

**MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 23, 2017**

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in the Board of Education meeting room in the Parsons Complex. Chairwoman Flannery called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present

Kara Flannery  
Barbara Genovese  
Ryan McConnell

Also Present

Arney Rogoff , Line Producer  
Ald. Bill Bevan

Excused: Jill Reis, Chris Hiza

**II. Consideration of Minutes of April 25, 2017 meeting.**

Mr. McConnell and Ms. Genovese made and seconded a motion to table approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2017 meeting until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 \$17,671.34

**V. Line Producer's Report**

Mr. Rogoff distributed his report of the recoded meetings for the months of March, April and May (attached). He noted the DVD carousel is failing and MGAT was fortunate to have one donated. The 29 meetings designated as "deliverables" for the months of March through June are almost expended. He asked the Committee for direction for the remaining 3 meetings that will be unaccounted for. Discussion ensued regarding how to fund those meetings.

Chairwoman Flannery presented the idea of having corporate sponsorships for the meetings. Discussion resumed.

Mr. McConnell suggested a dedicated time to make calls to solicit sponsorships.

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

Chairwoman also reported she contacted Frontier for two reasons, one being to see if they give out grant money and secondly to see if they could get Frontier installed so that there would be additional coverage. She reported she would proceed with the paperwork.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

a) Update: Education Studio – Chairwoman Flannery reported she spoke with Mr. Manente regarding upgrades to the studio. She stated she would have more information at the next meeting. Chairwoman Flannery also reported she met with the chair of the art department and discussed several items, one being security. She stated they also discussed the art show as well.

Mr. McConnell commented it seemed to be a good fit for both, adding there seemed to be good ventilation, etc. A brief discussion ensued.

b) Update: CAC Grant Request (2017) – Chairwoman Flannery reported the request is due July 15. She stated this Committee is looking for a file based system for the city hall studio. She stated she asked Don to assist with this and asked him for his thoughts for equipment.

c) Update: City Budget FY 2017/2018 - Chairwoman Flannery reported the MGAT budget was approved by the BOA as presented. A brief discussion ensued regarding operating expenses and having a budget that will cover those expenses entirely.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

May be added by a 2/3 vote.

## **IX. New Business**

a) Production Schedule for FY 2017/2018 - Look at the number of productions to be covered.

b) Volunteer Development/Internship Program Broadcasting on Frontier – Chairwoman Flannery reported she was approached by Carol Ann Philips from Platt Tech regarding internship opportunities at MGAT.

Mr. McConnell asked if it would be similar to a student internship.

Chairwoman Flannery explained it would be more of a volunteer program that would give the student experience. She stated Ms. Philips graduated from a local high school and has the ability to reach out to students interested in volunteering.

Mr. McConnell suggested for future discussion the idea of a student having the ability to receive credit for volunteering their time. Discussion ensued.

**X. Adjournment**

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

The Committee adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary