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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Smith/Niebruegge)  
Wednesday, March 4, 2015 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 4, 2015 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 11, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Shane advised he is posting items on the lbid system daily. Trustee Niebruegge will get information on our website which will link to the lBid system. Right now, the first three items are put up until the end of the month, and they all have reserves or a minimum bid on them.
3. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: John said with respect to the grant program, many municipalities are using it for items other than streetlights. A quote was emailed out to everyone showing a cost savings in electricity of approximately \$20,700 a year. Shane explained there is a blower that runs full tilt all the time. This system will monitor that thereby saving on the electricity to run it. John said this will be a more effective use of the grant money and will be a significant savings in the sewer department. This will be included in the upcoming budget. Tony said the grant process is up and running and he has had one person request it. John has had someone contact him as well. Trustee Blaies asked for this item to be renamed to the IMEA Grant Program.
4. Shed: Item can be taken off the agenda.
5. Charter Pole Agreement: Tony said we are still waiting on AT&T to complete their audit of the poles. Shane believes we are going to have a shared agreement with them. We are close, our poles are tagged and will be put into the GIS system.
6. New bucket truck: Shane said is here and is close to being completely stocked. It is ready to roll if we have an emergency.

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7. Altorfer Service Agreement: Shane said he has not yet met with the rep. He talked to Bob Elden and they have come with a plan on what they think is necessary. Mike said we agreed to a previous amount, and Shane said that was for units 8 and 9. Shane would like to dissolve that agreement and expand with all of the units.

8. Safety Award Program: John has nothing new.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:** John said went to IMEA/IMUIA meeting and has a few items to report. Prairie State was at 72% availability at the end of 2014 and 90% at the end of January. They are processing 25,000 tons of coal a day. Ameren has a coal fire plant they want to shut down because they can't meet the regulations. MISO won't let them shut it down because they will lose some of our reliability factor when purchasing power. Ameren said it will take \$10,000,000 to run for a year and are considering passing that cost onto to everyone else in the MISO group. IMEA is refinancing \$700,000,000 in bonds which will save \$400,000,000 a year. We will see a reduction in our bill.

Tony said we have a landlord in town whose renter skipped out and didn't pay the final bill. He came in stating he'd like to shut off utilities. The law doesn't allow us to do that until it reaches a certain point. Tony said we explained to him that is the cost of doing business. His problem is paying the reconnect fee and would like to know ahead of time or put that reconnect fees into our deposit. Tony suggested taking the reconnect fees out of the \$150.00 renter's deposit and deducting that reconnect fee from final bill. The committee talked about notifying landlord prior to shutoff. Tony said the second notice is the notification. We can also use the local debt recovery process to recoup the money. John said Jesse's 7-year old stepson is very ill. Bryce is in Children's Hospital battling cancer. "Team Bryce" has been created and is supported by many in the Freeburg and Smithton communities. The employees would like to donate time to Jesse.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruette motioned to recommend to the full Board donation of sick hours to Jesse Carlton from any full-time Freeburg employess and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Trustee Blaies said we are going to hold next month's meeting at the new shed. We will move it to the last meeting of the night.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

  
Julie Polson  
Office Manager