

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Members: Martin, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Reinhold, Member; Ressler, Alternate, Rowe, Thompson, Staff

Attendees: Martin, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Reinhold, Member; Ressler, Alternate; Rowe, Thompson, Staff (Zoom)

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on January 18, 2021, and discussed the following:

Action Items:

None

Discussion Items:

1. Borough Manager Thompson discussed the process regarding developing an additional 20 acres of solar generation on lands owned by the Redemptorists Fathers in the Borough. If the Fathers' Council approves the concept for the solar fields then the Borough and the Fathers would negotiate a price per acre to lease the land. Once the lease amount is established then a survey of the property will be performed to determine the amount of usable land is available. If the amount of land available is sufficient for a viable project the Borough will issue an RFP for solar developers and seek to enter into to a power purchase agreement. No action is required by the committee at this time.
2. Mr. Thompson presented to the Committee the current Borough requirements for rooftop solar facilities in the Borough. This is in response to the information presented by Mr. Scott Serbine to the Committee at their November 16, 2020 meeting. Mr. Thompson advised that Mr. Serbine did not secure a permit for his rooftop installation until sometime after it was installed. He informed the Committee that if he had secured a permit prior to the installation he would have been provided the document regarding the Borough's requirements and Mr. Serbine could have discussed his concerns with the Borough prior to installing the solar facility. Mr. Thompson informed the Committee that it is his opinion that all the Borough requirements are lawful however he did commit to sending the Borough's requirements to PMEA to have their attorney review and comment. This service is included as a member service and provided to the Borough at no charge. The Committee is satisfied that the Borough's requirements are not onerous and would like Mr. Serbine to make his installation compliant with the Borough's requirements. No action is required by the Committee at this time.

Old Business Items:

1. Mr. Thompson discussed that he will be recommending Stephen Morrison to serve as the AMP board of trustees alternate. Steve will be participating in the February board meeting and Mr. Thompson expects to recommend Mr. Morrison at be appointed at the March voting session. No action is required at this time.