**MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 23, 2021**

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held their Regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, via Zoom teleconference. Chairwoman Flannery called the meeting to order at 7:374 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present Also Present

Kara Flannery, Chairwoman Blessing Nwaohuocha

Tad Weinstein Ald. S. Marlow

Nija Phelps Ald. M. Arciuolo

**II. Public Comment**

None.

**III**. **Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting held October 26, 2021**

Ms. Phelps and Mr. Weinstein made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 26, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Flannery stated she would prepare the minutes from the special meeting held on November 11, 2021, at which time the Committee approved the proposed budget for FY 2022-2023. She stated the Committee would consider those minutes at the December meeting.

**IV. Treasurer’s Report**

Mr. Weinstein presented the treasurer’s report. He stated there are minor changes from October 26, 2021. He stated a few bills were paid. Mr. Weinstein explained a review of the last five (5) months indicated a possibility of a surplus. He also noted budget hearings begin in March and run through May wherein spending goes up.

Chairwoman Flannery explained the grant and donation line items. She stated they apply for the grant every year through the Area II Cable Advisory. A brief discussion ensued.

**V. Producer’s Report**

Chairwoman Flannery explained the role of the producer for the benefit of the Committee’s new aldermanic liaison.

Mr. Nwaohuocha reported he is in full swing getting ready for the Thanksgiving Day Football Classic.

Ald. Marlow asked about the play-by-play commentary. He stated Rick Iskoff and another member of Foran’s 1994 State Champion football team would be providing the commentary. Ald. Marlow also expressed his condolences to the family of Chris Schulte who passed away recently. He stated Chris did the commentary in 2019 and would be missed.

Mr. Nwaohuocha provided the Committee with the details of game day and the anticipated staffing. A brief discussion ensued.

**VI. Chairman’s Report**

Chairwoman Flannery welcomed Ald. Arciuolo as the aldermanic liaison to the MGAT Committee. The reported the last few weeks have been a busy time with the inauguration and the police academy graduation. She also reported they are still having issues with Channels 78 & 79. Chairwoman Flannery stated they are working to program the channels and get them up and running.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

a) Law/Foran Football Game – Chairwoman Flannery reported all previous items had been resolved. She noted in 2019 the game received 4,000 viewers. She stated they were hoping for the same or more this year. Chairwoman Flannery reported she filmed a minute with the mayor and the captains from both teams.

b) GATA Grant - Chairwoman Flannery reported there are two issues at town hall where the lower two thirds are not dragging in. She stated she worked with Mr. Nwaohuocha and it appears the issue is actually the carousel. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Flannery provided a breakdown of the equipment for each of the studios, city hall and the Board of Education room.

Mr. Nwaohuocha pointed out another issue seems to be with updates with the cable cast system. He stated he spoke with DNR and learned the current equipment is at the end of its life, not broken, just equipment at the end of its life.

Chairwoman Flannery stated she met with the manufacturer and explained what came out of that discussion. She also went over the equipment costs amounting to approximately $17,000 and the explained the need for a sling studio camera kit. Discussion ensued regarding software requests and upgrades to City Hall (both channels).

Ald. Marlow asked about equipment capabilities.

Mr. Nwaohuocha explained the SDI systems.

Chairwoman Flannery stated another possible request would be the YouTube channels, specifically the controls content. She noted there is a high reach using the YouTube channels and there is no cost.

Ms. Phelps pointed out the cost per month this Committee pays to Cablevision. She also stated there are still problems streaming due to the fiber network. A brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Phelps and Mr. Weinstein made and seconded a motion to authorize the Chair and Producer to modify the final GATA Grant based on the current needs and to upgrade to cablecast system. Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. New Business**

Ms. Phelps suggested the Committee send an email concerning community events or organizations that may want to be promoted through MGAT. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Committees goals and priorities.

Chairwoman Flannery stated the Committee would not meet December 28, 2021.

**IX. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary