

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH 13, 2023

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

Attendees: Committee: Martin, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Zimmerman, Member; Musser, Alternate
Council: Reinhold, Council President; Ressler, Member; Buohl, Member
Staff: Morrison; Harris, Borough Secretary

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on February 21, 2023, at 5:30 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Morrison 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. Richard moved and Mr. Zimmerman seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed a recommendation to authorize entering into a construction management contract with Ecosystem Planning and Restoration regarding the Gross Run Streambank Project. The Committee will recommend Council conditionally approve entering into the contract, pending solicitor review, at their March 13, 2023, meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed a recommendation to enact an ordinance revising Chapter 165 of the Borough Code regarding electric service rates. The Committee will recommend that Council enact Ordinance No. 1575, pending solicitor review, at their March 13, 2023, meeting.
3. The Committee reviewed a recommendation to adopt a resolution revising the Borough's Base Power Supply Cost. The Committee will recommend that Council adopt Resolution 2023-08, pending solicitor review, at their March 13, 2023, meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Staff presented information regarding a minor issue with a substation transformer. Mr. Morrison informed the Committee that there is a minor oil leak, likely due to a failed gasket, that will need to be repaired. Due to the location of the gasket, the transformer will need to be partially drained in order to complete the work. Current pricing indicates approximately \$60,000-70,000 for repairs. Staff will provide future updates.
2. Staff presented the budget data for 2022 Q4. Mr. Morrison reported that, especially considering the current state of the energy market, the final budget totals came in very favorable for the year.

Old Business Items:

1. More information regarding EV Chargers will be presented in the coming months.