

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
Seth Speiser

VILLAGE CLERK
Jerry Menard

VILLAGE TRUSTEES
Mike Blaies
Ray Matchett, Jr.
Lisa Meehling
Denise Albers
Michael Heap
Bob Kaiser

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

FREEBURG MUNICIPAL CENTER
14 SOUTHGATE CENTER, FREEBURG, IL 62243
PHONE: (618) 539-5545 • FAX: (618) 539-5590
Web Site: www.freeburg.com

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 by Chairperson 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, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp, Crew Worker Trevor Breitwieser and Office Manager Julie Polson. Village Hall was open to the public and Chuck Fiessinger from BHM&G, Susan Carpenter and Janet Baechle were present. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 10, 2021 Minutes: Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised they took care of issues at a mobile home on E. Hill that had a wire down in the backyard, a loose old connection to a weatherhead on Main St., a single phase primary on Cemetery, and replaced a rotted pole on Elizabeth.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan advised we will receive an additional \$11,000 on May 1st and would like to earmark \$5,000 - \$6,000 for LED lighting. We have another business that has talked to Matt and Shane about this program. They are currently not a Village of Freeburg utility customer, but their project should fit into this year's allotment.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to grant SAVE'S Electric Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$8,103.75 for their LED lighting project and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

4. North Substation CAT Work/PLC Unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Chuck Fiessinger presented their generator controls upgrade proposal. He advised the controls at the south plant are 25 years old and parts are becoming obsolete. He stated it is harder to obtain the replacement parts to keep our equipment going. The north plant is experiencing issues when ISO has to come in and do work. They are using obsolete computers, and if they can't get anyone down here, we have to wait on them. Chuck explained our old plant is analog, and the new plant is digital. If there is a problem, we have to determine where it is. If we upgrade, everything will communicate with each other. This upgrade should last through our contract with IMEA. In 2018, they installed a system in Highland. We are welcome to visit and see how it operates. Chuck also advised the proposed system will be a non-proprietary system

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Page 1 of 2

meaning we own all of it and anyone can work on it. Every system is different and ours would be customized to Freeburg. The generators will communicate with each other and act as one big unit. We will be able to see the units at both plants at one time. The proposal included options to upgrade each plant separately. If we do everything at one time, that will eliminate 2 integrations. Training is included in the price. Shane confirmed we are down to it being a matter of when this needs to be done. Mayor Speiser commented we need to supply our residents with power. Chuck advised the work would be done during off peak times so we don't lose any credits from IMEA. The committee requested this be sent to Finance Committee for further discussion.

5. Project #21-01: Breaker Repair and Upgrade: Shane advised the second breaker has been received and will be installed tomorrow. Item can be taken off the agenda.

John has submitted the repair invoices and IMEA penalty on the flooding at the old plant to Erie Insurance. We are waiting to hear back from them. Matt advised Klemme is looking to start phase 2 at Meadow Pines. He mentioned the increase in material costs. Shane said we are about 8 weeks out on transformers.

B. NEW BUSINESS: None.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet had questions on BHM&G's presentation.

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



Julie Polson
Office Manager