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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director Chris Remick, Head Lineman Max Sallman, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle and Bill May. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of December 10, 2025 Minutes: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the December 10, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Max Sallman said a dead tree fell and knocked down a pole on St. Clair Court. They replaced the pole and one customer was out of service for a couple of hours. Village Administrator Matt Trout said there were a couple of blips of power on Christmas Eve that were an Ameren issue.

3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Matt said they had a webinar/training on solar today. He discussed the information and said essentially, we cannot prohibit people from having solar. He added that we have a 10kw limit on our net metering now and it will go to 25kw June 1, 2026. We cannot limit anyone under 25kw. He will work on revising that ordinance. He also explained how we handle solar.

4. Socket Fiber: Matt said they were here at the last meeting. There was a discussion on what is involved with bringing in fiber. The Boad agreed to start discussions with them.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Breaker Replacement: Matt said we had talked about this before. It will be a planned outage. He said he wanted it to stay on everyone's radar so we can be sure to get out the proper notification. Max has been in communication with them but doesn't have an exact date.

Max said he has been talking to IMEA to schedule the 2 new guys for schooling. He thinks it will be May and they will go together.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Mary Downen
Office Manager