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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
(Blaies/Smith/Niebruegge)  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Tony Funderburg

**VILLAGE TREASURER**  
Bryan A. Vogel

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
John Tolan

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Stanley Donald

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 6:54 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Lisa Meehling.

## **A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of March 4, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve the March 4, 2015 minutes and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Shane advised we sold the 3 items that were placed on the Ibid system. The trencher sold for \$10,300, we expected to receive \$3,000. The truck bed did not sell, so Shane contacted the high bidder and received \$75, we wanted \$90. The water valve sold for \$300. Our website page was ready but by the time pictures were available to be loaded on it, the items were sold. We will have a link up the next time something is added to the Ibid system.
3. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Julie will get this changed to IMEA grant program. Three people asked for an application, only Exchange Cart has turned one in, they have a \$5400 project, and qualify for \$344. We can keep the program going, and keep the money in there. We have \$2500 available.
4. Charter Pole Agreement: Nothing new to report.
5. New bucket truck: Shane said the truck is in service, but has not scheduled it to be lettered yet.
6. Altorfer Service Agreement: Shane has not heard from the guy, he will contact him.
7. Safety Award Program: John said our Electric guys are going strong and will be receiving a safety award. The remaining public works crew did pretty good – they had 2.5 years without a safety incident. Everyone will be recognized shortly.

8. Reconnection fees: Tony reviewed our procedure and said we are still considering placing the reconnect fee into the final bill so it's done at one time.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. LTC Serviced: Shane said this is something that came up in the monthly checks. The LTC changes voltage as the load picks up or drops off, is submerged in oil, which is getting low. He doesn't see any leaks, equipment is sensitive to moisture, and doesn't want our guys to do it. He would like to have this work done by professionals. We need de-tank it and service it, and believes it has been awhile since this has been done. Fletcher gave him estimate of \$3527 to service the LTC and put in new oil. He will get other bids and would like to push this off to the fall. We could switch some of the load to the north power plant and not have to generate. BHM&G could give us recommendations on other companies that perform this service.

John said for the last 3 years, he attended the Illinois Public Service Institute for supervisors which covers a whole gamit of issues, and he would like to start Shane on this. It is a 3-year course, one week a year. John said it was very helpful for him and the committee agreed with the request.

Shane said the chipper is aging and has been serviced quite a bit lately. He thinks we need to start looking at replacing it. EPA cracking down on everything including the smaller diesel unit emissions. We are looking at a possible 25% increase when the chipper will be put on emissions. We are looking at \$30,000- \$40,000. He also said the chipper is being used way more then we ever did. The original intent was just for storm damage and trimming trees, not for our current schedule of limb pickup.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Elizabeth Nieburegge motioned to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager