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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling) Wednesday, December 13 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling (5:40 p.m.), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), 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 Minutes: No minutes to approve, presented in the Committee as a Whole meeting on 11/13/23.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised there were no outages. We did have a call out this weekend for a broken tree limb in the alley between State/Edison.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: John Tolan stated nothing new to report. Will will carry over about \$3,000 towards next year. Shane participated in a conference call concerning an emergency preparedness grant that IMEA will apply for. This grant will be used for mutual aid situations, and they sent out a questionnaire to all municipalities asking what we would need (transformers, poles). Shane said it would be nice to have some of those times available south of Springfield. John said they also looking at generators which could generate a cooling station.
4. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Shane has not received any requests for power. He did get a 911 address assignment out there. Village Administrator Matt Trout said the construction easement is only good through July.
5. South Substation Switchgear Preventative Maintenance: had Shane advised we there were two engineers that inspected the breaker, and the tests came back good. It is the oldest breaker we have and is a very significant part of the substation. We need to look at getting that in a future budget for replacement. Shane stated this inspection was to see if we could do a retrofit.
6. BHMG Cost of Service Study: John advised we don't have a timeline yet. Matt feels there are close to providing us with some preliminary numbers.
7. Versalift and Worthington Turbo Charger Service Update: John advised the Versalift went to Springfield last week, and there are 3 trucks ahead of us. They are hoping to get to it within the next 2 weeks. The turbocharger quote came in \$2200 less than the original quote. We are

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hoping to get it shipped out in late December. Shane said we will get it back in service as quickly as we can.

- B. NEW BUSINESS:** John attended IMEA's year end meeting. They are looking to extend all the member contracts starting in 2035 – 2055. IMEA has 170 megawatts of renewable solar and wind that are coming off our books around 2035. When you start looking to get new contracts, the affordability of the loan comes into play, and renewable companies don't want to talk to us with a 12-year payback. John also commented there could be some members that don't extend or resign. If they are large customers, we may not need to purchase anymore power. IMEA initially approved the contract. There is a webinar on January 25th that Matt and Attorney Keck will attend. IMEA would then approve the contract at their February meeting. Each community will then have a year to approve the contract. Attorney Keck will review the contract prior to the webinar. John commented the state is at 3% renewables and IMEA is at 11%. There is a lot of pressure from Naperville and St. Charles who want a more aggressive approach to renewables. Matt talked to John about the southern communities who generate staying together to make sure the larger communities don't steamroll us. Prairie State will be paid for in 2035.

Shane advised the dielectric truck testing was done this week came back good. Dissolved gas analysis samples were taken on each transformer, but we don't have the results back yet. Shane tracks our safety hours and we have reached 1,000 hours with no accidents.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn at 5:56 p.m., and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager