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ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
October 10, 2017
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
6:30 P.M.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jamie Lyford, Sandra Coleman & Glenn Dion
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Lee Nichols, Linda Pack, Steve Foley and Tejasinha Sivalingam
- CALL TO ORDER:** Sandra Coleman opened the meeting at 6:34 P.M.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- MINUTES:**
- Glenn made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of September 25, 2017. Jamie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
- Glenn made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of September 26, 2017. Jamie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
- Jamie made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of October 4, 2017. Glenn seconded the motion. Vote: Jamie - yes, Glenn - yes and Sandra - abstained. Motion passed.
- OLD BUSINESS:** Tejasinha gave a follow-up from the Board of Selectmen regarding the discussion from the last meeting about the new Garage Building. After much discussion between the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen he stated the Chair made the decision not to have a meeting with the Electric Commissioners. The Commissioners and Highway Dept. needed an answer by Friday Oct. 13, 2017 in order to obtain the services of a contractor otherwise the work cannot be done until Spring. Sandra stated per the Selectmen's previous request to have questions submitted in writing she would like the Board of Selectmen to submit any questions they may have for the Commissioners in writing. Whatever happens with the runoff/swale will be on the Board of Selectmen.



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Discussion ensued regarding the new Budget layout and most of the budget items were fine except New Hampton dollar amount was increased to \$6000. The board asked Linda to talk to the Post Office about doing away with the postage meter and just purchasing stamps. Linda will contact the Postmaster regarding this issue. The Commissioners also asked for Revenues to be put in the Commission Boxes and provide Year to Date Revenues and do projections as well.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT:**

Lee stated he would like to find out what the cost would be for the Cement Blocks for starting the retaining wall on the upper side to take care of the remaining Coal Ash per DES recommendations. Glenn recommended checking with Gilberts and Pearson both for pricing on the Cement Blocks. However, he wants to wait until spring on the retaining wall so a contractor could be hired to do the entire project.

Lee went over the Vermont Public Power Contracts with the Board and the new Superintendent.

Lee advised the Commissioners that Garrett had applied for the Lineman #2 job and he was the only applicant. The Commissioners approved an increase in pay to \$18.30 starting on October 15th.

The body work on the new pickup truck has been completed. Lee checked on prices for the Tool Boxes that Jamie wanted for the new pickup truck but they were quite expensive. Lee stated he felt the purchase should be postponed until next year after the new Superintendent takes over. Glenn agreed and the consensus was to wait until next year and possibly get a utility body for the truck instead of tool boxes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve would like to put together a future plan for work projects that need to be done and gave a brief explanation to the board on how he would accomplish this.



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Jamie will pick up the two new cell phones for the Linemen on call on October 25th. These types of phones will not be available next year as they are being phased out.

Sandra stated the two transformers that were leaking oil were switched out. The brush and bushes from around the Transformers at her Association on North Ashland Road have all been cleared out. Branches need to be cleared from around several lights on North Ashland Road as well. Lee stated two transformers were also leaking at the Meredith Village Savings Bank and he is hoping to change them out next Saturday after the bank closes at noon.

Payroll and Accounts Payable signed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM. Jamie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack
Ashland Electric Department