

**MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 28, 2017**

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the Board of Education meeting room in the Parsons Complex. Chairwoman Flannery called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Kara Flannery
Barbara Genovese
Chris Hiza
Ryan McConnell

Also Present

Arney Rogoff , Line Producer
Ald. Frank Smith
Ald. Bill Bevan

Excused: Jill Reis

II. Consideration of Minutes of February 28, 2017 meeting.

Mr. McConnell and Mr. Hzia made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting.

Chairwoman Flannery stated she had one correction on p. 2. Gerry Speno is the correct spelling.

Motion carried unanimously as corrected.

III. Public Comment - None.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Ms. Genovese reported the balances in each of the following accounts:

Cablevision \$39.44
City \$0
GATA Grant \$21,285.59

Mr. McConnell and Mr. Hiza moved to accept the financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Line Producer's Report

Mr. Rogoff distributed his report (attached to the original minutes filed in the City Clerk's Office). He stated he recorded 7 meetings during the month of March. He also spoke regarding the damaged broadcast equipment. He also spoke about ongoing security issues in the studio. Discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Flannery asked the Committee if they wished to be proactive or see if something happens again.

Mr. Rogoff stated it just is not clear if it is the modulator or the cable. Discussion resumed.

Chairwoman Flannery discussed the idea of installing some type of camera in that room. Discussion resumed. It was the consensus of the Committee to look into installing a camera in the studio room.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairwoman Flannery reported she attended the Area II Cable Advisory meeting in Orange on March 16th. She stated the grant money has not been spent as yet and assured the committee they were looking into ways to upgrade the studio. Scheduled for BOA on April 10 for the MGAT budget presentation. She stated the budget meetings would not be broadcast live, but would be rebroadcast later.

VII. Unfinished Business

a) Update: Line Producer's Contract – Chairwoman Flannery explained the terms of the contract drawn up by the Assistant City Attorney. She stated Mr. Rogoff has stated he would not sign the contract as drawn up.

Chairwoman Flannery asked the stated the Committee is faced with a discussion as to what to do going forward.

Mr. Rogoff stated he wanted the email he sent to the Committee dated March 1, 2017, entered into the record. He proceeded to read the email.

Chairwoman Flannery stated the contract is based on four (4) months, not a full year. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the proposed contract. Following the conversation, she asked the Committee how they wished to move forward.

Mr. McConnell stated payment should be per meeting and not a per month schedule. He suggested item (3) of the agreement be changed to *per* meeting charge. Discussion resumed.

Chairwoman Flannery stated she felt the contract is fair and it is an attempt to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. She asked the Committee again how they wished to proceed.

Mr. Rogoff stated he should be paid an hourly fee and suggested \$25.00 per hour, which he is content to do.

Mr. McConnell suggested Mr. Rogoff provide "hard" data for the month of April and provide details of each and every meeting. Discussion resumed.

Chairwoman Flannery explained the average for a meeting is 11 hours, which she stated is fair. She stated allowances were made for each month and a fair agreement has been presented. She stated since no motion has been made she would like Mr. Rogoff to continue working based on the terms of the contract that he was presented with.

Mr. McConnell and Ms. Genovese made and seconded a motion to amend (3) of the Agreement to eliminate the word "sum" in the first sentence and reflect a pay schedule contract rather than a sum payments and concurrently that the contract is appropriate that Mr. Rogoff is allowed to be a contractor for the city.

Chairwoman Flannery explained the result is \$275 per month, \$250 per meeting, plus up to 10 hours of work for incidental, unexpected costs and \$50.00 per MGAT monthly meeting.

Mr. McConnell stated all other terms of the contract would remain.

Mr. Rogoff asked how he was to invoice.

Chairwoman Flannery stated they would continue with a bi-monthly payment.

Motion carried 3 yes (McConnell, Hiza, Genovese) and 1 no (Flannery).

Mr. McConnell and Ms. Genovese made and seconded a motion to recommend Chairwoman Flannery work with Mr. Rogoff regarding a pay schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

b) **Update: GATA Grant** – included in Chairman's Report.

c) **Update: Studio Upgrades**: Chairwoman Flannery reported she spoke with Mr. Manente regarding upgrades to the studio.

VIII. Executive Session

May be added by a 2/3 vote.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Adjournment

Being no further business to discuss, Ms. Genovese and Mr. Hiza made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary