



Borough of Lansdale
Electric Committee Minutes
Meeting of September 5, 2018

Members Present

Rich DiGregorio, Chairman
Bill Henning, Councilman
Steve Malagari, Councilman
Andrew Krauss, Electric Superintendent
Christopher Fazio, Remington Vernick Engineers

Members Absent

- Minutes from the August 1, 2018 Committee Meeting were approved by a vote of 2-0. (Steve Malagari was late and did not vote)
- AMP RICE Project - The committee spoke about the opportunity to partake in a peak shaving generation project offered through American Municipal Power. This project would allow us to buy into generation that would shave both transmission and capacity peaks in turn lowering our purchase power cost each year. The committee voted 3-0 to put forth a resolution to full Council for their approval of the Borough's interest in the project.
- Solar Grant Engineering - Chris Fazio from Remington Vernick Engineers spoke about the solar grant engineering proposals. The proposals came in between 10% and 15% of the total cost of the project. These contracts have a not-to-exceed amount of 15% of the total project which is roughly \$185,000. Borough Staff feels we will come in closer to 10% when everything is said and done. The committee voted to bring forth two motions for approval to full council later this month. One motion for the Utilities Complex and one for Borough Hall.
- Solar Technical Specifications - The committee reviewed solar insulation technical specifications drafted by Utility Engineers that need to be adopted with our customer owned generation ordinance. The specifications have been updated to add size limits to customer-owned generation and will need to be added to the ordinance adopted in 2009. The committee voted 3-0 to put forth a resolution to full council for approval at the September 19th meeting.
- Downtown Café Lights – Mr. Krauss is waiting for pricing and will discuss at next month's committee meeting.
- Letter of Opposition House Bill 2564 - The borough is in the process of drafting a letter in opposition to House Bill 2564. This bill would strip our Municipality of zoning rights and the ability to collect fees for the placement of wireless communication facilities on our infrastructure and in our right-of-away. The committee voted 3-0 to send the final draft of this letter to full Council later this month to be adopted and then sent off to Harrisburg.

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- Department Operations – The department has been working with the developers at Andale Green and the Madison Redevelopment Project.
- Budget – 2019 Budget - Borough Council has received draft one of the 2019 budget and will be reviewing it over the next month to speak about expenses at the October work session. The Electric Department has an expense increase of 2% with primarily contract increases under this draft. Due to the full impact of the electric incentive, we will see just under a half percent decrease in revenue if all the customers that are eligible take full advantage of the program. As of draft one the Electric Department budget is balanced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.