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ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
June 12, 2018
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
6:30 P.M.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra Coleman and Glenn Dion
Jamie Lyford - (Excused)
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Foley, Linda Pack and Casey Barney
- CALL TO ORDER:** Sandra Coleman opened the meeting at 6:32 PM

Pledge of Allegiance
- MINUTES:** Sandra made a motion to table the Minutes of May 22, 2018 until the next meeting. Glenn seconded the motion. Vote Glenn - yes and Sandra - yes.
- OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion regarding the concerns of Charlie Smith and Wendy about an issue with payroll. It was stated that the Superintendent along with the Secretary should possibly ask to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss what would be involved with assuming the Electric Departments five employees into the payroll of the Town. It was discussed with Casey that the process would be the same as when the Town took over the Water Dept. Clerk Payroll for Anne Sullivan. The Electric Dept. would pay for any work involved with doing payroll for Electric Dept. Employees.
- The Chevy Colorado scheduled to go into the shop the end of this week. The repairs should be completed by July 1.
- Steve will do some research on wages to discuss with Neil Smith when they meet in July. Glenn suggested VEPPSA may have a list of wage comparisons that Steve may be able to get.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Steve had a lengthy discussion with Andrew Lane and he thinks they possibly may have a compromise regarding the work that has been done to date. Steve explained we do not have any way to feed his business if anything happens right now and it could mean weeks without power. Steve feels he has a solution and he and Glenn Dion will attend the next meeting to see if an amicable agreement can be reached.

Steve spoke to the contractors regarding the Septage Receiving Building for the Water & Sewer Department. Also other customers regarding fees & charges for work provided by the Electric Dept.

Steve would like to purchase from Graybar a new connector that is a bit more expensive to purchase than the ones they currently use but will save considerably on labor. Also discussed a proposal regarding AMI at the same cost as AMR from Cooper. Steve will get in touch with NEPPA to find out who has this system and will see what their opinion is regarding the system. Steve will start getting more information on the AMI System to present to the board.

Printing of bills was brought up and the Commissioners agree that the bills should be printed here instead of having a third party do them. Our new accountant was in to clean up some very old entries and get the accounts in order. We still have some work to do with the transfers of health and dental insurance contributions from the payroll account. Linda will contact the Accountant to get her help with this item as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Outage on Pease Road due to wire size and the need for a major upgrade for everyone on Leavitt Hill Rd. This will be the first major project the Department will tackle in the fall. The cost estimate is approximately thirty thousand dollars.



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Steve will put together a letter to some customers who need to take care of property trimming.

Steve has contacted Chris from Graybar regarding the LED Lights. Chris stated he will have them before July 4th.

Payroll and Accounts Payable signed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Sandra seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

**Linda A. Pack
Ashland Electric Department**