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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting
May 4th, 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



Masks are
required!

REMINDER

2nd 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

PAID SICK LEAVE

I am still getting questions about the New York State sick leave law. You are most likely entitled to it depending on the number of employees your contractor has.

Amount of Leave - Employers with 100 plus workers get 56 hours a calendar year, those with 5-99 get 40 hours, 4 workers or less do not get any unless the company income is over \$1 million.

Accruals - Employees begin accruing leave on September 30, 2020. Leave must be accrued at a rate not less than one hour for every thirty hours worked.

Permitted uses - For mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, regardless of whether it has been diagnosed or requires medical care at the time of the request for leave; or for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; or need for medical diagnosis or preventive care.

For an absence from work when the employee or employee's family member has been the victim of domestic violence.

Retaliation - Employees who believe that they have been retaliated against for exercising their sick leave rights should contact the Department of Labor's Anti-Retaliation Unit at 888-52-LABOR. LSAsk@labor.ny.gov.

More info - <https://www.ny.gov/programs/new-york-paid-sick-leave>

If an employer refuses to pay call 888-469-7365 or <https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/ls223.pdf>.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO BROTHER INTSCHERT'S FAMILY

We lost a man who had a great impact on IBEW Local 910 and its membership. Long term Business Manager George Intschert passed away on March 7th after a several year battle with a rare form of bone marrow cancer. Although George has been retired for many years, our current membership benefits greatly by his leadership and vision. All of us at Local 910 send our deepest sympathies to George's wife Julie, his Brother Jim and the rest of his family (more on George can be found in the Business Managers report on page 2).



BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at April 2021 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union



Currently we have 60 Journeymen on Book I, 5 on Book II, 0 Apprentices available, 3 Residential, CE, CW's and 1 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Roth Industries – Addition went to Jordstat(NU), SUNY Plattsburgh – Hawkins Hall – Reno. Nursing Lab & Elect. Panel Upgrade was a GC Bid to Murnane for \$451,000, we have been told they will sub electric to S&L(U); Watertown City Schools – Rebid Smart Schools Project went to Watson(U) for \$96,156; JCC Green Campus Entryway Phase 2 Rebid went to S&L(U) for \$34,395; and Evans Mills Highway Garage Rebid went to Empire Northeast(NU) for \$275,000.

From Executive Board Meeting Report;

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: South Lewis CSD Capital Improvements Phase II – Concession Stand and Bathrooms went to NYTRIC(U) for \$85,900,

Upcoming work includes: NYPA – Saranac Digital Substation in Caddyville, Massena Substation Breaker Replacement, Lewis County General Hospital Addition and Revitalization, STL Water Tower Replacement Massena NYPA, NYPA MA-Advance Power Flow Control Project, Brasher Falls CSD Capital Outlay, Massena CSD Capital Improvements Phase II, Watertown Airport – Air Ambulance Hangar and Living Quarters, South Lewis CSD Capital Improvements Phase II – Concession Stand and Bathrooms, Watertown BOCES - P.E.S. Building Construction, Port Henry- Generator Installation, Carthage SCD Capital Improvements Phase 2, Ft. Drum - New Railhead Loading Facility, Carthage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateauguay facility, the Number Three, Deer River, and the Mad River wind farms. Several large solar projects.

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, Madrid Waddington \$5 million, Potsdam \$23.5M.

We have open calls for 1 Journeyman for the Thousand Island Land Port of Entry for Matco and 1 for Blackstone at Fort Drum. The next Solar project for Shuler-Haas has started up, we have 8 on that job so far. This one is located on Rt 22 outside Plattsburgh towards Beekmantown.

This is usually the busiest time of year for bidding projects. At this time, there is a fair amount of work out to bid. Everyone has concerns over price and availability of materials, as well as manpower.

As most of you know, former Local 910 Business Manager George Intschert passed away last month. George was a 50-year member of the IBEW. He was elected Business Manager of Local 910 in 1984 with 5 members running. He was 35 years old and held the position for 20 years. Local 910 at that time only owned this building and the Business Manager also held the title of Funds Manager and Training Director. George guided our Union through some dynamic changes; including the Fort Drum expansion, merger with Local 781 in Plattsburgh and establishment of a full time Fund Manager (to name a few). He led the way for our self-insurance health care plan and our Annuity Fund. George was also President of the St. Lawrence Valley Building and Construction Trades Council. He helped secure several PLA's helping all the trades. The longer I hold this position, the more respect I have for George and the challenges he faced.

I received a report this afternoon on the New York State budget that is a few days overdue. We are told that they have agreed to enforce the Prevailing rate on any renewable energy projects over 5 megawatt that receive renewable energy credits. This will go into effect on contracts signed after October 1st.

I want to remind everyone to be vigilant in wearing their mask and social distancing.