



Borough of Lansdale
Electric Committee Minutes
Meeting of March 14, 2018

Members Present

Rich DiGregorio, Chairman
Carrie Hawkins Charlton, Councilwoman
Steve Malagari, Councilman
Andrew Krauss, Electric Superintendent

Members Absent

Attendees:

Corrine Meiland
Andrew Hotniski

- o Minutes from the February 7, 2018 committee meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0.
- o Committee Business Items
 1. Large Consumption High Tension Rate Class: We have partnered with Economic Development Committee to offer incentives for growth and to keep business here in town. Big commercial customers in Lansdale have been dying off in recent years, we still have a few and one of those is Rex Heat Treat. Rex has been investing in Lansdale for more than four generations and they plan to stay here in Lansdale. They have been making great investments in both their employees and their business to grow here in town. One way that the Electric Department can help keep these commercial businesses in town is create a new rate category offering a 9% discounted rate for higher consumption commercial customers. This rate will be coming in front of full Council later this month as a new large consumption high tension rate class. This will help businesses like Rex be able to have the money to expand, hire more employees and eventually use more electricity than they are now. The Economic Development Committee is working on two lower tiers for the incentive ordinance to help smaller businesses do the same. The committee voted to forward a resolution to full council for their approval to adopt the new rates.
 2. Police Fleet Purchase: Mr. Krauss, as the Fleet Manager for the Borough informed the committee that the Police Department will be purchasing two new police Chargers under this new program with council's approval.
 3. Fleet Program Update (Fueling): Mr. Kraus discussed a new Fleet Fueling Program through the State with the WEX Costars contract. This program will offer a 1.6% rebate at the end of the year on all fuel and unleaded purchases also an 18.3 cent discount on unleaded fuel and a 24.3 cent discount on all diesel fuel. This program will also give the borough flexibility to purchase fuel and unleaded gasoline at many different vendors here in Lansdale and across the Commonwealth. The committee recommended putting forth a motion to have the Borough Manager enter into the Costars WEX Fueling Program Purchasing Agreement.

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4. Solar Open House: Several council members, John Ernst, and Andy Krauss have talked about hosting a solar power open house during Founders Day in August to better educate people on the benefits of solar energy and what's required here in the Borough for those who are interested. We will have presentations and information on the latest and greatest technology related to solar power. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months. Steve Malagari and Corrine Meiland want to help organize the event.
 5. Draft Pole Attachment Agreement: The PMEA solicitor has worked with Lansdale to draft a pole attachment agreement. A copy of the draft agreement will be reviewed by the committee and staff this month before going to Mr. Kilkenny's office for final preparation. We hope to prepare and advertise at next month's meeting.
- o Department Operations: The committee spoke about department operations. The electric service at 311 West Main is well underway and work is taking place on the Madison Street widening. The department started with the infrastructure at the Lansdale Apartments on Madison Street and we've been working in conjunction with SEPTA on Railroad Avenue to get the bus shelters up and functional. The second building at Penn Square has come online with 10 more units.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm