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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting

September 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting

September 10th, 7:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new members sworn in to IBEW Local 910 membership

Apprentices Joseph Bridgeman, Tyler Cook, and Otis Edwards. Construction Electricians Brian LaPierre and Michael Perry.

REMINDER

3rd Quarter Dues Are Now Payable

Wiremen \$123.60

Apprentice \$117.60

Check or exact cash accepted.

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

MASSENA'S 39TH SOLIDARITY PARADE



**Massena's 39th Solidarity Parade
Labor Day Monday, September 2nd
Massena, NY**

Come Join Us !

Electricians Local 910 MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES gather at 10:00am at Alcoa field or 10:30 at the corner of Bishop and Willow streets to march in the parade.

Tee Shirts will be handed out beforehand.

A community picnic follows in the park.

EJATC OF WATERTOWN

Here's a shot of the training center addition



BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at August '19 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union



Currently we have 45 Journeymen on Book I, 2 on Book II, 0 Apprentice out of work, 0 Residential, CE, CW's and 1 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Eel Weir State Park-Comfort Station had Jordstat (NU) low bidder at \$32,351; DANC Rodman Landfill Cell 12 & 13 Liner System went to Patricia (U) for \$836,000; City of Watertown – Thompson Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse had Ridley (U) low at \$149,800 (Ridley was only Bidder, job is over budget and will likely not happen); NYPA 20 Megawatt Battery Storage Facility – Willis Road Substation NYPA award design, build and commission the project to O'Connell (U) for \$22.6 million; and Indian River School – Maintenance Center & Additions went to Panko (NU) for \$299,000.

Upcoming work includes: Fort Drum Museum, Town Of Lewis-Salt Storage Shed, Jay Community Center, SUNY Canton-Wicks Hall, Ogdensburg Airport-Runway Lighting, Cranberry Lake Campground-Water System Improvements, Watertown International Airport-Runway Rehab, Ogdensburg Wastewater Upgrades, Parishville-Hopkinton CSD-Capital Improvements, Belleville-Henderson CSD-Capital Outlay Project, Several Olympic Regional Development Projects in the Lake Placid area, Carthage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateaugay facility, the Number Three, Deer River, Roaring Brook and the Mad River wind farms. There are also several solar projects upcoming.

School projects that are in various stages of development: 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, Copenhagen \$5.9 million, Indian River \$41 million and Carthage \$35 million.

We currently have 10 open calls for a total of 16 Journeymen needed; all school jobs except a short-term project at Alcoa East. Nearly every Local in New York State has difficulty filling calls. Thus far we have had 6 retirees return to work.

Last month I was contacted by 3 different out of the area contractors who were asked to bid the solar project in the Towns of Orleans and Clayton. This job is split into 4 separate projects: 2 in each town; the total value is reported to be \$31.5 million. The contractors said the developer wants to build it by the end of the year, essentially 3 months with an estimated 100 electrical workers. I told them they had better figure in overtime and per diem if they want to attract those kinds of numbers. I am very skeptical that they can get a PILOT from the taxing jurisdictions, get permitting or even get the equipment here in that short of timeframe. Today's paper reported that another developer proposes a 3.9 Meg solar in the Town of LeRay and possibly another yet in Adams.

Today, Travis and I attended a public hearing for the Deer River wind farm in Lowville. This project proposes 25 turbines in the towns of Pinckney and Harrisburg. They originally planned on 40 towers with some turbines in Montague, but have changed due to environmental concerns, setbacks and discussions with Fort Drum. All the speakers were against the project. There were no representatives that had anything to do with the construction. The earliest that project could start is late 2020.

On July 24th the House of Representatives voted to approve the Butch Lewis Act that would create a federal loan program for struggling Multi-employer pension plans. We have been following this closely because if something isn't done to help the struggling pension plans, it will negatively affect healthy plans like ours. When I looked at how everyone voted, I noticed that our Representative Elise Stefanik did not vote in favor of it; other New York Republicans supported it. I sent her a text to tell her I was very disappointed. A few minutes later I received a call from her. She told me that the bill was meaningless because it would never even get to the floor in the Senate. She told me she is on the Education and Labor Committee that will be working in a bipartisan negotiation to come up with a bill that can fix the problem and get passed in both Houses. The next day, she sent me an e-mail to further explain. I am still disappointed with her vote, but I am encouraged that she responded to my concerns.

We are continuing to prepare for Northern Credit union negotiations.