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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting

May 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Watertown Union Hall

Watertown, NY 13601

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting

May 11th, 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

MAY LOCAL UNION MEETING CANCELLED

Due to Governor Andrew Cuomo's order closing non-essential businesses across the state through May 15, we are prevented from gathering to hold a Union meeting. As we did last month, the Executive Board will hold a teleconference to take care of time sensitive business of the Local Union.

LOCAL UNION ELECTIONS DELAYED

Normally nominations for election of officers takes place at the Regular Union meeting in May and the election of officers would be held the first Friday in June. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Executive Board voted to delay the election until such a time that it will be safe for all members to participate in the election process. Per Local 910 By-Laws, **notice will be mailed to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting for nominations in election years with all information regarding nominations.** The other Upstate New York State IBEW Local Unions who have elections this year will also delay their elections. *If anyone is aware of any IBEW member or retiree in need of assistance during these trying times, please let us know so we can help.*

KNOW HOW IT SPREADS

Recent studies suggest COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.** The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.



BUSINESS MANAGER



Report at April '20 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union

Currently we have 135 Journeymen on Book I, 7 on Book II, 24 Apprentices available, 4 Residential, CE, CW's and 1 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Peru School, Capital Construction Phase 3, went to S&L(U) \$932,000; Altona HVAC Work and Electrical went to WJ Murray(U) \$296,000; Town of Chesterfield - Water Treatment Upgrades went to WJ Murray(U) \$576,000; Sackets Harbor School – Capital Improvement Phase 3 went to Tel-Inc(U) \$151,550; and Town of Watson Water District #4 Electric went to SC Spencer Electric(NU) \$289,400 (they were the only bidder but we talked to contactors and their was confusion that a job bid just a little while ago for the Village of Lowville).

Note: No Executive Board meeting due to Covid-19

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, Sunmount Tupper Lake – Replace CIT/RIT Boilers Electrical Portion, PSU Hawkins Hall Courtyard Garden, Upstate CF – Malone - Provide Classroom & Office Space Bld 8, 10 & 11, ORDA Olympic Sports Complex – Site Data Upgrades, Ticonderoga WWTP Ventilation Improvements, NYSDEC Camp Colby EEC – Multi use Building, ORDA Olympic Snow Melt Boiler Installation, Hermon Dekalb Central School, NYS DOT Maint. Sub headquarters OGS – Massena County Rt 42, St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, Town of LeRay – New Highway Garage, ORDA – Panelboard and Motor Starter Installation, Village of Philadelphia Water Improvements, NYPA – Saranac Digital Substation in Caddyville, 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. Several solar projects are 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.

The COVID-19 Outbreak has caused the out-of-work list to increase by 60 Journeymen and 20 Apprentices. These members were either on jobs that came to a stop, 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. I have made several attempts to fill a call for Matco, who is requesting 5 Journeymen to replace members who left; however, that call is still open.

On March 16th the IBEW International and NECA National developed the National Disease Emergency Response Agreement (NDERA) for use in this crisis and any future emergencies. This agreement allows Journeyman to return to their position with their employer upon resumption of work on the jobs site. Local Unions that have a recall in place, exceeding 30 days, to utilize that recall. Our Local falls into that group. The NDERA also specifies that the employer can not contest the members unemployment claim. I have had the NDERA posted on our web site along with a questions and answer document that came out a few days later to clarify some issues. I am proud of our leadership in forging ahead with this agreement to protect the safety and well-being of our members.

Ironically, we have had several school jobs start up early because the students and teachers are no longer in school. Many people anticipate that school will not resume this school year. Bidding continues as well.

The New York State budget was passed even during the pandemic. Regarding the issues we were following; 1) the design build expansion to other state agencies including OGS, Dormitory Authority, State Construction Fund and ORDA takes effect immediately. However, it requires the agency do a feasibility study to see if a PLA would be potential cost savings and efficiencies. 2) Prevailing Wages expansion, takes effect in 2022. The project must be over \$5 million and have over 30% public funds.

To protect all involved the Union offices in Watertown and Plattsburgh are operational but closed to visitors. We are continuing business over the phone and using e-mail. When a Journeyman gets done, we are taking his information over the phone and sending a picture of the referral slip. We are still processing dues receipts and the Fund office is carrying out all its normal functions. Apprenticeship classes have been suspended; Alan is looking at the possibility of completing the year with all on line learning.

I have yet to be notified of any member who has tested positive. If anyone knows any member or retiree who is in need of assistance, of any type, please let us know.