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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 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 and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 11, 2021 Minutes: *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the August 11, 2021 minutes and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss commented on the outages since last meeting. There was a storm where a large limb fell around White/Vine which shut down the line from Kennedi Auto Sale south to the park on Cemetery Road. The outage lasted approximately 2.5 hours. There were also a few small issues along with that same storm. There was a fuse issue between Meadow Ridge Drive and the Market Place Center, and a lightning-related incident at SAVE Site.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new to report.
4. Generator Upgrades: Shane will check in with BHM&G for an update.

Shane commented they are busy installing utility services in the new homes.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #21-08: Pad Mount Transformer Restock: Shane received three quotes for the pad mount transformers. These are used where our power is underground. He is not in dire need of them, but the lead times are getting worse. Solomon's quote was incomplete, and their prices were higher than the other two. We used Emerald Transformer for Edison Estates and has not had any issues. Their cost is substantially lower, and they have a 5-year warranty which is longer than the other two companies.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board the purchase of the pad mount transformers from Emerald Transformer at a cost of \$21,091, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Charter Communications Fiber Contract Renewal: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised we have been negotiating our Charter fiber bill to get the price lowered. Everything runs on these lines, except for the pool. Clearwave is the only other option, but we would have to pay substantially to get their facilities to our buildings.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the Charter Communications (Spectrum Enterprise) Service Order in the amount of \$600 per month for 60 months, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** Tony advised a green energy bill was signed into law which will impact our future and what we do. The nuclear plants are coming back, and they are charging each person \$180 to subsidize them. Coal plants are supposed to be phased out, and Prairie State will now stay open until 2045. Tony hopes IMEA will put out a fact sheet on this.
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn at 5:44 p.m and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager