

Waterford Cable Commission
AGENDA
6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Virtual

Cable Commission Meeting
Tue, May 18, 2021 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (EDT)

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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. Comments
9. Adjourn



Waterford Township Cable Commission

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 20, 2021, Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Ken Fuerst, Nathan Shoemaker, Laura Petrusha, Anthony Bartolotta, Bob Piggott

Members Absent: Al Pavlish, Jim Powers

Guests: Josh Bowren, Diana Casetti, Gary Allison (Cable Coordinator)

Chairperson Laura Petrusha called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: All members present but Al Pavlish and Jim Powers. All Commissioners signed on from Waterford Township, Michigan.

Agenda – Anthony Bartolotta motioned to approve the agenda for April 20, 2021, supported by Nathan Shoemaker. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Minutes – Bob Piggott motioned to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021, supported by Anthony Bartolotta. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Correspondence and Bills – Nothing to report.

Signal Quality – Nothing to report.

Subscriber Complaints – One outstanding complaint reported.

Media Network Report – Josh Bowren reviewed the Media Network report. Following discussion, Anthony Bartolotta motioned to accept the report, supported by Bob Piggott. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Cable Coordinator's Report – Gary Allison reviewed the Cable Coordinator report. Following discussion, Bob Piggott motioned to accept the report, supported by Anthony Bartolotta. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Comments – Chairperson Petrusha expressed hope for in-person meetings after May.

Adjournment – Bob Piggott motioned to adjourn, supported by Anthony Bartolotta. Roll call vote: approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Fuerst, Secretary

- Production
 - The Detroit Institute of Arts will display a selective art display on the township campus. In cooperation with the DIA, the cable department will produce a series of videos in May. Production runs May 24-26.
 - Preliminary plans for meetings regarding police training videos have been scheduled for June.
- Virtual Meetings and In person Office Hours
 - All meetings will remain virtual through the end of May at this time.
 - The Supervisor's Office encourages departments to have employees work from home if possible. The cable department will remain staffed at Town Hall.
- FCC
 - Michigan Legislature moving 3 Bills that if enacted will exempt telecommunications BB infrastructure from property taxes.
 - See HB 4209 **Not moving.**
[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(yn1uozhuup5uk5zur5ge1owq\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=BillStatus&objectname=2021-HB-4209](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(yn1uozhuup5uk5zur5ge1owq))/mileg.aspx?page=BillStatus&objectname=2021-HB-4209)
 - HB 4210 Property Tax Exemption **VETOED 4/14/21**
[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(yn1uozhuup5uk5zur5ge1owq\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2021-HB-4210](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(yn1uozhuup5uk5zur5ge1owq))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2021-HB-4210) and tie barred to SB 46.
 - Submitted to Governor April 1 **Veto by April 15 or becomes law IF SB 46 passes Senate.**
 - SB 46 **VETOED 5/13/21**
[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(yn1uozhuup5uk5zur5ge1owq\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2021-SB-0046](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(yn1uozhuup5uk5zur5ge1owq))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2021-SB-0046)
Sitting in Senate w/o action since 3/25/2021.
- Franchise and PEG Fees
 - AT&T franchise and PEG fees submitted, falling 9.5% below 2021 projections.
 - This was a big and unexpected hit in the first quarter. While normally first quarter fees are low compared to the rest of the year, a nearly 10% drop to the cable department's extremely conservative 2021 projection is a sign of things to come. We have expected and consistently communicated that AT&T fees will drop dramatically in time. However, as yearly trends

indicate, we can expect 2nd quarter numbers to most likely jump and, thereby, flatten the curve.

- Comcast franchise and PEG fees submitted, rising 2.9% above 2021 projections.
- Overall, combined franchise and PEG fees for 2021 are 1% below projections.