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**October 6, 2021**

**7:30pm**

**Electric Committee Work Session Minutes**

**Borough Hall Room 201A/B**

**Attended:**

Carrie Hawkins Charlton, Chairwoman  
Denton Burnell, Councilman  
Andrew Krauss, Electric Superintendent  
Rich DiGregorio, Councilman  
Mayor Gary Hurbert

The committee approved the July work session minutes unanimously. 3-0

Tree trimming progress in 2021- Mr. Krauss went over the details of the tree trimming project for 2021. 4,160 man hours were worked by Patriot Tree Company in 2021. With a total project cost of \$466,000. \$100,000 has been budgeted in 2022 to complete more contracted tree trimming along with trimming work by Borough staff to try to finish trimming out the entire system.

The committee then reviewed electric vehicle charging stations data and next steps. Mr. Krauss secured funding from Nextera energy to sponsor the electric vehicle charging stations for the next few years until it makes sense for the Borough to monetarily charge for vehicle fueling. At this time the mobile hotspot and credit card readers would cost almost (\$1,900.00 per year) as much as the energy to charge the vehicles (\$2,900.00per year). We will continue to monitor the usage of these stations and let council know when staff feels it's time to start charging monetarily. For the time being the borough will continue to look for sponsorship opportunities for each of the Borough's electric vehicle charging stations.

The electric department garage heater replacement project is now complete and the heaters are running and have been tested for efficiency. The project came in right on budget at a \$132,000.00. Mr. Krauss thanked Council and the Mayor for the opportunity/funding to perform this important replacement project.

The committee then reviewed the wholesale power forecast for purchase power moving into the next 5 to 10 years. The report from American Municipal Power shows a \$10 per megawatt hour increase from 2021 to 2022. This is causing a budget shortfall within the electric fund that crosses over into the general fund for 2022. The finance department is coming up with options to fill this budget gap. The main increase in cost is due to rising transmission and capacity cost. The Borough's fixed energy prices will remain at \$50.25 per megawatt hour through 2032.

The committee then briefly spoke about an update on the inter-protection relay project with PPL at the main substation. We are waiting on final design documents. At this time the solar panels are operating at full capacity.

The committee then voted to move the uniform contract renewal to full Council in 2 weeks to Clemens uniforms a Co-stars vendor. This contract will hold the current pricing for 2022 and there will be a modest 2% increase for both 2023 and 2024.



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The committee then voted unanimously to move forward the replacement of a bucket truck in 2022. The Co-stars price for the truck replacement is \$240,000.00. The borough will most likely take delivery of this truck in early 2023. This replacement will replace a 2001 bucket truck currently in service.

The committee reviewed highlights from the energy action plan prepared by Blue Sky energy consulting firm for the Borough. Some of the recommendations include an energy efficient rebate program, entering into purchase power agreements outside of the borough to diversify the Borough's renewable energy portfolio and identifying locations within the Borough to mount more solar panels to try to shave demand and ultimately reduce our purchase power cost.

The committee then spoke about opportunities to take to the Economic Development Committee for an incentive program to allow multifamily dwellings to install electric vehicle charging facilities with the help of the Borough's Electric Department. Mr. Krauss and Mr. Green will present at the Economic Development Committee meeting in the upcoming months.

The committee discussed draft one of the 2022 budget. The committee went through the variances in repairs and maintenance and purchase power cost for 2022. Draft 2 of the 2022 budget will be distributed the night of the work session in October.

Under new business Mr. Krauss explained that the Cohen law group will be working on an act 50 ordinance dealing with small cell wireless facilities. There will be more to come on that in the next few months. Also under new business the final payment for the Solar System at the utility complex has come in at \$60,000.00. That project is complete. There was a negative change order to the retainage for \$20,167.74 cents bringing the project in under budget.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

