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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling (5:39), 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, Village Engineer Tim Pruett (absent), Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 13, 2025 Minutes: Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the August 13, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated he didn't get a chance to look at the outage book, but there was an outage on Woodview from a blown fuse on transformer.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Village Administrator Matt Trout stated the park did apply for that grant. With their project they would qualify for \$86,925, obviously we don't have that. Our current amount is \$11,184.58. We also have \$11,055.28 in the EV Program that they are allowing us to transfer which John and I would recommend. Chairperson Mike Blaies suggested giving \$10,000 and Trustee Tom Carpenter agreed. John asked if they would be interested in giving the \$11,055.28.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board giving \$11,055.28 to Freeburg Park District for lighting project, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

John gave an update on the IMEA contract deadline.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Michael Borkowski's Request to Carry over 4 Hours of Vacation Time:

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board Michael Borkowski's request to carry over 4 hours of vacation time, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

John discussed the apprentice training. He said Ameren fixed the broken cross arm on Cherry Tree Lane today and we generated from about 8:00am – 12 Noon. Everything went well. Paden

and Scott have started their driving portion of the CDL. They had CPR training yesterday and smoke reading school is up for renewal.

Matt spoke about the health insurance renewal. The insurance committee has been meeting, since the Insurance Stability Fund is plummeting, discussing moving to an HSA. He said he has set-up a meeting at the firehouse next Tuesday morning with all employees to go through it all. He asked if the Board had any issues with closing Village Hall from 8:30am-9:30am. We also have a meeting with Gallagher tomorrow to go over the liability insurance.

Matt gave an update from the Combined Board meeting last night that they turned down both of the variances.

John said Andy is doing locates and is taking Luke for a month and then will take Nolan, which is a good way to learn the system. The new cell tower is going in. Dairy Queen is moving along.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager