

Village of Jacksonville Electric Co.
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2025

The Jacksonville Trustees held a regular meeting at 6:00pm in the office of the Village of Jacksonville Electric Co. on Tuesday July 8, 2025.

PRESENT: Tyler Colford – Trustee/President; Ken Bernard – Trustees; John Doty – Trustee/Treasurer; Jenepher Burnell – Trustee/Clerk; James Weber – General Manager

ABSENT: None **Bud Bemis?**

Call to Order

Tyler called the meeting to order at 5:58pm.

Public Comment

None

Notice of Vacancy

James read a handwritten notice of resignation from Howard (Bud) Bemis dated June 25, 2025. Pursuant to State Statute 24 V.S.A. § 961(a) Notice of Vacancy was presented to the Trustees for their approval. John motioned to approve the Notice of Vacancy, Tyler seconded, all in favor. The notice will be posted in at least three public places. Any Village resident is encouraged to submit their name to be considered as a Trustee to be appointed by the Village Trustees at their August 12, 2025 regular meeting.

Additions or Changes to Agenda

Envelopes

Review and approve minutes of June 10, 2025

John motioned to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025, Jenepher seconded, all in favor.

Ken Bernard joined the meeting at 6:15pm

Financial Report

- Treasurer's report: James reviewed the Statement of Cash accounts as printed: July 1st \$108,995.40 in the Checking and \$117,926.82 in the Money Market. As of July 8, 2025 \$114,942.46 in the Checking and \$40,594.95 in the Money Market. James reviewed the Statement of Debt accounts with a balance of \$66,349.68 for the Bucket Truck and \$596,268.49 due to VPPSA. The Statement of Receivables shows we billed out 92,188.35 for the month of June and collected 74,027.57. Payables were reviewed totaling \$126,981.92. The very old Pressure Washer was replaced with a new one for \$264.00.
- The Aged Receivables report was reviewed with a total of \$38,658.99. Amanda has reduced this number nearly in half from last month. James pointed out adding Amazon Capital Services as a new vendor saving on supply purchases.
- The warrant was reviewed and signed. John motioned to approve the warrants as presented, Ken seconded, all in favor.
- Payroll was reviewed and signed. There was an increase in line maintenance for the month of June. John motioned to approve Payroll, Ken seconded, all in favor.

Managers' Report

- Rate Case: A new Case will be submitted July 14, 2025 with the help of a contractor hired by VPPSA. An implementation date expected September 1, 2025. This is projected to bring in an additional \$126,000 in revenue. The Trustees are asked to approve this rate case. John motioned to approve filing a Rate Case at no more than 13%, Tyler 2nd, all in favor.

- AMI Update: There is a mandatory DCU training being held in Swanton, VT. James has been unsuccessful in getting one of the linemen to go and feels he will attend.
- 3 Phase Relocation: The lines have been fully moved and energized. The old lines will be removed when time permits throughout the year.
- Tree Trimming: Alpha Arbors has completed the work on Sadawga Lake Rd. Town Hill Rd is next on the schedule.
- Battery Storage: Conversations have started between the Village Electric Co and a company that designs utility-sized batteries to be put around the village. Batteries are currently utilized by other power companies to supply power to their customers during peak hours in order to flatten the curve of power spikes and reduce or cut down on the hours of outages. Battery implementation could potentially reduce the amount requested in rate cases. VPPSA will finance the project.
- Outages this month:
 - 6/20/25
428 Town Hill Rd – Pole fire, our linemen repaired the neutral wire and transformer.
- Line Extensions: There are 10 Line Extensions in various stages from “in progress” to “waiting for payment”.
- VPPSA Update:
 - EV Rates – The State is requiring VPPSA members to offer EV rates starting October 1, 2025. There will be 5 customers enrolled, with all EV customers added at the end of the first 18-month period.
 - CCI – Most electric companies, including ours, are having trouble getting Consolidated Communications Inc. to pay their bills. We are currently due around \$30,000. It is believed the only avenue is a costly court case. VPPSA will start working on updating all members’ contracts with CCI. VPPSA will negotiate to take over the individual contracts and have one VPPSA contract.
- James will be attending a two-day VPPSA meeting on July 15 and 16. He will also be attending a DCU training later in July and attending a two-day NEPPA conference in Burlington August 17-19.

Old Business

- James reminded everyone of the required ethics training.

New Business

- AD&D, Life Insurance, Long and Short-Term Disability
- Vision

James presented a list of benefits stating these are standard benefits offered in corporations.

John motioned to approve the addition of AD&D, Life Insurance, Long & Short-Term Disability for all employees and to have James look into the cost for employee-paid Vision for two employees. Jenepher seconded the motion, all in favor.

- COLA Salary increases

James asked the Trustees to approve a 2.5% COLA increase 3 months early in order to include it in the Rate Case. Tyler motioned to increase James, Amanda and Richard’s (meter reading only) salaries by 2.5% effective September 1, 2025, John seconded the motion, all in favor.

- Approve Rate Case

John motioned to approve filing a new Rate Case for no more than 13%, Jenepher seconded, all in favor.

Additions: Envelopes – James reported back on envelopes with plastic windows vs no windows. The cost for no windows would be higher. The company explained the plastic windowed envelopes are 100% recyclable. No action was taken.

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session to discuss McNeil.

8:01pm – Tyler motioned to enter executive session, John seconded, all in favor.

Motion to exit executive session.

8:06pm – Tyler motioned to exit executive session, Jeneper seconded, all in favor. No action taken.

Adjourn

A motion was made by John and seconded by Ken to adjourn the meeting, all in favor.

Tyler adjourned the meeting at 8:08.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jeneper Burnell-Clerk