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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Albers/Matchett/Pruett)
Wednesday, September 14, 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
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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 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 (absent), 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 August 10, 2016 Minutes: Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to approve the August 10, 2016 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Surplus Equipment: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised there is nothing new on this.
3. Variable Frequency Drives: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the variable frequency drives are working well and this is done.
4. South Loop Extension: Shane stated this project has been completed as well. We just added the Stehl's on that line, and everything went well.
5. New Electric Customers: Administrator Funderburg said we pulled a list of customers who have electric but are not annexed. We need to also look at the people who signed pre-annexation agreements. Tony believes there are around 12 of those. Shane will work with Jane to come with a list of the ones that don't have our power. Tony advised we would have to get Attorney Manion involved if we want to pursue the residents that don't have our electric. He stated Brian is very busy right now. Shane said the lots that split off from Mike Crowe can get our power.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. JF Electric Storm Restoration Rates: Administrator Funderburg said in the case of a true emergency or disaster, we have to have set contacts in place in order to get reimbursed by FEMA. We received this information from JF Electric and will incorporate that into our Emergency Operating Plan with ESDA. JF Electric has employees on call 24/7 and will be able to help us if we get in a bind. We are working towards getting more prepared with a contact base. John confirmed our mutual aid is free.
2. IMEA Power Sales Contract Revision: John advised IMEA increased their rates effective January 1, 2017 due to Ameren transmission increases. They explained it should be a wash to the communities since IMEA is saving in other places. Ameren is getting closer to our rate. John confirmed they only increase the rates when needed and not on a set schedule.

3. IMEA Annual Meeting: The meeting is scheduled for November 4th. We will have a sign up sheet available or let Tony know if you want to attend.
4. Matt Kirkwood Annexation: Tony advised he signed the petition to annex. Tony said Mr. Kirkwood wants to be reimbursed for the money he spent to have the electric run to his house. Julie prepared the annexation agreement with that language revised to reflect Mr. Kirkwood's request. She has emailed that agreement to Attorney Manion for review.

Shane advised we have three businesses that have added 3-phase services – Dollar Tree, Jacks Auto Wash and Professional Metal Works.

Shane stated we have a handle on one of the Caterpillar engines at the south sub that is going bad. It does not affect the runs at all. Altorfer performs the maintenance on them, and Shane is waiting on an estimate from them. He thinks it will be about \$2,000.

We also have a regulator in the sub station which failed. It does not affect the operation but we lost communication with them through Scada. If generating, the regulator would be handled manually. The cost to fix that is estimated at \$5,600. BHM&G is recommending going to a cheaper module but we will have to update some other hardware to make that happen.

Shane advised Parrish would like to know the cost to switch out the seven night lights by their storage units from sodium to LED. Shane said our sodium lights cost \$150 and the LED cost \$330. Shane suggested using IMEA grant money to do this in next year's program. We would also suggest a cost share program if they want to do them all at one time. Tony reminded everyone we own these lights. Trustee Blais suggested Parrish could pay the difference between the two lights. We would use the old ones in other parts of town. John said whatever we do, we need to make it a policy so it applies to everyone. John said we will come back with a policy that states we are moving to LEDs, a certain amount will be done each year, customer would be willing to pay difference in price and the rates would stay the same.

John said at a recent IMEA meeting, they talked about generation. Out of 20 communities that generate, 8 failed, and rather significantly. IMEA is concerned with the failure rate and is looking at possible joint trainings conducted by IMEA. John feels it is not IMEA's job to do that, and that it is the town's responsibility to have qualified people. We need to train on our machines not go somewhere else. John would prefer if BHM&G would conduct training here and have IMEA help offset the training costs. Shane said we exercise generation every month with all of our guys on it. John advised Jesse and Gregg are interested in learning the power plant and will get them involved as well.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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



Julie Polson
Office Manager