

Since 1903, when the Paxton Municipal Light Department was formed, local residents have enjoyed the benefits of safe, reliable, and low-cost public power. Our success is measured by low rates, fast response times, and almost no power outages during the major storms of 2017 that put much of the Investor Owned Utilities in the dark. Under the Paxton Light Board's oversight, electric rates have not been increased in 10 years.

In 2017, the Paxton Light Department was successful in obtaining a \$40,934 streetlight grant from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to replace the Town's old high pressure sodium (HPS) streetlights with new LED streetlights. These changes represent an annual reduction in energy usage and a financial savings to the Town. The Light Department was also awarded a \$5,000 DOER grant for a feasibility study aimed at improving our Power Supply. Paxton Light continued to contribute direct labor and materials to other Town Departments to assist them on their projects at no cost to the Town.

Energy efficiency and renewable energy incentive programs provided \$4,360 as rebates back to our customers in 2017. In addition, the Department provided over \$4,000 towards residential home energy audits and donated \$250 to the annual Paxton Council on Aging picnic.

The Light Department also manages the bulb recycling program for the Town, covering all costs associated with the recycling. Over the last two and a half years, Paxton residents accumulated and recycled over 3,000 bulbs. The Light Department continues to read meters and provide billing services for both the Water Department and the Town's trash service in an effort to keep costs at a minimum for both rate payers and tax payers.