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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting
November 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Watertown Union Hall

Watertown, NY 13601

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting
November 10th, 7:00 p.m.
Plattsburgh Union Hall

Plattsburgh, NY 12901

REMINDER

4th Quarter Dues Are
Now Payable

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2020 ELECTION

Get Out And Vote November 3rd
Candidates endorsed by your Union;

President of the United States - Joe Biden

**U.S. Representative for New York's 21st Congressional District
- Elise Stefanik**

**New York Supreme Court Election in the fifth Judicial District
- Rory McMahon**

New York State Senate for the 45th District - Kimberly Davis

**New York State Assembly for the 114th District - Claudia
Braymer**

New York State Assembly for the 115th District - Billy Jones

**New York State Assembly for the 116th District - Alex
Hammond**

St. Lawrence County Treasurer - Renee Cole

VOTE:
November 3, 2020



BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at Oct. 2020 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union



Currently we have 58 Journeyman on Book I, 7 on Book II, 4 Apprentices available, 0 Residential, CE, CW's and 1 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Fort Drum UAV Shadow Hangar was a GC bid to Structural Associates for \$21,731,500, who will sub electrical to NYTRIC (U); replace Oil Water Separator Ray Brook GC Bid to Reale Construction for \$259,800, who will sub electric to Triangle (U); Snug Harbor Power Distribution Upgrades went to Collins-Hammond(U) for \$867,160; Lewis County General Hospital – Copenhagen Health Clinic was a GC Bid to Capital Construction for \$354,125, who will sub electric to NYTRIC (U); the Potsdam UPS Terminal addition electrical is being done by Heritage Homes (NU), the conveyor system power and controls is being done by Triangle (U).

From Executive Board Meeting;

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Madrid – Waddington CSD Capital Outlay went to Perras (U) for \$179,000, Norwood – Norfolk CSD Dow (NU) for \$2,367,000 and Carthage Municipal Building Addition and Renovations was a GC Bid to Powis Contracting Inc. for \$398,240, who have self-performed small electrical jobs in the past.

Upcoming work includes: NYPA- Headgate Upgrades, NYPA – Saranac Digital Substation in Caddyville, Roth Industries – Addition, Champlain Border Crossing Passenger Administration Area, Watertown City Schools, Carthage Municipal Building Addition and Renovations, Norwood – Norfolk CSD, NYSDEC Field Office & Maint. Bldg. Louisville, Heuvelton CSD Capital Improvement Phase III, Ft. Drum - New Railhead Loading Facility, Carthage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateaugay 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, Norwood-Norfolk \$9.1 million, Massena \$49.6 million and Madrid Waddington \$5 million.

Work continues to hold steady with just a few lay-offs. We still need one more Journeyman for the Border Crossing. We have sent 2 travelers to that job. I have received many calls on the upcoming bid for the Olympic Arenas, much of the concern is the General Contractors trying to meet the WBE/MBE goals. I have also been working with our contractors to try to secure the electrical work on the new Watertown UPS terminal. The Plattsburgh and Potsdam UPS buildings did not go to Union contractors.

I have been getting a few questions from our Contractors about the new State regulations on sick time that appeared in the New York State budget. New York State said they would come out with more details by now, but everyone is still waiting. According to what was in the budget, employers will start to keep track of employee's hours beginning on October 1st towards sick time. Sick time accumulated depends on the number of employees the business has. If there's under 4 employees - no sick time, 4-99 employees - 40 hours sick time a year, and over 100 employees - 56 hours sick time a year. Sick time is accrued at one hour for every 30 hours worked. Like most laws New York State enacts, they do not take into account the law will affect construction where a person can work for several contractors in a year's time. The law does state that employers with Union contracts can negotiate other terms in lieu of the sick time. I am hopeful more guidance will be coming from the State. I also had a Zoom meeting with officials at Northern Credit Union relating to the sick leave law. That contract already has provisions that exceed the State requirements.

The 74th 3rd District Progress meeting was held virtually on September 16th. We were informed that "A" membership is up in the district by over 2,000. We have 62,038 members who work primarily in construction. We were again reminded about the importance of the upcoming Presidential Election on the future of Organized Labor, the Construction Industry and the IBEW.

I have been appointed to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee. We had our first meeting a few weeks ago. The committee is made up of area stakeholders from County Government and the Private Sector. This committee will choose a consultant to perform an economic study to guide the County for the next 5 years. Three (3) firms have provided proposals. This study is grant funded.