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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting

February 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Watertown Union Hall

Watertown, NY 13601

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting

February 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh Union Hall

Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Please wear a mask!



REMINDER

1st Quarter Dues Are
Now Payable

Wiremen \$126.60
Apprentice \$120.60

Check or exact cash accepted.

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

LOCAL 910 APPRENTICES HELP ZOO NEW YORK

This fall, Zoo New York Executive Director Larry Sorel asked us for some help. Larry wanted to start a holiday season event at the Zoo that he hopes will be done for years to come. It is called the **Winter Wonderlights**. This event allows guests to explore the Zoo while enjoying lights and holiday decorations put up by local businesses, families, and Zoo members! The trouble was that the Zoo didn't have the electrical devices available in all areas to do it safely. The 1st and 5th year apprenticeship classes toured the Zoo facilities, came up with a plan, and a list of materials. **The next class night, they completed the installation of GFCI receptacles in various places around the Zoo. The apprentices also repaired several light poles, retrofitting them to LEDs.**

Thank you to our apprentices for your hard work and helping out our Community!



Winter Wonderlights



BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at January 2021 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union

Currently we have 59 Journeymen on Book I, 10 on Book II, 9 Apprentices available, 4 Residential, CE, CW's and 2 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Salmon River CSD Reconstruction – Phase 4 went to Weydman(U) for \$2,139,000, South Jefferson CSD – 2020-2021 Capital Outlay went to Watson (U) for \$52,753, Salt Storage Facility – Ellenburg Depot went to Triangle (U) \$43,958, Plattsburg Schools – Capital Improvements Phase II on base bid S&L (U) was low at \$432,000 (result could change if alternates are taken), City of Plattsburg – Arts Park Rebid went to Triangle (U), and Town of Peru - Pump Station Reconstruction was a Rebid GC Bid to Rifenburg Contracting for \$5,093,445 (we are told they will sub electric to Weydman(U)).

From Executive Board Report; Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Saranac Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades went to Weydman(U) for \$569,000,

Upcoming work includes: NYPA – Saranac Digital Substation in Caddyville, Roth Industries – Addition, Dannemora Federal Credit Union Main Office Renovation, Champlain Border Crossing Passenger Administration Area, NYSDEC Field Office & Maint. Bldg. Louisville, Massena Substation Breaker Replacement, STL Water Tower Replacement Massena NYPA, NYPA MA-Advance Power Flow Control Project, Saranac Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades, St. Lawrence Psych Ctr. Boiler Decentralization, Wadhams Wastewater Treatment Plant – Essex County, Gouverneur CF - Replace Hot Water Heat Exchangers, Indian River CSD Capital Project - Antwerp - Phase 1, Ft. Drum - New Railhead Loading Facility, Carthage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateauguay facility, the Number Three, Deer River, and the Mad River wind farms. There are several solar projects in the works.

School projects that are in various stages of development: Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million, Brushton-Moira \$11.5 million, Indian River \$41 million, Carthage \$35 million, Massena \$49.6 million, and Madrid Waddington \$5 million.

Things have been pretty quiet due to the holidays. We have had a few more layoffs, but having 59 on the Book at this point is very good.

If anyone is looking to go to work, IBEW Local 43 is getting busy on the large projects they have; including the Amazon warehouse in the Town of Clay, the new hospital in the City of Utica and the Cree silicon carbide fabrication facility in Marcy. I can facilitate getting any local 910 member who would like to get on Book 2 in Syracuse. They expect hiring to continue for the next several months. We just sent one of our apprentices to work in Marcy on Monday.

We are seeing an uptick in our membership as far as those testing positive for COVID-19, and those under quarantine because of possible exposure. I have been dealing with some issues over compensation of members who cannot work because they are under quarantine. Prior to December 31st, with provisions from the Federal Government's Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), if the employee has documentation of an order of quarantine from the Health Department or a Doctor - the employee is entitled to up to 80 hours of pay. The employer is then able to take a tax credit for this expense. The act changed after January 1st. Now it is optional for the employer to pay the employee, but they are still able to get the tax credit if they do pay. This is scheduled to end March 31st. If the contractor chooses not to pay under the Federal Act, we can fall back on the New York State policy which is normally 5 days paid sick time. There are slight variations according to the size of the business. It will be unfortunate if contractors choose not to take advantage of the Federal policy. I would hate to find out workers went to work when they have any possibility of infecting others.

Everyone should be vigilant in wearing their mask and social distancing.

