

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2015

In Attendance (Absent member marked by “X”)

Bruce McCracken
Jon MacIvor
Lisa Stevens
Kirkman Frost
X Edward Potosnak III
X Councilman James Vassanella (part time)
Joyce S. Miller, Secretary

- The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll was called.
- The minutes of the November 3 2014 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Membership:
 - ✓ Because of scheduling conflicts, Councilman Vassanella will not sign up as Council liaison for 2015. He was thanked for his many years of service to the Committee.
 - ✓ Victory did not volunteer for re-appointment to the Committee.
 - ✓ Bruce did re-apply for membership.
 - ✓ Jon’s and Kirman’s appointments expire December 31, 2015.
 - ✓ Lisa will continue as Library representative; Ed was not in attendance, but it is presumed he will continue as the Bd. of Education representative.
 - ✓ Councilman Vassanella is continuing his search for new members and members were encouraged to invite others to consider volunteering.
 - ✓ Joyce acted as temporary Chair until a new chair is chosen at a future meeting.
- Ascertainment Period
 - ✓ Township attorney reported to Joyce that the Township was waiting for Comcast to respond with data and answers to questions.
 - ✓ Joyce told the Committee that their entire Municipal Report was given to the attorney, who in turn gave it to Comcast. It was noted, however, that it was again mentioned by Administration and the attorney that internet was not included in the cable franchise negotiations. [Following the meeting, Joyce forwarded to the Committee members past correspondence from the attorney addressing this issue.]
 - ✓ Bruce was going to contact Upendra Chivukula, now working with the NJ Board of Public Utilities, where residents should submit their complaints about internet.
- Volunteer Videographer Pilot Program
 - ✓ The pilot program is over. There is no further word or action on this activity.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bruce passed out an article on the decline of pay-TV following a “the shifting winds in the industry as over the top streaming video services lure customers away from traditional pay TV.”

- The Cable TV website includes a page on Frequently-Asked Questions. Victory suggested the committee review the questions. Joyce will provide the questions and answers to the committee for their review.

RESIDENT COMPLAINTS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

- The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2015