

## **MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE 14, 2021**

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

**Attendees:** Martin, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Reinhold, Member; Ressler, Alternate; Rowe, Barr, Zimmerman, Thompson, Nigrelli, Morrison, Wakefield (Salzman Hughes), Bosak (PMEA) Guests (9), Virtual Attendees: Solicitor McManus

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on May 17, 2021, and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. At the Committee's April 19, 2021 meeting Mr. Thompson advised that our electrical inspection contractor, ABI, has adopted the 2014 National Electric Code which requires that all non-dwelling electric services provide fault current calculations. These calculations are provided through a fault current study. The Staff recommended that Chapter 165 of the Code of the Borough of Ephrata be amended to require the fault current study for all non-dwelling electric services. The Committee reviewed Ordinance 1561 adding the requirement for the study. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council enact the ordinance to amend Chapter 165, Electricity at their June 14, 2021 Council meeting.
2. Mr. Thompson advised the Committee that Ephrata's term on the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association board of directors expires in September 2021. He recommended to the Committee that it nominate the Borough for an additional four year term. PMEAs will hold the board elections at its annual member meeting in September 2021. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council nominate the Borough for a second term on the PMEAs board at the June 14, 2021 meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee heard a presentation from Diane Bosak, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association and Isaac Wakefield, Esq. from the law firm of Salzman Hughes who serves as the Solicitor for PMEAs. The presentation was entitled Regulation of Net Metering – Borough Electrics, and focused on the difference between investor owned utilities and public power municipalities. The presentation identified who has oversight of the IOU's versus who has oversight of public power municipalities. At the end of the presentation the presenters answered questions from the Committee, Council members in attendance and from guests in the audience. At the end of the meeting Chairman Martin once again asked Mr. Scot Sherbine to provide the Committee with specific changes to the Borough policies that he would like them to consider. No action is required by the Committee.

### **Old Business:**

None