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ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday
May 23, 2017
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Coleman, Jamie Lyford and David Fucarile

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Nichols & Linda Pack

CALL TO ORDER: Sandra Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: None

OLD BUSINESS: Lee advised the Commissioners that the final paperwork to the Department of Environmental Services from Clean Harbors has been received.

The Draft Copy of the 2016 Audit was received and passed out to the Commissioners. Lee advised that the Department lost \$557.00 for the year.

The memo proposal for a Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen was signed and Lee will deliver it to Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Lengthy discussion regarding the Electric Department Finances and the possibility of a rate increase. Both Sandra and Jamie are in favor of raising Electric Rates. Lee stated again he did not feel the Department should raise rates at this time and gave an explanation as to why the Commissioners should wait.

A discussion regarding the North Ashland Road Bond Surcharge and who voted for it. Sandra wanted to know who on North Ashland Road voted for Ashland Electric takeover of North Ashland Road and payment of the Bond. She disagreed with how voting on the purchase was done. The residents signed a petition and a Public Hearing was held to discuss the possibility of purchasing the North Ashland Road



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Line from the Co-op. All aspects of the purchase were discussed and all questions were answered regarding the purchase. It was then voted on by the Town.

Jamie asked for the amount of money taken in from the Bond. Payments coming in from North Ashland Road is all classed as billed revenue and not separated out. Only the billed amount of the Bond Surcharge is reported separately.

Lee will contact Linda Guyotte regarding Sweep Accounts and also payment by Credit/Debit Cards.

The salary of Chief Lineman is currently \$31.02 and almost all other companies are at least \$10.00 over what we can currently offer. Jamie wants an add to be put out to hire a Chief Lineman and Lee would like to wait until after the first of the year. We are using Joe Vittum once or twice a week right now.

Lee requested from the Board the purchase of three Headsets for talking to the Linemen. One in each of the Bucket Trucks and one for the Lineman on the ground. Lee stated this is a safety issue. The Commissioners agree and told Lee to get prices for the Headsets.

**ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll signed by Commissioners.

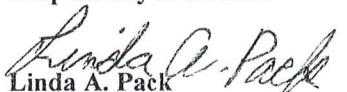
NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandra Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. David Fucarile seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor.

Respectfully submitted


Linda A. Paek
Ashland Electric Department