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August 11, 2014

NOTICE MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Blaies/Smith/Niebruegge)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, **Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items to be Discussed

A. Old Business

1. Approval of July 16, 2014 minutes
2. Rate Study
3. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment
4. Net Metering and Geothermal Program
5. Shed
6. Charter Pole Agreement

B. New Business

1. IMEA's 30th Anniversary Celebration

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

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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Mayor Seth Speiser (absent), Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), 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.

A. OLD BUSINES

1. Approval of July 16, 2014 Minutes: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve the July 16, 2014 minutes and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.
2. Rate Study: Tony said we can't do anything on this until the audit is completed. Julie talked to the audit firm and they are waiting on a response to an attorney letter sent to Van Lear Eckert. Julie advised them we did not conduct any business with that attorney during the last fiscal year, and they said once a request is sent out, they have to receive a response.
3. Surplus Equipment: Shane said we have prices coming in from three companies on the surplus transformers. Julie said the deadline is Monday. Once the company has been chosen, they will come out and test the oil and take the transformers. Trustee Blaies asked about the other surplus equipment we want to get rid of. Shane took pictures of the trencher, tractor and front bucket to bid out. John will have some equipment as well including a truck and a utility bed from the water truck.
4. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Tony does not have anything new to report. We have the written policies from other municipalities. We need to decide what policy works for Freeburg.
5. Shed: Shane is continuing to get equipment moved over to the shed. He did locate the contract with Ehret. We have eliminated one bathroom. John said our goal is to get the sewer in later this summer, then we can have the oil separator installed. He said we have other projects we are working on right now.
6. Charter Pole Agreement: Tony said we are meeting tomorrow with Verbal to work on the pole rate calculator. That will give us a starting point for that. Shane said Clark has gotten a lot of our poles tagged.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMEA's 30th Anniversary Celebration: This will be held Friday, October 17th in Springfield.

Shane is working on backyard easement projects where he is taking problem areas and moving the electric underground. He asked the committee if we would like to provide any incentive to the residents to take advantage of this. The approximate cost to bury an electric service can run \$180 - \$240 (60 - 80 feet) for the wire depending on how much wire is used, the meter can, and the electrician's cost could be around \$1,000. John said our costs are dictated by ordinance.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



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A. OLD BUSINES

1. Approval of June 11, 2014 Minutes: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*
2. Wiegmann's project: Shane said the project is complete. He provided before and after pictures of the project. Everyone is happy with the work done. Item can be taken off the agenda. Trustee Trout asked about the issues at St. Joe's and Shane advised he is aware of them and is working to resolve them.
3. Rate Study: Tony said we can't do anything on this until the audit is completed.
4. Surplus Equipment: Shane has a list of 22 transformers he would like to surplus. He has 1 pad mount and the rest are pole mounted transformers. Some of the transformers from Wiegmanns are so large, we will never use them. We will compile a list of the other equipment we want to get rid of and do that through the state bidding process.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to recommend to the full Board to surplus 22 transformers and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

5. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Shane advised the net meter has been purchased and installed at Mr. Wood's home. Tony advised we still need a policy in place for these programs to protect the Village and the residents. We need to get our code up to date. Trustee Niebruegge said she would like to review other codes and would like to see IMEA's opinion as well. Copies of other codes were provided at an earlier committee meeting. Julie will get copies of those to everyone again.

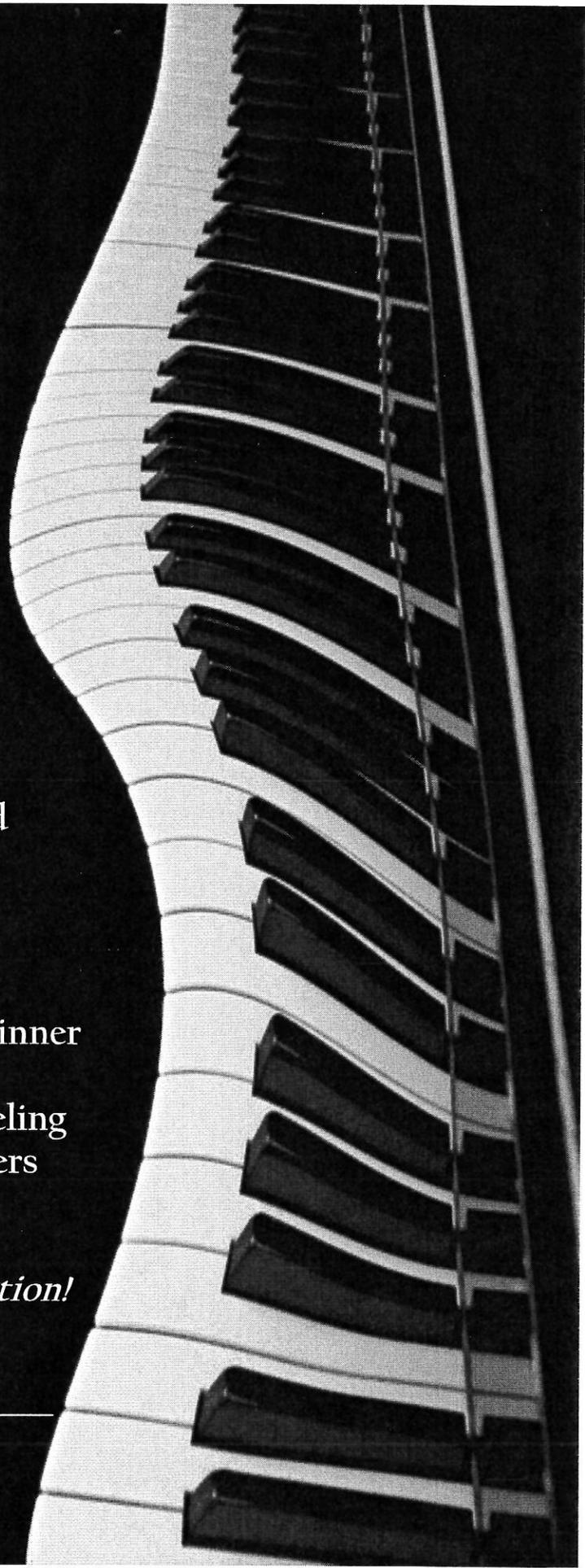
6. Shed: Shane has nothing new to report.
 7. Charter Pole Agreement: Tony said the Charter agreement is going slowly right now. With respect to the AT&T agreement, it is being finalized and we will be receiving a map of their poles shortly. John advised Clark is in the process of tagging our poles. It will take some time, but it is something that needs to be done.
- B. NEW BUSINESS:** Tony received a request from Sam Ramadan, owner of the BP gas station. Sam is in the process of having the tanks removed from the gas station at a cost of \$150,000. He will have the area completely cleaned up. He is asking for any help with his electric bill which is approximately \$2,000. The committee advised Tony to offer Sam a payment plan. Shane was asked by the Park District to help with a rotted pole. They want us to take care of it. Shane asked for suggestions because there will be more poles that will need to be taken care of. The committee agreed to set the pole and have the park district pay for all materials and half the labor. We will not charge for any equipment time.

John advised IMEA's annual visit will be tomorrow around 2:30 p.m.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
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IMEA's
30th
Anniversary
Celebration

Please join us as we celebrate 30 years
of service to our member communities.

Friday, October 17th

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield

Cocktail hour begins at 6:00
Followed by dinner at 7:00

Awards and recognition following dinner

Special entertainment by noted Dueling
Piano Entertainers - Felix & Fingers

Prepare for a night of fun & celebration!

Please RSVP to DeeDee Bunch at 800.243.4632 or
dbunch@imea.org by September 30th.
Be sure to make your hotel reservation by September 26th
by calling 877.227.6963. Special rate code: ME4.