

**CENTURIA VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**

April 18, 2016

The Village Board Special Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Markert with Gene Ludack and Tom Boettcher absent.

The first item on the agenda was to act on obtaining legal counsel to fill in for Attorney Laux with the sale of the electric utility. Attorney Laux is Polk Burnett Electric Cooperative's Attorney also. Attorney John Behling from Weld & Riley out of Eau Claire, had been recommended by Dave Wierzba from MSA. The motion was made to hire Attorney John Behling, and seconded by Stan. Motion carried.

Steve Stroshane, the General Manager of Polk Burnett Electric Cooperative, was present to discuss the Village selling the Municipal Electric Utility. He had a letter with information about the Coop and expressed their interest in this sale.

Dave Dahlberg and John Richards from Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Utility were also present with their Preliminary Agreement to purchase Centuria Municipal Electric Utility. They explained that they have been maintaining the village's system for years, and that they built a new sub-station and transmission line in the village's Industrial Park. They are also governed by the Public Service Commission of WI as is the village. Their rates are similar to the village's rates. Their base charge is \$7.50, Polk Burnett's is \$36.00, and the village's current base charge is \$5.50; but the village is in need of a rate increase. They have evaluated the utility's system and have found that 14% of the poles need to be replaced. They based their offer on this information and what the PSC values the utility.

The motion was made by Rod Peterson, seconded by Stan Swiontek, to approve the Preliminary Agreement with NW Wisconsin Electric Utility and to formalize by legal counsel a Resolution for the sale of the Centuria Municipal Electric Utility. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Stan, seconded by Rod, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Judith A. Jepsen, Clerk