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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 by Chairman 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 (5:38 p.m.), Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan (via phone), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 14, 2019 Minutes: Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised there were no issues.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new.
4. Power Plant Roof: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated we received one bid for the power plant roof from HJ Gasser out of Millstadt. They bid \$39,375 for the project with a deduction of \$1,500 if we complete all three sections. Tony would like to have all three sections done to complete the project. Trustee Meehling asked the budget for this project, and Shane advised we have \$30,000 in electric. Tony said that could be done through other funds as well. The project completion date is November 30th.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board HJ Gasser's bid for the power plant roof not to exceed \$37,875 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Apprentice Lineman Applications: We received one internal application, and we would still like to go out for applications. We will then set up interviews with Shane, John, Lisa and Tony.
2. Max Sallman Step 4 Increase Effective August 23, 2019 and Andy Tolan Step 4 Increase Effective August 29, 2019: Shane said Max and Andy have met the requirements for their Step 4 increase. They have about a year before their top-out exam.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board Max Sallman receive his Step 4 increase effective August 23, 2019 and Andy Tolan receive his Step 4 increase effective August 29, 2019 at a rate of \$30.53 per hour and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

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3. Boring Machine: Shane provided three quotes for a boring machine. Ditch Witch quoted both a new and demoed unit. He said there are only two companies that sell the size machine that we need. We would like to go with the new Ditch Witch. They are very happy with the machine, and it would be an easier transition to that one. He also commented they would like to trade in their current machine rather than try to sell it at auction. Tony planned for \$174,000 over 10 years with \$5,000 from the water fund and \$16,000 from electric fund. The cost for the new Ditch Witch is \$172,960. Trustee Blaies asked the lifetime for these machines, and John advised we had our current machine for 20 years and purchased that used.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board the purchase of a new Ditch Witch Model JT20B Directional Drill at a cost of \$172,960 and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Julie provided a brief update of the outstanding claims not covered by our insurance company. There have been 4 since April and all monies have been recouped totaling \$3,988.97.

Shane has a lot of old wire on aging wood spools that he can't use. He would like to take it in for salvage. Tony will verify the process to do that.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked how many linemen are we hiring, and Shane said we will be hiring one apprentice.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:48 p.m and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager