

City of Deer Park
Emergency Council Meeting
City Municipal Building

November 17, 2008

President McGoron opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Allen, Mr. Comer, Mr. Diehm, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tegenkamp. Mr. Comer was absent. Mrs. Hedger made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Comer. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Mr. Berens introduced Mark Bishop and Bill Grafe from Energy Alliances to speak about the opt-in endorsement gas aggregation program.

Mr. Bishop reported that the issue passed in all communities that had it on their ballot in the recent election. He also stated that Fairfax is currently participating in the opt-in program.

Mr. Bishop passed out a timeline of the program, a sample letter that will be sent to the residents and a copy of the endorsement agreement.

Mr. Grafe announced that they would aim for the January usage month and that any business in Deer Park could participate.

Mr. Bishop stated that Deer Park initially would not be in the big purchasing group, but that Energy Alliances would work to get pricing as close to what Indian Hill and Green Township are paying. He also asked Council to keep in mind that this is more of a rate stabilization program, saving the residents from big spikes in the market.

Mr. Bishop stated that the residents will pay sales tax, but they will not have to pay excise tax.

Mr. Bishop stated that Green Township households have saved approximately \$85 over the last 9 months and that the community as a whole has saved over \$800,000 in the same time period.

Mr. Grafe announced that the flex-down option is automatic, so if the market does fall, the price that the residents pay will decrease.

Mr. Bishop stated that the first step to enacting the program is for Council to approve the supply agreement. After that is done, Energy Alliances can work on obtaining the best price and send a letter to the residents.

Mr. Grafe stated that the residents will have a three to four week window to opt-in and that they can opt-out at any time.

Mr. Rapp asked Mr. Bishop to include in the resident letter that they would have to pay sales tax.

Mayor Collins announced that he thought that Council should approve the agreement since this may immediately help the residents instead of waiting until next fall.

Without further business to be brought before Council at the time, Mrs. Hedger moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Tegenkamp. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Pat McGoron,
President of Council

Laura Hughes,
Clerk of Council