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MEETINGS

WATERTOWN:

Regular meeting

August 6th, 7:00 p.m.

PLATTSBURGH:

Satellite meeting

August 13th, 7:00 p.m.

- **Drink a Lot of Water**
- **Take a Break in the Shade**
- **Report Heat Symptoms EARLY**
- **Know What To Do In An Emergency**



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

THIS TRAGIC NEWS STORY SHOULD BE A SAFETY REMINDER FOR ALL OF US

An IBEW Local 41 member was killed on a lighting retrofit project at a commercial facility in DeWitt on June 25. Derek Torres, 33, of Buffalo, worked for M & M Electric Construction Co., of Niagara Falls.

Torres was unconscious on a scissor lift. He apparently was electrocuted while changing a ballast, police said.

Co-workers lowered the lift, started CPR and called 911. Torres had marks on his hands that indicated he had been electrocuted, according to police.

He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he died. **I have learned that Brother Torres was killed by a 277-volt lighting circuit. This should never have happened!_ PLEASE remember to always lock-out and tag-out the source of power and test to verify the circuit is dead.**

BUSINESS MANAGER

Currently we have 52 Journeymen on Book I, 3 on Book II, 2 Apprentices out of work, 2 Residential, CE, CW's and 1 Tele-data Technician available for work.

Jobs bid in the last two weeks include: Indian River CSD-various projects went to S&L(U) for \$279,500, Cold Storage Building-Peru went to Weydman(U) \$58,190, Village Of Theresa-DPW Garage went to Jordstat (NU) for \$56,480, Constable-New Town Office Building was a GC bid to Heritage Homes(NU) for \$453,000 (they will Self Perform the Electrical), Watertown Airport- Fire and Rescue Building went to Jordstat(NU) for \$653,923, Camp Colby-Multi Use Building went to Weydman(U) for \$147,890, Village Of Adams-Water Treatment Facility Upgrades went to SC Spencer(NU) for \$273,635 (they were 27% low).

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BUSINESS MANAGER

Report at July '19 Regular Meeting

U=Union / NU = Non Union



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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, Jay Community Center, Ogdensburg Wastewater Upgrades, Carthage Hospital, Agri-Mark's Chateauguay facility, the Number Three, Deer River, Roaring Brook and the Mad River windfarms. There are several solar projects.

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 are having trouble filling calls; it has been since last Wednesday that 2 school calls have been on the job line for Saranac Lake and Madrid-Waddington. So far, no takers. I expect more calls for school work in the near future and do not expect many Journeymen who are on the road to come back. Per the regulations in the Local 910 Pension, I have notified Local 910 Funds Manager Mark Capone that I declared a critical shortage in manpower which allows retired members to return to work. We did this last year, the critical shortage will take effect July 15th and will last until September 30th. Tomorrow Mark will be sending out a mailing relating to this to all retired members outlining how a return to work would affect the retiree's pensions. I am hopeful that will help fulfill some of our contractor's needs this summer.

The de-certification election for our unit at Northern Credit Union was held by the NLRB on Thursday June 20th . Over 90% of the eligible voters chose to vote and the Union prevailed attaining 70% of the votes cast. I was very happy with the results, especially the turn out. The high turn-out shows the employees care about the roll the union plays. I think the assistance of International Organizers Steve Rockafellow and Maria Vooris played a big part in the margin of victory. Now we need to rebuild the activism of the membership. Negotiations will start soon with the current contract expiring August 31. We held a meeting last week and will hold another one next week.

The PLA for the Ogdensburg wastewater we've been working on for months was in danger of being voted down. The city had been set to receive a \$4.9 million USDA Rural Development grant and loan package but recently received notice that the proposed PLA would put that in jeopardy. Fortunately, the Governor's office stepped in and secured a \$4.9 million state Environmental Facilities Corporation loan to make up for the federal dollars. Last Monday the City Council voted unanimously to accept the State moneys and to move forward with the PLA. We had many trades workers in the room. The bid packages are already out on the street.

The Public Works bill that we have been talking about did not pass by the end of session in Albany. It is probably for the best; it had been watered down so much it would not have been much help to us.

As you may have noticed the concrete was poured for the training center addition last week. It was a real challenge to get that done due to the weather. Hopefully the General Contractor will get started soon.

I received a call from 3rd District Vice President Mike Welsh yesterday asking me if I would accept an appointment to sit on CIR. I said that I would accept and am flattered to be considered. The Council on Industrial Relations (CIR) is a bipartite body made up of equal numbers of management representatives from NECA and union representatives from the IBEW with the power to resolve any collective bargaining disputes. The Council meets quarterly in Washington DC to rule on grievances and contract negotiations that are deadlocked at the local level. Local 910 has only gone to CIR once, it was over an apprenticeship issue; other Locals, like Albany, seem to go every time they negotiate.