

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A 25-YEAR FRANCHISE TO AEP OHIO, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, STATE OF OHIO, AND ITS SUCCESSORS, LINES FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR LIGHT, HEAT, POWER, AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SAME WITHIN THROUGH, OR ACROSS SAID VILLAGE OF MINERVA PARK, STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Village of Minerva Park was previously a party to a 25-year franchise agreement with the successor to Ohio Power Company for the same interests created herein; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to continue the partnership which provides access to AEP Ohio to provide electric services to the residents of Minerva Park.

Now, **THEREFORE**, Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Minerva Park, Franklin County, State of Ohio:

Section 1. Ohio Power Company, its successors, and assigns (hereinafter called “Grantee”) are hereby granted the right, privilege, franchise, and authority to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate in, above, under, across, and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the Village of Minerva Park, State of Ohio, lines for the transmission and distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, together with all necessary or desirable appurtenant equipment, to render public utility service in said Village and to the inhabitants thereof by supplying electric energy to said Village and the inhabitants thereof, and persons or corporations beyond the limits thereof for light, heat, power, or any other purposes or purpose for which electric energy is now or may hereafter be used, and the transmission and distribution of the same within, through, or across said Village of Minerva Park, State of Ohio.

Section 2. Said lines and appurtenant equipment shall be constructed in a manner that shall not unreasonably interfere with the traveling public in its use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places.

Section 3. The rights, privileges, and franchise hereby granted shall be in force and effect for an initial term of twenty-five (25) years from the date of the passage of this Ordinance. Thereafter this franchise shall continue for successive one-year terms, unless either party hereto provides written notice of its intention not to renew at least one year prior to the term expiration.

The rights, privileges, and franchise hereby granted shall not be construed to be exclusive and the Council of the Village of Minerva Park hereby reserves the power to grant similar rights, privileges, and franchises to any other person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations.

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Section 4. Said Grantee shall save the Village harmless from any and all liability arising in any way from Grantee's negligence in the erection, maintenance, or operation of said lines for the distribution and transmission of electric energy, except to the extent such liability arises out of the contributory negligence or willful misconduct of the Village.

Section 5. Whenever said Grantee shall begin the erection or installation of any lines or equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

Section 6. Wherever in this Ordinance, reference is made to the Village or the Grantee, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors or assigns of either; and all rights, privileges, franchises, and obligations herein contained by or on behalf of said Village, or by or on behalf of said Grantee, shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the respective successors or assigns of said Village, or of said Grantee, whether so expressed or not.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be accepted by the Grantee within sixty (60) days from the date of the passage of same.

First Reading: April 11, 2024
Second Reading: April 25, 2024
Third Reading: May 9, 2024
Passed: May 9, 2024

Tiffany Southard, Mayor

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

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