



Streets, Public Utilities & Sewers Committee Agenda November 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Streets, Public Utilities & Sewers Committee

Bob Rosen, Chair
Jay Shatz
Rich Bardach

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village
Manager

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes: September 28, 2022

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Village electric aggregation

ADJOURNMENT

September 28, 2022

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Staff & Guests

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Tony Chesney Maintenance Supervisor
Ryan Monahan Maintenance Foreman

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 PM. The minutes from the August 31, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

The committee heard a presentation from Tony Chesney, Maintenance Supervisor and Ryan Monahan, Maintenance Forman. The Maintenance Department is requesting the Streets Committee and Council approve funds for the purchase of a replacement dump truck. The proposed truck will be purchased through the State of Ohio purchasing contract at a cost of \$88,268. This is for a build date in November for a 2023 truck chassis. This chassis will be built by Rush Truck Center. In addition, an estimated \$97,800 will go to Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Co. or K E Rose for the dump bed, hydraulic system, lighting, salt spreader, snowplow, and brining system. Performance Graphics will do the Amberley Village logo and lettering for \$600.

Here is the total estimated cost to purchase

2023 International Truck Chassis	\$88,260
Estimated dump body, snowplow etc.	\$97,800
Graphics	\$600
Total	\$186,568

The Village will have the option to trade in a 2015 model vehicle to Rush Trucking or through auction on the Hamilton County auction site. This will offset the purchase price of the new truck. It was noted that the cost of the truck body and accessories is not guaranteed because of inflation, product availability and supply issues. The actual funds will come from the 2023 budget when the truck is delivered.

It was moved by Councilman Bardach seconded by Bob Rosen to recommend that council approve the purchase of a new dump truck at the prices listed above.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM

Email from Monday, October 24, 2022

Electric Aggregation Update - Current Contracts Expire in Aug. 2023; Planning for Renewal Underway

Good morning all,

Our current electric aggregation contracts for this group of communities are coming up for expiration in just under a year from now. The current contracts with Dynegy for the electric aggregation programs expire in August 2023.

Participating residents in the electric aggregation program are currently paying \$0.0493/kWh, which represents a discount of 27% compared to Duke Energy's price-to-compare of \$0.0678/kWh.

Energy prices in the past 1-1.5 years have experienced sharp gains globally as supply resources to generate electricity, such as natural gas, have been in short supply while post-Covid demand has ramped up. We have experienced a high level of volatility in energy markets, with an overall trend of energy prices increasing significantly. Those of you who just renewed your natural gas aggregation contracts are very well aware of this. There have been times where the high volatility has created opportunities to take advantage of dips in the market to lock in prices for customers looking ahead. **Our goal for this renewal process is to be in position to take quick action should we see an opportunity like this arise between now and the expiration date of the current electric aggregation contracts.**

Duke Energy OH was one of the few utilities in the region who did not see their price-to-compare double on June 1, 2022. Just to the north of our group AES Ohio (formerly Dayton Power & Light) had an increase in their price-to-compare of 123%, going from \$0.0488/kWh up to \$0.109/kWh. At that same time, Duke's price-to-compare increased from \$0.0543/kWh to only \$0.0678/kWh due to having already procured energy prior to some of the sharper increases in the market. We anticipate that come June 1, 2023 the Duke's price-to-compare will see a significant increase as that cheaper energy comes off their books and is replaced by current market costs.

AGE is in the beginning phases of collecting the necessary utility data from Duke Energy to begin an initial round of bidding from qualified retail electric suppliers for the next aggregation contract term beginning in August 2023.

What action do your communities need to take to be positioned to take advantage of AGE's recommendation?

Right now we are asking each community to pass a new resolution authorizing you all to execute a new aggregation contract at the time. I will provide a copy of the resolution we are asking each community to pass this week. We would like to request that these updated Resolutions be passed at November council meetings. I am available for Council meeting discussion if needed.

Thank you,

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Amberley, Ohio
Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE VILLAGE'S ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the electorate of Amberley, OH has previously authorized the Village to aggregate eligible retail electric loads located within the governmental boundaries of Amberley, OH and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-24 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 4901:1-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and Section 4928.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Village is required to submit a CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATORS to the PUCO; and

WHEREAS, the Village has engaged in a fair and open process to request proposals for supplying electricity for the future from such certified electricity suppliers; and

WHEREAS, to obtain the most competitive price, the process of entering into a contract for the supply of electricity requires the Village to accept a proposal within hours after it is submitted, which short-time requires delegation of authority to the Village Manager to enter into a contract.

NOW THEREFORE, The Village of Amberley, OH hereby resolves:

Section 1: That the Village Manager, are authorized to execute contracts for and to take such other steps as necessary for the purchase of electricity for Village use from a retail electrical supplier if:

- 1) The electricity rate is based on the recommendation of AGE, the Village's consultant for its aggregation program; and
- 2) The electricity rate is for a period of at least 12 months and not to exceed a period of 36 months; and

Section 2: That the Village Manager shall notify the Village Council at the next available meeting, of actions taken pursuant to the Resolution.