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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting

April 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Watertown Union Hall

Watertown, NY 13601

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting

April 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh Union Hall

Plattsburgh, NY 12901

REMINDER

2nd Quarter Dues Are Now Payable

Wiremen \$126.60

Apprentice \$120.60

Check or exact cash accepted.

**Effective January 1, 2020 there was a
\$3.00 quarterly increase**

If you have any questions concerning
how much you may owe, please call
(315) 782-5630

NATIONAL DISEASE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGREEMENT (NDERA)

The IBEW International and NECA National have developed the NDERA for use by contractors and members. These provisions came effective March 16, 2020 and will be evaluated via teleconference every 30 days. This agreement, along with questions and answers, will be posted on Local 910's website.

This agreement addresses Journeymen who are laid off due to a coronavirus shutdown, were absent due to being quarantined, or refused to be present at the jobsite out of a genuine belief that being present would place them in imminent danger of contracting coronavirus, to return to their position with their employer upon resumption of work on the jobs site, and /or their ability to return.

Local 910's current CBA recall language exceeds the language in the NDERA, therefore our recall is in effect. The Local 910 recall language requires Journeymen to sign the out-of-work book. The current number of days in the Local 910 recall is 60 days. Should this pandemic exceed the 60 days, I will approach NECA to extend that. Journeymen can sign the out-of-work list completely over the phone by calling either office. *Stay safe, John O'Driscoll*

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

Due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic:

- April Union Meeting Canceled
- Executive Board will meet via teleconference to pay bills and tend to union business
- Local union offices are operational but no in-person visits, please call first
- Important updates to the situation and how it affects us can be found on our web site

If anyone knows of any Local 910 member or retiree who is in need of support during this time, please let us know so we can try to help.

Everyone please make every effort to protect yourself and your loved ones.

BUSINESS MANAGER



Report at March '20 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union

Currently we have 77 Journeyman on Book I, 3 on Book II, 7 Apprentices available, 2 Residential, CE, CW's and 0 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: ORDA Whiteface Mtn - Pump House #1 Phase II went to WJ Murray(U) for \$364,000; Gouverneur CF - Provide Classroom & Office Space Building 28 went to S&L(U) for \$724,612; and Village of Tupper Lake - WWTP Pump Station #3 went to Weydman(U) for \$339,000.

From Executive Board Report

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: SUNY Potsdam - Bishop Hall Building #9 was a GC Bid - to Northland Associates for \$21,404,000, we have been told electric will be subbed to S&L(U); Saranac CSD - Capital Project went to Weydman(U) \$911,000, Hogansburg - Generations Park Main Field lighting went to Dow(NU) \$346,000; and Village of Lowville - Water Treatment Plant Improvements went to New Century(U) for \$55,687

Upcoming work includes: SUNY Plattsburgh-Memorial Hall, Town of NYPA- Headgate Upgrades, Ausable Forks - Water System Rebid, Town of ORDA Olympic Center Revitalization Project - Phase I Tunnel, ORDA Olympic Sports Center Condensing Unit Replacement, SUNY Potsdam - Bishop Hall Building #9, Saranac CSD - Capital Project, Sunmount Tupper Lake - Replace CIT/RIT Boilers Electrical Portion, Harrisville CSD Main Building, Hogansburg - Generations Park Main Field lighting, Village of Lowville - Water Treatment Plant Improvements, PSU Hawkins Hall Courtyard Garden, Peru School - Capital Construction Phase 3 - Electrical & Communications bid separate, Fort Drum - UAV Shadow Hangar, Carthage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateaugay facility, the Number Three, Deer River, Roaring Brook and the Mad River wind farms. There are several solar projects in the works.

School projects that are in various stages of development: Peru \$2.8 million, Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million, Brushton-Moira \$11.5 million, St Lawrence-Lewis BOCES \$43.5 million, Beaver River \$12 million, Copenhagen \$5.9 million, Indian River \$41 million, Carthage \$35 million, Norwood-Norfolk \$9.1 million, Massena \$49.6 million and Madrid Waddington \$5 million.

We have had no job calls in the last few weeks. However, Local 43 called and told us that they were having difficulty filling calls for a shutdown at the Nine Mile nuclear plant. Dave and Mike contacted several Journeymen on the out of work list and we have at least six (6) going down to work on that.

This year's political season has started early. I can assure you, we will all be sick of it before it is over in November. On Friday the 21st, I attended a meeting in Massena hosted by the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) who represent workers at the St. Lawrence Seaway. This Union initiated the meeting because of proposals by the Trump Administration to limit the Unions right to bargain. The meeting grew to having several politicians; Tedra Cobb, Kimberly Davis, Alex Hammond, and Nichole Duve, along with several union leaders. The meeting was run by St. Lawrence County Democratic Chairman Mark Belardini. As usual, most of the time we were talked at by the politicians. We did get into some productive discussions. I still need to get one on one meetings with each of them so they know our issues and understand the difference between our Union and the non-construction unions.

Also, as you may have heard on February 5th, our International announced that the IBEW has endorsed Joe Biden for President.

"Vice President Biden has been a longtime friend of working families and the IBEW," said the union's International President Lonnie R. Stephenson. "Joe has a long record of standing up for union members, and we believe it's in the best interest of IBEW members to elect him our next president."

The union decided to endorse Biden at its annual officers' meeting Tuesday. The IBEW did not take sides this early in the Democratic nominating fight in 2016 or 2008, said Mark Brueggengjohann, a spokesman.

Stephenson cited Biden's support for "a realistic plan to combat the ongoing threat of climate change without putting energy security or working families at risk." For the union, that includes both investments in green energy and continued investment in oil and gas extraction, a major source of employment for the union's members.

Unlike Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Biden opposes a ban on domestic fracking.

"We will not accept proposals that could cause immediate harm to millions of our members and their families," the letter co-written by Stephenson said. "We will not stand by and allow threats to our members' jobs and their families' standard of living go unanswered." The letter called for a design build to several additional State Agencies, including the Office of General Services, Dormitory Authority and SUNY Construction Fund. Our experience with design build at Fort Drum is that it's not a transparent method to bid projects. The electrical contractors can be shut out by General Contractors. The second is the Public Works Reform. The legislation kicks in only if the project is over \$5 million and only if over 30% of the project is publicly funded. Not for profits are excluded as are single and two-family housing, affordable housing and brownfields. Additionally, a Public Subsidy Board, with the majority appointed by the Governor, would have power to exclude specific projects from the law.

Good of the Union: I recently met with officials from AmeriCU Credit Union and signed a Business Partner Agreement. They are willing to provide on site financial education to our members. They cover budgeting, debt management, understanding credit, identity theft, home buying and insurance. My idea is to work this financial education into the apprenticeship program, similar to the Million Dollar Blue Collar that was previously covered.