

## **MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

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

**Attendees:** Ressler, Zimmerman, Reinhold, Martin, Richard, Rowe, Martin, Moore, one guest

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on August 17, 2020 and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed the Year 5 extension of the Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection contract with Eagle Disposal of PA, Inc. The Committee will recommend approval of the contract extension thru September 30, 2021 at the September council meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed Bid #20-5 for a new pole building at the wastewater treatment plant #1. The project was budgeted at \$100,000 and the lowest bid is \$118,848.75 from Dutchman Contracting, LLC. The additional funds to complete the project will come from the process control meters for phosphorous and ammonia nitrogen project planned at WWTP#2 for \$79,000, which has been postponed. The Borough Authority approved the pole building at their August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and recommend Borough Council approve the it at their September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Borough resident, John Stewart, submitted a written concern regarding the rate that is being charged to a small business owner on Main Street. He states there is no benefit to small customers from the all-electric rate. He is requesting the rate be reviewed or eliminated. The Staff requested the account number or address for the small business so we can review their account and determine if they are in the best class for them. Once the account information is provided the Staff will research this issue. Mr. Stewart also asked why the borough requires a fee of \$125 for meter removal and he wanted to know if the peaking generators are finished. The committee said they would invite him to the September committee meeting so he could present his questions in person and they could be answered. The Staff will wait for an account number to review the small business account.

### **Old Business Items:**

1. While discussing the electric vehicle charging stations, a question was raised regarding the cost effectiveness of the Borough purchasing an electric vehicle. The staff will look into this as part of the normal fleet budget process.

### **Miscellaneous Items:**

1. One of our residents, Teresa Caruthers, asked the Committee why the school didn't put solar panels on their roof. She said it would be educational and provide cost savings. The Committee advised that the school board would have to first decide to pursue a solar panel project and then contact the Borough for information.