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REGULAR MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting

January 8, 7:00 p.m.

CHANGED DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS!

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting

January 8, 7:00 p.m.

Winter Weather Safety

• Dress for the cold weather

- Layer clothing
 - Cover as much skin as possible
 - Stay dry – if you become wet, even from perspiration, you will become colder quicker
- * National Weather Service



REMINDER

1st Quarter Dues Are Now Payable

Wiremen \$123.60
Apprentice \$117.60

Check or exact cash accepted. \$3.00 quarterly increase effective January 1, 2019:

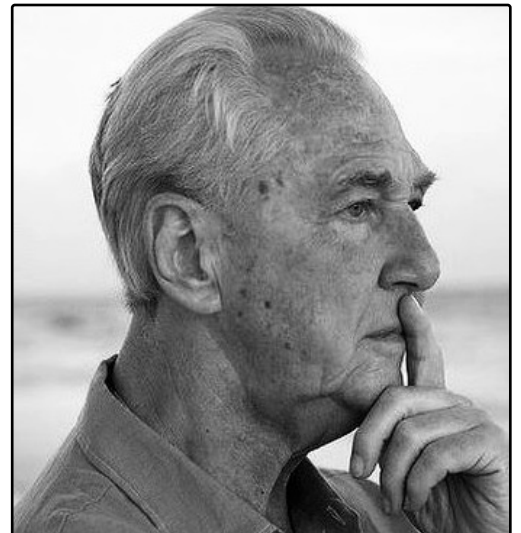
If you have any questions concerning how much you may owe, please call (315) 782-5630

IN MEMORY OF EDWIN D. HILL

Former International President Edwin D. "Ed" Hill passed away on December 1st. Ed began his career with the IBEW Local 712, Beaver, PA in 1956, graduating from the apprenticeship program as a Journeyman Wireman in 1960. He held several positions in Local 712 including Business Manager, in 1982 was appointed as a 3rd District International Rep and became Vice President of the 3rd District in 1994. In 1997 he moved to Washington and took the office of Secretary/ Treasurer of the International, finally taking over as International President in 2001, a positional he held until 2015. Ed Hill was a progressive leader and gets credit for the IBEW's success when compared to the other trades over that period.

Whether it was rethinking the relationship between employers and unions that led to the creation of the IBEW's Code of Excellence and business development initiatives or his willingness to take on powerful voices within his own union with the market recovery measures that led to the successful alternative classification system, Hill was always ready to do what it took to put IBEW members to work.

"Anti-union propaganda had created a perception that hiring union workers was bad for business, but we knew better," Hill said at his retirement. "We just had to remind our customers, and truth be told, some of our members, that high standards of craftsmanship and productivity are hallmarks of the IBEW and the foundation of a profitable business."



BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at December '18 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union



Currently we have 63 Journeymen on Book I, 8 on Book II, 6 Apprentice out of work, 7 Residential, CE, CW's and 0 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Clifton Fine CSD Bus Garage went to TEL, Inc(U) for \$11,000.

From the Executive Board Report;

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Adirondack Educational Center-Renovation had Dow (NU) low on base bid at \$659,000; if they take all the alternatives HR Clune(U) is low at \$633,200.00.

Upcoming work includes: SUNY Potsdam Lehman Hall Phase VIII, SUNY Plattsburgh-Whiteface Hall, Canton CSD-Capital Outlay Project, SUNY Potsdam-Music Center Rehab, SUNY Plattsburgh Bathroom Renovations, Fort Drum Exterior LED lighting, Crown Point Central School-Auditorium Renovation, Champlain Border-A/V Upgrades, Appleton Arena Addition, Fort Drum ECIP, NYPA St. Lawrence Power Control Room, Sackets Harbor CSD- Renovation Phase 2, SUNY Plattsburgh-Kent Hall Renovation, SUNY Potsdam-Student Union, River Hospital project at the old Monticello Hotel building, Agri-Mark's Chateaugay facility, Norsk Titanium, a new development for a wind farm on Galloo Island, and the 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, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES \$18.5 million, General Brown \$9.37 million, Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million, St. Lawrence Central \$17.7 million, Brushton-Moira \$11.5 million, Jeff-Lewis BOCES \$20 million, St Lawrence-Lewis BOCES \$43.5 million, Beaver River \$12 million and Indian River \$3.5 million.

We have had some more layoffs up in Plattsburgh, but the Norsk job has started so many will not be off long unless they want to be. Gross Electric has the work at Norsk, however to meet the WBE requirements they are hiring Journeymen through Triangle, apprentices are employed through Gross. The job is starting off working 5 days a week 9-hour days. They expect the work to include Saturdays at some point.

A follow up to the Lobby trip to Washington after Thanksgiving for the pension issues- the Congress, as they often do, kicked the can down the road so we do not have a big worry in the immediate term. Mark Capone and I made the trip. The response from Local Unions was very impressive; over 300 were in attendance, which is remarkable considering it was arranged in less than a week. President Stephenson told us at the evening meeting after the day of lobbying that it was his proudest day as a Union leader. He said to do a conference call on a Tuesday of a holiday week and to have that many come to Washington the next week was humbling. He told us that Washington took notice that the IBEW was in town. Mark and I met with Congresswomen Stefanick in the morning. I was very impressed with her knowledge of the subject. She told us she remembered from a previous meeting with me that we forgo wage increases to keep our pension funded. She also said she would try to help educate fellow Republicans who are from States with low Union membership. In the afternoon, we met with representatives of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's staff. That meeting had representatives from Locals 3, 236, and 325 along with us. The Senator's staff was very supportive of our concerns.

Last Monday the Ogdensburg City Council was set to debate funding a feasibility study for a PLA on the Wastewater Treatment plant upgrades. I had attended some small meetings with other Trades about the possibility of getting this done. New York State reps have been helping us out also. At the end of the week prior we were told we had only 2 of the 4 votes needed for this to pass and the Mayor was quoted in the news that he was a 'no' vote. So all the trades were encouraged to get members who live in the area to attend. I sent text messages to several members the day of the meeting and I want to thank Nichole Bricker, Mike Levac, Mike Davis, Blaine Rumble and Pat Murphy for attending. The Union leaders who spoke in favor of the PLA were all well connected in Ogdensburg and did a great job. When it came down to a vote, we got 4. Two other 'no' votes changed to 'yes' and the final tally had only one 'no' vote. This is just first battle won on this and we have more fighting to do. It was very evident that packing the room with Union members who live locally made a huge difference.

I am still in negotiations with Champlain Telephone.