

Present: Heldt, McAlear, McLain - Birmingham
Verdi-Hus – Beverly Hills
Stakhiv – Franklin
Ettenson – Bingham Farms
Schneider, Borgon - Beverly Hills

Absent: Heyman – Beverly Hills

Also Present: White - Executive Director

McLain called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF CABLE BOARD MEETING HELD June 17, 2015

Motion by Ettenson, second by Heldt, that the minutes of the regular Cable Board meeting held on June 17, 2015 be approved as submitted.

White noted that one correction was necessary to properly reference the AT&T contact, Robert Jones.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

GRANT REQUEST - FRANKLIN BINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT MUNICIPAL SERVICES SUPPORT.

Motion by Borgon, second by Heldt to approve the grant for the Franklin Bingham Fire Department for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the total amount of \$1,774.32.

Mel Ettenson noted that the motion had Bingham Farms' approval and support.

Roll call vote

Motion passed (7-0)

GRANT REQUEST - FRANKLIN BINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT MUNICIPAL SERVICES SUPPORT.

Motion by Borgon, second by Heldt to approve the grant request by the Franklin Bingham Farms Police department for the Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2015 for a total of \$1,154.52.

Roll call vote

Motion passed (7-0)

GRANT REQUEST - FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Stakhiv stated that this request was a continuation of a grant request that came in April to install wifi and internet services and a computer for the Franklin Historical Society. The Board already paid out two months prorated and for the computer and the remaining amount would be \$790.95 but Stakhiv requested that the Board approve the amount of \$1,054.20 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 so that the Historical Society would not have to come back in April for another prorated amount.

Motion by Stakhiv, second by Heldt, to approve the PEG grant request for internet service for the Franklin Historical Society in the amount of \$1,054.20 for FY 2015-16.

Roll call vote

Motion passed (7-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Heldt. The total BACB assets at MBS as of June 30, 2015 were \$842,436.06.

Borgon questioned what the yield was on the investments and Heldt responded that the yields are generally under one percent. McLain commented that the investments are all very conservative.

Currier mentioned that Comcast agreed to pay the Birmingham Area Cable Board \$10,000 to offset the legal fees incurred in reviewing the merger with Time Warner. Comcast wrote the check to the City of Birmingham. Birmingham has since written a check to the Village of Beverly Hills, which was mailed yesterday.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Heldt, second by Ettenson, to nominate McLain to serve as Chairperson of the Board. McLain accepted the nomination and the motion passed.

Motion by Borgon, second by Heldt, to nominate Stakhiv to serve as Vice Chair. Stakhiv accepted and the motion passed.

Motion by Stakhiv, second by Ettenson, to nominate Heldt to serve as Treasurer. Heldt accepted and the motion passed.

Motion by Heldt, second by Ettenson to nominate Heyman to serve as Secretary. McLain indicated that Heyman had given his verbal acceptance although he was not present at today's meeting. The motion passed.

McLain appointed Stakhiv to continue to serve as Personnel Committee Chairman, McAlear to serve as PEG Chairman and Verdi-Hus to continue to serve as CAC Chairman.

CABLE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Verdi-Hus reported that no CAC meeting was held in July due to the fact that there was no carryover material to work on at that meeting. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2015, at the Baldwin Public Library at 6:00 p.m.

PEG Committee

Heldt had nothing to report but noted that there would be a PEG Committee meeting immediately following today's meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White reported that there was one complaint from the last meeting regarding some low hanging wires. The complaint was sent to AT&T after first sending it to Comcast. That complaint is still pending. Four complaints were received since the last meeting. One was a billing issue from a Birmingham resident that has since been resolved. Another complaint was received from a Birmingham resident who lived in a condo complex and her Comcast bill kept being mailed to somebody else within the condo complex. This issue has been resolved. The subscriber got some credits for late fees and other fees and the complaint is closed. Another complaint was received from a Birmingham resident who tried to get some help installing a new modem from Comcast, and after that, she lost phone service. Comcast was notified and they have fixed all issues regarding that resident's service. That complaint is closed. Finally, a complaint was received from a business owner, but it was determined that his business was actually in Bloomfield Township so that matter was referred to the Bloomfield Township for followup.

The financial reports will be submitted as soon as the information is received from Beverly Hills. One check was written to Bloomfield Township for the May sports programs in the amount of \$11,250.00.

White reported that it looks like the AT&T DirecTV merger is on the verge of being approved.

Ettenson inquired whether there was been any feedback from subscribers to Comcast about phone time waits. White indicated that the complaints she receives relate more to the fact that the phone call is sent somewhere overseas and there is sometimes a language issue.

McLain reported that she received an email from Fred Eaton announcing that the Comcast internet speed has increased dramatically and that Comcast is increasing its internet speeds at no additional charge to customers. Comcast will increase the speed of its popular Blast! Tier by 50 percent to 75 megabytes and introduce a new 150 megabyte speed tier.

PROVIDER RELATED TOPICS.

No provider representatives were present at today's meeting.

McLain noted that WOW had a large outage a couple days ago and wondered if BACB received a number of phone calls about that. White replied that she had not received any phone calls regarding that issue.

BAPA/BAMA REPORTS

Rota stated that for the BAMA programs during the past month, BCTV completed six regularly scheduled municipal meetings, the multi-modal transportation Board meeting, the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, and the BACB Meeting and Studio 2 County Corners. As for the BAPA programs from the BACB area producers and organizations, BCTV taped 15 programs. From individuals, BCTV taped two self-talks, two Spectacles, three Michigan Entrepreneurs and three Making A Difference at the Community House. From BACB organizations, BCTV covered the TCH Womens Club lecture along with four Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition in the Park concerts. The next Camera Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 – 10:00 a.m. to noon, and a 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. session. Individuals can call 248-433-7790 and set up a one-on-one workshop when the time works out for anybody interested. Fall sports are starting to accumulate and they are posting those schedules on-line now. Three sporting events have been scheduled so far – football is in late August, along with boys soccer in October and boys swimming, and then three or four other events that are covered along with volleyball (including girls water polo).

Rota also indicated that BCTV covered the Beverly Hills parade, Celebrate Birmingham parade and that on Labor Day weekend they usually cover the Franklin parade.

OLD BUSINESS

White indicated that although the audit is usually conducted at the end of July, this year it has been moved to the beginning of September because there is always a delay in receiving some of the revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

The grant request from Birmingham was referred to the PEG Committee since no one was able to be present from Birmingham at today's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.