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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling)
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers, 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, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp and Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 12, 2020 Minutes: *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the February 12, 2020 minutes and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated we have a few issues. There is a dam on the Vogels' property on Sunrise Dr., that has electric going through it. They are having problems with the dam leaking. This is somewhat of an emergency, and we need to reroute that line. They completed the bore yesterday, and did some trenching today. We have a few more days of work there. Shane confirmed they will pay for it to be moved. Shane commented Motomart is looking to expand and it happens to be over our primary. We will be moving their electric as well. They will also pay for the materials, not our labor.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new to report.
4. North Substation CAT Work: Shane advised this is scheduled for April 20th.

Shane commented on the IMEA trip to Washington, D.C., and thanked the board for the opportunity to attend. He said it is always good to meet with other communities and discuss how they handle stuff. IMEA addressed climate change, investing more in solar and hydro electric. They are trying to work for tax incentives on solar so they can get production tax credits and preserve municipal exemption from the federal pole tax exemption.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project Request Form- Unit #6: Public Works Director John Tolan said unit 6 qualified during our recent IMEA generation run, and then we tried to shut the unit down and couldn't. The breaker is shot along with 4-5 insulators, and John advised we need a complete replacement. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated this is considered urgent because we are losing \$5,900 per month in generating credits. Chuck is working on finding us a replacement. This breaker is not made anymore and is a different voltage from our other ones. The cost would range from \$14,000 - \$16,000 and \$5,000 for BHM&G costs. Shane stated this is one of the oldest generators we have and doesn't know whether it could be prevented or not. The only other old breaker we have is on a transformer out in the substation, so we wouldn't have a

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penalty or lose credits. Trustee Albers asked for us to look at that one to avoid this happening. Trustee Blaies asked for a diagram of the units and where they are located. John will obtain a more firm price and present it at the next committee meeting.

Project Request Form – CAAP Permit: John advised the CAAP permit is our air emissions permit for the power plants to run our generators that renews every 5 years. The EPA has given us until March 23rd to respond with our review and comments regarding their suggested changes. We normally use BHM&G's attorney for this. John received her estimated cost for this to be between \$11,000- \$35,000. John believes our actual costs will be between around \$10,000. John said Lukas believes the costs will be less than her range and can help guide us through this process. Tony doesn't think she will spend any extran time on this than necessary. He further beleieves we need her to make sure this is reviewed satisfactorily, and also commented she is the attorney we use for EPA issues.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board Authorizing the Village of Freeburg to Enter into and the Village Administrator Tony Funderburg to Execute an Agreement with Hepler Broom LLC to Conduct a Review and Comment for the CAAP Permit for Both Power Plants not to exceed \$35,000 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Tony advised the budget needs to be presented at the next board meeting, and would like it sent to full board for approval.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board the FY2021 Budget for Approval and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Tony stated we have a resident who has some issues going on and currently owes \$523 on their utility bill. We have advised the resident where they can go for help but they won't. He asked for the trustees to talk to him after the meeting.

John said we have a resident who has inquired about wanting to install solar on his garage which has a separate meter than the house. He talked to IMEA today, and they have no issue with applying a solar rate on the home as well as the garage. John said we would ahere to the 10k metering policy, and further said it would be best for us to let them use the credits on their house bill. He will research this.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 6:06 p.m and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*


Julie Polson
Office Manager