

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 12, 2021

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

Attendees: Martin, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Reinhold, Member; Ressler, Alternate; Rowe, Zimmerman, Mowen, Thompson, Nigrelli, Wilwerth, Morrison, Guests (4),
Virtual Attendees: Haws, Guest (1)

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on March 15, 2021, and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. The Committee discussed a request from the Borough's Electric Manager, Bruce Haws, to amend the Code of the Borough of Ephrata, Chapter 165 Electricity Section 165-4A(2) by eliminating an outdated three phase one hundred twenty/two hundred forty (120/240) volt service. Mr. Haws indicated this is an outdated service and has become a safety concern. Existing three phase 120/240 volt services will be grandfathered; however, no new three phase 120/240 volt services will be approved. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council enact an ordinance to amend the Electric Chapter of the Code of the Borough of Ephrata at their April 12, 2021 meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed a letter of support for a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$500,000 towards the Gross Run storm water project. This grant requires a one third match. The Borough has budgeted for the entire project costs so the match will not be an issue. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council authorize the Council President to execute a letter of support for the project at their April 12, 2021 meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Ephrata Borough Technical Support Manager, Stephen Morrison, made a presentation to the Committee regarding distributed energy resources (DER) that provided examples of the various savings residential rooftop solar customers will realize under the Borough's current Technical Specifications for Behind the Meter Generation. Following the presentation the committee members, council attendees and guests asked questions and provided comments. At the conclusion of the discussion Chairman Martin stated that she has repeatedly asked Mr. Sherbine to provide the Committee the specific changes to the Borough requirements he would like to see. Mr. Sherbine indicated he would provide that information to Ms. Martin, commenting that he wants the Borough to follow the laws in place. No committee action is required.
2. Borough Manager Thompson informed the Committee that in their meeting packet there is a draft management agreement between the Borough and the Ephrata Borough Authority. This agreement is required due to the terminated lease agreement with EBA. While this agreement is in draft form he wanted the committee to have it to become familiar with it. In the next several weeks the staff will fine tune the agreement and send out an updated version. The goal is to approve the agreement the May Council meeting. No committee action is required.