a little more than halfway through the subdivisions and then they will start on State Street. Once completed, they will submit for reimbursement.
- Cemetery Road Line Extension: Shane said there is some concern about the construction easement, but they have been clearing it and staked it out last week. And because of that we will be on the permanent easement. The road right of way is so wide and we have another 20 feet after that so we should be fine.
- Versalift Update: Village Administrator Matt Trout said he and Public Works Director John Tolan stopped by while in Springfield for IDOT meeting and they are still waiting on the one part. Once they get it, it should only take a day or two.
- IMEA Power Sales Contract: Matt stated he doesn't have anything new. There are about 14 communities that have signed. They expect to be over 20 by their June board meeting. Chairperson Mike Blaies asked how many communities there are all together. Matt responded that he believes there are 32 communities. Mayor Seth Speiser stated we don't really have any other options. Shane suggests moving forward. Matt said Kevin Gaden is willing to come back to answer any questions the Board may have. We have until April.

Shane said they went to the IMEA annual conference and sat in the general session. Robert Bryce, author/journalist, gave a great presentation on energy transition. The breakout session

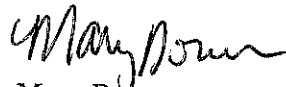
we attended discussed power plant operators, dispatch procedures, engineering updates, and generation policies. Everything we need to know to stay compliant. It was very beneficial.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle asked if we had a stockpile of supplies. Shane responded we are in pretty good shape and we keep an eye on it.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.



Mary Downen  
Office Manager