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From the Desk of the Administrator

October is here and Fall is in the air, leaves are turning the Reds have been playing well as of late and have made the playoffs!! They will be playing the Atlanta Braves in a best of 3 series starting Sept. 30th. The Indians will face off with the Yankees on Sept. 29 for their Wild Card Round. Good Luck to both teams!!

This month I will be writing on the Village's 100 years for suppling our residents Public Power.

On March 17, 1919 the Village Council passed Ordinance 105 to authorize the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs of the Village of Jackson Center, Ohio to advertise for and receive bids for furnishing electric current and building a transmission line and a distribution system. Ordinance passed was signed by Mayor J. G. Sailor

Then on July 7, 1919 an Ordinance was approved to issue bonds to establish the Electric system. The Bonds totaled \$15,000. There was to be a transmission line constructed from Port Jefferson to Jackson Center with electricity supplied by Ohio Power Company, according to Sailor's records.

The Village turned on the electric street lights on May 15, 1920 and on May 22, 1920 electricity was turned on for residents and businesses.

The first rates established on Sept. 15, 1919 charged 10 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 50 kilowatt hours and 9 cents each for higher usage for residential customers. There was a minimum charge of 75 cents and a 1 cent per kilowatt for not paying by the 10th of the month. For shops, mills and factories the rate was 7 cents each for each for the first 100 kilowatt hours. I would like to note that right now in 2020 per our current Power Cost Adjustment for the electricity energy charge is 10.1 cent for residential customers. That is simply amazing after 100 years. I would guess most everything else has risen substantially more.

In 1983 the Village installed their first Substation to help with the growing demand of electricity and to better serve the customers with safe, reliable Public Power offered at a reasonable rate. Over the years the Village continued to grow and so did the demand for safe and reliable power. The Village started up its second Substation in December of 2019 to continue helping our customers as we continue to proudly operate our own Public Power electric system.

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