



Borough of Lansdale
Electric Committee Minutes
Meeting of February 5, 2020

Members Present

Carrie Hawkins Charlton, Chairman
Rich DiGregorio, Councilman
Denton Burnell, Councilman
Andrew Krauss, Electric Superintendent

Members Absent

Attendees:

Carol Zellers
Patti Thomas
Jean Fritz
Corrine Mayland

- Minutes from the December 4, 2019 Electric Committee Meeting were approved by a vote of 3-1.
- Leaf Rebate Flyer – Nissan is offering a rebate offer on their Leaf vehicle that the Borough will post on social media for anyone who is interested in taking advantage of the savings. Andy Krauss and Joe Green spoke on an AMP webinar last week about the Borough's experience with obtaining grant funding for electric vehicles, charging infrastructures, etc. Lansdale Electric will be hosting PMEA members for a one-day informational seminar regarding securing rebates for electric vehicles, charging stations, etc.
- Main Street LED Lamps – The first generation of LED street lights on Main Street in the business district and PTCL area are beginning to fail. They have a 10-year warranty and we are researching options for replacement of the heads and/or boards. Spring City Electrical Manufacturing sells a retrofit kit for \$300 compared to the \$1500 to replace the entire head of the fixture. This will give us another ten-year warranty on the lamps. We are looking to purchase thirty-five kits to make the necessary repairs on Main Street and the PTCL area.
- PPA Savings Update – The Borough is looking into forming a subcommittee to make recommendations on how the savings would be utilized. The savings are currently put into the Capital Fund and it is projected the Borough should see a \$750,000 annual savings for 2020.
- 2019 Major Accomplishments & 2020 Goals – Mr. Krauss highlighted the 2019 accomplishments with the purchase of five electric charging stations and three electric vehicles, award of two major solar projects, upgrade of Richardson Unit Substation, completion of the fiber ring, purchase of a new bucket truck and one-ton dump, replacement of a 2,000-gallon oil tank, and HVAC units at the Electric Services. Electric work was completed at the Madison Apartment complex and a high voltage switch yard was completed at Stony Creek. Some of the 2020 goals he outlined are complete fiber installation to Fourth Street and Whites Road Pools, circuit breaker replacement at the Main Substation and Stony Creek Substation, purchase and replace 1750 meters, replace five oil fired heaters in the shop, complete Phase III at Andale Green, and hire two new employees to bring the department to full compliment.

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- Substation Site Repairs & Upgrades – The evaluation of the substations was completed for the 2020 Capital Plan which will include replacement of circuit breakers at the Main Sub and Stony Creek sub.
- Pole Attachment Negotiations Update – There will be a meeting in February with Verizon to continue to negotiate rates. Invoices have been sent to PECO.
- Fiber Optic Network Update – The fiber ring was completed with the SEPTA grade crossing on E. Hancock Street in January. Whites Road Pool and Fourth Street Pool should be online by May before they open for the season.
- ARLE Grant (Borough Wide Traffic Signal Modifications) – Penonni Associates received Payment Request #1 from Armour & Sons for work completed on this project in the amount of \$184,946.40. The committee voted to recommend sending a motion to full council for approval of this payment. The borough is also going to be looking into round two of grant funding for this project funding.
- Public Comment – Carol Zellers introduced Patti Thomas as a new contact for Lansdale Farmers Market.

Meeting adjourned.

