

Executive Director Report

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The Accounting Workshop held on October 16-17 went very well. Congratulations to the Accounting & Finance Committee for putting together a fine program.

Deb Sippel, New York State Public Service Commission presented on shared metering and shared information on what your system should know when dealing with a shared meter situation. Many questions were answered by Deb which the attendees found very helpful.

John Paine, New York Power Authority, addressed ways to make full requirement customers' rate cases quicker time-wise as well as pointing out what detailed information is needed by NYPA when reviewing a case. John emphasized how good account records helps in processing a rate case.

The PSC's Chris Simon then explained what is needed for a smoother rate case for partial requirement customers. Chris explained the importance of answering I.R. questions in a timely fashion and again the importance of good account reporting.

Committee chair Aaron Daniels, Fairport, then presented on fraud examples and a case study of why internal controls is so important for your system.

Bill Freitag, BST& Co., reviewed work orders and how they should be correctly utilized, capital assets and GASB updates. GASB 68 prescribes financial reporting requirements for state and local government pension plans that went into effect for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. GASB 75 prescribes new financial reporting requirements for other past employment benefits (OPEB) and is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017.

Bill Freitag started the Day 2 morning session discussing work orders, operating property and inventory. A work order is a written document describing work performed, labor hours, and quantity of materials used. It is used to convert labor hours to dollars and material quantities to dollars.

Operating Property is the largest component of rate base on which the utility's rate of return is determined. Operating Property has a direct bearing on the establishment of rates.

Capitalization vs Expense was also discussed. Proper treatment of expenditures as capital or expense items impact rates.

Participants then worked through some scenarios allocating labor hours, supplies, store overhead, transportation overhead and fringe benefit overhead costs from numerous work order examples.

Retirement of Operating Property was reviewed with examples and proper journal entries discussed.

A lengthy question and answer session with Bill Freitag, Aaron Daniels, and Earl Johnson moderating was conducted.

Thanks for all who attended this Accounting Workshop—attendance was once again very good.

Meghan Lodge Retiring

Meghan Lodge-Churchville, Village Clerk/Treasurer is retiring mid-November. Meghan started as Churchville's Deputy Treasurer 20 years ago and has been the Village Clerk/Treasurer since 2012.

She has been active for many years on the MEUA Audit & Budget Committee and also has worked with NYMPA on the Customer Relations Committee for some time as well.



Andrew Thompson, MEUA President & Meghan Lodge- Churchville

A retirement gathering was held in her honor on October 29th in Churchville.

Congratulations Meghan and thank you for your contributions to the MEUA & NYMPA. Your involvement will be missed.

Happy Retirement!

Apprentice Class Graduation



October 31st marked the graduation of 13 linemen from the MEUA Apprentice Lineman Training. Those receiving their Journeyman Lineman certificates were:

Tim UhtegArcade
 Kory RosenburgFairport
 Kevin McAllister.....Fairport
 Steve BrownFairport
 Stan Welsh.....Hamilton
 Joshua SmithJamestown

Jason MorrisonJamestown
 Troy Jacques.....Lake Placid
 Garrett Mastic.....Plattsburgh
 James FarrellPlattsburgh
 Brian GriffenSolvay
 Brad McBride.....Solvay
 Richard PendleSteuben



Bill Hesson, MEUA & Merv Scott, Lineman's Supply

Thanks again to instructor Bill Hesson and NEPPA for the continued success of the four-year program.

A dinner in honor of the graduates was held at the Hampton Inn in Victor, NY.

Congratulations men—nicely done!!

Aurora House Presentation



On Thursday October 24th the MEUA presented a check for \$2,310 to the Aurora House in Spencerport, NY.

The Aurora House was this year's recipient of the MEUA's Annual Charity Fundraising event. Past President Owen McIntee of Spencerport, Pam Gilbert, Trustees Carol Nellis-Ewell and Charlie Hopson along with the Spencerport line crew were at the Aurora House for the presentation.

Director Marj Smith was present and happily accepted the charity donation on behalf of the MEUA.

A special thanks to Pam Gilbert who spearheaded the donation cause with our municipal and corporate members.

Thanks to all for making this possible as the Aurora House offers an awesome service to the Spencerport community and the MEUA is proud to be able to help.



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NYISO Report

NYISO Winter 2019-2020 Capacity Assessment – Winter Preparedness – the NYISO Operations Group provided their Winter 2019-2020 Capacity Assessment at the November 8, 2019 Operating Committee.

The NYISO expects to meet reliability criteria throughout Winter 2019-2020. The expected winter peak is 24, 123 MWs. The expected capacity margin for a 50/50% scenario is almost 11,000 MWs above the peak load forecast. Even in their Loss of Gas Case Scenario; the NYISO expects to have over 4,000 MWs of expected excess capacity. The NYISO also completed fuel surveys for oil combusting units to ensure adequate replacement

fuel is available if fuel switching is necessary and coordinated both transmission and generator outages to alleviate potential impact on power system reliability.

Expected new generation in the analysis includes Arkwright Wind and Copenhagen Wind, while Cayuga Unit 1 is expected to retire. The Phase Angle Regulator (PAR) at the Ontario border – L33P St. Lawrence-Moses is still modeled as out-of-service.

Several challenges that will continue to be monitored include:

- **Gas Availability** – retail load continues to have priority over electric power generation except in a firm sale agreement.
- **Extended Cold Weather Conditions** – replenishment of backup fuel must be monitored in these conditions.
- **Air Emissions Challenges** – fuel switching to oil combustion could trigger individual generating unit air emission permit conditions.
- **New Natural Gas Pipeline** – continue to be a challenge.

NYISO Budget – the NYISO is expecting a slight increase in their 2020 operating budget due to lower total energy send-out even though the actual dollar budget requirement declined slightly. The Rate Schedule 1 requirement is expected to increase from \$1.071 to 1.089/MWh.

Capacity Market – New York State Reliability Council (NYSRC) Internal Reserve Margin (IRM) requirement update – the Internal Reserve Margin (IRM) vote is scheduled for early December 2019. The Locational Capacity Reserve (LCR) Requirements for the Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island are determined in January 2020 by the NYISO. We will report the outcome in a future column.

EMS/BMS Software- the NYISO is currently working on a project that will upgrade the EMS/BMS software program. This program is used to operate the market each hour and day. The

software change was expected to go into effect beginning October 31, 2019. The NYISO recently released an announcement stating after evaluation of the current project status, the NYISO has determined that it will not be proceeding with GO-Live of the EMS/BMS Upgrade project on October 31, 2019. The project has several unresolved issues that are critical to the success of NYISO Operations and various constraints outside of the project that will require the NYISO to defer implementation of the System to 2020. The NYISO will be evaluating the path forward over the coming days and will brief stakeholders as more information becomes available.

What EV and Heat Pumps (HPs) could do to winter peaking requirements? The NYISO recently released some preliminary load forecasts evaluating the impact that Electric Vehicles (EVs), electric heat pumps, energy efficiency (EE) and solar (PV) could have on future energy load demands.

EVs and electrification of space heating is expected to increase load requirements; while EE and PV are expected to have a reduced impact on load requirements. The NYISO outlook covers the period 2019-2030 and evaluated an 8,760 Annual Hourly Scenario.

The findings show both winter and summer peak loads decline but the ratio of Winter peak to Summer peak rises. In other words, the winter peak demand is expected to decrease at a lower rate than summer peak due to the expected increase in electric vehicles and electric space heating. By 2030, it is expected that electric space heating rises to 14% of load, while EV is 6.5%.

As our municipal systems progress forward with EV, EE, electric space heating, and any solar considerations it will be important to have NYMPA evaluate the total load impacts on daily, monthly, seasonal, and annual impacts. Ultimately, high penetration of these emerging trends will impact our procurement decision-making going forward.

Employment Ads

Electric Department: Skaneateles

The **Village of Skaneateles** is seeking applicants for a leadership role in its municipal electric distribution system. The successful candidate will be experienced and proficient in the operations and administrative management of an electric distribution system, including substations, outside plant, metering and inventory. Candidates should have strong mechanical and electrical aptitude and demonstrated experience in administrative and managerial positions. Preference will be given to candidates who reside in the Village of Skaneateles or who also hold current license in wastewater or water supply.

Please forward your resume and salary requirements to the Village of Skaneateles, 26 Fennell Street, Skaneateles, New York 13152 or email to clerk@villageofskaneateles.com

Senior Lineworker: Penn Yan

The **Village of Penn Yan** has an opening for one (1) Senior Lineworker. This is a competitive NYS Civil Service position that is full time, 40 hours per week and subject to Civil Service rules for eligibility.

The applicant will supervise the Line Crew as assigned and in the absence of the Line Crew Chief; must be able to perform skilled work in the construction and maintenance of electrical overhead and underground distribution systems, including the rebuilding and maintenance of electrical substations. The work requires climbing poles, working in all kinds of weather conditions and rigid observance of safety precautions to protect the lives of themselves and others.

Range of hourly rate is \$28.68 - \$33.28 depending on years of experience.

For an application, full job description, minimum qualifications and Civil Service rules for

eligibility please visit:

<https://mycivilservice.yatescounty.org/jobopps>.

Candidate will be subject to drug and alcohol testing prior to employment.

Please submit your application along with work history, qualifications, training history and education, proof of Lineworker status, references and any other pertinent information to the Yates County Civil Service Office.

Line Crew Chief: Penn Yan

The **Village of Penn Yan** has an opening for one (1) Line Crew Chief. This is a competitive NYS Civil Service position that is full time, 40 hours per week and subject to Civil Service rules for eligibility.

The applicant will supervise the Line Crew; manage the operational budget and maintain an adequate inventory for the Electric Department; must be able to perform skilled work in the construction and maintenance of electrical overhead and underground distribution systems, including the rebuilding and maintenance of electrical substations. The work requires climbing poles, working in all kinds of weather conditions and rigid observance of safety precautions to protect the lives of themselves and others.

Range of hourly rate is \$31.04 - \$36.59 depending on years of experience.

For an application, full job description, minimum qualifications and Civil Service rules for eligibility please visit:

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Lineworker: Penn Yan

The **Village of Penn Yan** has openings for two (2) experienced electric line workers. These are NYS Civil Service positions that are part time (minimum of 20 hours per week) and subject to Civil Service rules for eligibility. This job provides a competitive salary and the potential for a \$5,000 employment bonus.

The applicants must be able to perform skilled work in the construction and maintenance of electrical overhead and underground distribution systems, including the rebuilding and maintenance of electrical substations. The work requires climbing poles, working in all kinds of weather conditions and rigid observance of safety precautions to protect the lives of themselves and others.

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Electric Superintendent: Marathon

The **Village of Marathon**, an equal opportunity employer, is accepting resumes for an Electric Department Superintendent. This position involves the management and supervision of the Electric Department; including daily operations and long-term planning. Work is done under the direction of the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Responsibilities include:

- Construction, repair and maintenance of all overhead and underground lines
- Supervision and assistance in installation of service for residence or business customers
- Schedule work for department employees and other subordinates
- Maintain necessary records and reports
- Responsible for safety of line crews and rigid enforcement of safety standards and devices.

Minimum qualifications:

- High school graduate and journeyman lineman certification
- Minimum of four (4) years' experience as a lineman on high voltage electric power distribution

- CDL driver's license with air brake endorsement and able to pass any required DOT drug & alcohol mandates
- Willing to work irregular hours, including inclement weather.

Additional preferences:

- Municipal experience
- Management or supervisory experience

The successful candidate may, from time to time, be assigned to other duties consistent with the operation of municipal electric utility. Salary is commensurate with relevant experience. The Village of Marathon offers a competitive benefit package.

Resumes must be submitted to Village of Marathon, P.O. Box 519, Marathon, NY 13803 or may be dropped off at the Village Office, 18 Tannery Street, Marathon, NY

Clerk/Treasurer: Churchville

The **Village of Churchville** (population 2079), is in search of a Clerk/Treasurer. The Village of Churchville is in Monroe County New York, approximately 15 miles southwest of downtown Rochester. The Village is surrounded by the Town of Riga and is adjacent to the neighboring municipalities of Spencerport to the North, Bergen to the West and Chili to the east. The Village provides a range of municipal services including municipal electric, sewer, and public cemetery. The Village of Churchville has a budget of \$2.15 million and 22 employees. Churchville Municipal Electric operates a budget of \$1.7 million. The electric service area consists of the Village of Churchville and has 1,100 residential and commercial accounts.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

This individual acts as the Village's Chief Financial Officer, reports directly to the Village Board and is responsible for the administration of the financial affairs of Village including the General Fund, Sewer, Electric and Capital Funds. The Clerk/Treasurer's Office is

comprised of a Deputy Village Clerk, Deputy Village Treasurer and the Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary. The Clerk/Treasurer is the Records Management Officer of the Village and serves as the Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees. This individual is responsible for maintaining a record of all village resolutions and local laws. Responsibilities include all Village financial operations including accounting, budgeting, payroll and the management of related benefit programs for the employees. This individual is responsible for preparing financial reports to the Village Board, as well as annual financial statements in accordance with general accepted governmental accounting principles. This individual also serves the receiver of Village taxes.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (illustrative only):

Acts as custodian of all monies requiring deposit and disbursement in connection with the general operation of the Village; Prepares all financial statements and reports; Plans and supervises the work of office staff; Responsible for the development and administration of all departmental budgets and implements budgetary controls over all appropriations and approval over all expenditures and commitments as to sufficiency of funds needed for personnel, equipment, materials and supplies and management of Village indebtedness; Responsible for the preparation of appropriate financial records and supporting details to assist independent auditors in their review of the Village financial records.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Demonstrates an expert understanding of current generally accepted governmental account principles as promulgated by GASB; Modern practices for the development, administration and control of municipal operating, capital budgets and grant funds; Demonstrates an ability in solving complex problems, and addressing activities in the Village day to day operations; Good knowledge of the laws, regulations, procedures and policies as they relate to local government in New York State; Ability to prepare

and present written and computer generated financial reports; Ability to communicate with both Village personnel and the public, both in writing and orally; Good knowledge of the Office of the NYS Comptroller Local Government Accounting and Reporting Manual. Working knowledge of automated systems software, including payroll systems, municipal accounting, and Microsoft Office applications; Ability to supervise staff and establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER;

Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, or closely related field AND three years of municipal government or public sector finance experience in a supervisory capacity, or: Associate's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, or closely related field AND four years of municipal government or public sector finance experience in a supervisory capacity, or: An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by A & B above.

The successful candidate will have exceptional interpersonal skills with the ability to interact and socialize with the general public, staff and elected officials. Must have demonstrated experience in collaborative work environments and must be able to effectively communicate and delegate while working in a team environment. Candidate must also mentor, cross-train and promote his/her peers and colleagues to maximize the full potential of the work group.

Interested applicants should submit a professional cover letter and resume to John Hartman, Mayor, 23 E Buffalo Street, Churchville, NY 14428. This position is open until filled; however, interested applicants are encouraged to apply by Friday, October 11, 2019. Please submit your salary requirements. For more information, please contact Mayor John Hartman at mayor@churchville.net or 585-293-3720 ext. 112.