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## ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Carpenter/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

### A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of September 13, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the September 13, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated we had a customer dig through his power line two days ago. It was fixed today.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: John Tolan had nothing new to report.
4. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Shane advised he has received delivery on everything now. He commented we have a pretty good stock of transformers and has everything for the storage loops.
5. South Substation Switchgear Preventative Maintenance: Shane stated he has started the process on the maintenance. Eaton Engineers will do the work, but it will be billed through Fletcher Reinhardt. Shane is hoping to schedule it sometime in November when the load is low.

John checked with IMEA on the Tatum solar project, and they recommend keeping separate meters.

### B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. BHMG Cost of Service Study – Invoice #E03244-1 in the amount of \$2,210.00: John advised we met with BHMG today and finalized some additional information needed. There are a few more items we need to get them. Shane advised they reviewing everything very thoroughly.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board BHMG Invoice #EO3244-1 in the amount of \$2,210.00 for approval, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

John advised the regional IMEA meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Collinsville. Please let him know by next week if you plan to attend.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** Shane said we recently had pole top rescue training for the linemen. After that, we conducted our own bucket rescue with all the public works guys to get them familiar with how to get employee down. He stated it went very well, and John said Shane ran a thorough training on that. Shand and John would like to do it more than once a year, and agreed to train on a quarterly basis.

Matt said Dirk Downen resigned from the Combined Planning and Zoning Board, and Mayor Speiser is going to appoint Mark White to fill that vacancy. Matt asked the board to thank Dirk for his time and service to the village. There will be a rezoning for the Southgate property on Monday's agenda, and the board accepted a variance from Jerod Heintz on his garage addition.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:42 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager