

**RESOLUTION
R 33-19**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (NIMEC)
TO SERVE AS THE BROKER FOR THE VILLAGE IN REGARD TO
OBTAINING BIDS FROM ELECTRICITY PROVIDERS AND AUTHORIZING
THE VILLAGE MANAGER OR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO APPROVE
A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER**

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees find as follows:

A. The Village of Lombard has previously joined the Northern Illinois Municipal Collaborative (NIMEC) for the purpose of procuring electricity through a cooperative pool in order to receive a more competitive bid price on electricity. NIMEC's membership consists of 125 northern Illinois municipalities. NIMEC combines the collective usage of its member and leverages the combined usage with suppliers to negotiate pricing lower than what individual members could negotiate on their own;

B. The Village through its participation in the NIMEC bid process has previously entered into contracts with the lowest bidder for electricity for the Village's street light facilities. NIMEC also manages our municipal aggregation program;

C. Commonwealth Edison no longer offers a fixed rate for Medium and Large sized street light accounts. ComEd prices Medium and Large street light accounts on a floating market rate that changes every hour, based upon market conditions. No one is able to predict those rates will be over the following 12 months, as they are dependent upon weather, usage and other market factors. Fixed rates are only available from suppliers other than ComEd;

D. Commonwealth Edison does offer fixed rates on Small sized street light accounts. NIMEC will price out Small accounts and compare to ComEd's fixed rate. NIMEC will move the Village's Small accounts to the lower of NIMEC's price or ComEd's.

E. Because of the way the bidding process works, the Village Manager or the Director of Finance will need to have the authority to sign a contract with the electricity provider which is deemed most favorable for the Village within hours of the bids being received by NIMEC, and determine if the desired contract should be for a one-year term or a two-year term;

F. During 2018, the Village spent just over \$446,000 on electricity, with just over 40% of the total being in regard to street lighting; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village to use NIMEC as its electricity supply broker;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, that the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) is hereby appointed as the Village's broker for purposes of obtaining a supply of electricity for the Village's municipal needs for street lighting, and Village Staff is hereby directed to take all actions necessary to establish said broker relationship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in light of the time constraints applicable to the acceptance of a competitive bid for a supply of electricity, once the bids are received by NIMEC, the Village Manager or Director of Finance is hereby authorized to sign the contract with the lowest bidder, with Village Staff being hereby directed to place said contract on the first available Village Board meeting following the execution thereof by the Village Manager or Director of Finance, for ratification by the President and Board of Trustees.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Trustee Whittington, Puccio, Foltyniewicz, Honig, Militello and Ware

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED by me this 16th day of May, 2019.


Keith Giagnorio, Village President

ATTEST:


Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk