

# MGAT

## MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting  
March 24, 2015

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in Board of Education Employee Lounge (1<sup>st</sup> floor) in the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman May called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

### Committee Members Present

Albert May, Chairman  
Barbara Genovese  
David Casey  
Joseph Federico (7:44 p.m.)

### Also Present

Arney Rogoff

Absent: Matt Gaynor

### Consideration of Minutes of February 24, 2015

Mr. Casey and Ms. Genovese made and seconded a motion to table approval of the February minutes until the April meeting.

Mr. Casey stated he received the minutes just prior to the meeting and had not had the opportunity to completely review them and would not be comfortable voting on them.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – none.

### Treasurer's Report

Ms. Genovese reported on the city budget the balance is \$0 as of October, 2014. She reported the amount in the GATA account was \$6,784.92; and the Cablevision account, \$139.43.

Mr. Rogoff mentioned the accounts did not have proper names, i.e. labor budget, GATA and Cablevision. He stated Gata would be the labor account and the city budget is the equipment account. He state there should be \$500 in the account.

Ms. Genovese stated she would look into it and report back in April.

### Line Producer's Report

Mr. Rogoff reported he covered seven (7) meetings broadcast this month, with nine (9) more coming up. He also reported the Board of Finance finished their budget hearings. Mr. Rogoff stated it was

his intent to cover the Board of Finance regular meetings as well, however, they meet the same night at the Board of Education's Committee of the Whole (COW). He reported he broadcast two (2) Board of Education meetings this month, with next Monday being the third this month. Mr. Rogoff reported there was a change to last night's meeting, which was supposed to be a COW meeting, but was a different agenda. He explained the meeting was covered but it had to be changed to a different channel. He stated he was not notified of the change. He pointed out anything recorded from city hall runs live, therefore the meeting was covered live which was concerning the redistricting. He explained any Board of Education meetings held at city hall are run live on Channel 79, they then are re-run on Channel 78. Mr. Rogoff stated he had a lot of positive comments regarding the airing of the Board of Finance budget meetings which were recorded for the first time. Chairman noted he has also received positive response.

Mr. Rogoff also reported the St Patrick's Day parade held this past Saturday was broadcast. He stated he himself was not able to do it, but he was able to get someone to do it. He noted this same person also covered for him at a Board of Finance budget meeting he was unable to attend. Mr. Rogoff also reported the Board of Aldermen budget a deliberation meeting that was scheduled for April 9th was rescheduled for April 23rd due to the Passover holiday. He expressed his appreciation to the Board of Aldermen secretary for making the change.

Finally, Mr. Rogoff suggested to the Committee that they consider purchasing some type of apparel, i.e. shirt, hat, etc. for the people doing any recordings for the city which denotes they are a part of the Milford Government Access Television.

### **Chairman's Report.**

Chairman May stated he had a number of email exchanges with Susan Glennon, Chair of the Board of Education regarding their Committee of the Whole meetings. He stated they have resolved it and they will make every attempt to cover the BOE COW meeting.

Mr. Rogoff reminded the Committee that the regular meeting of the Board of Finance is the same night. A brief discussion ensued.

The Committee decided as a general rule of thumb they would continue to broadcast future budget deliberations of the Board of Finance and not regular meetings, unless there was something of major interest.

Chairman May also stated he has had discussions with Ms. Glennon about filming presentations, shows, etc at the schools.

Mr. Federico asked if they would need releases from the parents.

Chairman May stated he was not aware if a release would be necessary, but it was a good question. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Rogoff noted there have been other broadcasts which included children such as the spelling bee.

## **Unfinished Business**

a) Fundraising ideas – Chairman May stated last month he spoke with Mayor Blake and City Attorney Jonathan Berchem about getting businesses to underwrite their programming. He reported Attorney Berchem had some concerns because this is a government access they would not be able to be selective as to who they solicited. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Rogoff stated he was thinking that the Committee would solicit specific businesses. He stated at the end of the broadcast there would be language to the effect “programming was funded in part due to a particular business.” He also stated Ms. Flannery volunteered to seek additional funding for any added filming the Committee wished to do. Discussion resumed.

Chairman May stated he would speak with the Attorney Berchem again and pursue the idea further to raise extra money for MGAT.

Chairman May also spoke of the idea of having some type of scroll at the bottom of the screen. He also stated he spoke with Phil Kearney who is Milford's representative to the Cable Advisory Board. He stated once Mr. Kearney leaves, he would be willing to step up and serve as Milford's representative. He stated he will be working with Mr. Kearney to put together the next grant application.

## **New Business**

a) Budget presentation – Chairman May reported MGAT would present its budget to the Board of Aldermen on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated any member was welcome to attend.

b) Frontier issues – Chairman May stated he has made several calls to Frontier. He suggested any Milford resident who cannot access Channel 79, should contact Frontier (formerly UVerse) directly. He stated he has a name he could provide to residents to call.

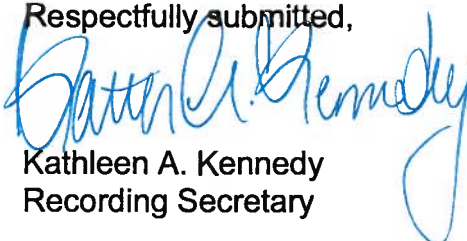
c) Board of Education – COW meeting coverage – reported under Chairman's report.

d) Other new business – none.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Genovese and Mr. Federico made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next meeting of the Milford Government Access Committee will take place on April 28, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary