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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling)
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers (via Zoom), Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson (via Zoom). Guests present: Janet Baechle and Charlie Mattern. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 15, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the February 15, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported an outage on Old Fayetteville Road where a tree took down our wire. They had to take the whole circuit down for a while. We had a squirrel chew through the wire on N. Cherry. Our distributor only has 4 customers that buy it, so the demand isn't there and they aren't producing it. He is also having problems getting transformers. This is the current climate we are in, and we are doing our best.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan has received a new grant request from Professional Metal Works in the amount of \$2,538.72 for 27 fixtures. We have \$5,163.06 left in the grant program. The committee agreed to their request. John will advise Rodd at IMEA the Ace post inspection has been completed by Shane.
4. Generator Upgrades: Shane commented BI Power Sstems will be here tomorrow to do some more work mainly for the import mode. That is only used when we get an ISO call. It will monitor our load so we are not producing more than what is needed. The capacity testing they did on the old Worthington unit was below 30 and their limit was 60. Shane has a list of things that he wants addressed. The whole crew will be involved in tomorrow's testing.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Transformer at 807 N. State: Shane said the lead time for tranformers is 52 – 54 weeks. One company refused to quote, another one was 41 - 43 weeks but almost double the price. Shane has a solution for this particular situation. He has three larger transformers with the same voltage. As long as they are okay with using the larger transformer, he will swap it out once a new one has been received. John said moving forward we will send a letter advising of the lead time on our equipment. Shane has been working with his office to see what their needs are. Matt said then we need to figure out how to handle the orders so they have them in time. John said maybe we should have the customer sign a letter of commitment and put

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a 15 - 25% deposit down. Attorney Keck mentioned a voluntary agreement. We need to check our code to see what it says.

2. Unpaid Bill: Tony explained we had a situation where a person who owned a trailer in Deerfield moved out and left an outstanding bill. They own the trailer not the land. Subsequently, someone took over that trailer and said up front that they aren't going to pay for that outstanding bill. Our code says the owner of any lot is responsible for the bill. Matt said it's happening with the trailer in cardinal court, you line the property. Tony said since that person is saying up front he isn't paying for it, would we go after the land or court owner. We can't place a lien on the trailer but we can the land. With a rental property, the lien would go to the landlord.

Shane needs to place an order transformers and will bring his project request to the Finance Committee meeting. Julie advised the committee that they won't be able to collect on the Parker Tree Service claim. There have been other reports of homes being damaged. Shane reported he took another wire down at a different location.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

D. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:55 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager