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IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07, THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE ZOOM CLOUD MEETING APPLICATION AND CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

Meeting ID 447 872 7673

Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4478727673>

We ask the public to mute their phone or mic until Public Participation
If you have any questions, please contact Matt Trout at mtrout@freeburg.com

March 8, 2021

NOTICE MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Blaies/Albers/Heap/Meehling)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, on **Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items to be Discussed

A. Old Business

1. Approval of February 10, 2021 Minutes
2. Customer Issues
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant
4. North Substation CAT Work/PLC Unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement
5. Unit #6 Circuit Breaker Repair
6. Project #21-01: Breaker Repair and Upgrade
7. Daily Power Plant Checks

B. New Business

1. Executive Session to Discuss Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(11)

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/Albers/Heap/Meehling) Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 201 by Chairperson Mike Blaies via the Zoom application. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Village Hall was open to the public, and there were no guests present. Guest present via Zoom: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 13, 2021 Minutes: Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the January 13, 2021 minutes and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said they turned off the power during the fire in Deerfield. There was also a customer advising they only had half power that was addressed. Julie advised the claim for \$4,800 for the accident behind Shaffer Tire was paid in full without having to submit it to our insurance company.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Shane confirmed we have been paid for our LED lights. He does not have any other information on residents or businesses requesting reimbursement.
4. North Substation CAT Work/PLC Unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Shane said we had previously received a quote from the company that built the system (ISO) for \$167,657 for units 10,11 and 12. BHM&G has provided us with a quote the same units at \$167,196. They also provided an option for both substation units to communicate more effectively which include units 10, 11 and 12 from the north sub and units 8 and 9 from the south sub for a total of \$336,629. Shane said this has been on our radar to address and knows this has been an area of concern. He recommends BHM&G because of the level of service they provide to us. Shane commented their response time during emergencies is very good. Trustee Albers asked for Chuck from BHM&G to present their proposal at an upcoming meeting. Shane said there are a few other IMEA communities that have this program in place, and he would like to see them. This project will also be discussed at the budget meeting.
5. Unit #6 Circuit Breaker Repair: John, Shane and Attorney Keck worked with BHM&G on their monetary contribution the unit #6's repair. They have agreed to pay \$15,000 towards future service work. Attorney Keck believes this is fair and advised us to accept the offer. John does not want to ruin the good working relationship we have with them. John will have BHM&G put the terms in writing, and he will bring it back to the board.

6. Monroe County Approval to Transfer Electric at 5939 Country Side Lane: We have received their approval to transfer the electric to us.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #21-01: Breaker Repair and Upgrade: Shane advised they check the breakers on a daily or monthly basis. We discovered some issues on two breakers. Shane sent them off to be repaired at the Fenton plant. They could not fix them and sent them to their main to the Fenton plant for repair, and they were unable to fix them. Eaton sent them to their main office for repair. Shane advised these are spare breakers and are only made by Eaton. The cost to buy a new breaker is \$75,000 - \$100,000. The repair would cost \$14,717 with a 7 – 8 week repair time.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to recommend to the full Board Eaton Corporation's Proposal STK5-210114-01-BG to repair the breakers at a cost of \$14,717 and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Daily Power Plant Checks: Shane provided a printout of the daily power plant substation checks they conduct every morning. He advised this originally started with our insurance company, Liberty Mutual, requiring the checks to be done in certain increments. With that, Shane started doing daily checks on his own. They found several issues during these daily checks including the Eaton breakers, bad heaters in the control room and the air compressor. They caught them before it became an issue. He is requesting that the daily checks extend through the weekend and holidays. That would add approximately \$13,215 to the budget. Tony asked that this also be further discussed at the budget meeting.

3. Cat Generator Contract Upgrades: Discussed above.

John advised Erie Insurance (Ehrecht Plumbing's insurance company) was at the south plant today with two of their mechanical adjusters regarding unit 6. They gave us the approval to have the motors looked at to see if they need to be dried out or address any other issues. We filed a notification only report with our insurance company, and John commented he provides status updates to them.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet questioned her streetlights again, and the trustees reminded her the streetlights' function is to light the streets and intersections. Janet wants her sidewalks to have better lighting.

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



Julie Polson
Office Manager