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Mike Blaies  
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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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**ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 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 John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Bachle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## **A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of March 13, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the March 13, 2024, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated on April 2<sup>nd</sup> they received a call around 7:00 a.m. for a power outage. Turned out to be four homes that were out since 2:00 a.m. It was a backyard easement and they had to change a transformer. Power was restored by 9:30 a.m. Public Works Director John Tolan spoke to the resident and told her to call the emergency number.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Shane stated he received approval for the lighting grant to replace the remaining decorative lights. The grant is \$4,673.50. He gave them a completion estimation of July.
4. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Nothing to report.
5. Versalift Update: Shane said he called yesterday and was told they are still waiting on a hose carrier. There is aggravation on their end as well; however, it is out of their hands.
6. IMEA Power Sales Contract: Village Administrator Matt Trout said he wanted to get the Boards opinions and see where they want to go from here. Chairperson Mike Blaies stated he isn't in a hurry to make a decision since there is plenty of time. John stated we have never gone to the end of our contract, we have always extended it. It is a big commitment but what is the alternative. What would we do if we weren't with IMEA? Trustee Tom Carpenter said his concern is the way the industry is changing, it is uncertain what will happen. Matt said he understands, given the contract won't kick in for another 11 years. They have provided a lot of stability throughout COVID and turbulent times. No matter which direction we go we are still making the decisions for the future. Trustee Lisa Meehling asked how many communities have signed up. Matt responded 4. John added he feels most of the communities will go. Only ones in question are the northern communities. Matt said we have until next April to make a decision and he just wanted to have the conversation while it was fresh in everyone's minds. He wants to continue talking about it and will provide updates.


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**B. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Downen".

Mary Downen  
Office Manager