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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling)
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 by Chairman Mike Blaies via the Zoom app. Members present via Zoom 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 Crew Worker Trevor Breitwieser.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 11, 2020 Minutes: *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the March 11, 2020 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised our power outage on April 8th was due to Ameren's loss of power of their feed to us. It affected us as well as New Athens, Smithton and Monroe County. We had everyone up and running in 20 minutes and generated for a little over 2 hours. Both plants were going again, and we didn't need unit 6. Shane rotated and ran all of the generators that night with no issues. Shane said we had a call on April 13th for a customer experiencing his power going on and off. It turned out to be a bad breaker on their side, and it was fixed today. The electric primary was relocated for the homeowner with the dam issue. Shane stopped by Moto yesterday, and nothing is staked out yet. Once it is, will use the hydro excavator to find out where our wire is.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Shane received an inquiry from a restaurant owner working on a remodel. He gave him all the information and links to IMEA for the forms. John had also spoken with him and advised him to contact Rodd Whelpley. We have approximately \$9,000 in that account.
4. North Substation CAT Work: Shane has this scheduled for April 20th and 21st. He will report back after the work has been completed.
5. Unit #6 Circuit Breaker Repair: Shane said the quote for the circuit breaker said this would be scheduled for July 6th if we approved the drawings by May 6th. We had that done well before May 6th, so we are hoping to have knocked off several weeks of the July 6th date. Shane received the prints on it, and checked the concrete footing. He confirmed it will fit on the existing footings. The old one will be scrapped.
6. CAAPP Permit Renewal: John advised this has been approved by IEPA. He doesn't believe the cost will be as high as quoted. The permit is good for 5 years.

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Shane reported that we received \$1,975 from the Purple Wave auction of our scrap items. Tony confirmed the money received will go back to the appropriate department.

B. NEW BUSINESS: John attended a special IMEA meeting today. They are offering a bill payment deferral of 25 percent. To qualify, the municipality's application must show where it has at least 25% of under collected debt from its town. This will be offered again in May. There is also going to be an additional \$41,000,000 sent to Liheap which should help us a little bit. John reported we are doing good with energy pricing right now. Trustee Albers asked if we have problems with people paying. Tony said the late fees have been waived. He has a spreadsheet of our projected losses, and said this will start affecting us especially if we go past May 1st. Tony commented the avenues we have to collect monies have been shut down. He referred to the Local Debt Recovery program as being one of them. Tony has created a budget spreadsheet reflecting the possible changes due to COVID-19. Attorney Keck said there is a moratorium as to our ability to actively collect the bills. He is unsure if we can retroactively apply late fees. He will advise if he hears anything. Mayor Speiser commented we will lose approximately \$3,500 a month in late fees.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn at 5:58 p.m and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager