

The Thorntown Utility Service Board met with all members present. Present was Max Allen, George Gideon, Mike McKenzie and Gary Moody.

The Clerk Treasurer presented no claims for approval.

In other business, there was a group from IMPA Service Corp to make a presentation on dedicated services they could offer to help with our electric services. IMPA Service Corp is a subsidiary of IMPA. They could conduct engineering, consulting and dedicated services for the town. This avenue is being explored as Gary Moody will be retiring in 2-3 years and we currently have one other employee with limited electric knowledge and no one else to fill in. Applications are being taken to hire a possible certified lineman, but to date no applicants have applied. Upon hearing the presentation, the Utility Board would possibly like to begin with the IMPA Service Corp as soon as possible to give Moody the extra help needed now, then possibly they take over the whole electric operations when Moody retires.

IMPA Service Corp would be a five year contract. At the end of each five years the contract would either end or be resigned for an additional five years. IMPA Service Corp would assist in power outages and general maintenance. Once the agreement is signed, they would survey all the lines, poles, cross arms etc. to see if anything needed replaced immediately. Poles generally have a life span of 30-35 years. Each year 3% of the poles should be replaced as a pole replacement program. Moody stated we had not changed any poles out, only if damaged with an accident or rotted. The contract has 3 basic sections, Service Calls, Maintenance Calls and Outages. Meter Readings and Disconnects would be a separate cost if they were to handle that also. Moody stated at this time there would be no need for them to handle that portion. The representative stated they could be very flexible. If Thorntown Utilities wanted to continue the vegetation trimming, then IMPA would not need to handle that. On outage issues, they usually respond within an hour, but depending on where the manpower was coming from, it could be a longer wait.

The cost of the contract would be based on our meter count. Currently they have us for 800 electric meters. The cost would be calculated at \$150.00 per meter. Also a maintenance account would be set up for the cost of any materials used. Any money placed in the maintenance account not used would be refunded to the Thorntown Utilities if the contract were to end.

The contract would be billed on a monthly basis. \$10,000.00 per month for services and \$2,000.00 per month for the maintenance account. Total cost for the year being \$144,000.00. The bill could be placed on our normal IMPA invoice as a separate line item.

IMPA Service Corp also offers safety classes at Lebanon and Advance for our employees which they should attend.

Max Allen thanked them for their time and the presentation and we would get back to them as soon as possible.

Part time office help, Brenda Reagan's last day of employment will be Monday, August 8, 2022. We thank her for her service to the Town.

George Gideon asked of the generator for the Water Plant had been ordered? Gary Moody stated it had, he just didn't know when it would be delivered.

Moody asked about attending the IMEA conference in Michigan City on October 11th and 12th. Hotel cost would be \$300.00 and \$55.00 for the Luncheon. All Board members approved of his attending the conference..

Moody also stated the project at the sewage pond was pretty well completed. The new lift station is operational, however the new electric meter for it has not arrived yet. He asked about billing the Town for the unmetered electricity. He could base the Kwh off the west lift station. The Board all agreed to bill the Town for the unmetered electricity consumed by the new lift station.

Moody also stated the Elementary School project has hit a few snags. The contractor there was under the assumption the Utilities would be paying for the new transformer needed. Moody stated he had told them at the beginning we would not be paying for the transformer, they would need to do so. Moody had agreed to put in the new poles for the scoreboard on the baseball diamond, but that has also been moved to a different location and will need more wiring. Those items are going to be additional costs to the engineer's plans and they are wanting the Utilities to pay for those items to help them out. At the current time, the Utilities will not be paying for their errors in budgeting.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.





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