

# Village of Richmondville

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I have been working on budget.

We have been cutting trees on Podpadic Road, Ploss Road, and in the Village on Park Avenue, and helped clean up a mess at the Cemetery with the Town. Thank you to DPW for lending us Jason for the work in the Village, including the cemetery.

Attended the MEUA Accounting and Engineering Workshop. The first day I split and attended the morning at the Accounting workshop and the afternoon at the Engineering Workshop. Both had information I was interested in, such as

- Accounting 101, which is a basics course but they are always covering different topics, and is always full of information.
- There was also preparing for AFR and PSC Reports, and found that there were certain things I could better prepare for when the accountants come, saving them time and work.
- There was also the topic of shared metering, and how to properly handle it when it occurs. We have been doing a pretty good job of dealing with it up to this point, but I learned of the proper rules, and other methods of handling it.

In the afternoon, I attended the Engineering Workshop, and learned that

- Altec has a training program to certify in writing, workers to qualify for operating Digger trucks, and Bucket trucks, and even to a degree a crane certification, for use of a digger truck as a crane. This can be done as a train the trainer type course, or as a groups, even with other municipalities on site.
- They also had a meter 101 overview. I found this to be especially useful, to make sure that you are using the right type of meter for the right applications, as well as the correct CT's. There will be a meter class in Fairport again, in the future. I'd like to attend that when it comes up. I'd even like for Bret to go as well. I attended one in the past and it was pretty in depth, and the presenters were speaking above most people's heads, by talking a lot of theory. This one is geared more towards learning the more practical uses of the different types.
- The final subject for the day was composite poles. It gave me ideas for putting some in for certain applications in our system, down the road, such as underground poles, and replacing the transmission poles when the time comes. They are more expensive than wood, but they do not rot, attract wood peckers, and are more flexible when a car hits them, and the life expectancy is twice as long.
- Day 2 was a combined class with the subject of time management, dealing with stress and anxiety, and identifying and dealing with toxic relationships in the work place.

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What I also got out of the classes was that when they asked who still used analogue meters, I was the only one who's hand went up, and Aliha said the same thing happened to her when I guess they talked about some of the software being used. Lynda from BST was talking to us after ward about the IEEP, and that we should be using some of that money, because it is just growing. I propose we start using it to buy new meters, and a new meter system. Other municipalities have done this already, using IEEP money. The only thing about that is, is it won't count towards growing our plant, because we are using IEEP money. If we would want it to count towards our system, we would have to take out a loan, or BAN. At least that is the way I understand it, talking to Lynda.

Getting ready to do the FERC report, due April 30<sup>th</sup>

Also getting ready for inventory so we can have it done by the time BST comes to do our year end for this year. I'll start that around mid April.

I have been in contact with Andre' Nadeau and Gary Bywater, about the poles and lights for the Little League field. I gave them a price on 50' poles, and cross arms, and they were good with that. There was also the question of whether or not we would provide the wire, or would they have to buy it. I told them I was not at liberty to make donations, and would bring it up to the Board.

Upcoming meetings MEUA Semi Annual held in Syracuse, May 21 and 22. I believe that this will also be combined with the NYMPA Annual. I haven't seen confirmation on that, but last year they combined them, as well as the fall meetings.