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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 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 (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director Chris Remick, Head Lineman Max Sallman (absent), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 11, 2026 Minutes: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the February 11, 2026 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Customer Issues: Village Administrator Matt Trout said there were two outages that affected the whole town for a short time. The outage on February 26th was an Ameren feed issue, blown transformer in a solar field. The outage on March 11th, was also an Ameren issue, a reclosure opening and closing back. He said he spoke with IMEA regarding issues receiving calls when there is an outage.

3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new.

4. Socket Fiber: Nothing new.

5. Breaker Replacement: Matt said Head Lineman Max Sallman has been working with VIPower and Eaton to get it coordinated.

6. Lineman Position: Matt said Lineman Luke Freppon will be going to training in June. He and Max spoke and they think it is best to go ahead and advertise the lineman position.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to advertise the lineman position, and Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Solar/Net Metering: Matt said we had talked about this before and with the law changing we are required to update our code by June 1st. He went over the changes.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board Ordinance #1812 Amending Chapter 10 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois Electric System (Solar/Net Metering) with the update from 10kW to 25kW AC, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Special Board Meeting – 3/30 or 3/31: Matt said we are going to need this meeting for the Collective Bargaining Agreements and the budget. The Board agreed on Monday 3/30 at 5:30.

3. Budget FY27: Matt said he is working on it and will go over it at the finance meeting. He asked that if the Board had any questions to please reach out to him before then.

4. Pole Purchase: Matt said the pole inventory is getting low and Max has received three quotes. He would like to go with Thomasson Company which is the lowest.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board Thomasson Company quote for $13,102, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. and, Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Mary Downen
Office Manager