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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07, THE PUBLIC
CAN PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE ZOOM CLOUD MEETING
APPLICATION AND CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

Meeting ID 447 872 7673

Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4478727673>

We ask the public to mute their phone or mic until Public Participation
If you have any questions, please contact Matt Trout at mtrout@freeburg.com

June 13, 2022

NOTICE MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

- I. Items to be Discussed
 - A. Old Business
 1. Approval of May 11, 2022 Minutes
 2. Customer Issues
 3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant
 4. Generator Upgrades – BHMG Service Corp.,’s Explanation of Remaining Credit on Account
 5. IMEA – AmerenIL Power Supply Price Increase
 6. Clearwave Fiber
 - B. New Business
 1. Review of Fees Charged
 - C. General Concerns
 - D. Public Participation
 - E. Adjourn

At said Electric Committee Meeting, the Village Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 – (c) (3)], litigation [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)] personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 – (c)(1)], collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(2) or real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)].

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg (5:37 p.m.) and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Janet Baechle, John Scaiefe and Chad Justice. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of April 13, 2022 Minutes: Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the April 13, 2022 minutes, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to amend the agenda in order to hear Public Participation next, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported a resident drilled through one of our wires after hours. He confirmed the wire had been located correctly, and the resident has been billed for the work. Last night, we had an underground wire to a house go bad, and we were able to rectify that pretty quickly. We also had a semi strike one of our decorative lights near the State St./Apple St. intersection. We are looking at different videos to determine the trucking company involved.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Shane has submitted the final paperwork for our last LED lighting project in the amount of \$1,500. Public Works Director John Tolan provided information from IMEA that we can give to our businesses on eligible products for the grant and what our communities receive.
4. Generator Upgrades – BHM&G Service Corp., Invoice #2185.SC.303 in the amount of \$33,662.90: Julie will advise BHM&G that we are using the remaining \$14,789.31 credit towards this invoice. Shane commented we can't do any of the work on the upgrades until off peak season.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board BHM&G Service Corp.'s Invoice #2185.SC.303 in the amount of \$33,662.90 for approval, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

5. IMEA – AmerenIL Power Supply Price Increase: John provided information from IMEA that encompassed rising energy costs, renewable energy and energy curtailments. IMEA leads the

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state in renewable energy at 11%. Meeting their renewable energy goal isn't going to happen if coal plants continue to be retired. IMEA is a load serving entity and report their loads to MISO. There may be potential shed loading or municipalities may be required to generate. That brings up the issue of diesel and how you pay for that. John also commented natural gas last year was \$2.93 and \$8.05 this year. New legislation affecting us includes the requirement to notify healthcare facilities 14 days prior to any known, planned or anticipated disruption event. Every employee will also be required to complete cybersecurity training annually.

6. Clearwave Fiber: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented he will talk to them in the near future.

John wanted to talk about the fees we charge for electric services, and provided information to the board on how those charges have been billed. The board agreed to charging 100% of the material costs for nonstandard service. The committee also discussed the costs incurred on establishing the infrastructure to a minor subdivision. John asked the board to consider a 5% upcharge for delivery and fuel charges on materials. He also asked about raising the water and sewer tap on fees. Tony feels now not a good time to raise anything since people can't afford to fill their gas tank. He will work on the revisions to our code and bring it back to committee.

- B. NEW BUSINESS:** Shane advised the annual urge testing will be done the second week in June. This testing will determine our IMEA credits for the rest of the year. All units will be tested, and Shane said we don't have NESHAP testing this year. Motomart is building an addition, and Shane is working to relocate their transformer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:17 P.M.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to enter Executive Session citing Collective Negotiating Matters between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)2, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

6:38 P.M.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to reconvene the regular session of the Electric Committee at 5:58 p.m., and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

The committee meeting reconvened at 6:39 p.m.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** John Scaiefe and Chad Justice were present to voice their concerns about Phil Sheets, Jr.'s dog. They have had several incidents where the dog has attacked their animals, and acted aggressively towards them and their families. The police have been called several times. They are frustrated that this is an ongoing problem. Mayor Speiser advised Mr. Sheets has been issued several citations and has now been served with them. Mr. Justice said when his dog was attacked, they didn't want to sign a complaint, but he now has over \$2,000 in vet bills. The first court appearance on those citations will be June 30th. Attorney Keck commented as a non home rule community, we do not have a criminal

code. The first court appearance will only be to plead guilty or not guilty. Depending on how Sheets pleads, Attorney Keck will contact the Mr. Scaiefe and Mr. Justice to testify in the matter. Attorney Keck stated we need to get animal control involved. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg assured them that he will work on this first thing tomorrow morning to get this problem resolved.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:40 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager

Julie Polson

From: Chuck Fiessinger <cfiessinger@bhmg.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 11:26 AM
To: Julie Polson
Cc: Verbal J. Blakey
Subject: RE: Invoice #2185.SC.303
Attachments: Freeburg_1019.SC_Freeburg SC General Service_300_04-27-2022.pdf

Julie,

We received your payment for Invoice #2185.SC.303 thank you. I would like to discuss the amount that was credited on this invoice out of the \$15,000.00 credit. I am attaching the work and materials that has been provided for the Village since the credit was issued. As you can see in the attachment there was a \$-3,120.00 credit available to be used against the invoice. This would have brought Invoice #2185.SC.303 down to \$30,542.90. We are holding your check for \$18,873.59, please let us know if you would like to issue a new check or send a check for \$11,669.31.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Enjoy your holiday weekend.

Thanks



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From: Julie Polson <JPolson@freeburg.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:28 AM
To: Chuck Fiessinger <cfiessinger@bhmg.com>
Subject: Invoice #2185.SC.303

Good morning Chuck. I wanted to let you know that we will be using the remainder of the \$15,000 credit on file for this invoice – our payment will be \$14,789.31. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you!

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SERVICE CORP.

630 JEFFCO BLVD ARNOLD, MO 63010
PHONE: 636-296-8600

Village of Freeburg
14 Southgate Center
Freeburg, IL 62243

Invoice number 300
Date 04/27/2022

Project **1019.SC Freeburg SC General
Services 2022**

Attn: Accounts Payable

Billing Cutoff: 4/30/2022

Electric Utility General Services

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

	<u>Hours</u>
Ben R. Klene	2.50
Chuck E. Fiessinger	30.46
Derek D. Rutherford	5.00
Jacqueline M. Frisch	0.50
Steve DeJournett	9.00
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Professional Services Subtotal	9,418.85

REIMBURSABLES/EXPENSES

Materials, Equipment and Supplies	1,787.56
Meals/Beverages	15.14
Mileage	265.61
Other Direct Expenses	-14,607.16
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Reimbursables/Expenses Subtotal	-12,538.85

Invoice total -3,120.00

Approved by:
Chuck E. Fiessinger
Vice President

Thank You for your patronage.

Please remit to: BHMGS Service Corp

Invoice Supporting Details

Billing Cutoff: 4/30/2022

1019.SC Electric Utility General Services

Employee	Date	Description
Chuck E. Fiessinger	08/04/2021	Splicing fiber between linedshed and powerplant. Could not establish communications. Troubleshooting fiber.
	08/05/2021	Continued troubleshooting. Found defective converter port at power plant. Will order a new converter and replace.
	08/11/2021	Installed new fiber optic transceiver and finally got ethernet loop working.
	12/03/2021	Picked up 2 transducers from shop and installed on south and tie. Reprogrammed plc with new addressing for SCADA. Looked at issue with regulators.
	12/20/2021	Reinstalled and tested remote access software. Looked at Southgate RTU. Replaced defective fiber transceiver.
Chuck E. Fiessinger	02/09/2022	Looking into issue with 10MVA breaker.
Jacqueline M. Frisch	03/14/2022	Processed equipment delivery.
Steve DeJournett		
	02/08/2022	Troubleshooting and lubrication of 10 MVA Main Circuit Breaker failure to close after Ameren outage. Take pictures and dimensions to request replacement quotation. Troubleshooting and lubrication of 10 MVA Main Circuit Breaker failure to close after Ameren outage. Take pictures and dimensions to request replacement quotation.
	02/09/2022	Troubleshooting and lubrication of 10 MVA Main Circuit Breaker failure to close after Ameren outage. Take pictures and dimensions to request replacement quotation.
Ben R. Klene	02/11/2022	Work on updating report spreadsheet.
Derek D. Rutherford	12/03/2021	replaced transducer, programmed PLC.

May 11, 2022

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The Honorable Seth Speiser
Village of Freeburg
14 Southgate Center
Freeburg, IL 62243

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MAY 11 2022

Dear Village President Speiser:

You have likely heard in the news recently about electric rate increases that will impact customers of Illinois investor-owned utilities and consumers enrolled in municipal electric aggregation programs. **Please rest assured, your membership in the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) will largely shield you from these dramatic cost increases.**

So what is happening to cause these sudden higher electricity costs? First, exponentially rising natural gas prices are driving the energy cost component of electricity prices higher. This effect is occurring nearly nationwide because gas is the dominant fuel source for electricity. Secondly, amid the regional generation supply shortages, downstate Illinois capacity costs jumped dramatically. Capacity prices established in an annual auction overseen by the regional transmission organization – MISO - increased a remarkable 47 fold over the prior year. Recall that capacity is the component of electric customers' bills that ensures sufficient generation is available to provide electricity when it is most needed by customers (i.e. extreme hot or cold days).

Altogether, news accounts predict that a typical Ameren customer could pay as much as \$50 a month or up to \$600 a year more on their electric bills this coming year. In Northern Illinois, electricity price increases will be substantially lower. Although their energy component of electricity costs is also rising, the impact is somewhat muted by the continued operation of the nuclear fleet. Northern Illinois capacity prices have not risen in the same manner as central and southern Illinois prices. A different regional transmission organization operates the northern grid (PJM) than in downstate (MISO). Although ComEd has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission for a nearly \$200 million distribution rate increase, the energy and capacity piece of ComEd bills are not expected to increase as dramatically as we are seeing occur in downstate. The net result is less substantial impacts to customers' bills in northern Illinois this coming year.

What does this mean for my customers and my community? Again, as a municipally owned electric utility and a member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, you are well-insulated from these substantial power cost increases. Our rates to your member community will continue to remain stable. This is a result of your foresight in directing the agency to own many of its own generating assets, maintaining behind the meter generation sources in many member communities, and contracting purchases of energy and capacity which are already in place.

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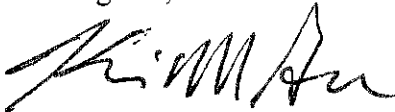
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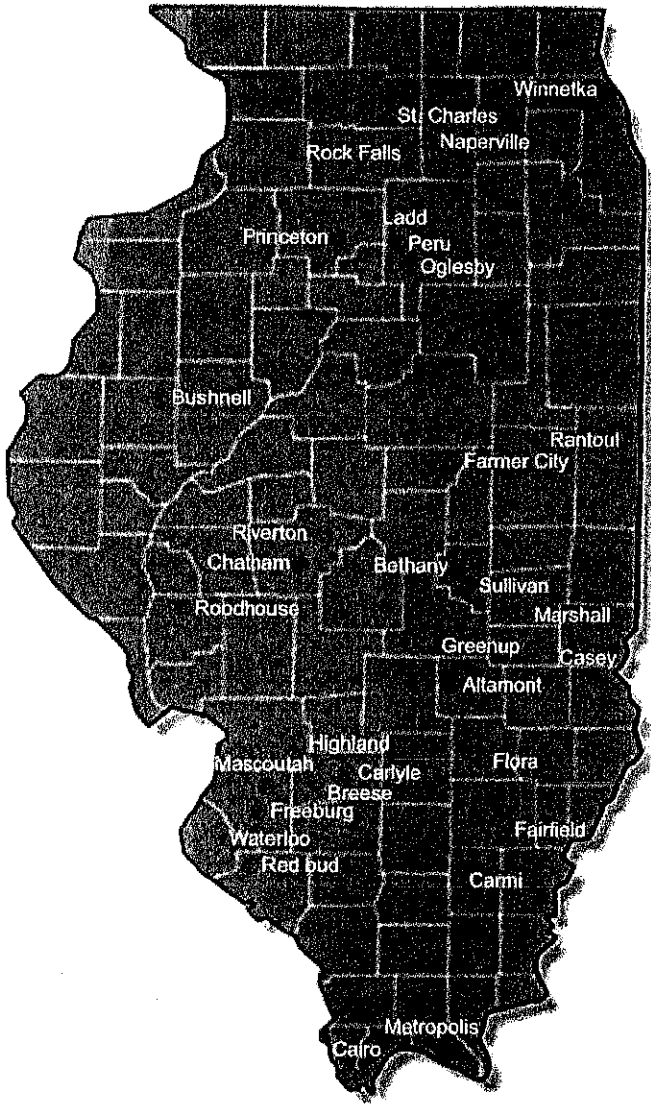
Protecting against these types of sudden and dramatic market swings is one of the many reasons that IMEA was created. IMEA's mission is to ensure your municipality has predictable and cost-effective electricity rates. Our diversified portfolio of owned and contracted power sources – wind, hydro, solar, and coal – is designed to protect our Members from extreme price volatility. And despite the extraordinary conditions in the energy markets, your power portfolio is accomplishing this task.

As a not-for-profit agency, IMEA is always here to serve your local power needs. IMEA serves 32 municipally owned, non-profit members across our state. (We have attached a map of our partners for your reference). We remain committed to providing you with low-cost, reliable and sustainable electricity now and into the future. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Gaden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being the most prominent part.

Kevin M. Gaden
President & CEO



IMEA Members

Altamont	Flora	Princeton
Bethany	Freeburg	Rantoul
Breese	Greenup	Red Bud
Bushnell	Highland	Riverton
Cairo	Ladd	Rock Falls
Carlyle	Marshall	Roodhouse
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