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April 9, 2010

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, April 13, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items To Be Discussed

A. Old Business

1. Approval of March 10, 2010 minutes
2. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power
3. Village of Freeburg utility needs analysis
4. Replacement of old power plant doors
5. Franchise Fee (Ameren)
6. Christmas decorations
7. Highway lighting
8. Poles in Smithton Park
9. Penalty on utility bills
10. HAPS
11. Ball Diamond work request

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 Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:33 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 by Chairman Corby Valentine. Committee members present were Chairman Corby Valentine, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Tony Miller, Trustee Charlie Mattern, Village Administrator Dennis Herzing, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Mike Blaies, Mark Janssen, Tomi Diefenbach and Janet Baechle.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to amend the agenda so guests Mark Janssen and Tomi Diefenbach could be heard and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Mark Janssen and Tomi Diefenbach were present to discuss the outstanding utility bill for the property located at 3 Lincoln Court that was recently purchased by District #70. The current amount due for that location is \$492.65. Dennis had Jane compute the utilities at cost and that totaled \$308.98. Dennis explained we did not file a lien on the property because we were informed by the school that they would take care of the outstanding utility bill at the closing. He went on to say that we have title companies contact us a lot of times to see if there are any outstanding bills on a property. We assumed the school district was taking care of that since they told us the bill would be taken care of. Mark said he didn't think it was the school's responsibility to notify the title company. Corby explained that we don't turn utilities on for a property until any outstanding bill is paid. He further said we want to work this out and settle the matter and that is why we are offering to reduce the bill to \$308.98. Ms. Diefenbach said she will go back to the school board and present this. The school board's next meeting is March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Corby advised once the school board has made a decision, it will have to be taken to our board for a decision.

Mark then questioned the change in the 3-phase electric service and asked how the information in the original ordinance was provided to the customers. No-one on the Electric Committee was on the board at that time and couldn't answer that question. Corby explained that the committee felt it was the right thing to do by making the change automatic for the affected customers. Mark asked if a retroactive credit would be issued and the committee said no, the ordinance was not retroactive.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 10, 2010 minutes: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of February 10, 2010 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

2. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Dennis said he and Ron met with Jason Kline of Ameren and went to all the areas that didn't match the list. Ameren is in the process of correcting their list. Dennis will call Todd Masten to see when that will be done. Dennis further said we have are about \$480,000 under budget in the electric department so we won't have to cash in any cd's when paying for this project.
3. Village Utility Needs Analysis: Dennis said Ameren has called about this.
4. Replacement of old power plant doors: Nothing new.
5. Franchise Fee (Ameren): Waiting on this until negotiations with Ameren regarding the switchover of customers is done.
6. Christmas decorations: Julie and Ron are still working on this.
7. Highway lighting: With the weather clearing up, Ron will start on this project short and get started with lighting the intersections.
8. Poles in Smithton Park: The committee discussed this and had liability concerns with our guys doing work in another town. They felt there were three options: 1) do nothing; 2) do it for a small fee; or 3) do it at no cost.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Penalty on utility bills: Not discussed.
2. Budget: Dennis advised the electric department came in under budget. Dennis has been working on the budget for FY2011 and should have it done by the end of the week.

Ron advised the HAPS (Hazardous Air Pollution Standards) Rule for engines is out. This means catalytic converters would be required for engines 6, 8 and 9 at the new power plant at a cost of \$50,000 each for a total of \$150,000. Ron said if we don't do this, we would lose our generation credit from IMEA which totals approximately \$328,000. Ron said he does not know if the converter will work on units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 at the old power plant. He said units 1 - 4 are basically done and doesn't think it is practical to put converters on these units since we would only gain about 1 megawatt. He thinks we should probably put a converter on the #7 unit. If we add converters to 6, 7, 8 and 9, that should put us at approximately 13 megawatts. Ron also said a new Caterpillar would cost about \$900,000. He said this is being driven by the EPA and that we need to make a decision very soon. A construction permit would be required and everything needs to be put on the same permit. Ron would like BHM&G to do the engineering study on this and we will also need an opinion letter from LaDonna Driver.

Ron received a request from Jerry Menard to do some repair work to the lights at the ball diamonds. Ron said the work requested would take 1 - 2 days for the public works department to complete. The committee wants the request to come from the Park District.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet gave Dennis some information about battery recycling. Dennis advised St. Pauls will be taking over the aluminum can recycling.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



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MEMO:

To: Jerry Menard

From: Dennis R. Herzing, P.E., Village Administrator *DRH*

CC: Mayor Danford, Electric Committee

Date: 3/17/10

Re: **Ball Diamond work request**

The work request you submitted to Ron for maintenance of the lights at the ball diamonds was discussed briefly at the last meeting of the electric committee. The committee feels that, since this request involves a considerable amount of work on equipment which actually belongs to the park district, there should be a written request from the district to the village. Upon receipt of the district's request, the electric committee will consider how it will respond.