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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 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, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout (via Zoom), 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 June 11, 2025 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the June 11, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan said we have had several large limbs fall causing outages and went over them.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: John said IMEA and IMUA are getting a federal grant for mutual aid. There will be a yard in Springfield with poles and transformers. They will also have an easement machine that will fit in back yards. In order to have this, all the communities will have to track outages. John said there are three programs and went over how it would work.
4. Lineman Position(s): Trustee Lisa Meehling said one of the lineman has recended his acceptance. We discussed and we do have one we would like to recommend.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board hiring Nolan Toennis as an apprentice lineman, and Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

John gave some updates. Working with the contracting at Dairy Queen, once they have poured the pad we will set the transformer. Almost complete at Professional Metal Works. He said he updated the accounts with the alarms to add Matt. We had generation on the 15th and it went very well. We did Urge testing on June 18th. They are working through the semi-annual reports due for IEPA Air Emissions. He said he spoke with Gene Kramer regarding the old sirens they took down. Since they have no use for them, they will try to surplus them.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board declaring the old warning sirens as surplus property, and Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet Baechle asked if we had a new head lineman now. John responded not at this moment.

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



Mary Downen
Office Manager