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March 7, 2008

## 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, March 11, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.**

### ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

#### I. Items To Be Discussed

##### A. Old Business

1. Approval of January 9, 2008 minutes
2. South Circuit Contract update/Lugge easement
3. Power Plant update
4. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power
5. Generators
6. Village of Freeburg utility needs analysis
7. Streetlights north of town on Rt. 13/15

##### B. New Business

1. St. Joseph's transformers

##### 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 Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 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 January 9, 2008 minutes: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of January 9, 2008 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*
2. South Circuit Contract/Lugge easement: Ron spoke to Jim Lugge who said he was not happy with the placement of the easement. It would break up the strip of property. As an alternative, Ron is going to obtain an easement from Parrish and will meet with him shortly to go out and review the placement of the easement. Jim Lugge was fine with the revised placement of the easement. Ron advised they will start working on the south circuit shortly as the weather is improving.
3. Power Plant: Ron had a conversation with Altorfer and Dean Park today. The new control panel is in the process of being tested. Ron confirmed no testing has been done out at the plant yet. That should be done next week. Ron also advised there was a water leak in the roof and the basement and Korte has been out and fixed both leaks.
4. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Ron is setting up a meeting within the next week or so for Todd Masten and Kelly Bosa to come out to discuss the demolitions costs with Ron and Dennis. Specifically, they will go out and look at the customers who have requested Freeburg power and see what is involved in doing so. Ron stated it might be cheaper for us to buy Ameren's lines and tear them down ourselves rather than paying Ameren to take it out.
5. Generators: Ron advised Meadowbrook has been converted over and Woodsvew is next. Ron said that Shane went to Waterloo to see how they had their system set up. We have our portable generators set up exactly the same so if we have a major outage, we can borrow equipment from Waterloo and vice versa.
6. Village Utility Needs Analysis: Dean Park will be meeting with Ron and Dennis on March 19th to review his preliminary report. His only comment was it looked good. Ron stated he would like to get Troy Foder more involved once this project moves forward.

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7. Streetlights north on 13/15: Dennis said Sergeant Burrows went out and looked at the intersections in question and agreed that they need lights. The committee agreed and Ron will get out there in the next couple of weeks and get them installed.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. St. Joseph's transformer: Ron explained with a larger parish center being built, they will need a larger transformer than the previous one they had. A 300 kVA transformer will cost approximately \$9,070 and with our cost-sharing program we have in effect, St. Joseph's would pay \$3,535 towards the purchase of that transformer. This is a one-time fee the customer pays. Ron stated the estimated life of a transformer is 50 years. He also said he can't remember another situation where we have given a trade-in credit on a transformer. The committee agreed that we have a good program in place and agreed not to give a trade-in credit.

Ron said he was approached by Dave Favre, Jr., asking if he would get any money back on the transformer from the old pharmacy being torn down. The committee also agreed not to give a credit. Ron said the existing transformer might be too big for the new building and the committee agreed to let it sit and if the new owners can use it, that's what will be done.

The letter from IDOT regarding the traffic signals being updated to LED lights was discussed. We only have three traffic lights and two of those already have the LED light. IDOT requested the agreement be executed and returned to them but did not give any price on the project. The committee directed Dennis to find out how much it was going to cost and get back to them.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:**

Ron said in his conversation with Dean Park, Dean stated he thought the franchise fee was legal. Ron checked with Carlyle and they have a 5% franchise fee in effect. By the figures Dennis presented, we are well in excess on our debt service coverage, a copy of which is attached. It shows that for the year 2007, our debt service was \$444,220.53 and we had \$968,767 in revenues available.

Corby stated he would like to address the proposed electric budget. Dennis advised the electric fund is almost balanced between revenue and expense. Trustee Smith asked about the radio read meters, 53-40-843, which has a proposed budget of \$110,000.00. Ron said that number can be taken down to \$90,000. It will be spread out over a 3-year period so that number can be changed to \$30,000. The next item questioned was the skid steer, 53-40-831, budgeted at \$10,000. That item can be leased for \$20,000 per year and spread out over the four departments, of which the electric department will be charged \$3,000 per year. The next line item addressed was meter reading, 53-40-535. Since we have decided to have the Village public works department employees read the meters, we can take out the \$8,000.00 budgeted. Tony questioned the \$19,000 in legal fees. Tony wants to see the legal bills and Steve requested they be put in the finance committee packets. Dennis advised that the legal fees are also spread out over the departments. Dennis pointed out on electricity purchases, 53-40-576, the projected

current year amount will increase from 2,000,000 to 2,005,500. Line item 53-40-835, generators, lift station, in the amount of \$10,000 can be taken out since that was the generator for Woodsvlew and we are not purchasing that one because of the permitting issues. Corby stated he would like to find a way to build up the other funds so the electric fund can build up their own reserves.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle stated she is very upset that the auditors did not catch this mixup with the franchise fee earlier and Dennis provided her with a brief background of what happened. Janet also asked if there were any other local attorneys that we could be using instead of one in Belleville. Trustee Miller stated we need an attorney that has municipal experience.

**ADJOURN:** *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 by Chairman Corby Valentine. Committee members present were Chairman Corby Valentine, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Tony Miller, Trustee Charlie Mattern, Mayor Ray Danford, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Administrator Dennis Herzing, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Dave Stephens of BHM&G.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of December 12, 2007 minutes: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

2. South Circuit Contract/Lugge easement: Ron spoke to Jim Lugge who said all is settled with the estate and everyone agrees with the easement. However, he requested the easement be placed on the east side of the strip of land. Ron contacted Gale Hake today to get the legal description revised.

3. Power Plant: Ron invited Dave Stephens to the meeting to explain why Altorfer is billing the Village of Freeburg \$39,854.00 to fix the load sharing problem between the north and south power plants. Dave stated BHM&G anticipated the load share lines would work with ISO and that didn't happen. ISO came up with a proposal to fix the problem and BHM&G decided to go with Altorfer. Dennis questioned if everyone understood that this is how we wanted the system to work from the very beginning. Dave Stephens said their specs did not include the current operation system at the plant and that their intent was to address that when a vendor was chosen. Dave further stated they assumed Altorfer would know the plants would share the load. It was agreed that Altorfer should have known about this as they had worked at the old plant. The trustees agreed that of the \$39,854 billed by Altorfer, we would be responsible to pay the material costs anyway. Ron advised the committee it is going to take approximately eight weeks to get the new panel system from Altorfer. The committee decided to fix the problem and Ron will talk to Altorfer to see if they will do the work and address the payment issue later.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board to accept Altorfer's bid to install the new panel and system testing to fix the switchgear problem at the power plants in the amount of \$39,854.00 to include a one-year satisfactory performance clause and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

4. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Ron talked to Ameren who has requested a list of the costs for customers who are ready to switch over to our power. They want us to share

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in the cost of tearing down their facilities. Dennis asked how Ameren would feel if we do the demolition at our expense and then have Ameren can come in and take out what they want. Ron doesn't believe they would want to do this. After further committee discussion, it was decided to call Ameren one more time with regard to switching Dr. Vick over to Freeburg power.

5. Generators: Ron advised this is in process.
6. Village providing gas to residents: Dean Park has requested information and will have the results within 60 days of receipt of that information.
7. Tony asked about streetlights north of town on 13/15 around the Smith home. The committee decided to send Mel out and review the situation from a safety standpoint. Lights could be installed at intersections if a safety issue exists.

- B. NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**ADJOURN:** *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager

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we need the ELECTRIC  
MATERIALS & LABOR ESTIMATE  
FOR ST. JOE'S PARISH CTR.

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150 KVA	\$ 5293. <sup>00</sup>	} 2000 <sup>00</sup>	300
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			3835 <sup>00</sup>

GARY BOCKHOFF - will use \$ 5,000 Allowance

and him I will take credit to elect  
committee for July.

COVERAGE TABLE

The projected debt service coverage on the Bonds (based on certain sources as noted herein) is summarized as follows:

FISCAL YEARS ENDED MARCH 31	NET ESTIMATED REVENUES <sup>(1)</sup>	DEBT SERVICE	COVERAGE
2007	<del>768,767</del> \$820,599	\$444,220.53	1.85% <i>2.18%</i>
2008	786,608	439,783.76	1.79%
2009	786,608	442,958.76	1.78%
2010	786,608	440,588.76	1.79%
2011	786,608	442,826.26	1.78%
2012	786,608	444,601.26	1.77%
2013	786,608	440,781.26	1.78%
2014	786,608	441,531.26	1.78%
2015	786,608	441,651.26	1.78%
2016	786,608	441,121.26	1.78%
2017	786,608	445,061.26	1.77%
2018	786,608	443,261.26	1.77%
2019	786,608	440,908.76	1.78%
2020	786,608	442,993.76	1.77%
2021	786,608	444,298.76	1.77%
2022	786,608	444,808.76	1.77%
2023	786,608	444,508.76	1.77%
2024	786,608	443,383.76	1.77%
2025	786,608	441,418.76	1.78%
2026	786,608	443,700.00	1.77%

(1) Source: Figures provided by Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende, Inc. as of October, 2005. See "FEASIBILITY STUDY" herein. See also, APPENDIX C. Depreciation has been subtracted from operating revenue.