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September 6, 2012

## **NOTICE MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Blaies/Smith/Matchett)**

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, **Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.**

### **ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

#### **I. Items to be Discussed**

##### **A. Old Business**

1. Approval of August 15, 2012 minutes
2. Franchise Fee (Ameren)
3. Highway lighting
4. HAPS
5. Portable Generator repair and replacement
6. Fuel Cost Adjustment
7. Arc Flash Study
8. Spill containment/Wiegmann's expansion
9. Safety Training
10. Digger truck/Demo
11. Charter Agreement
12. Work on electric poles/transformers behind grade school
13. Shed
14. Security at North Power Plant
15. Electric Lineman/Apprentice Lineman
16. Lighting on Kessler Road
17. Spreadsheet of agreements
18. Opticon Program
19. Risk assessment conducted by insurance company
20. Combustion turbine

##### **B. New Business**

- 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) a.]; or real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)].

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## ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Seth Speiser, Mayor Ray Danford, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Administrator Dennis Herzing. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

### A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 15, 2012 Minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the August 15, 2012 minutes and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.
2. Franchise Fee (Ameren): Nothing new.
3. Highway lighting: Ron reported two new streetlights have been installed by Lucille Recker and also Lucille Davis along the north end of town on Route 15.
4. HAPS: John said units 10, 11, 12 and 6 were finished up today and units 8 and 9 will be done tomorrow. Everything is going well. There is an extra catalyst plate in each generator and Dennis said BHM&G doesn't think we will ever run our generators enough to need an additional plate. Ron said you are supposed to clean them after so many hours. Verbal of BHM&G will update the air permit to show that we are compliant with the new regulations.
5. Portable Generator Replacement: Ron took the generator to Burr Oak and they are going to put it back together and will verify if the pump is good or not. If it isn't too expensive to repair, we will take it out to the East plant or sewer plant. An external tank will cost about \$1500 and we will have to hook it up as well.
6. Fuel Cost Adjustment: Dennis has gone through the old ordinance but doesn't have the new one ready yet. He wanted to confirm some information. We only have 100 or 250 watt and it will be \$8.00 for the 100 and \$16.00 for the 250 and get rid of the 1000 altogether. We will also change the existing ordinance to bill the customer who wants a light installed for the additional costs and those costs will be paid prior to installation. We have a two-year minimum on the dusk-to-dawn lighting agreement.
7. Arc Flash Study: We are waiting on some parts to come and also the relays. We have not heard back from Chris on the price of the suit.

8. Spill containment/Wiegmann: Ron said the last transformer came in for Wiegmanns and we have the one for the grade school. We are waiting on the permit to be able to go under the road for Wiegmanns. Ron said we'd like to do the school one first and the Wiegmann job will take several months. Dennis said we'll have the permit at the next County board meeting. John said the school hasn't started their portion of the work yet. Dennis said the school has two different options to solve the safety problem. The easiest way to do that is to leave the exposed wires on the roof and put a fence around it and just eliminate the exposed cable tray next to the window. If they want to get rid of all the exposed stuff, they would have to replace the cable trays with conduit run and that is much more extensive. Ron said we will take care of all our safety problems at the school but we can't correct ours until the school does their part. The school is aware of the safety issue.
9. Safety Training: Dennis will check with Julie on the safety manuals.
10. Digger truck/demo: John contacted Altec and he was told they haven't started on yet. They told him they would start on it in December and have it in January. Mike asked for a reason on the delay.
11. Charter Agreement: Dennis hasn't gotten any further on this.
12. Work on electric poles/transformers behind grade school: This line item will be taken off the agenda since is discussed under #8.
13. Shed: Dennis said the final documents have been received and it is in process. Ron has some specs put together. Dennis will revise the drawing and can then go out for bid. Seth asked if we have to have an architectural seal on it and Dennis doesn't think so since it is for our use only and not a public structure. Seth believes we can get the shell up for \$50,000. Dennis said we will build as much as we can with the \$100,000 and do the rest of the work with future budgets.
14. Security at North Power Plant: John hasn't done anything with this. John talked to the WM driver who told him we can get a locked dumpster outside the gate.
15. Electric lineman/Apprentice Lineman: John talked to our new apprentice, Tyler Urbanski, who is going to start September 18, 2012. Tyler Isaak is at lineman school in Alabama this week. John talked to him a couple of times and Tyler said he is doing fine and it is going well. Coy, from HD Supply, has a metering school coming up in October that we would like to send Tyler and Shane to. Ron said it's a hands-on training class where you do wiring of the meter bases and all the different arrangements. Mike asked about the other apprentice lineman interviews and John said we had them in on a Saturday. They are both top notch applicants and very close in qualifications with their training and experience. The committee discussed the qualifications of Zach Kramper and Ryan Hilmes. John said we were lucky we found two applicants so qualified for the apprentice job. Both Shane and John felt Zach brought more farm/handyman experience to the job. John said both guys would be on a pretty even level after a couple of months. John felt pretty certain Zach would be here for a long time. John said it' a tough decision and asked the committee for their opinion. Mike said he is fine

with Zac and Steve said he will rely on John, Dennis and Ron's opinion. John also said he told the guys the Village may ask them to sign something to pay the Village monies owed if they don't stay in the apprentice program. Dennis said it isn't in the union contract, but we might want to propose it and see what the union thinks.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board we hire Zach Kramper as an apprentice lineman and Trustee Ray Matchett, Jr., seconded the motion. With two aye votes, one abstention, the motion carried.*

16. Lighting on Kessler Road: John said we started working on Westview last week.

17. Spreadsheet of agreements: Nothing new.

18. Opticon Program: Dennis hasn't heard from Hans.

19. Risk assessment conducted by insurance company: Ron said we have most of the information but not in the form that the risk assessment person wanted it. We are working on it.

20. Combustion turbine: Ron said Waterloo is expanding and will be putting in some of the turbines. Their load is much bigger.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett, Jr., seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Ray Danford, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Dennis Herzing and Office Manager Julie Polson.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of July 11, 2012 Minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the July 11, 2012 minutes and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.
2. Franchise Fee (Ameren): Nothing new.
3. Highway lighting: Nothing new.
4. HAPS: The testing has been rescheduled to September 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> due to delays in receipt of calibration gases.
5. Portable Generator Replacement: Ron is waiting on prices and will bring them to committee once he receives them.
6. Fuel Cost Adjustment: Jane provided the usage and costs for both the 100/175w and 250w security lights. The average cost for the 100/175w is \$4.41 and we charge \$6.00 per month. The average cost for the 250w is \$13.07 and we charge \$12.00. The committee discussed these numbers and agreed to raise the fees to \$8.00 on the 100/175w and \$16.00 on the 250w. Dennis will work on revising the ordinance. He will also include language if someone wants a light installed where a new pole will be needed, they will have to pay the material costs.
7. Arc Flash Study: John is obtaining some prices from Fletcher Reinhardt for the suit and some other safety equipment. BHM&G is working on the relays.
8. Spill containment/Wiegmann: We received the Notice to Proceed from IMEA on the grant for Wiegmanns. Ron has ordered the transformers and two should be shipping tomorrow.
9. Safety Training: Everyone attended the safety webinar and Julie will check with Tammy on the new safety manuals.
10. Digger truck/demo: We should receive the truck in mid-September. John reported the old truck blew a hydraulic hose today.
11. Charter Agreement: A copy of the revised contract was provided. Dennis has not had a chance to review it. He said we might have a requirement to post notice and hold a public hearing on the agreement. He would like for Attorney Manion to review it. He will check with him on the notice requirements.

12. Work on electric poles/transformers behind grade school: Ongoing.
13. Shed: Dennis said we have received final approval for the \$100,000 grant. It has a start date of 9/1/12. We will have to bid the project so we will get started on putting a bid package together.
14. Security at North Power Plant: John said we haven't had any more problems at the north plant. John will still get prices on a camera system.
15. Electric lineman/Apprentice Lineman: John has the second interviews with Ryan Hilmes, Tyler Urbanski and Zac Kramper scheduled for August 18, 2012 starting at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Dennis feels we should hire two applicants. We have employees that will be retiring within the next 3-5 years. Ideally, we would like to have the apprentice linemen on board so they can be paired with a lineman and learn as much as possible. John explained to the applicants that we are looking for people that are willing to commit to staying in Freeburg.
16. Lighting on Kessler Road: This project will be done over the summer.
17. Spreadsheet of agreements: Nothing new.
18. Opticon Program: Dennis talked to Hans and he said he is in the process of scheduling the repair work. It is hard to tell how much it is going to cost but it could be between \$5,000 - \$10,000 of which the Village would pay half.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Risk assessment conducted by insurance company: Dennis, Ron and John are going to go through the report. John believes most of the items that are addressed simply need better record keeping on our part.
2. Quote on combustion turbine: Dennis said our generating capacity is just enough for a peak load. When we built the north power plant, it was designed so that it could be expanded in the future. The regulators are pushing natural gas because it is much cleaner with respect to emissions. We requested a quote from BHM&G on expanding our north power plant to accommodate a combustion turbine and Dean Park said a 6.5mw costs about \$8,000,000. That price includes adding a building, gas line and gas transmission tap. If we purchased a 6.5mw turbine, that would increase our capacity by 50%. If we did move forward with this project, a rate increase would be required. We need to talk to IMEA about this because it wouldn't be cost efficient to do this if we don't receive generation credits.

Ron had T&R Electric take some of our old transformers and we received a check for \$7345. Ron said we have not had our electric maps updated for several years. It would be a good idea to do so now. It will get our maps up to date and will also help any new lineman identify where our lines are. Ron said this map will also include all the street lights that our guys identified a while back. The cost to update the map is \$6500. Ron suggested in the future, we should update the map more frequently.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Julie Polson  
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