

## MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 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; Buohl; Ressler  
Staff: Morrison; Harris, Borough Secretary  
Guests: Todd Felpel; Greg Martin; Mike Cohick

The Municipal Enterprises Committee met on October 16, 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 Staff recommendation regarding block energy purchasing. The Committee will recommend Council approve energy purchasing at their October 19, 2023 Special Council Meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee heard, and discussed, a request for consideration of a discounted electric rate from the American Legion. The Committee informed the members from the Legion that the free/discounted electric discussion is ongoing and determinations will be made at a later date.
2. The Committee discussed the possibility of creating a Stormwater Authority in the Borough. Staff presented information regarding current and future stormwater expenditures, as well as various examples within PA. The Committee will continue to review and discuss the options going forward.
3. The Committee discussed the ongoing issue of free/discounted electric services in the Borough. Staff presented examples of potential rate structures, as well as recommendations. The Committee will continue to discuss the free electric question going forward.

4. Staff presented the Q3 budget to the Committee. Mr. Morrison explained that expenditures are on-track and that revenues are slightly down. He explained that the continued mild weather in 2023 is the driving force behind the reduction in revenues.
5. The Committee was provided with a breakdown of Ephrata Borough vs. PPL's electric rates. Mr. Morrison explained that the rate posted on PPL's website does not depict the entire \$/kWh cost to the customer. Staff reiterated that the Borough's rates remain below those of PPL for the average customer.

**Old Business Items:**

1. Staff informed the Committee that the solar sign has been installed on the site. The agenda item will be removed from future Committee meetings.
2. The possibilities regarding the refuse contract for 2024 will remain on the agenda going forward.