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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, **Tuesday, December 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items To Be Discussed

A. Old Business

1. Approval of November 13, 2008 minutes
2. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power
3. Village of Freeburg utility needs analysis
4. Electric meter replacement and financing
5. Warning sirens
6. Replacement of old power plant doors
7. Harbor Pointe at Westview Lake
8. Lighting on highway north of town

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
Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2008 by Chairman Corby Valentine. Committee members present were Chairman Corby Valentine, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Tony Miller, Administrator Dennis Herzing, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of October 8, 2008 minutes: Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the minutes of October 8, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

2. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Dennis advised Joe Stock is ready to go. Ameren was sent notice last week that Joe Stock wants to switch over to Freeburg power. Dennis will call Joe next week to have him start calling Ameren to try to push his request along. Public Works Director Dintelmann said he will have Dr. Vick ready next week. He also said there are other residents wanting to switch over---Himstedt, but his would require 400 - 500 feet of primary to get him ready. Matt Koerber is also ready and would require about 100 feet of primary.

3. Village Utility Needs Analysis: Nothing new to report.

4. Electric meter replacement and financing: Dennis said the electric department probably doesn't need to finance the meter purchasing since we are talking about \$120,000. Dennis asked Bryan to look into financing on the \$300,000 and can borrow a 3-year note at 4% which works out to about a \$9,000 a month payment. Ron said he and Dennis talked about borrowing from other funds but Ron said if we have other projects we are looking at doing, we may not want to borrow from the other funds. Corby said we need to sit down as a board and see if this is the right thing to do. Ron asked for direction on what to do with the meters, i.e. go with all new radio read meters, or just replace the failing ones through attrition. Corby said he felt it was the right thing to do in the future but maybe not right now. Dennis said if we don't do a full scale replacement, we will need to do something to fix the ones that are failing right now. Ron will go back to the company to see if we can work out a program to replace the meters on a 3- to 4-year program. Ron said we would have to buy the \$17,000 system up front and we have enough money in the budget to do that. Dennis said to keep in mind we already have \$40,000 in the budget for this year so we would only be looking at borrowing about \$260,000. John said we are also having a problem with the handheld as well as the failing meters. We will have to operate with two software systems if we don't replace all

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of the meters at once. Tony thinks if we don't do the whole thing, we are defeating the purpose. Corby asked the Water/Sewer committee to decide how they want to move forward with it. Ron said if they don't want to do it, he doesn't want to do the electric. Ron will call the guys to see how much the meter cost would increase if we want to go to a 3- to 4-year program of purchasing the meters.

5. Warning sirens: Ron advised the radio is in and Shane was going to install it today. It will be tested to make sure it is in working order.

6. Replacement of old power plant doors: Nothing new to report.

7. Harbor Pointe at Westview Lake: Dennis advised he and Ron need to talk to Gale. He has not heard anything from either Gale or Meise on the problem with the intersection.

Ron advised that BHM&G has issued the \$5,000 credit and copy of their letter is attached to the packet.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Waiver of late fees for Sonny Grider: Dennis advised the committee Mr. Grider was in a bad accident and does not have any family in the area to pay his bill. He requested the late fees on his account be waived. The committee had no problem with this request.

Ron received a request from Frank Anderson to install a temporary electric meter to run his Christmas lights. After discussion by the committee, it was decided not to get into personal property requests such as this and denied his request. Ron brought up the crosswalks at Apple & Belleville Streets and also the ones on the highway, stating they are constantly changing the bulbs. Shane had the idea to switch the lights to LED. The cost to do this would be approximately \$2,744 each for the ones on the highway and \$5,611 for the Apple & Belleville Street crosswalk. Ron would like to contact the County to see if they would pay half of the cost of the Apple & Belleville Streets crosswalk. Ron advised we do have money in the budget to pay for this. The committee agreed to write the County to see if they will agree to re-lamp the crosswalk. Ron has decided to change uniform companies to Clean Uniform. The approximate cost will be \$110.51 per week at a five-year contract.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to recommend to the full Board the Village of Freeburg accept the uniform contract with Clean Uniform and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Tony said there is a solar light out at SWIC that he thought would work at the crosswalk on Old Fayetteville Road. Ron said he will go out and take a look at it. Ron said he has a few items that he would like the committee to think about: lighting the highway north of town and putting that money in next year's budget. Ron also brought up the decorative lights and it was

suggested to him they be continued north to Main Street. He said that would take about 10 - 15 more lights at an approximate cost of \$2,500 each. To extend the regular lights from Peabody north to the city limits, that was about \$30,000 which includes the poles and regular lights. Corby asked for Ron to lay out the pricing and what he wants to do. Ron said we need to replace Clark's bucket truck at an approximate cost of \$100,000 and to keep that in mind for next year's budget. Tony asked if all the banners are down and Ron said they finished that today.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet Baechle asked if the uniform company can raise the prices during the 5-year contract and Ron advised they are set.

ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager