

## MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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**Members:** Martin, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Zimmerman, Member; Musser, Alternate; Harris, Staff

**Attendees:** Committee: Martin, Chairman; Zimmerman, Member; Musser, Alternate  
Council: Reinhold, President; Mowen, Mayor; Aronson; Buohl  
Staff: Harris; Haws  
Guests: Tyler Erb, Bruce Hulshizer

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on January 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Ms. Harris provided confirmation of the following:

1. The meeting agenda was posted on the Borough's website and at Borough Hall no later than 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda included a listing of each matter of Borough business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.
3. There were no changes made to the meeting agenda after it was posted.
4. The meeting agenda was made available to individuals in attendance at the meeting.

Committee Chair Martin asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Ms. Martin asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda as posted. Mr. Zimmerman moved, and Mr. Musser seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Action Items:**

1. With Steve Morrison's departure, Council needs to appoint someone to serve as Ephrata's representative to the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association (PMEA) Board. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council appoint Nancy Harris to the PMEA Board seat.
2. With Steve Morrison's departure, Council needs to appoint someone to serve as Ephrata's representative on the American Municipal Power (AMP) Board. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council appoint Bruce Haws to the AMP Board seat.
3. HRG reviewed their proposal for a stormwater utility with the Committee. The Committee would like to move forward with HRG's Basic Scope of Services and will table Optional Services until a future meeting. Harris will prepare a memo for the Committee to review to decide which Development of Impervious Area Estimates they would like to proceed with. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council authorize execution of an agreement with HRG for a stormwater utility.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee discussed free electric accounts. The Committee agreed that they want to continue to offer free electric to the two fire companies and the ambulance service. The Committee agreed that they would like to offer a reduced rate. The entities will pay the base cost, distribution costs and the PCA. The staff will work on a written policy for review at a future Committee meeting.

2. The staff discussed the SREC brokerage agreement. The SREC's for the solar site will be released to Ephrata Borough this year. Ms. Harris will get more information and report back to the Committee.
3. The Committee reviewed the Fourth Quarter 2023 Budget Report for activities under their purview. There were no concerns regarding the budget report raised at this meeting.

**Old Business Items:**

1. The Old Business Items were not discussed due to time constraints.