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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Blaies/Albers/Matchett/Pruett)  
Wednesday, November 16, 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  
Weilmuenster & Keck, P.C.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 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 and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of October 12, 2016 Minutes: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the October 12, 2016 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Surplus Equipment: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said there is nothing new on this.
3. New Electric Customers: Shane stated he has done nothing further on this.
4. IMEA Annual Meeting: Public Works Director John Tolan advised we were going to receive the Generation of the Year award. Kevin Gagen will come here to present the award.
5. Net Metering: Administrator Funderburg advised he received the policy today. In his opinion, it is not what they discussed. There are two ways to handle this now. One way is the current way our code is written, and that is a one for one credit. If they produce a kilowatt, it takes a kilowatt from their bill. The other way to do it is we would pay them the cost of the previous month's energy bill from IMEA of what they pushed out and issue a credit on their bill. Tony said the committee needs to decide which way to handle the credit. John said he is not opposed to the credit. Tony said right now Locis doesn't handle this type of billing. Those meters will have to be manually read. Right now, the village is capped at 2% and would probably not go over 5% if we ever had enough customers to get there.
6. Customer Issues: Nothing new.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. BHM&G Rate Review: Administrator Funderburg stated we have talked about the electric rates not being raised in quite some time. Currently, we are at 12 cents a kilowatt. By moving to a revenue neutral raise, it will balance our rate to 12 cents a kilowatt. There will not be large spikes in bills which will help our customers budget better. This will also make the power adjustment factor very small. Tony confirmed it is not a rate increase, it's actually where we are right now.
2. First Baptist Request to Attach to our Pole: Shane said the church on S. Monroe wants to attach an internet line and use our pole to do so. With our current ordinance, the pole attachment requirements are very strict on insurance, and Shane would like to bypass that and do this. He would like a recommendation from the committee. Shane said we would

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make the attachment to the pole because it would go across the alley. John advised he is fine with the request, and the committee agreed as well.

3. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1): Not needed.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet thanked Shane and all the electric department employees for the good job done.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager