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ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
October 24, 2017
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jamie Lyford, Sandra Coleman & Glenn Dion

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Nichols, Linda Pack and Steve Foley

CALL TO ORDER: Sandra Coleman opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: Glenn made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of September 12, 2017. Jamie seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Sandra asked to amend the Minutes of October 10, 2017 last paragraph under New Business. Remove (her) and replace with (the) association.

Sandra made a motion to approve as amended the minutes of October 10, 2017. Jamie seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Tony Randall attended the meeting to bring back some information for the Board regarding the plans for a Memorial Plaque for Mr. Marsh. The Commissioners looked over the presentation and like the plans so far. Tony will continue working on the set up with Ernie and Dave Paquette.

The Meredith Village Bank Transformers that were leaking oil have been changed over as of last Saturday. Lee called in Joe Vittum to help with the changeover.

Steve and Dale went to the American Legion yesterday to remove branches from an overhanging tree. The Legion needs to repair their roof and needed the branches removed before the work could begin.



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Lee asked the Commissioners if it would be possible to obtain a Credit Card from MVSBB using only our Tax ID number. The last Credit Card was cancelled but the Department still needs a card for some purchases.

Glenn made a motion to obtain a credit card under the Ashland Electric Department using the Department Tax ID Number. Jamie seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Jamie advised the Commissioners that he obtained prices for a Utility Body for the new pickup truck. He priced out an Aluminum and a Steel Body. The price for the Aluminum Body would be approximately \$7000. with a 10 year warranty. The price for the Steel Body would be slightly less expensive but the Aluminum would hold up better. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase the Aluminum Body and have Lee Huckins install it.

Jamie advised the Board that the cell phones for the Linemen would be ready to be picked up tomorrow. Lee stated he and Steve could pick them up tomorrow so Steve would know where their office was.

Glenn had a conversation with Ben Sewell of Altec regarding the purchase or rental of a truck for the Electric Department. The Board has decided to put this item on hold until after the Budget is completed.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT:**

Lee will get in touch with the various Hotels that will serve the Linemen at the NEPPA School. He was asked by the Commissioners to find out the distances from the school and to get prices from the different Hotels to compare.

The power outage on North Ashland Road at Cold Springs Monday night was discussed as well as the outage Tuesday on Sanborn Road. Lengthy discussion ensued with Lee and Steve explaining the circumstances.

The Electric Dept. Generator was placed at the Sewer Plant for the day to run a test of a Unit that the Water & Sewer Department is looking into.



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Lee advised the Commissioners that the Center mount Bucket Truck is not working properly and is not safe to use. Repairs will have to be made.

Lee passed out rate sheets from Eversource, NH Electric Co-op and Unitil. He gave a Commercial cost analysis for the Commissioners. Discussion ensued. Glenn would like to charge \$20.00 for all Commercial Customers instead of the \$6.50 charged currently. Lee suggested going up \$1.00 on the minimum charge and Jamie suggested going up \$2.00 but the consensus of the board is not to change the residential rates. The Board will hold a Public Hearing on November 14, 2017 before the Commission Meeting.

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT:**

Steve passed out Excel Spreadsheets that he is planning to use and discussion ensued on how to read them.

Steve's uniforms have to be returned to Cintas, they gave him the wrong sizes.

Steve was wondering if he could get a GIS Map of Ashland blown up in order to map out each feeder and fuses. It would be a big help to know ahead of an outage what fuses they will need.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding the Transformers that have to be disposed of. Glenn told Steve to Call Steen Gilpatric to see if he would be interested. Jamie also asked Steve to see about cleaning out the shed and anything that could be sold to Gilpatric as well.

Payroll and Accounts Payable signed.

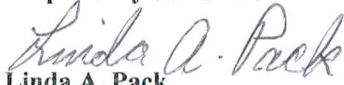
NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Jamie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted



Linda A. Pack
Ashland Electric Department