

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Members: Martin, Chairperson, Richard, Reinhold, Ressler (Alternate)

Attendees: Richard, Reinhold, Ressler, Rowe, Thompson, Merkel

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on January 20, 2020 and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the American Municipal Power Schedule to the Master Services Agreement for Participation in Safety and Training Programs which will allow for the Borough's participation in American Municipal Power's Apprentice Lineman Program. Borough Solicitor McManus reviewed the schedule and asked the staff to verify with Delaware Valley Trust the \$50,000 limit of liability in Section 2 and the waiver of the right to subrogate in Section 4. Staff will verify these items with Delaware Valley. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the Schedule to the Master Services Agreement subject to the satisfaction of the Borough Solicitor.

Discussion Items:

1. Nate Merkel, Technical Support Manager, discussed with the Committee a proposed Electric Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) pilot program offered to the Borough through American Municipal Power's IT group. The program would offer SCADA IT services to support the Borough's Electric Division's SCADA system for an initial cost of \$3,200. The initial investment will upgrade the current system from a polling type data gathering system to a real-time data system. The discussion was to inform the Committee and determine if there are any objections to participating in the program. AMP will provide a formal proposal for the Borough and the Committee will be asked to make a recommendation for participation at that time. No action is required at this time.
2. Borough Manager Thompson informed the Committee that it received notice from LEMA regarding the Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The Borough has budgeted in 2020 and 2021 a total of \$150,000 for electric security system upgrades. Mr. Thompson indicated he reached out to NSGP to determine if the Borough is eligible for the grant program and is waiting for a response. No further action is required by the Committee at this time.
3. Borough Manager Thompson provided the Committee with an update on the Comcast deployment in the Borough. Comcast would like to complete their deployment in the Borough by April and asked the Borough to allow them to outsource electric make ready work. The staff agreed to allow the outsourcing conditioned on the crews staging from the Borough's electric shop and each crew containing one Borough of Ephrata electric employee assigned to inspect the work of the contractors.

Old Business:

1. Borough Manager Thompson informed the Committee that the Ephrata Area Joint Authority heard from Jim Sandoe who presented the Environmental Working Groups assessment of EAJA public water. EAJA will be conducting its due diligence and reporting back to the EAJA Board at its next meeting.
2. Borough Manager Thompson reported that the Staff has met with East Cocalico Township regarding an additional solar site along Garden Spot Road and will be making future contacts with one site in Ephrata Borough and another in Ephrata Township.