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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Carpenter/Heap/Meehling)  
Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Treasurer Bryan Vogel, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss (absent), Village Attorney Fred Keck, Interim Village Administrator Matt Trout, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins (5:43 p.m.), and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Janet Baechle and Charlie Mattern (6:07 p.m.). There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of July 12, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the July 12, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan reported the electric crews have been dealing with limbs falling on our wires from previous storms. There were not any substantial outages.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: John has nothing new to report.
4. Cemetery Road Line Extension: John has nothing to report. Mayor Speiser advised the lots are starting to sell.
5. Storm Update – Tub Grinder Quote: John recommends option 3 where AgriCycle will handle everything. They will leave 750 yards of mulch, and it will cost approximately, \$13,000 for 1.5 days work. Village Administrator Matt Trout has submitted our costs of almost \$75,000 to St. Clair County but has not heard back from them. This was a substantial storm, and Matt advised we don't have many options and need to get the debris cleaned up.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board to hire AgriCycle's Option #3 to remove the storm debris, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #23-09: South Substation Switchgear Replacement: John said Shane met with a vendor at an IMEA conference who suggested looking into a retrofit situation for the breaker. The cost to replace a breaker would be \$204,526. Instead, Shane is proposing a maintenance inspection at a cost of \$6,550 in this year's budget, and if applicable, plan on the \$80,333 in next year's budget to have a replacement retrofit breaker installed. We do not want our equipment failing, so it doesn't hurt to perform the preventative maintenance on the equipment.

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*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Fletcher Reinhard's Quote in the amount of \$6,550 for the preventative maintenance, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Treasurer Bryan Vogel advised we have options on the CD that amounts to \$181,000 that renews on 12/31/27 at 2.42%. We can leave it as it, we can withdraw it and reinvest for 60 months at 3.19% and have a net increase of \$1,660. Option #3 would be to cash it in, incur the penalty and invest it for 7 months at 5% interest. Once that would expire, we would go out for another CD at around 2.19% to make it viable. He believes the best option is to cash it in and take the 60-month CD at 3.19%.

*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board to cash in the \$181,000 CD and reinvest it at 3.19% for 5 years for net a profit of \$1,660, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Treasurer Vogel left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

2. Executive Session to Discuss Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(11):

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**5:52 P.M.**

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to enter Executive Session citing Litigation, 5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)11 and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED**

**6:06 P.M.**

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to reconvene the regular session of the Electric Committee at 6:06 p.m., and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn at 6:08 p.m., and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager