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December 5, 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, December 10, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items to be Discussed

- A. Old Business
 - 1. Approval of November 12, 2014 Minutes
 - 2. Surplus Equipment
 - 3. Net Metering and Geothermal Program
 - 4. Shed
 - 5. Charter Pole Agreement
 - 6. New Bucket Truck
 - 7. APPA Legislative Rally
 - 8. IMEA/Ameren Settlement
- 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)]; 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 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 by Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies (5:40 p.m.), Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Trustee Ray Matchett (absent), Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of October 15, 2014 Minutes: Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the October 15, 2014 minutes and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the October 15, 2014 Executive Session minutes and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Surplus Equipment: Tony has the list Shane compiled of the surplus equipment. He needs a little time on how the process works with selling the equipment through Springfield. The committee discussed whether or not to bid out the smaller ticket items locally and just send the larger items to Springfield. Shane said we could also set a minimum price on the bids. Because there is a larger audience for the big ticket items, the committee agreed to send that to Springfield for bidding.
3. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Proposed ordinances were previously passed out which would set a policy in place for net metering and interconnection. We need to get something established and get it into our code. Julie will email the proposed ordinances tomorrow so we can have them placed on Monday's board agenda. Shane would like to see some type of geothermal program to update our streetlights. We also need to establish that policy. Trustee Trout believes we should start with our lights so it will benefit everyone in our community. Trustee Niebruegge suggested leaving a percentage of the money for business and residential customers. Shane and John will confirm with IMEA if we have \$10,000 to use this year. John said the IMEA money can carry over from year to year but we have to let Rod know that we want to carry it over. This program would be administered by IMEA. The committee agreed on a 75/25 split on the geothermal money.

4. Shed: Shane said they have installed the walls, electric, and new doors as well as the oil separator. The next project will be getting the insulation in.
5. Charter Pole Agreement: Tony does not have anything new to report.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Bucket Truck Pricing: Shane provided a quote for an Altec bucket truck of \$165,000. Shane said this is a basic truck and he would like to add bin lighting, cable reels for the wire and a tool circuit on the back. That would add \$3,000 - \$4,000 to the price. Tony said with the Ameren settlement, we will use that money to go towards the purchase. John thinks the settlement will be in the range of \$120,000 - \$160,000. Tony said we have \$25,000 in this year's budget for the truck. We know we need the truck and we have an opportunity to use the settlement money for it. Trustee Pruett asked if we can get other quotes, and Shane said no-one else makes a truck with the specifications that we need. Steve asked for the maintenance costs on the truck we would be replacing. The committee asked for other quotes that compare as closely as possible with the Altec truck.
2. APPA Legislative Rally: Next year's rally will be held from March 9 – 11, 2015. John said IMEA would like to know if we are going to send anyone. The committee agreed to have IMEA hold two spots for us.
3. IMEA/Ameren Settlement: John attended IMEA's strategic planning meeting last week. IMEA has \$1,100,000 in bonds with call dates coming up. They would like to refinance and save approximately \$7,000,000 per year. IMEA would like to retain the A+ rating, and they would like to pay off Trimble County and Prairie State's debt service in 17 years. Several communities voiced their concern over this because this would result in raising residential electric rates. IMEA is considering a suggestion made to refinance \$117,000,000 and see what the rating agency says, and then make a decision on the remaining \$577,000,000. John said we would rather see the debt service extended out and extend our contract to 2035 or 2045 and not to have to pass on rate increases to our residents. He will keep us informed on this.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager

Tony Funderburg

From: John Tolan <jtolan@freeburg.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 8:19 AM
To: Tony Funderburg; Seth Speiser; Shane Krauss; Mike Blaise; Steve Smith; Elizabeth Niebruegge
Subject: IMEA Lawsuit refund

I spoke with Kevin Gaden this morning. It looks like Freeburg's portion of the Ameren lawsuit refund will be in the \$124,500 neighborhood. He said they are still finalizing the numbers. Should have a firm number at the December 5th IMEA meeting. I did tell him that Freeburg would like the refund in one lump sum and not spread over 4 months.

You will see from the other email sent that with S & P downgrading IMEA from A plus to an A rating will lend to more discussion at the December meeting as to how IMEA goes about refinancing the upcoming \$642 mil in bonds that are coming due.

JT

Sent from my iPad=