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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING

(Blaies/Albers/Matchett/Pruett)

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dean Pruett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (5:50 p.m.), Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of September 14, 2016 Minutes: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the September 14, 2016 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Surplus Equipment: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised there is nothing new.
3. New Electric Customers: Shane said he got a list from Jane and will review it more thoroughly. We have 13 residents in the Village that are on Ameren, 9 are on Monroe County, which is a co-op.
4. IMEA Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is November 4th, Shane will not be able to attend. Tony explained it is an appreciation dinner and awards ceremony. Public Works Director John Tolan advised anyone can attend the board meeting which is on Friday at 1:00 p.m. and also take a tour of the building.
5. Matt Kirkwood Annexation: Attorney Manion will look at that agreement next week.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Customer Issues: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised we have a resident who installed solar on his home on Turkey Hill Lane by a company out of Kansas City. We gave the company a copy of our net metering policy. Shane advised the company that we don't pay the resident if his energy goes back into the grid. The solar company told the resident that he could bank his hours. John said we are a municipality and don't follow the same rules like public utilities such as Ameren. Our policy says you can't go over 10 kilowatts, and the resident wanted 17. Tony said in this instance, we were fine with the resident's request for 17 because he is at the end of our line and it doesn't affect our system. The resident received his bill, was very upset that he owed the money, and that we don't pay back. IMEA came down to see whether we were doing it right, and Tony reminded them that they were the ones that wrote our policy on net metering. Tony said Troy Fodor is also working on the issue. Tony told him not to pay the bill with this issue going on.

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Tony advised we may be forced to provide some type of pay back for customers putting energy back out. John said we may need to look at crediting some of residents their electric back to them. John said this will be a good discussion at IMEA in November. He will also see if other communities are charging a fee to solar customers as well as crediting some money back. Tony has received calls for other residents wanting solar so we need to get this figured out. John would like to come up with a document that the resident has to sign if they go solar, the Village does not pay back for everything pushed out. We would just credit the resident's account every month rather than let them bank. We still need to get with IMEA and what Troy is working on. Tony also said our code does not protect the aesthetics of the solar panels as well.

Shane said now that the Fall Festival is over, he is going to add receptacles around the trees in Village Park so all of the cords out there can be eliminated. He said they have been tree trimming and clearing lines. Andy has completed Level 1, and Matt is go to go take Level 1 later this month. Shane thanked the committee for sending him to the second year of the IPSI conference. It was time well spent. John has scheduled a meeting with BHMG to review rates. Tony said our goal is to stabilize or possibly lower our electric rate. We also want to get a good handle on the power cost adjustment factor.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager