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Regular Meeting Dates

WATERTOWN: Regular meeting
September 5th, 7:00 p.m.

PLATTSBURGH: Satellite meeting
September 12th, 7:00 p.m.

National Child ID Program

To help our members protect their children and grandchildren, the IBEW has joined the **National Child Identification Program** to provide free Child ID Kits to our members. A Child ID Kit is a simple yet effective tool to help families maintain current descriptive information about their children. Completing the kit is simple: fill out the fingerprint identification card with the most recent information and follow the instructions for the fingerprint and DNA sections. Store the card in a safe place and only turn it over to authorities in the case of an emergency www.childidprogram.com/. Please contact the Watertown office to order kits for your family. jo@ibew910.org

Welcome New Members

Apprentice

NICOLAS CASEY &

Construction Electrician

JORDAN EISENHAUER

were inducted into membership of
Local Union 910

3rd Quarter Dues Are Payable In Advance

Wiremen \$117.60

Apprentice \$111.60

Please note -
effective 1/1/17 there has been a \$6
increase in quarterly dues.

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

Clinton County Approves PLA For Airport Work

On August 9th, before a packed house of over 150 union members, **Clinton County Legislators approved a Project Labor Agreement (PLA)** for work on \$40 million in construction at the Plattsburgh International Airport.

There was over an hour of testimony from people both for and against a PLA; the majority of the speakers were in favor of the PLA to ensure local workers are employed on these projects. The County Legislators voted 7 to 3 to approve the deal, which calls for two union workers for every one non-union worker. Non-union contractors can still bid for the jobs but have to hire the required union workers. The county received \$38 million from the state earlier this year for the airport improvements. The state strongly recommended the county consider a Project Labor Agreement.

The last time IBEW Local 910 was involved with a PLA was the construction of the St. Lawrence County Jail in 2008. That project was finished on time and within budget. Assistant Business Manager, David Hoover, has worked very hard for a long time to help the Plattsburgh Building Trades Council get positioned for this victory that ensures our members work on these projects. **Thanks Dave!**

SOLIDARITY DAY – LABOR DAY PARADE

We will meet at 10:00 AM at Alcoa Field or 10:30AM at the corner of Bishop & Willow Streets. Bring your family! **Everyone is welcome to march with us.**

*See you in Massena
on Labor Day.*



Job Site Pictures Wanted

The **Labor Management Cooperation Committee** is working on new promotional materials for Local 910 and NECA and could use more job site photos. Please send the pictures to John via e-mail jo@ibew910.org or via text 315-783-9555. Thanks.

Currently we have 66 Journeyman on Book I, 2 on Book II, 0 Apprentice, 2 Residential, CE, CW's and 0 Tele-data Technicians available for work.

Jobs bid in the last week include: Southwick Beach State Park-New Concession Building went to New Century Electric (U) for \$126,000, Town Of Pamela-Water Tower Improvements went to Jordstat (NU) \$228,765, Watertown CSD - Security & Technology had Knapp Electric(U) low at \$577,200 they BAILED as a result; Comalli Technology Systems(NU) was awarded the project for \$657,300, Town of Plattsburgh-Rt. 9 Pump Station went to Ace Electric (NU), US Olympic Training Center-Entrance Improvements was a GC bid to Friend Construction who we were told will sub the electrical work to Watson Electric(U), SUNY Plattsburgh-HTHW Generator Replacement phase 2 Mechanical went to All State Construction for \$7,859,00 and they will sub electric to Weydman Electric (U).

Jobs bid in the last week include: The Land Port of Entry at Thousand Islands - electrical will be done by Matco Electric (U) no price available (from August Executive Board meeting).

Upcoming work includes: Several Dollar Stores, Plattsburgh FedEx Distribution Facility is being rebid, Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes new houses, Town Of Fine-Water System Improvement, Plattsburgh Airport- Runway Project, JCC-Theater Sound System, Ray Brook Prison-Fire Alarm Upgrades, SUNY Canton-Upgrade Cyber Café, NYPA-Generator Upgrades, Ft. Drum-Construct Visitor Control Center, SUNY Canton-University Police Relocation, Akwesasne Housing Authority-Sunrise Acres Phase 3, Fort Drum-LED Lighting Various Buildings, Ft. Drum-Construct Visitor Control Center, St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center-Alterations, Whiteface Mountain Base Lodge Improvements and restoration of Agri-Mark's 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, Peru \$2.8 million, Thousand Islands School 6.9 Million, Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES \$18.5 million, and General Brown \$9.37 million.

Work continues to hold strong with several New York State Local Unions with open calls including Syracuse, Ithaca, Binghamton, Albany and Buffalo. Most are 40-hour calls but Buffalo has a job working 6-10's. We have continued to have sporadic hiring for schools and Fort Drum here, and also a few layoffs.

We are about to begin negotiations with Clinton County on a proposed Project Labor Agreement on approximately \$42 Million dollars worth of work on the Clinton County Airport. Dave Hoover and a few of the other Building Trades representatives have met with Engineer Tim Seeler who has been doing studies on PLA's for over 20 years in New York State. They plan to model this agreement after the one completed for the Syracuse Airport. One negative for us is that more than likely the job will be bid non-Wicks so our contractors would not be Prime on this job. We will be expected to make other concessions to our normal agreement. We have been told that it is very important to the Governor's office that the large airport projects all be built under a PLA including Rochester, Syracuse, Elmira and Plattsburgh. There has already been some pushback in the newspaper from the owners of Luck Brothers Contracting, a non-union contractor who is active in the ABC and has always voiced their opposition to PLA's. If an agreement can be completed among the trades, it will be voted on at a special meeting of the Clinton County Legislature on August 9th.

General Contractor Northland/Cianbro had been telling subcontractors that awards to them would take place prior to August 1st, but at this point we still do not know who has the electrical work.

The New York State Department of Labor is still not taking any action on enforcement of the prevailing rate on the photovoltaic work being done for municipalities under a power purchase agreement. What is happening is the developers are not even asking our contractors to bid the work because it is not prevailing wage. The two large projects in Gouverneur and Lisbon have the racking and panel installation being done by laborers, many from a temp agency for \$13.20 an hour, the AC and DC wiring was done by Demco. The troubling thing is that in Massachusetts all the work is that of the electrician and all prevailing rate.

Today Laborers Local 1822 of Massena have set up picket lines at Alcoa's Massena West plant. Alcoa recently hired National Response Corps Environmental Services, formerly Op-Tech, to perform work at the facility. NRC Environmental Services is located in the Massena Industrial Park. Representatives from the Laborers told me that seven (7) members lost their jobs when Alcoa hired NRC.

Fort Drum Interceptor #4

