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**October 7, 2020**

**7:30pm**

### **Electric Committee Work Session Minutes**

#### **Attended via Zoom:**

Carrie Hawkins Charlton, Chairwoman  
Rich DiGregorio, Councilman  
Denton Burnell, Councilman  
Andrew Krauss, Electric Superintendent  
Mark Ladley  
Bryan Poster

#### **Approval of September 2020 minutes- 3-0\***

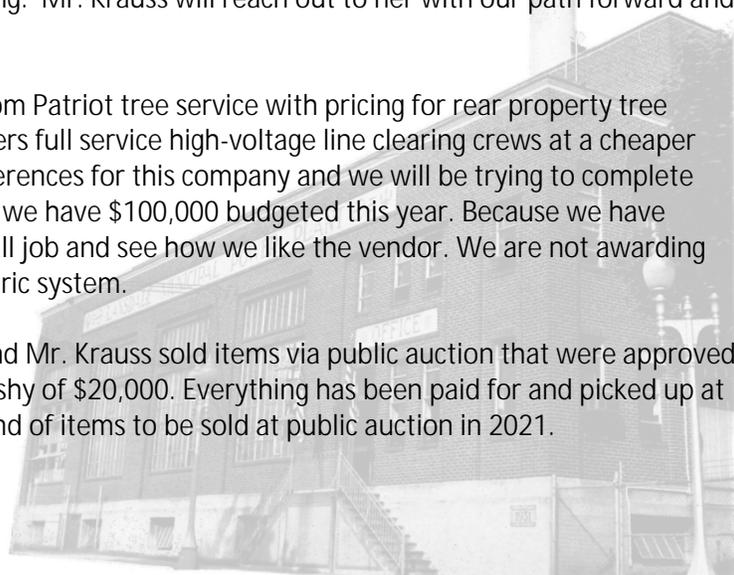
**Energy consultant update-** We met with two energy consultants via zoom with the next steps being a site visit in October and then an update with proposed plans to both the council and mayor in November.

**Utility complex solar project update-** We have been working to upgrade the electric service at 649 W. 9th St. and also pulling in new high-voltage cable to energize the new switchgear at the wastewater treatment plant in preparation of getting the solar panels online by the end of 2020. Committee members suggested a live interface with the solar system to broadcast either on the website or on the TVs at borough Hall to see what the actual solar system is producing at any given time.

**Customer concerns with rate transparency-** The customer feels that the annual transfer from the Electric fund to the general fund is a hidden Tax, she would like to see something either on social media or in our monthly mailer explaining what the actual electric rate pays for in Lansdale and everything you get for what you're paying. Mr. Krauss will reach out to her with our path forward and get feedback.

**Rear property tree clearance-** The committee reviewed a proposal from Patriot tree service with pricing for rear property tree trimming while the lines remain energized. We found that Patriot offers full service high-voltage line clearing crews at a cheaper rate than our local contractors. Mr. Krauss will be reaching out to references for this company and we will be trying to complete the east end of town in 2020 in the amount of not to exceed \$83,000 we have \$100,000 budgeted this year. Because we have never use this tree trimming company before we will start with a small job and see how we like the vendor. We are not awarding anyone a contract, and this will be billed to maintenance for the electric system.

**2020 Public auction results-** For the second time in 2020 Jen Ames and Mr. Krauss sold items via public auction that were approved by Borough Council earlier in the year bringing the total sales up just shy of \$20,000. Everything has been paid for and picked up at the time of the work session. Jen and Andy will be doing another round of items to be sold at public auction in 2021.





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**2021 budget-** The biggest change in the 2021 draft one balance budget is the increase of transmission and capacity charges that increased from last year roughly \$600,000. We continue to work as a borough to find ways to reduce our reliance on outside power vendors.

**There was no business reported**

**New business-** Mayor Herbert and the committee had asked that we report on how the consultants' meetings went, and we will do so in November. Also Mr. Krauss mentioned that it is public power week. Please go and check out our Facebook page and also the Pennsylvania municipal Electric associations website at [PAPublicPower.org](http://PAPublicPower.org) to look for an expanded timeline that Jen Ames from the GIS department is working on for public power week. Finally, Joe Green and Andy Krauss were both asked to be subject expert panelist for two different PA department of environmental protection webinars last week on EV related items. We are proud of Lansdale's forward movement and we are always looking to do our citizens proud.

**Meeting adjourned 8:17 PM**

