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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  
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May 8, 2023

## **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, May 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

### **ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Items to be Discussed
  - A. Old Business
    - 1. Approval of April 12, 2023 Minutes
    - 2. Customer Issues
    - 3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant
    - 4. New Transformer at 807 N. State
  - B. New Business
    - 1. Cemetery Road Line Extension
  - 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, April 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. 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, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson (via Zoom). Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

### A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 15, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the March 15, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yeas, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported we fared well with all the storms. There was a broken pole on S. Richland, and we were able to keep the power on while that was replaced. We had a limb on a service on E. Mill, and a bad connection not related to the storm on Phil Kate. Public Works Director John Tolan advised of an outage on south side of Southgate with 4 duplexes out due to a cutout fuse where the older porcelain insulated line cracked. We also had an arrestor blow at the lagoon blowing a couple of fuses. He commented on the correct procedure to report an outage rather than posting it on Facebook.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan nothing new to report other than Ace received their check. Matt and Shane provided information to the owner of the Dori Marine property.
4. Generator Upgrades: Shane worked out all the kinks that we had with the import mode being the big issue. Testing was performed on all engines, with all of our electric crew present. The last invoice was received and paid this week. This is now complete.
5. New Transformer at 807 N. State: Shane said he ordered the transformer one specific to that place. We will put the larger one in place until the new transformer comes in.

Shane asked if we created any agreement for infrastructure purchasing. Tony said that is in our code, and John will look into it.

- B. NEW BUSINESS:** Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised we have someone on Old Fayetteville Road who wants to install solar, and doesn't think the village is doing their part. He has a meter on both his shed and house and wants to put solar on his shed which doesn't use very much. He thinks the village should change how we bill it, and is trying to take his

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problem and make it our problem. Matt gave him options and told him there is a process to this by completing the net metering application. His option would be at his cost which is the issue. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated we have a very well written policy and it is a great system.

Shane advised Paden is up for his step 4 increase. He has completed the time and the class, and he is recommending this. His next step will be journeyman lineman.

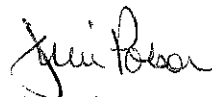
*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board Paden Muskopf be promoted to Step 4 at an hourly rate of \$33.04 retroactive to March 22, 2023, and a rate increase effective April 1, 2023 at \$33.95, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

John said at the last meeting, they were advised the Sierra Club is suing Prairie State saying they don't have the proper EPA operating permit. John said there is a lot of changing of the guard with Dale Detmer from Breese, Dick Simon from Rock Falls, Tim Burk from Waterloo, and Rick Ebel from Metropolis leaving.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet received letter from IESMA, and she sent them a letter about Freeburg. She received notice from them that they selected her nomination and are receiving award. Janet said everyone is invited. It will be held in Springfield.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:51 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager