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February 3, 2021

7:30pm

Electric Committee Zoom Work Session Minutes

Attended via Zoom:

Carrie Hawkins Charlton, Chairwoman
Rich DiGregorio, Councilman
Denton Burnell, Councilman
Andrew Krauss, Electric Superintendent
Bryan Poster
Mayor Garry Hurbert
Ben Parvey, BlueSky Energy
Eric Brown, BlueSky Energy
Phillip Gonski, BlueSky Energy

Approval of January 2021 minutes- 3-0* -First action item of the evening, the January 2021 minutes were approved unanimously by the Electric committee.

-An Introduction and dialog with power consultants from BlueSky Energy took place this evening. After a brief introduction we had a presentation from BlueSky Energy. Ben Parvey laid out phase 1 of an energy action plan to allow the Borough to create a comprehensive energy roadmap for the future. The electric committee voted unanimously to take a recommendation to full counsel to hire BlueSky Energy consulting to develop energy action plan for phase 1 in the amount of \$33,000. The energy action plan will explore and reference things such as renegotiating existing contracts, solar and battery storage tied to our substations, distribution system micro grids in a hub and spoke layout around the Borough. Borough wide resilient micro grids, peak shaving, power diversification and renewable energy.

-The committee then spoke about updates on pole attachments and the joint use agreement with Verizon and Comcast. We are currently in final negotiations with Verizon on pole ownership and attachment rates and we've begun the process on attachment rates and attachments with Comcast. Mr. Krauss displayed a pole attachment and ownership dashboard utilizing our GIS system to account for Poles owned and attachments rendered.

-The committee was then short on time but briefly spoke about an interconnection relay project that is being mandated by Pennsylvania Power & Light (the Boroughs transmission supplier) to Prevent any of Lansdale's customer own generation from going back onto their grid. These relays would open the 69,000-volt breakers at the main substation, and they are designed to protect PPL's equipment and personnel. This proposal from Remington Vernick engineers for \$26,000 is to design and implement



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the protection relays. The Electric committee decided to vote to move forward with one condition. The committee will need more information as to why this is needed. Remington and Vernick engineering consultants for the borough on this project will be issuing a memo before a vote is taken in two weeks to make sure the committee and council feel comfortable moving forward.

-In an effort to end on time Mr. Krauss then reported that he will move the rest of the informational items on to the March agenda.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm

