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The Intelligencer

99 residents needed to reach green goal

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Thanks to a renewed effort, and a newly formed energy advisory council, Warminster may not miss out on a \$10,000 solar panel that could benefit the township's clean energy initiative.

In an effort to become a Clean Energy Community, Warminster signed on with a nationwide nonprofit, SmartPower, to find ways to use more clean energy. Part of the township's end of the bargain was to get at least 7 percent of its population to commit to getting 20 percent of its energy from renewable sources like wind.

So, since last year, the township has been looking for 200 residents to sign on, but things were going slow. As of August, only 56 had signed on.

But after the efforts of the newly formed EAC, the township is only 100 signatures away, which dropped to 99 on Thursday night after Frank Feinberg, chairman of the board of supervisors, signed on after hearing a presentation by EAC member Jim Scott. Fellow Supervisor Leo Quinn also lauded the program, adding he had signed on at a recent Rotary event.

Scott informed the board that after recommitting to the initiative, interest was picking up. And although the deadline for the other 99 signatures is a little over six weeks away, he urged residences and businesses to sign on. By signing up, you must agree to buy a monthly \$7.62 "block" of 300 kilowatt-hours of wind energy. He explained it's not a "full commitment" and could be opted out of later. Scott also stressed nothing would change in the usual monthly service.

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"This money really goes toward the infrastructure for two wind farms located in the state," Scott said. "What we really need is the signups so Warminster doesn't lose out on the panel."

SmartPower partnered with the state's Sustainable Development Fund to promote the campaign that is

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