



Regular Meeting Dates

WATERTOWN: Regular meeting
January 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

PLATTSBURGH: Satellite meeting
January 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Contract Negotiations: Tell Us What You Think!

The current Inside Construction Agreement is set to expire on March 31, 2018. We will soon be sitting down with the Northern New York Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) to negotiate a new agreement.

IBEW Local 910 President Keith Sixberry is seeking your input. If you have ideas on portions of the agreement you would like our negotiators to address, please let us know. Some sections of the agreement are referred to as Category I provisions. These have been agreed to nationally and are considered Standard Agreement Language by the IBEW International Office and NECA National. By joint recommendation and in written agreement, all Inside Construction Agreements between IBEW Local Unions and NECA Chapters must contain all Category I Language verbatim, i.e., no deviations or changes to these clauses are permitted.

Other than Category I sections, the rest of the agreement is subject to negotiations. Please let us know your ideas! Contact Business Manager John O'Driscoll in the Watertown office (jo@ibew910.org) or Dave Hoover in the Plattsburgh office (dhoover@primelink1.net).

Thank You

I would like to thank Brother Ron Morrill for speaking in favor of the North Ridge Wind Farm at the December 18th Town of Hopkinton Board meeting. Local 910 has been helping developer Avangrid Renewables inform the public of the positive economic aspects of wind farm development. I was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict and asked Ron to attend and speak during the open floor portion of the meeting. He did a great job representing us. With so little economic development in St. Lawrence County, it is critical that we do everything we can to advance proposed projects that will employ our membership. Anyone who would like to help in these efforts please let me know.

Thank you, John O'Driscoll.

Public Meeting On Canton-Potsdam Bypass

On Tuesday January 30th there will be a presentation relating to the survey completed on the Canton-Potsdam Bypass. The hearing starts at 6:30PM at on the St. Lawrence University Campus in the Eben Holden Conference Center, which is located near the Augsburg Field House. The New York State Department of Transportation hired a firm to do a study on the traffic flow and public opinion for the bypass. The lack of a 4-lane highway across St. Lawrence County hinders economic development drastically; the Canton-Potsdam Bypass is a critical first step in fixing the problem. There are people who are against this project so it is important that there is a good turnout of those in favor.

DID YOU KNOW ?



- COLD WEATHER PUTS A STRAIN ON YOUR HEART, EVEN WITHOUT EXERCISE.
- BE CAREFUL WHEN SHOVELING SNOW, PUSHING A CAR OR OTHER EXERTION.
- REGARDLESS OF YOUR AGE OR PHYSICAL CONDITION, AVOID OVEREXERTION IN THE WINTER.

REMINDER:

Dues for 2018 have increased to
\$114.60 for Apprentices and
\$120.60 for Journeymen.

1st Quarter Dues Are Now Payable

Wiremen \$120.60
Apprentice \$114.60

Check or exact cash accepted.
If you have any questions concerning
how much you may owe,
please call (315) 782-5630

Currently we have 100 Journeymen on Book I, 6 on Book II, 8 Apprentice, 9 Residential, CE, CW& and 0 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last week include: Lisbon Beach Campground-Expansion was a GC bid that went to TJ Fiocco Construction for \$215,700, they are subbing the Electric to Perras Companies (U); SUNY Plattsburgh-HTHW Generator Replacement phase 2 was a Mechanical bid to All State Construction for \$7,406,000, we have been told they will sub the Electric to Weydman (U); Clarkson University-Rebid Camp Shared Lab Space, the electric to Collins-Hammond (U); Waddington Civic Center-Overhead Doors went to Norsworthy (U); SUNY Canton-Renovate Chaney Hall Phase 2 was a GC bid to Black Horse for \$6,318,760, the electric will be done by Watson (U); and Lowville School-Lighting Project went to New Century (U) for \$88,901.

From Executive Board Report;

Jobs bid in the last week include: Adirondack Correctional Facility (Raybrook) Rehabilitate Buildings 1, 2 & 20 went to Dow Electric (NU) for \$285,039 (they were 31% low); WWTI 50-Office Renovation went to NYTRIC (U); Ogdensburg Public Library-Basement Renovation went to Norsworthy (U); Clinton Community College - Learning Commons Renovation went to S&L (U) for \$642,000; Plattsburgh Airfield Projects Under the PLA; Temporary Power for Demo, Nose Docks #3 & #6 renovation and 5 Building Renovation all went to S&L (U); and Ticonderoga High School is going to be done by Hour Electric for \$507,000.

Upcoming work includes: Several Dollar Stores, Town Of Fine-Water System Improvement, NYPA-Generator Upgrades, SUNY Canton-University Police Relocation, Akwesasne Housing Authority-Sunrise Acres Phase 3, Fort Drum-LED Lighting Various Buildings, Ogdensburg Public Library-Basement Renovation, South Lewis CSD-Gym Renovation, SUNY Potsdam Lehman Hall Phase VIII, NYPA-TLEM Switchyard Project, Canton Housing Authority-Senior Apartment Alterations, City Of Ogdensburg-Street Lighting Upgrade, St. Lawrence University-Madill Hall, Adirondack Correctional Facility (Raybrook), JCC-Theater Lighting System, Plattsburgh International Airport-Manufacturing Facility SUNY Plattsburgh-Whiteface Hall, Watertown CSD-Case Middle School, Thousand Islands Welcome Center and several projects at the Plattsburgh Airport Agri-Mark& Chateaugay facility, Norsk Titanium, a new development for a wind farm on Galloo Island, and the Copenhagen & Mad River wind farms.

School projects that are in various stages of development: Clifton-Fine \$3.6 million, Brasher Falls \$10 million and Peru \$2.8 million, Thousand Islands School 6.9 Million, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES \$18.5 million, General Brown \$9.37 million, and Parishville-Hopkinton \$2.3 million.

The work situation has stayed about the same; it appears that this will be a quiet winter ahead. We did get one job of substance announced that we had not known about. New York State will be building a welcome center at Collins Landing at the base of the Thousand Islands Bridge. The news reported that construction will start in the spring and the project will be completed by the end of the year.

I spent 4 days last week in Champlain negotiating a new contract for the Champlain Telephone employees who are members of Local 910. We did not complete the bargaining and I will be returning to resume negotiations in Champlain.

Members of the various Building Trades Local Unions had a meeting with the operators of the Fort Drum Airfield to discuss the issues that have been reported with the proposed wind farms. I want to thank Assembly Women Addie Jenne for setting up this meeting, which she also attended. It was clear from the presentation that the wind farms, if built, will have a negative effect on the efficiency of both the detection radar and the weather radar. One thing I did learn is that the Galloo Island project is such a compact site that it will have little or no effect on the radar.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please celebrate responsibly.