ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
February 14, 2017
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  David Fucarile, Sandra Coleman & Dan Vaughn

OTHERS PRESENT:  Lee Nichols, Linda Pack, David Williams & Jamie Lyford

CALL TO ORDER:  Sandra Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Sandra Coleman, seconded by David Fucarile to approve the Minutes of December 27, 2016 as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Dan Vaughn, seconded by David Fucarile to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2017 as presented. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion ensued regarding the Eversource True-up charges for this year. It was decided by a consensus of the Board to pay an additional $2,000.00 per month from now until June to help bring down the interest charges on the large True-up bill.

The new building is not quite complete yet according to Lee. We need to check the cables to see if they have been tightened and rigging that was left on the roof belonging to Construx, needs to be removed. The doors are manually operated and seem to be working just fine.

Lee advised the board that Clean Harbors is all paid except one small bill and the department needs to build the retaining wall. This will address the questions regarding the remaining onsite soil that will be used as backfill and covered with clean soil approved by Clean Harbors and DES.
Lengthy discussion regarding S.D. Meyers quote for Blow-offs and 2 Dewatering Units for the Substation. Pros and cons discussed for purchasing the two units for approximately $44,000, or one unit with training for $37,000. The board will take it under advisement and will discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Williams currently is doing an inventory of Testing Devices and training the Linemen in their proper use of the equipment. Also a Pole Jack was discovered and training on this will be done as well.

Discussion of On Call hours. The Linemen would like on call to be on a Friday to Friday basis instead of Sunday to Saturday so they could get an entire weekend off occasionally. A system of signing up for on call swapping will be done instead. Sign up sheets will be provided and if someone wants a weekend off they must get someone to cover their shift(s). Lee will be notified of all changes to the schedules. It was also pointed out that Dale will be at National Guards in March from the 10th to the 30th.

David Fucarile would like to see all employees who go out to read meters wearing a Picture ID Badge and Sandra concurred. We would have to look into where to obtain the Photo and ID Badges.

Sandra suggested the department obtain lockers for employees and she would like the Commissioners to have a keys to the office.

Accounts Payable and Payroll signed by Commissioners.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Sandra Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. David Fucarile seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack
Ashland Electric Department