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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Matchett/Niebruegge/Pruett)
Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Stanley Donald

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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Dean Pruett, Mayor Seth Speiser (5:40 p.m.), Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of April 15, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Shane advised the bucket truck is currently listed on the I bid website. We haven't had any hits on it. He believes the reserve amount is \$5,000. He said the bucekt truck does have a lot of hours on it. We can relist it after a month at a lower price if we don't get any bids.
3. IMEA Grant Program: Tony said through our first application process, we only had one applicant, Exchange Cart who qualifies for \$344.00. In his opinion, he would like to open it back up for another 3 months. We have a lot of interest but no-one got their application in. IMEA said it's an ongoing program so they don't have a problem with it. Tony said this is a nice tool to have when we are out talking to customers that could use help with something.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to recommend to the full Board Exchange Cart be approved in the amount of \$344.50 for the IMEA Electric Efficiency Grant Program and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to recommend to the full Board the IMEA Electric Efficiency Grant Program be opened up until August 15, 2015 and Trustee Elizabeth Neibruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried

4. Charter Pole Agreement: Nothing new.

5. New bucket truck: The truck has been in service. Shane said it's a little different style of truck but all the guys have acclimated to it and like it. Item can be taken off the agenda.
6. Altorfer Service Agreement: Shane said he spoke with the rep quite a bit more. The original budget for the Caterpillar maintenance was \$20,000 and Shane has the contract to \$21,300 which includes getting the 5 Cats at both plants on a scheduled maintenance plan, not just serviced when they need it. Shane confirmed this would be \$20,000 each year. You only pay for the services you use, so if we don't use each service, the cost would be lower. Shane said our insurance company performs a risk assessment audit, and they like to see that we are maintaining our equipment properly. Tony commented it helps with the budget as well.
7. Safety Award Program: John said we don't have anything to offer, but at the recent IMUA Banquet, we were awarded a safety award for 2.5 years of no working accidents. There were only 3 communities recognized.
8. Reconnection fees: Tony said we only have a small number of landlords that complain about paying the reconnection fees. He recommends that we take this off the agenda and the committee agreed.
9. LTC Serviced: Shane said we are moving forward on this with Fletcherr-Reinhardt. We may be able to do this without even having to generate.
10. Chipper Replacement: Tony would like to move this to Streets and talk about it later tonight. Item can be take off the agenda.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1):

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5:46 P.M.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to enter into Executive Session citing personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1)a and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

5:54 P.M.

Trustee Niebruegge motioned to reconvene the meeting at 5:56 p.m. and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Administrator Funderburg advised we have to comply with the IEPA Rice Neshap Compliance Testing which is done every three years. Tony will review the budget to insure

we budgeted for this, if not we will find it to include in the appropriation. John said our testing has been scheduled for June 23rd.

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to recommend to the full Board we have BHM&G conduct the Rice Neshap Compliance Testing at an amount not to exceed \$17,900.00 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Tony said a few days ago Shane asked Jane to pull all the rates we have. Jane advised we still have a legacy rate out there that we didn't know about. Tony said this is the very beginning of this issue. It involves the Freeburg Care Center and said there is a difference of \$46,000 that they would have been billed if not on the legacy rate. Tony will check into this and also see if IMEA has anything in order to help them. If not, their rate has to be the same as everyone else. He will keep everyone updated. Shane said the reason that came up is he was wanting information in order to help with the update of the comprehensive plan. At this time our businesses and residents pay the same rate. He would like our businesses classified so if that changes in the future, they can be easily identified.

Tony said we have a new business in town that is struggling with paying on time. The post office is not delivering on time. We have given them every option available. The problem is this is happening quite frequently. Julie confirmed we offer many options for our customers to pay.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager

