

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – AUGUST 14, 2023

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

Attendees: Committee: Martin, Chairman; /Zimmerman, Member; Musser, Alternate
Council: Reinhold, Council President; Ressler; Buohl
Staff: Morrison; Harris, Borough Secretary
Guests: Nancy Aronson

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on July 17, 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. Zimmerman moved and Mr. Reinhold seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed a recommendation to provide written support for the County Watershed Act 167 Plan. The Committee will recommend Council approve the support letter at their August 14, 2023 meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the 2nd Quarter Budget Report for activities under their purview. No significant issues were noted.
2. Staff provided an update on the production from the Ephrata-owned solar site. Mr. Morrison presented output/financial savings data for the energy purchased from the site. Staff will continue to provide periodic updates going forward.
3. Mr. Morrison presented data pertaining to Free Electric accounts. Staff was asked to provide more data and a policy concept is in progress.
4. Staff updated the Committee on the Quakertown Behind-the-Meter Generation issue at FERC. Mr. Morrison explained that FERC elected not to act on the issue essentially ending the argument. This is a positive outcome for the Pennsylvania Public Power communities.