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December 12, 2011

## NOTICE MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Blaies/Smith/Matchett)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, **Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.**

### ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

#### I. Items to be Discussed

##### A. Old Business

1. Approval of November 9, 2011 minutes and Executive Session minutes
2. Franchise Fee (Ameren)
3. Highway lighting
4. HAPS
5. Portable Generator repair and replacement
6. Fuel Cost Adjustment
7. Arc Flash Study
8. Spill containment/Wiegmann's expansion
9. Safety Training
10. Digger truck/Demo
11. American Tower Request
12. Spreadsheet of agreements
13. Work on electric poles/transformers behind grade school
14. Lineman position
15. Shed
16. Deerfield Trailer Court Electrical Problems/Repairs

##### B. New Business

1. Resident Utility Bill

##### 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  
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Ray Matchett, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Dennis Herzing and Office Manager Julie Polson.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 9, 2011 Regular and Executive Session minutes: Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the November 9, 2011 Regular Session and Executive Session minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.
2. Franchise Fee (Ameren): Dennis needs to see how many Freeburg residents are on Ameren power to see if the franchise fee would be worth pursuing
3. Highway lighting: John wants to hold off on this and check with other towns to see what they think of these new LED street lights.
4. HAPS: John said BHM&G is getting close to completion on this. Everything has been installed and tested. John said we have a couple days of testing to do and everything should be wrapped up within 4 - 6 weeks.
5. Portable Generator Repair and Replacement: Nothing new.
6. Fuel Cost Adjustment: Nothing new.
7. Arc Flash Study: John will ask Lincoln to get things moving. Dennis talked to IMEA on specialized training and Ed called him today advising there will be a seminar on this. Dennis said he would like to send as many guys as the budget will allow. The training will probably be held in Springfield and Dennis said it will be an extensive training session.
8. Spill containment/Wiegmann: Dennis said Dean Park has corresponded with Wiegmanns and Dean has not heard back from them. When he met with Mike and Rod from IMEA, they said not to worry about the funding. The project needs to be completed by spring of 2013.
9. Safety Training: Nothing new other than once we are settled in with the new insurance company, we will ask them about their safety training program.
10. Digger truck/demo: John said the Altec representative was out and we drew up the truck we'd like to have. The approximate cost is \$230,000. Dennis said the guys put together a truck that would be the most useful truck. Altec will come back down with the specs. John said if we ordered the truck today, we wouldn't see it until June which would hit the budget in the next fiscal year. We would probably look into a lease/purchase agreement with a longer term since we'll have the truck for 15 - 20 years.

11. American Tower Request: We have not heard back from American Tower.
12. Spreadsheet of agreements: Mike asked Julie to bring an updated spreadsheet to next month's meeting.
13. Work on electric poles/transformers behind grade school: John said we decided to wait until the new linemen were here before we completed this project. It is now scheduled to be done either 12/27 or 12/28.
14. Lineman position: Adam started work last Wednesday and Tyler started today. Item can be taken off the agenda. Julie will get the website updated.
15. Shed: Nothing new.
16. Deerfield Trailer Court Electrical Problems/Repair: Dennis sent the letter to Dave Self and John said it's been working well so far. Item can be taken off the agenda.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resident Utility Bill: The committee reviewed the resident's usage and noted there had been some other months with similar usage. John said the resident's son contacted him and asked if they could have a one-time waiver like we give for water issues. Dennis said that one-time waiver is for unexplained occurrences and we know what happened here. John also said if this is a renter, maybe the resident could talk to the landlord since the water heater broke. While we are sorry this happened to the resident, the power went through the meter and we have to pay for the power too. The committee denied the resident's request to lower the bill.

Dennis advised the committee the pool lights have been moved and Davinroy plans to start demolition work next week.

Dennis said Shane talked to him about placing security cameras on the utility poles behind the car wash. Dennis said he could use one of the pole agreements and draft an agreement between the Village and Shane for use of the pole at a yearly fee of \$10 per pole per year. The committee agreed with the request.

John would like to put money in the budget for Christmas decorations since some of ours are very old and need to be replaced. We could purchase some after Christmas to get a better price. Dennis is not sure if we have any money in this year's budget.

Dennis said he was contacted by IMEA regarding Ron's position on the board. Ron's 4-year term is expiring and Ron is required to go off the board for one year before he can go back on for another 4-year term. Dennis passed around a proposed resolution which would appoint a new director to the Board. Dennis suggested either John or himself for the director. John said he would like to see Dennis be the director but he would also go to the meetings. Dennis will advise Ron.

We received our annual IMUA membership renewal. Dennis said the dues are paid for by IMEA but they need to know our revenue numbers. The committee decided not to contribute to the scholarship fund. Mike said he would like to go to the customer choice seminar in Collinsville hosted by IMEA on January 12, 2012. Dennis said he and Jane plan on attending as well.

Steve asked if we could provide residents with a report showing their total usage for the year and Dennis will talk to Jane about it.

Dennis advised the committee that the Health Insurance Advisory Committee met recently because our agent was able to find some alternative plans after that initial meeting with the committee. He explained the difference between the original recommended plan and the new plan is the original plan has an embedded deductible while the new plan has an aggregate deductible. With the aggregate deductible, for everyone except single employees, the entire family has a \$10,000 deductible which needs to be met before the insurance covers anything. The premium with the aggregate deductible plan is approximately \$36,000 lower than the recommended plan. With the premium savings, the maximum exposure decreases to \$456,443 which is less than last year's total exposure of \$463,480. After we add in the two new employees, the total exposure in 2012 will be \$472,425. Dennis said the committee is revising their recommendation to adopt the new aggregate deductible plan with GHP and also to match the new deductible to this plan (\$5,000 for single employees and \$10,000 per family) without limiting individual family members to the \$5,000 reimbursement cap. The committee agreed with the Health Insurance Advisory Committee's recommendations.

C. **GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

D. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

E. **ADJOURN:** *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



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**ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Dennis Herzing and Office Manager Julie Polson.

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of October 12, 2011 minutes: Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the October 12, 2011 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried. Executive Session minutes for 8/12/09 and 2/12/09 were provided. Julie stated she had done an inventory of minutes and found these had not been presented for approval. Steve recommended them for approval since no other trustees were on the committee at that time.
2. Franchise Fee (Ameren): Dennis needs to see how many Freeburg residents are on Ameren power to see if the franchise fee would be worth pursuing
3. Highway lighting: John wants to hold off on this and check with other towns to see what they think of these new LED street lights.
4. HAPS: John said BHM&G is still working at the south plant. We received a call from IMEA asking when we will be exercising our generators this month. John said he has BHM&G working on unit #6. That unit is exercised quarterly and the rest of the generators are exercised on a monthly basis. We have scheduled the units to be exercised on 11/22/11 and BHM&G will be out here at that time. John said we needed to get going on this so we don't lose our generation credits for November. The committee briefly discussed the letter from IMEA regarding bills being introduced into Congress regarding NESHAP.
5. Portable Generator Repair and Replacement: Nothing new.
6. Fuel Cost Adjustment: Nothing new.
7. Arc Flash Study: Ongoing.
8. Spill containment/Wiegmann: Dennis said Dean Park has corresponded with Wiegmanns and he is waiting on them to measure loads at different areas of the plant.
9. Safety Training: John said we are working on setting up another safety training session with our IMLRMA representative. Julie asked our rep to check into a certified trenching and shoring class.
10. Digger truck/demo: John said our guys went to Waterloo to look over a truck they have. It is smaller than the Altec truck we had for a day. The guys would like a little smaller truck with four-wheel drive. John is going to sit down with the rep and actually design a truck and see what it

costs. He thinks it's going to run between \$180,000 to \$190,000. The larger truck that Mascoutah has costs around \$250,000. Dennis said it would make sense to finance the purchase over 6 or 7 years rather than a shorter term of 2 - 3 years since we'll have the truck for 15 - 20 years.

11. American Tower Request: We have not heard back from American Tower.

12. Spreadsheet of agreements: Mike asked Julie to bring an updated spreadsheet to next month's meeting.

13. Work on electric poles/transformers behind grade school: John said we switched over the old portion of the grade school and we have scheduled the remainder of the work to be done on 11/22. John said we'll also need to install a new service for the old bus garage. We will send a letter to Tomi Diefenbach on that.

14. Lineman position:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
6:00 P.M.**

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to enter into Executive Session citing personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1)a and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED  
6:23 P.M.**

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to end the Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried. The regular session of the Electric Committee resumed at 6:23 p.m.*

15. Professional Metal Works purchase of lot: Dennis has not heard back from Dennis Kaiser. Item can be taken off the agenda.

16. North Power Plant Damage: John said they installed a pole with a motion security light and 1st Choice Fencing was out yesterday to repair the damage. The police department has added extra patrols in that area. Item can be taken off the agenda.

17. Shed: John said we met with Ron yesterday and he gave some ideas on the design of the shed. Dennis will put together a design.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:** John said we've had the ongoing issue with Deerfield Trailer Court and electrical problems and repairs. He is questioning why are they on our lines from the pole to the meter? John said every other place in town, we always go to the meter. Dennis and John talked about taking over the maintenance and repair of all of the lines and poles like we do everywhere else. John said this way everything will be put in correctly and should alleviate a lot of the problems. The Committee agreed and Dennis will send a letter to Dave Self about this.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Julie Polson, Office Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 11-11

A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to Serve as a Director of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the Village of Freeburg

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeburg is a Member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeburg is allowed a Member on the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the representative to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors from the Village of Freeburg.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS, THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011.

Vote Recorded:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Raymond Danford, Village President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Menard, Village Clerk

Approval as to Legal Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Attorney