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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Matchett/Niebruegge/Pruett)
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

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John Tolan

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Stanley Donald

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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Dean Pruett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Lisa Meehling (via phone), Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of July 15, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the July 15, 2015 minutes and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Shane has failed transformers he would like to surplus. He advised 8 of them have been tested and are good, and there are another 4 that have approved stickers on them. He will get three bids to have the remaining transformers tested. We do not have anything on hand right now. Shane will contact the person who purchased the Expedition.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to recommend Ordinance 1553 – An Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale or Disposition Thereof for approval and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. IMEA Grant Program: Tony said the end date is 8/15, and Sentinel Emergency Solutions' application needs to be taken to board for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to the full Board that Sentinel Emergency Solutions receive the IMEA lighting grant not to exceed \$629.30 and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Tony advised we have only used approximately \$800 of \$2500 available. The schools want to replace the lights in their gyms with high efficiency lighting, and IMEA said there is a really good program outside of this one. Tony recommends we let that process go through so the schools have an opportunity to use remaining funds from this grant. John said with water system, we will be putting VFDs on the pumps at Save Site lift station which will cost substantially less. Tony reminded the committee we need to spend the money since it runs out at the end of the year.

4. Charter Pole Agreement: Nothing new.
5. Safety Award Program: Nothing new.
6. Urge Testing Results: Shane advised everything went well, and we experienced no problems. With respect to Nesahp, he hasn't gotten any paperwork back but all the levels were the

same which means everything is good. The urge test is a 2-hour run at a full load; the Neshap is 3, one hour tests and we end up running for 4 hours with a full load. We do get reimbursed from IMEA for the fuel we use during these tests. IMEA, BHM&G, and also a contractor that handles the Neshap test, and another one that brings the test equipment were all there. This tem can be taken off the agenda.

7. Spreadsheet of Agreements: Julie will get that done and a copy out to everyone before next month's meeting.

Shane would like a decision made on the portable generator at Illinois Electric. It is identical to the one we have so we could use it for parts. The genset is shot but there nothing wrong with the engine. The original plan was to take it off the trailer and make it a stand alone unit at the east plant. John's personal opinion is to surplus it. Shane will talk to the Altorfer service guy to see what the engine is worth. Trustee Blaies directed Shane to get it back.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMEA Power Sales Contract Revision: There is only one change to the contract on page 5. There is an increase from 2.00 Mills/kWh to 2.5 Mills/kWh. IMEA saved \$5.7 million per year when they refinanced their bonds. We wanted to see a decrease in the cost of our power, but IMEA showed they need \$135 million over the next 30 years, so they added the .5 Mills/kWh which adds \$2.7 million back in. Our power rates will drop but Tony doesn't know how much. None of the bonds are callable until February, so we won't see the \$3.7 million pe year savings until then. John said they are also trying to build capital and they need to be at 120 days to keep their AAA debt rating. We are getting very close to Ameren's rates.

Shane advised John is completing sidewalks in the park, and along with that, he is restructuring the lighting around the statue and memorial. The electric department installed ground lights pointing straight up to flags and two to the statue. They also added some ground level boxes for Christmas lights which will be ready for this year, so there won't be as many extension cords everywhere. The cameras are operating in the park.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked how often our equipment is tested, and John advised the urge test is done every year and the Neshap is done every 3 years.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager