# Cable Television Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2014

## In Attendance (Absent member marked by "X")

Victory Chase Bruce McCracken

X Jon MacIvor

Lisa Stevens

- X Kirkman Frost
- X Edward Potosnak III Councilman James Vassanella Joyce S. Miller, Secretary
- The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Roll was called.
- The minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting were approved. Lisa abstained.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Membership:
  - ✓ There has been no replacement named for the vacancy left after Amanda Johnson's resignation. Councilman Vassanella will make an announcement at the Council meeting that residents interested in joining the Committee should contact the Municipal Clerk.
- Ascertainment Period
  - The Township Manager and attorney have been meeting with Comcast. There was no news to share on the progress of the negotiations.
- Volunteer Videographer Pilot Program
  - The Township's Cultural Arts Councilworking on the September 20, 2014 Franklin Day Festival asked Victory if the volunteers would videotape the event. Because the volunteer pilot program has ended, Comcast was asked to videotape the event for two hours free of charge, through its current franchise agreement with the Township. Victory will pass on notes to the Cultural Arts Council about restrictions on FTTV programming: specifically, no music or politicking, and with the suggestion to post notices at the event that it is being videotaped for presentation on FTTV.
  - ✓ Councilwoman Rozalyn Sherman sent a response to Victory that the Cultural Arts Council had too many other projects and could not take over the volunteer videographer program, as recommended in the CTAC final report to Council on the VVPP.
  - ✓ Victory said she will work on editing the Bridgetender's Garden program for broadcast in June, 2015.
  - ✓ Victory said she continues to receive thanks for the videos produced last fall about the Township's two community gardens, which have been helpful to the Environmental Commission's efforts to develop a third community garden.
- FTTV policy
  - ✓ The Committee agreed that it was a good idea to have the programming policies and guidelines for the Township's access channels posted on the Township's website. Joyce will verify with the Township Manager that he agrees this with decision.

✓ The committee will then work on updating the outdated policy.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

• None.

## RESIDENT COMPLAINTS

- Victory heard several complaints that e-mail was not generally available at times on Comcast during the past month, but that Comcast posted notices to customers about the outages and efforts to solve the problem.
- It was noted that the Committee's responsibility is limited to television and television-related issues, and does not include internet issues.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

• None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

• The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, 2014.