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

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 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 (absent), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle, Michelle Foppe, Dr. Melanie Brink and Bill May. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of June 12, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the June 12, 2024, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated we had a pole break in a backyard easement on Rogers Drive. It didn't cause an outage initially, but it was laying on the roof of the house so the crew did shut down the power for around 20 minutes. Around 10 customers were affected. Another issue was with a transformer that quit which affected around 12 customers, 3 were out for around 3 hours and the others around 20 minutes.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Shane stated nothing new to report. They are still working to complete the LED project with the street lights.
4. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Shane said they are still in the process of wrapping it up.
5. Versalift Update: Shane said he received a phone call today that it is ready to be picked up. He will schedule that for next week.

Village Administrator Matt Trout stated Shane passed his CDL today. Shane said they now have 3 lineman that have completed and plan to send 2 more. Matt added we had 5 budgeted for this year.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. SRO: Matt said this was rescheduled from a couple of weeks ago. Dr. Brink, school board president Foppe and school board member Bill May are here tonight. Dr. Brink opened by thanking everyone. Our district currently has a part-time SRO and has served its purpose since we entered into the agreement 2 years ago. In the winter I was approached by Chief and Mr. Trout to review the processes & procedures we currently have in place and further discuss better ways to coordinate these resources between the village and the district. The discussion quickly moved to a full-time SRO to ensure we meet the needs of our board and the taxpayers. She explained what a SRO means to the students and staff and the benefits of having a consistent person in this role. Having 1

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person who works in tandem with the administration will allow for consistent flow of information between the teachers, parents, students, and the Village Board. Matt stated he doesn't think any one is opposed to a full-time SRO, it's the funding side of it. For them to have continuity, they need a full-time SRO. Going forward if we can work something out with a full-time SRO, we will need to add another full-time officer. Otherwise, we will be filling weekend shifts and other extra shifts with overtime. Based on the high school contract, \$75,000 is proper hours worked. We would have a second extra police officer in the summer. It is a about a \$71,000 swing in our budget. On average our officers total package is \$108,000/yr. Trustee Lisa Meehling said with another full-time hire you have the full benefit package that you have to think about as well so it's just not the matter of covering hours worked because there is a lot more that plays in that. Dr. Brink added their board did vote to have a full-time officer but under the assumption that they were sticking with the contract to finish out the year, so they would have to go back to the board and revote if there is any other new monies on the table. Their next meeting is July 22nd. Mayor Speiser said lets put it on the board meeting for Monday. Fred added that once we get a number to him, it won't take long to get it together.

Matt stated he and the Mayor met with the Wiegmanns union representatives, both nationally and locally, today.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager