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NOTICE

MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Valentine/Smith/Miller)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, **Monday, October 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items To Be Discussed

A. Old Business

1. Approval of September 10, 2009 minutes
2. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power
3. Village of Freeburg utility needs analysis
4. Replacement of old power plant doors
5. Arc flash study
6. Dusk to Dawn lighting
8. Franchise Fee (Ameren)

B. New Business

C. General Concerns

D. Public Participation

E. Adjourn

At said Electric Committee Meeting, the Village Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (3)], litigation [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)] personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (1) a.]; or real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)].

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2009 by Chairman Corby Valentine. Committee members present were Chairman Corby Valentine, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Tony Miller, Mayor Ray Danford, Village Administrator Dennis Herzing and Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann. Guest present: Mike Blaies.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of September 10, 2009 minutes: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of September 10, 2009 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*
2. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Ron and Dennis had a telephone meeting with Ameren. Ameren wanted to postpone the meeting because they don't have all their numbers together. Dennis said Judge Reagan is on board, the one left on Turkey Hill Lane is Isom. He has talked to them and said one of their main concerns is getting underground power service as they are mainly concerned with reliability. Dennis told them our ultimate plan is to put everything underground. He said it might push them in our direction if we commit to move them up and put them underground by giving a date. Ron said it would probably cost around \$2,500 to put Isom underground. There would only be overhead lines from where we would connect the line (by Brauetigan's Orchards) to their home and also if they continue to have reliability problems, we could move them up on the priority list without promising an exact date. Ray commented they do have a fair amount of power outages. Steve asked if the Isoms don't agree to switch, does that prevent anyone else from switching. Dennis said no, and Ameren said they would have to figure out a way to feed them from the Orchards and that we would have to pay for it. The next meeting is November 4th.
3. Village Utility Needs Analysis: Ron said there is nothing new right now.
4. Replacement of old power plant doors: Ron received a quote from Commercial Door of \$3,298 which is the material portion for the two steel doors, one with card access at the power plant. The overall price is \$5,000 which includes installation. Tony thinks we should get some more quotes and would also like this quote broken down.
5. Arc flash study: Ron said there is nothing new on this.
6. Dusk to Dawn Lighting: Ron said we decided everything was okay and could take this item off the agenda.
7. Franchise Fee (Ameren): On hold for now.

B. NEW BUSINESS: Steve asked if Ron had a chance to think about what is involved with putting up the lights at the Village Park. Ron said we do have a service behind the statue and if we are doing just the spruce, we won't have a problem. Ron said if we end up expanding the lights, we may have to think about how we are going to get power to them. Mayor Danford asked Ron where it stands with IMEA retrofitting our generators with catalytic converters and Ron advised IMEA is going to test our engines dedicated to IMEA. They are going to try to prove we don't emit anything and use this to try and create a bill that would exempt the smaller municipalities. Ron said February would be the earliest this ruling could come down and we would have time before it takes effect.

Ron has been working with Verbal of BHM&G on the CAAPP permit (5 year permit) for the engines. With the new laws, Verbal asked if we could send the permit to Attorney LaDonna Driver who reviewed it and made changes to it. Some of the testing timeframes were changed. For example, if you get to 80% of your permit, you have to have daily testing of your units. That was taken out and changed to monthly. The fuel testing is new. We have to have certified tests of all the fuel that comes in from our supplier and if we don't, we have to test it, and guarantee a .05% sulfur content. Verbal said in a couple of weeks we will contact J.D. Street who is our supplier and make sure they will provide it so we don't have to do the testing. The final copy goes out for public comment in the next week and if approved, the permit will be issued by the end of the year. The permit is good for two years and costs \$5,000. Ron said he felt good that we had LaDonna Driver review the permit.

Ron said in our ordinance, it allows for a small three-phase customer to request they be put on Rate 1 (residential) for their service if they use less than 30,000 kwh per month rather than Rate 2 (commercial). The customer has to have a year's worth of history so we can see the customer's usage. We have about 70 customers that are three-phase. Jane felt everyone that is eligible should be put on Rate 1 and should tell the customers it is available. Dean Park calculated this about 5 years ago when the rate study was done and it was about \$2,000 per month difference. Dennis said we don't want to penalize someone because they don't know the rules. Ron said there was nothing ever publicized about this. Ron said there are probably around 10 that would not qualify for this. The committee agreed we should send a letter to the three-phase customers to advise them of this option. We should also notify the new customers of this service when they are applying for the new service. Corby said we can have a packet of information ready when someone comes in and applies for a three-phase service. Ron will bring back the ordinance and the number of customers it would affect.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Tony said Russ Huwer contacted him about some tree limbs going through the power line and asked if he should cut it or if we should. Ron said we would cut the limbs. There is also a rock lane on an easement and Mr. Huwer wanted to know if he could put additional rock down and the committee agreed that is fine. Corby has some concerns with what he is hearing about Prairie State and asked Ron if he has heard anything and he said no. Ron will check with IMEA to see if they have heard anything.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009 by Chairman Corby Valentine. Committee members present were Chairman Corby Valentine, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Tony Miller, Trustee Rita Baker, Village Administrator Dennis Herzing, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Mike Blaies.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 12, 2009 minutes: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of August 12, 2009 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*
2. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Corby said we had a meeting with Ron, Dennis and three gentlemen from Ameren yesterday. He said it was positive and sounded like we are moving forward. Dennis agreed and said it was obvious these guys have been instructed to negotiate. Dennis said they went through each customer that would be switched and had a number for us - \$250,000. Dennis thinks it will probably go to around \$150,000. This would include all of the Ameren customers - of which some include those on Rock Hill Lane, Turkey Hill Lane, Parrish, Holtzmann, Hamann, Freeburg Care Center, Pete Vogel, Helms, SAVE. The \$250,000 is Ameren's facilities only, it does not include their lost revenue. There are a couple of Ameren customers that we will need to talk to, to see if they are willing to switch. Ron said once this procedure is worked out, it will be the template for future switchovers. The next meeting with them is October 7th. Ron said we are looking at a spring switchover for these residents.
3. Village Utility Needs Analysis: Ron said there is nothing new right now.
4. Replacement of old power plant doors: Ron will continue to work on this item.
5. Arc flash study: Ron said there is nothing new on this.
6. Loss Control Inspection: Ron said we received our boiler machinery insurance renewal. Corby said this can be taken off the agenda.
7. Dusk to Dawn Lighting: Ron said we are identical to Mascoutah and Waterloo's guidelines on dusk to dawn lighting. We need to change the verbiage on the lights and will do that and bring it back in ordinance form at the next meeting.
8. Franchise Fee (Ameren): On hold for now.

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The resident from Sunset Ridge agreed to our proposal and signed the agreement. We will pull the wires and he will be responsible to take down the pole. Dennis did not contact any of the other neighbors.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

Ron said we have three items from IMEA to look at. The first one is the August electric bill which totaled \$241,422.77. Since there was a lower demand, the demand cost adjustment is higher than normal. Basically, we are paying more for using less power. We should be back to normal in September. The next topic is the impact of potential climate change legislation. This is for us to possibly put catalytic converters on our generators. IMEA has taken the position that climate change is inevitable but would like to sit down to create a bill that everyone can live with. IMEA would like to create a bill that would exempt the smaller municipalities. The third topic is the energy efficiency and conservation program. IMEA is coming out with an online home energy audit survey. We can have it personalized to Freeburg where it would have our rates, be customized to Freeburg's climate and be located on our website. It would show the resident what they would save on their energy bill each year if they installed compact florescent light bulbs (CFLs). The cost for this personalized survey would be \$875.00. Otherwise, we could have a link on our website directing them to IMEA's website but that would be a generic survey. IMEA is also providing 500 \$1.00 coupons for GE CFL light bulbs. The committee decided to offer one per resident on a first-come, first-serve basis and broadcast that information on the notification system. We will put the Village of Freeburg name on the coupon. Also, Freeburg will get approximately \$9400 from the DCEO energy efficient program to use on municipal buildings (air conditioning, lighting), schools or key accounts. See information attached on what it can be used for. If we don't use the \$9400, it goes back into the pot for other municipalities to use. We will probably get it ever year as long as the program is in place. Ron said Waterloo is going to spend it on energy efficient street lighting.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board the Village spend \$875 for the IMEA home energy survey specific to Freeburg and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: John asked what was going on with Prairie State and Obama's legislation. Ron said Doc has been to Washington several times with regard to the greenhouse gas emission issue. Prairie States doesn't come on until 2011 so they missed out on three years of credits. Ron said it will affect the bottom line cost of what comes out of Prairie State but said they won't be the only plants affected. The next summit with China and India may determine what happens with the Waxman bill. If those countries are willing to do something, the Waxman bill may pass.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager