

MASSENA ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD
MINUTES of Thursday October 5, 2023
Town of Massena Electric Department - 71 East Hatfield Street

Present:

James Shaw	Andrew McMahon, Superintendent
Rene Hart	Matt Gray, Deputy Superintendent
John Bogosian	Jeff Dobbins, Treasurer
Richard Maginn	Margo Rochefort, Deputy Treasurer
Charles Raiti – via phone	Eric Gustafson, Attorney

Chairman Shaw opened the special meeting at 1:00 pm.

Superintendent McMahon discussed the upcoming MEUA annual meeting and the proposed budget for the MEUA. At the September regular meeting the board requested a special meeting to further discuss membership in the MEUA, prior to the MEUA's annual meeting.

As part of the discussion, Superintendent McMahon outlined the benefits of the MEUA:

- NERC Compliance/Administration
- Access to training for staff
- Apprentice Lineman program
- Representation at the state level and NYISO

Mr. McMahon noted that the big item was the NERC compliance, that the Department would need to find a replacement for. This is covered in the annual dues with the MEUA and initial estimates for this work would be in the \$15,000 - \$18,000 range annually.

Board member Raiti noted that the access to training was an item of concern to him and wanted to make sure the Department was not left without other options for the training. Superintendent McMahon noted that the trainers providing the required Safety Training were from NEPPA (Northeast Public Power Association) and the Department could contract with them directly for this training if needed.

Chairman Shaw, and others, noted that with the changing landscape in the electric market it is important to work together with all the municipals and co-operatives. The overall consensus of the board was to remain in the organization for the time being. The board also asked that staff continue to update the board on communications from the MEUA and to revisit membership again next year.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:10 pm.
Moved by John Bogosian – Seconded by Rene Hart, All in Favor