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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting

March 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

Watertown Union Hall

Watertown, NY 13601

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting

March 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh Union Hall

Plattsburgh, NY 12901

REMINDER

1st 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

PLAN TO ATTEND MARCH REGULAR MEETING

At the Regular Union meeting Tuesday March 3rd in Watertown, the membership will determine how our contractual increase will be distributed. The total package increase of \$1.55 will take effect April 1st. **At 7:00 PM Fund Manager, Mark Capone, will do a presentation on the status of the benefit funds; Health and Welfare, Pension and Annuity. This is a very important meeting to attend!**

Please plan to join us.

ATTN: VETERANS

IBEW International President Stephenson began a Veteran's initiative last year by creating an IBEW veterans committee comprised of representatives from each of the 11 districts. The IBEW 3rd District, which includes locals in Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, has begun holding district-wide veterans committee meetings at Local 81 in Scranton, Pa.



Local 910 Journeyman Wireman and U.S. Army Veteran, Don Peloquin, is Local 910's Veterans Representative and has been attending the meetings in Scranton. **Don is beginning to form Local 910's veterans committee.**

If you served in the Armed Forces, let Don know. Email donald.peloquin@yahoo.com or call the Union Office and let us know branch you served with, years served and if you are still an active-duty member. Thank you !

BUSINESS MANAGER



Report at February '20 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union

Currently we have 76 Journeymen on Book I, 7 on Book II, 4 Apprentices available, 0 Residential, CE, CW's and 0 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Town of Clayton - Cerow Recreation Park Arena, Addition had Jordstat(NU) low at \$206,585 (Jordstat was 24% low but Dow was second); Edwards Knox CSD - Capital Outlay Projects went to TEL, Inc.(U) for \$156,950; replace roof at St. Regis Mohawk School, Electrical went to Dow(NU) for \$92,169; and City of Plattsburgh - WRRF Dewatering Upgrade went to Triangle(U) \$783,000.

From Executive Board Report;

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Town of Plattsburgh - Trade Road Pump Station GC Bid- Brannon Construction for \$1,198,000, they will sub electric to Triangle(U); Town of Plattsburgh - Bluff Point Pump Station GC Bid- JE Sheehan \$1,490,00, they will sub electric to Triangle(U); Champlain Valley Educational Center - Capital Project went to Weydman(U) for \$1,095,000; South Lewis School - Capital Improvement Project went to Watson(U) \$2,219,125; Champlain Fire Station - Addition went to WJ Murray(U) for \$452,300; Dormitory Authority JOC Contracts - Electrical Region 3B Clinton, Franklin & Essex went to Triangle(U) with a multiplier of 1.2138; and Dormitory Authority JOC Contracts - Electrical Region 4B Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence went to Dow (NU) with a multiplier of 1.2839.

Upcoming work includes: Ogdensburg Wastewater Upgrades, SUNY Plattsburgh-Memorial Hall, Town of Plattsburgh Pump Stations, NYPA- Headgate Upgrades, Alexandria Bay Central - Capital Outlay Project, Champlain Valley Educational Center - Capital Project, Ausable Forks - Water System Rebid, Town of, Champlain Fire Station - Addition, ORDA Olympic Center Revitalization Project - Phase I Tunnel, ORDA Olympic Sports Center Condensing Unit Replacement, ORDA Whiteface Mtn - Pump House #1 Phase II, South Lewis School - Capital Improvement Project, SUNY Potsdam - Bishop Hall Building #9, Saranac CSD - Capital Project, Sunmount Tupper Lake - Replace CIT/RIT Boilers Electrical Portion, Village of Tupper Lake - WWTP Pump Station #3, PSU Hawkins Hall Courtyard Garden, Fort Drum - UAV Shadow Hangar, Carthage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateauguay 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, St. Lawrence Central \$17.7 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.

Work has held steady for the most part with a few lay offs and a few job calls. Although we have 75 on Book I, we recently were unable to fill regular calls to the Border Crossing project. After changing them to short calls we were able to fill them, but just barely.

I attended the IBEW - NECA Reciprocal Conference last week. Most of the news was good. The NEBF now has 15.5 billion in assets and the fund had a 19.28% investment return last year. Our prescription drug carrier, Sav-RX, continues to grow in participating Local Unions and now covers over 500,000 lives. There was some concern from a few presenters about multi-employer pension reform proposed by Republicans in the Senate. We know this will be a compromise bill but their proposal is very detrimental to our cause.

Two items in the Governors budget are very concerning. First is the proposal to expand the use of 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.

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