



Borough of Lansdale  
Electric Committee Minutes  
Meeting of August 7, 2019

Members Present

Rich DiGregorio, Chairman  
Bill Henning, Councilman  
BJ Breish, Councilman  
Andrew Krauss, Electric Superintendent

Members Absent

Attendees:

Corrine Mayland

- Minutes from the July 3, 2019 Electric Committee meeting were approved of a vote of 3-0.
- EV Purchase Update – After extensively trying to import KIA's from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, KIA is unable to provide us with electric vehicles currently. We are now researching the Hyundai Kona EV and staff feels it is a better electric vehicle purchase for the borough. We hope to have a recommendation in front of full council next month.
- Purchase Power Contract Negotiations - We are currently reviewing the new contract proposal for an extension of our purchase power contract and hope to have a recommendation this fall.
- Lansdale Fiber Ring Progress – The borough is working with our contractor, Adtell to implement the last portion of the fiber optic ring. They are working on a “not to exceed” budget of \$16,000 and hope to have this work completed by mid-September.
- Pole Attachment Audit – The borough has been working with our contractor Adtell to perform a pole attachment audit trial. This project is working with a “not to exceed” budget of \$6000.
- Richardson Substation Progress – The substation has been delivered and installed. It is about 95% complete and within the next three to four weeks we hope to have it completely online and functional. Andy wanted to thank council and the public for allowing us to continue with these greatly needed infrastructure projects.
- ARLE Grant Update – We received two bids for this project for borough wide traffic signal modifications along Route 63. Construction for this project is 100% funded from the \$216,000 Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant. The lowest qualified bidder was Armour & Sons who are a PennDOT pre-qualified prime contractor. Their bid came in at \$195,956 and the committee recommended putting forth a motion to full council for award of this contract.
- AMP Peak Saving Project – Based on a revised financial model proposed by AMP, participation in the AMP RICE Project is a zero-cost investment from the borough. AMP is recommending that the borough subscribe to 9.0 MW's. Staff and the engineers for this project are recommending participation in both these peak

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shaving efforts. By participating in both peak shaving generation projects, this will allow the borough to start to stabilize transmission rates and capacity peak rates. The borough will not be hosting any peak shaving generation, but we will be participating in the energy saved. The committee recommended putting forth a motion to full council for adoption of resolution for participation.

- o Department Operations – Staff is continuing to work with the developer on the Madison Project as well as replacing a couple of poles along Cannon Avenue.
- o You may have seen trucks and small ATV's in town the last couple of weeks. Osmose, a contractor for Verizon, has been working throughout the borough checking Verizon owned poles for wood rot and structural issues. This work is contracted by Verizon and not the borough.

During the last three weeks, both air handler units original to the Electric Services Building failed due to the extreme hot temperatures. Andy worked with Jayson Troupe from our Facilities Department to get multiple price quotes and are now in the process of completing all work. This project will cost the borough roughly \$16,000 and will be funded out of the Capital Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.