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## ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday  
April 24, 2018  
6 Collins Street  
ASHLAND, NH  
6:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jamie Lyford, Sandra Coleman and Glenn Dion

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Foley, Linda Pack and Casey Barney

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sandra Coleman opened the meeting at 6:34 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**MINUTES:** Page 3 under Non-Public Session Paragraph 3 Glenn stated this should be changed to read, **The Board offered Steve a \$5000.00 dollar increase with this review and 3 weeks vacation effective April 22, 2018 with another review in 6 months. Steve accepted the offer and expressed his satisfaction with the job, Commissioners and employees of Ashland Electric.**

Glenn Dion made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 10, 2018 as amended and Sandra seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Steve will contact Bob Crawford tomorrow to advise him we are ready to get started on carpeting of the upstairs floor.

We have not received the single LED Light from Graybar yet but Steve confirmed with Chris at Graybar it will be coming. We will have to send back the lights that came in for the New Garage as they are the wrong lights and will have to reorder replacements.

Discussion regarding the number of Street Lights in Ashland counted at 237 and getting new efficient LED Lights. It was decided to replace the Old Lights as they burn out with the newer LED Lights.

The problem with the Irving Meter was looked at today and the company Utilitricians CT Testing were very helpful and informative



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with helping the Superintendent resolve the issue. This company has looked at Ashland's line loss and they feel we could possibly save as much as 10%. They will contract for 50 hours of work for \$5000. Steve felt this could result in a considerable cost saving for Ashland.

Steve advised the Commissioners that the handheld I-tron AMR Readers would cost between 4 to 6 thousand and would come with tech support, loaners and warranty. The Commissioners feel we should get the less expensive I-tron readers and go with them until we are ready to afford the purchase of AMR Meters. Steve will get pricing information for the Commissioners.

Glenn asked if Steve heard back from the Town Administrator regarding the Electric Dept. Payroll. Steve has not and Casey Barney was asked if it had been brought to the attention of the Board. He stated not to his knowledge but he would check on it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Steve advised the Commissioners that he would like to replace the old metal seals currently being used on demand reset. These seals have to be cut off then replaced with another seal. The newer seals are now made of plastic and when you replace a seal you just break it and replace it with a certain color seal. That way you always know if the seal has been tampered with. Steve can return the seals he currently has and the company will replace them with the plastic seals.

Linda will check with Karen and Tony Randall regarding a number of uncollected debts that the Police Department may be able to help us with. She will report back at the next meeting.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

The Superintendent gave a report on the recent power outages and the activation of NEPPA Mutual Aid. We received help from two crews from Massachusetts and JC Reed. The power outage was held to a minimum due to the work of calling on Mutual Aid ,however, Steve feels it may cost around twenty thousand when everything is completed.



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The FR Clothing and the amount to be given to each person to purchase their own uniforms was discussed. Steve would like each person to purchase their own FR Work Clothes and launder them. Each person would be given about \$1400. to start with and \$600. per year after that. This would be a significant cost saving compared with what is currently spent for the department.

Jamie asked what the cost would be to fix the Orange Pickup Truck. Glenn advised he did not feel it would be a great amount and would be worth it to get an estimate for repairs. Steve will look into getting an estimate done.

Payroll and Accounts Payable signed.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Sandra seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack  
Ashland Electric Department