A regular meeting of the Finance and Electric Committee was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 via a zoom meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Derek Mace. Members present were: Dr. Derek Mace, Mr. Ed Seyler and Mr. Kevin Snyder. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manager; Mr. Steven Diehl, Electric Superintendent; Mrs. Sharon Dalickas, Finance Director; Mr. Jim Schlegel, Mayor; and Ms. Jill Remick, Recording Secretary. Public Attendance: Mr. Jacob Dewall, and Ms. Beth O’Hanlon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The March 11, 2021 minutes were reviewed by members. A motion was made by Mr. Seyler and seconded by Dr. Mace to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS
1. KU Presentation on Solar Electric Generation in Kutztown Borough (Presentation by Beth O’Hanlon)
Ms. Beth O’Hanlon gave a presentation regarding Solar Electric Generation in the Borough of Kutztown, which was completed for a Kutztown University project under the guidance of Professor Jacob Dewall. Members asked questions and discussed the presentation with Ms. O’Hanlon.

2. Status of Refinancing the 2016 Bonds
Mr. Khalife noted the paperwork will be available for review and vote at the May Borough Council meeting.

3. Review Eligible Expenditures of Rescue Funds, Once Received
Mr. Khalife stated he has forwarded the information to all Council members for review. Dr. Mace inquired if the funds would be eligible to put towards any substation maintenance/upgrades. Mr. Khalife will forward additional information when it is available.

OLD BUSINESS
None
Mrs. Dalickas reviewed the report with Committee members as well as an additional bar graph report comparing previous year to current year.

OFF AGENDA
Mr. Khalife explained that the Kutztown Area Transportation Service (KATS) requested that the Borough advertise/communicate on the Borough’s website the need for EMS personnel/openings with KATS. Members also discussed allowing the Kutztown Volunteer Fire Company to use the Borough’s website to communicate to the public the need for volunteer fire fighters.

Mr. Khalife provided the Committee with an update on the Peach Street Bridge meetings and explained that the State does not reimbursement a municipality for the relocation of water and sewer utilities or related engineering fees. He noted the Borough is unable to pay for these services. Mr. Khalife stated he is working with the State and County on a process where the County will be reimbursed by the State and then the County will reimburse the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Seyler and seconded by Mr. Snyder to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.