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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, June 11, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items to be Discussed

A. Old Business

1. Approval of May 14, 2014 minutes
2. Wiegmann's project
3. Rate Study
4. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment
5. Net Metering and Geothermal Program
6. Shed
7. Charter Pole Agreement

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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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Mayor Seth Speiser, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of May 14, 2014 Minutes: Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.
2. Wiegmann's project: Shane said we had a planned outage last weekend and will have another one this weekend. This should wrap up the transfer of all of their services. All of the old transformers are gone. Trustee Blaies asked about Wiegmann's spill containment program and John said BHM&G was going to put that spill containment in the ditch. Shane then said they may not have enough oil to worry about since they've gotten rid of so many transformers. He will check on that with BHM&G.
3. Rate Study: Tony said Verbal really needs the audit. The audit is scheduled for next week. Once we get the report, we will forward it onto her.
4. Surplus Equipment: John believes we should take some of the items and have sealed bids on them instead of taking them up to Springfield. John said we have the old digger truck, a dump truck and a water bed that he would like to surplus. Tony confirmed the process in Springfield is done via bidding. John felt better that there was a bidding process involved. Tony is not sure if we can set a minimum price. Tony said if we surplus it, we don't have to sell it if we don't feel we received enough money. John and Shane will work on the list and Tony will get more details on the State program.
5. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Tony confirmed IMEA did meet with Mr. Wood. They advised him it's a 99% probability that the power is not going through his meter. Both Tony and Shane believe it is going through his meter and it's because of the type of meter he is using. Tony said we'd like to get a different meter and see what happens then. Mike asked why IMEA has a different opinion than we do, and Tony said IMEA does not understand the meter. Shane said we could purchase the meter at a cost of

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\$250, install it in and be able to monitor it. This would give us a good opportunity to see how it works, especially if this is something that other residents might want to consider installing one. The net meter has 3 displays on it – one shows how much power is used, how much is pushed out, and the net meter read. If we install a D-10 meter, it does not show how much is being pushed out of that meter. Tony said federal law requires us to put the meter in if the customer requests it. He also said Mr. Wood's system is so small it is a good system to be our test system. IMEA did confirm his system was installed safely.

Tony said with the geothermal grant program, we need to check our building code to see if allows solar panels on roofs. We need to be able to address this when someone comes to the Village wanting to do this. We can look at other municipal policies and see what one would work best for us. Shane stated they did a count of 100 highway streetlights excluding the decorative lights. He does not have pricing yet. We could do them in phases.

6. Shed: Shane advised he received a call from Davinroy who is upset with us because we signed a contract with him to finish the bathroom. Shane told him it's going to be a while before we will have it framed out. It will be done but not as quickly as Davinroy wants. He will check the contract to see if there is any time limit on it.
7. Charter Pole Agreement: Tony said we need to decide what to charge per pole. The going rate is \$20/pole. The way the rate is determined is the region's pole agreements are put into a pool and the budget is set from that pool. Breese signed for \$20 per pole. Shane thinks we should ask for \$20/pole and not take anything less than \$15/pole. Tony will start with \$20/pole.

B. NEW BUSINESS: None.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked a question about the Charter agreement.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Transcribed from tape by
Julie Polson
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B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMEA Electric Agency Update 2014-9: Public Works Director John Tolan advised this was provided for informational purposes. John said the Trimble County tour is coming up. Mike would have liked more advance notice on that trip.
2. Charter Pole Agreement: Tony looked at several pole agreements. Included in this packet is the agreement that Breese currently uses. Julie advised the agreement has been revised but she is still working on the exhibits to the agreement. Tony stated Attorney Manion has reviewed the agreement. Shane wanted to make sure we had language in the contract that addressed when the Village abandons poles. Tony believes the going rate per pole is around \$20 - \$21 per pole. Trustee Smith would like to know what costs will be passed onto the residents, and Tony will ask Charter for that information.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: See above.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



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Office Manager