

Waterford Cable Commission
AGENDA
6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Town Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes
3. Correspondence and bills
4. Signal quality
5. Subscriber complaints
6. Report from Media Network
7. Report from Cable Coordinator
8. Review of grant request submitted by Media Network of Waterford.
9. Guidelines and standards for Cable Commission School Grants.
10. Comments
11. Adjourn



Waterford Township Cable Commission

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 15, 2022, Meeting

Members Present: Al Pavlish, Jim Powers, Laura Petrusha, Anthony Bartolotta, Bob Piggott, Janey Mosakoski, Ken Fuerst

Members Absent:

Guests: Gary Allison (Cable Coordinator), Josh Bowren

Chairperson Laura Petrusha called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Agenda – Anthony Bartolotta motioned to approve the agenda for March 15, 2022, supported by Ken Fuerst. Approved unanimously.

Minutes – Bob Piggott motioned to approve the minutes from February 15, 2021, supported by Anthony Bartolotta. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence and Bills – Nothing to report.

Signal Quality – Comcast channel 20 down due to equipment failure. ATT strong, as well as streaming.

Subscriber Complaints – One outstanding Xfinity Comcast complaint reported.

Media Network Report – Josh Bowren reviewed report. Anthony Bartolotta motioned to approve up to \$20,000 for a new television truck generator, supported by Bob Piggott. Approved unanimously.

Cable Coordinator's Report – Gary Allison reviewed report.

Comments – No comments

Adjournment – Anthony Bartolotta motioned to adjourn, supported by Bob Piggott. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janey Mosakoski, Secretary

Township of Waterford
Cable Coordinator Report April 2022
Submitted by Gary Allison

- Auditorium Upgrade
 - Work is tentatively schedule for after May 19, 2022.
 - Currently coordinating with Advance Lighting and Sound to discuss moving equipment.
- Channel 20 Comcast
 - Channel 20 is up after repair of encoder.
- 123Net
 - Possible 123Net expansion in Waterford suggested. Preliminary meetings are being scheduled.
 - 123Net is an internet provider experiencing exponential growth in Michigan. Primarily active in the Lansing area, they are currently building a line from Southfield to Bay City, running straight through Waterford Township.
- Protecting Community Television Act (s. 3361) (H.R. 6219)
 - The bill was introduced by Senator Markey and Representative Eshoo. The Protecting Community Television Act makes a targeted amendment to the Cable Act to reaffirm Congress's original intent to protect the long-standing ability of local governments to manage public property and provide for local media through public, educational and governmental access channel ("PEG") in cable franchise agreements. In 2019, the Federal Communications Commission issued an order that undermines this ability by redefining the term "franchise fees" as used in the Cable Act, substituting its preferred definition for that written by Congress in 1984. Senator Gary Peters has agreed to cosponsor the bill.
- MICAA Membership
 - Formerly the MINATOA organization, membership in MICAA for Waterford Township is currently up. The cost is \$115.00 for a full membership.

To: Waterford Cable Commission

Whitney and Denise from Media Network of Waterford will be hosting a fall fundraiser Music Festival September 24th 2022. This festival is called "The Mad Music & Arts Festival" it will be directed towards Waterford High Schools and kids that are wanting to learn more about music/arts. We plan on expanding this festival in the years to come by taking the fundraiser money and creating a grant to use towards kids.

Our committee to bring this all together includes Denise McLeod, Whitney Hunt, Alison Swanson, Jim Powers, Lee Zandstra, Erin Asdell and Jaime Kinnison. We have so far secured three bands. Dave Bennett, Dan Tillery and Sam Van Wagoner have agreed to perform. We also have one possible acoustic soloist. We are still looking for two speakers in between band performances.

With all this being put together we are asking around for sponsorships in the community. We did get two companies so far but hoping to add a few more. Along with the sponsorships we would like to ask the Cable Commission Board for a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to help fully bring this event together for Waterford Community.

Sincerely,

Whitney & Denise