

Amberley Village Council – Streets, Public Utilities, and Sewer Committee Minutes of May 30, 2017

In Attendance: R. Warren (Chair), R. Bardach (Member), E. Hattenbach (Member), T. Muething, P. Conway, S. Lahrmer, D. Marshall (Eagle Energy), and W. Doering.

The meeting was brought to order.

The minutes from the May 4, 2017 meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

The agenda items included (1) Electric Aggregation Review with Don Marshall of Eagle Energy, (2) Ridge Road Signal Retiming Study, and (3) Traffic Study for the Fair Oaks / Section Road intersection.

Electric Aggregation Program Update: The Village's energy consultant, Don Marshall of Eagle Energy, provided an update of our electric aggregation program. The Village is part of a consortium with 7 other municipalities to provide competitive/better rates than Duke. The Village is now in the 3rd year of a 3 year contract with IGS. The contract is set to expire in October, 2017. Our current rate is \$0.0576/kw-h (see attachment). While Mr. Marshall thought that rates would decline by 3-4%, his review of the energy supply landscape showed a marginal reduction of ~1%. IGS offered a contract proposal of 'blend and extend' that would extend our current contract thru May, 2020 at an expected rate of \$0.0534/kw-h, or approx. 7% less than our current rate (price is pending when the contract is signed) and less than the current Duke 'price to compare' rate of \$0.0615/kw-h. Mr. Marshall suggested that going out to formally solicit rates via a Request for Proposal (RFP) would likely not provide a better rate. The other local governments concurred to forego an RFP. Mr. Marshall recommended that we approve the blend and extend offer and extend the August 2014 Master Service Agreement. A condition was set that the rate would not exceed the current rate of \$0.0576. Mr. Hattenbach moved that the Committee recommend to Council that we authorize the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with IGS to amend and extend the current Master Service Agreement for electric aggregation service dated August 14, 2014. Mr. Bardach seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Ridge Road Signal Retiming: As we have commiserated, the traffic along Ridge Road near Ronald Reagan Hwy is particularly bad during the morning and evening commutes. Some of the problem is contributed by the traffic signals at Ridge and Ronald Reagan Hwy. With the recommendation of TEC Engineering and the Village's CT Engineering consultants back in October 2016, Mr. Lahrmer secured ODOT to run and finance a traffic light retiming study. The study is now complete and Mr. Lahrmer reported that ODOT has approved a left turn arrow light for Ronald Reagan westbound traffic. While the City of Reading owns the traffic light, the benefit is essentially Amberley's. Our Village will pay for this much needed improvement.

Traffic Study for the Fair Oaks / Section Road intersection: At our December 2016 meeting, a resident brought to the Committee's attention that traffic was presenting a hazard to pedestrians crossing the street. This is currently a 3-way stop intersection. Mr.

Lahrmer has initiated a traffic study.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair: _____
Ray Warren