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Regular Meeting Dates

WATERTOWN: Regular meeting
February 6th, 7:00 p.m.

PLATTSBURGH: Satellite meeting
February 13th, 7:00 p.m.



First Aid/CPR Classes

WATERTOWN
February 10th and March 3rd

PLATTSBURGH
March 10th and March 31st



Training, Training !

Watch for more Journeyman

Training opportunities

in the near future!

REMINDER:

**1st Quarter Dues
Are Now Payable**

**Wiremen \$120.60
Apprentice \$114.60**

Check or exact cash accepted.
If you have any questions concerning
how much you may owe,
please call (315) 782-5630

Quarterly Dues -

Our offices have had questions recently on the IBEW quarterly dues. I wanted to try and provide information to clear up any misconceptions.

Just like any organization, the IBEW International could not exist without being properly funded so that we may retain the proper facilities, staff, professional support and equipment. Your quarterly dues not only fund expenses for the International, they provide a pension and death benefit to the member.

Effective January 1, 2018 quarterly dues are \$37.00 per month; \$19.00 goes to fund the International and \$18.00 goes to fund the IBEW Pension and Benefit Fund (PBF).

This pension has a pay-out rate of \$4.50 per year of continuous membership at age 65 with a minimum 5 years' service. Members can draw an early pension at age 62-64 with minimum 20 years' service. Pay-out rate of \$4.50 per year of continuous service reduced by 6.66% for each year under the age of 65.

The PBF also serves as a life insurance policy. The normal death benefit is \$6,250.00 and accidental death benefit is \$12,500. It is important that I mention Article XI of the IBEW Constitution: a member who is more than 2 months in arrears is ineligible, unless arrearage was no fault of the member.

Remember dues are paid quarterly in advance per the Constitution, so if your dues were not paid for the 1st quarter of 2018 by March 1st 2018 the death benefit is not payable. So it is important to keep current with your quarterly dues.

As stated above it may be possible to start drawing PBF as early as age 62. Often times our members retire before age 62 by taking their Local 910 Pension. It is very important to remember if a member starts the Local Union pension he/she must continue to pay quarterly dues until beginning the PBF sometime after age 62.

Feel free to contact myself or Mark Capone in the Fund Office if you have any additional questions. We are happy to find the answers.

John O'Driscoll, Business Manager

New Promotional Videos -

The Local Labor-Management Cooperation Committee has developed 2 commercials to promote Local 910, Northern New York NECA and our Apprenticeship.

We have posted the commercials to youtube. You can search IBEW local 910 or follow the links below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m592c1p2lCo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjHf3MPhP2Y>

Check them out!

Currently we have 102 Journeymen on Book I, 6 on Book II, 12 Apprentice, 9 Residential, CE, CW's and 0 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last week include: Watertown CSD-Case Middle School went to Lawman heating and Cooling (U) for \$129,900; Plattsburgh International Airport-Manufacturing Facility will go to Murnane for \$8.6m, they will sub to Weydman (U); Northern Adirondack CSD-Gym Renovations was a GC bid to Nickerson, who will sub electric to HR Clune (U); and the PA System went to NCC Systems (NU).

From Executive Board Report;

Jobs bid in the last week include: Massena CSD-Admin Building Reconstruction went to Watson for \$8,900.

Upcoming work includes: Several Dollar Stores, Town Of Fine-Water System Improvement, NYPA-Generator Upgrades, SUNY Canton-University Police Relocation, Fort Drum-LED Lighting Various Buildings, South Lewis CSD-Gym Renovation, SUNY Potsdam Lehman Hall Phase VIII, NYPA-TLEM Switchyard Project, City Of Ogdensburg-Street Lighting Upgrade, St. Lawrence University-Madill Hall, JCC-Theater Lighting System, SUNY Plattsburgh-Whiteface Hall, Massena CSD-Admin Building Reconstruction, Morristown CSD-Renovations, Thousand Islands Welcome Center, several projects at the Plattsburgh Airport Agri-Mark's Chateaugay facility, Norsk Titanium, a new development for a wind farm on Galloo Island, and the Copenhagen & Mad River wind farms.

School projects that are in various stages of development: Clifton-Fine \$3.6 million, Brasher Falls \$10 million, Peru \$2.8 million, Thousand Islands School 6.9 Million, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES \$18.5 million, General Brown \$9.37 million, Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million, and St. Lawrence Central \$17.7 million.

I reported previously that the Local 910 members working for Champlain Telephone had voted down the agreement that the negotiating team came back with. We met again with the Company but were unable to get them to increase their offer. Last week the membership gathered to reconsider the offer and decide to accept the one-year contract by a narrow margin. All members were in attendance.

The loudest voice against the PLA for work at the Plattsburgh Airport has been the owners of Luck Brother Contracting of Plattsburgh, who are active ABC members. One of the owners and his son both spoke in opposition of the PLA at the Clinton County Board meeting before the vote was taken. After the first bids, Luck filed a lawsuit against the County over the PLA. The lawsuit was thrown out. The Judge said Luck had no standing because he did not bid the projects. The 4th bid for work under the PLA was the Manufacturing Facility, primarily a large metal building which Luck is skilled in. This job was bid on December 21st, and this time Luck submitted a bid and was low bidder at \$7.9m, about \$950,000 lower than the second bidder Murnane. Luck Brothers listed Ace as sub for the electrical work; Murnane listed Weydman. Now Luck has refused to sign on to the PLA and the County will award the job to Murnane. In today's Plattsburgh newspaper, Jeff Luck wrote a letter giving his side of the story, saying the County is wasting money. In my opinion his bid means nothing. If you know beforehand that you will not sign the PLA, a requirement of doing the job, your bid is meaningless. He may as well have bid \$5000. I suspect he will file the lawsuit again.