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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Matchett/Niebruegge/Pruett)
Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Stanley Donald

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 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, Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Denise Albers and Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of December 16, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated we currently have the Expedition, genset and the fogger on I bid. The reserves have been met, so they will be sold. The patrol cars and poles will go live on Monday.
3. IMEA Grant Program: Public Works Director John Tolan is working on the grant application to use it for the VFDs at the Save Site pump station.
4. Clearwave Proposal: Administrator Funderburg said the board has approved this. We are not jumping into a quick change, rather it will be a slower process. Tony is working through some Charter issues. He wants to know everything that will be involved before we move forward with this project.
5. South Loop Extension: Shane has nothing new on this.
6. LED Street Lighting: Shane found a replacement for the highway lights and installed one today by the water station at the old power plant. He is very happy with it, so he will move forward and purchase some more.
7. Christmas Decorations: Shane is meeting with the representative from Temple Display tomorrow. He is going to look at our old decorations to see if we can rehab those at a lower cost. We will be switching to LED. Shane will bring the costs back to committee.

8. South Sub Roof: She is waiting on estimates for the roof. It will be done in next year's budget.
 9. Resident's Electric/Annexation: Tony advised the initial petitions for annexation have been mailed out. We haven't negotiated a price yet, once we get a little further down the road, we'll fill the committee in. Currently, we only have two properties to annex. Tony is trying to confirm whether a third property could annex.
- B. NEW BUSINESS:** Shane asked if he can get rid of the old banners that we replaced within the last year or so. Tony recommended we go to everyone and see if they want their old banner. Also, Zach Kramper is being stepped up to the next level of journeyman lineman. This will bring us to five linemen. He would like to do that retroactive to the first of the year. He scored very well and Shane advised he is doing very well and is happy with his progression.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board Zach Kramper be promoted to journeyman lineman at a pay rate of \$28.77 retroactive to January 1, 2016 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** John advised at the last IMEA Executive Board Meeting, Doc Mueller stated he is going to retire at the beginning of 2017. IMEA will look for someone working in D.C. or Springfield. John also advised that Bob Childers is going to retire in approximately three years. John wants to more involved with IMEA, and would like to see the nuts and bolts of their budget. Tony said he and some other mayors have formed a group to look at the rates and try to propose something that would benefit Freeburg and other smaller communities.
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager