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January 12, 2026

NOTICE
MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items to be Discussed

A. Old Business
1. Approval of December 10, 2025 Minutes
2. Customer Issues
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant
4. Socket Fiber

B. New Business
1. Breaker Replacement

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)], collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(2) or real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)].

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling (5:32), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Directors John Tolan & Chris Remick, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 12, 2025 Minutes: *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the November 12, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan said there was an outage on a pole at SAVE site for their lift station.

3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Village Administrator Matt Trout said nothing new. He said IMEA did hire Doug Brown as the new CEO, he will replace Kevin Gaden on April 1, 2026.

4. Head Lineman – Possible Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)1: Matt said he, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser and Chairperson Mike Blaies met with Lineman Max Sallman, as he was the only one that applied. He said they met with him and went over everything. He asked if anyone had any questions or felt the need to go into an executive session. If not, we would need a motion to send to the full Board.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board moving Max Sallman to the Head Lineman Position, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

John said the breaker for the south sub came in and he and Max will coordinate with VIP Power to install. He said it will require 2 outages, ½ the town one day and the other ½ the next day. We will get public notice out on when that will be and get a better estimate on how long it will take.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Socket Fiber: Matt said he, John and Tim met with Socket Fiber a few months ago and they have since reached out and said they are interested in working on an agreement to run fiber through Freeburg. He asked if it is something the Board is interested in looking

into further. He said he thinks it would be a benefit to our town. Trustee Lisa Meehling feels we should hear a little more before we make a decision and Matt said he would arrange for Socket Fiber to come in and speak.

2. Village Liability Insurance Renewal: Matt said the proposal for the renewal is in the packet. He said it is about a 9.26% increase, which equates to about $27,848. A couple things that led to this is the market lift, claim activity, and outstanding litigation. He discussed each of these. He mentioned property values are up and a 5% contra-inflation was added, payroll increases, and new equipment. Initially it was an 18% increase and they were able to get it down to 9.26%. He went through and highlighted a few items. There was discussion on whether getting an appraisal would be beneficial.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board Village Liability Insurance Renewal, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Transfer Money from Insurance Stability Fund to Health Savings Accounts: Matt said the Health Savings Accounts have been set-up as part of the November 1st renewal. We need approval in order for us to put the $5,000 per employee into the HSA, as it is the employees, but does come from the Village.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board $5,000 per employee Transfer of Money from the Insurance Stability Fund to the Health Savings Accounts as of November 1st, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Matt said we will have an executive session as it pertains to legal but we can move that to the end of the Streets Committee meeting.

John said they had the annual dielectric testing on all of our bucket trucks and equipment. The radiator fan motor went out on Unit 10. We were able to get a new one and got it recertified with IMEA before the end of the month. He said they did generate today for the monthly exercising and everything went smoothly.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Mary Downen
Office Manager