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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Albers/Matchett/Pruett)  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 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, March 15, 2017 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, 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 (absent) and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle and Stan Koerber (5:49 p.m.).

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 15, 2017 Minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the February 15, 2017 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said he will have title on the Harley soon. Public Works Director John Toaln advised we have the old playground equipment from the pool that he would like to surplus. Shane and John have been discussing the five old units in cold storage at old power plant. All of them have had the oil drained out of them. We would be talking a lot of money to bring them back in working order. Shane talked to Cody Hawkins from Mascoutah because he thought they surplussed their generators out. They had a guy come out to scrap them, and he got a percentage of the scrap. Shane suggested they could do it themselves over the winter. He confirmed we are not getting any generating credit for those units from IMEA. John thinks it is a good idea to do it ourselves. We could talk to BHM&G to see if there is anyone that would be interested in the units. We could always place them on Ibid to see if there is any interest. With EPA regulations, there may not be any interest.
3. New Electric Customers: Shane advised there is nothing new.
4. Customer Issues: None.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMUA/IMEA Annual Conference & Trade Show: John advised they are combining the two conferences this time. There will be quite a bit of training for the operators. He and Shane are attending, and John is hoping to send Tyler as well. Mayor Speiser commented he plans on attending. John said there will be a lot of safety focus on the IMUA side of the conference.
2. Temporary Electric at the Park: Shane will check with Tony to see what this was about, but it is probably to look at getting some power at homecoming. With respect to the park, Shane said it has been brought to his attention that the park is not happy with where the receptacles were installed at the new ball diamond.

Shane advised with the new development on Koesterer/Monroe, he would like to put that on the express circuit that ties north and south plants together which is starting to get loaded up. He would like to turn the Marketplace and this new development on its own circuit. He would have to budget for that since it's a pretty big project.

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Shane stated that Apprentice Lineman Max Sallman passed his preapprentice classes so he will be moving on. We have the siren going up at SAVE towards end of April.

John said he and Mayor Speiser attended the APPA Rally in Washington, D.C. A few of the big nationwide issues are a pole attachment bill that is in Springfield now. IMEA is very concerned about it and will be fighting it pretty hard. It would supersede any type of agreement we have locally. It looks like they are trying to get towns completely wireless, and there are no regulations to follow our codes. The other major issue is the tax exempt financing for bonds which would be critical for the firehouse. It is not on the table right now, but we need to make sure it doesn't get on the table.

John reported the Prairie State representative gave a very good talk about the power plant and the coal mine regulations which are crippling them. He talked to a lot of other municipalities and most don't have project engineers, only hire engineers when needed. He also talked to other municipal attendees about radio read and net metering, and they are having same experiences with water meters. Staci Wilson who is taking over for Doc Mueller, is well connected and did an excellent job. She is new to IMEA.

Julie advised Administrator Funderburg wanted the motions that came out of the Combined Planning and Zoning Board to be presented in this committee meeting.

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board the definition of a limousine, "Any privately owned vehicle intended to be used for the transportation of persons for hire when the payment is not based on a meter charge, but is prearranged for a designated destination(s)," for approval and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board to allow a limousine business as a special use in an agriculture district for approval and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager