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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Trout/Albers/Blaies/Meehling)
Wednesday, May 10, 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, May 10, 2017 by Chairman Matt Trout. Committee members present were Chairman Matt Trout, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dean Pruett, 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 April 12, 2017 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the April 12, 2017 minutes and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Public Works Director John Tolan advised he would like to take two fo the public works truck to the junk yard because they are in such bad shape. He will verify Paulie is a certified place to take them.
3. New Electric Customers: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said all the meters have been installed for the Sunset Drive 8-plex. His next project is a line extension for the Kiskens at the north end of Parrish's property on Route 15.
4. Customer Issues: None.
5. IMUA/IMEA Annual Conference and Trade Show: John stated this conference is next Thursday and Friday. On Friday, Andy and Matt, two of our apprentices, will be attending. It will give them a chance to see the vendors and training.
6. Temporary Electric at the Park: Per Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, this item can be taken off the agenda. He said for what the park wants, they can hire an electrician.
7. Electric Infrastructure for New Subdivisions: Shane said as of right now, we have a line going through the property being developed. We have to be ready to put in the power for the subdivision and have a long way to go on this. He has discussed this with Verbal of BHM&G, and she said we should get a plan together to put a new line out there. When John and Shane go to Springfield, they are going to talk to other communities to see how they handle the costs of new infrastructure and whether or not they charge the developer a portion of those costs.

- B. NEW BUSINESS:** John advised the light bulbs are in, and confirmed we can go back and buy more. The committee agreed to charge \$2 with a limit of 5.

Shane said IMEA wants their communities to have a black start handbook. He has talked to Verbal and we are going to do that. John said the cost will be \$12,000, and IMEA will add \$1,000 to our bill for 12 months so it doesn't come out of budget. Shane has money in the budget to do it rather than have the taxpayers fund it. John said this black start manual will be very detailed and will include how to start the engines and how to run them on a daily basis. John stated we have about \$19,000 in energy efficiency money and can carry that for a couple of years. Tony asked if it is possible to use that money for LED lights in the Village Hall parking lot.

John advised the urge testing has been revised for all the IMEA communities. After a discussion over the times of the testing, ours will be from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. With that, MISO is starting to get stricter on their accreditation. During their testing, will have to run all of our units for 2 hours, and if we fail, we will lose the credits for the next year. John is arguing for a prorated schedule rather than losing an entire year of credits. IMEA is stepping up their testing regulations. In July-August, we will get 12 hours notice to run a 4-hour load.

John reported Cairo, an IMEA member, is close to going bankrupt. They requested a reduced rate, and IMEA has requested their financials. This will affect the rest of the IMEA communities if they go bankrupt. John stated IMEA is getting close to purchasing a 75 megawatt wind farm by Princeton. The pole attachment bill is still in negotiation. Freeburg has a \$500 IMUA scholarship winner, Ben Ebel.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adjourn at 5:59 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager