

MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION (MGAT)

Regular Meeting

December 26, 2023

Members Present

Kara Flannery
Nija Phelps
Nicole Servas
Larry Smith

Also Present

Lindsey Nwaouoha
Blessing Nwaouoha
Ald. Scott Marlow

The MGAT Committee held its regular meeting via Zoom, on Tuesday December 26, 2023. Chairwoman Flannery called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

II. Public Comment – none.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Chairwoman Flannery stated she would have someone transcribe the minutes from the recordings.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Chairwoman Flannery shared the screen to show the current numbers provided by the Finance Department. She stated she would be watching the numbers closely since the CAC grant award was less than last fiscal year.

V. Producer's Report

Mr. Nwaohuocha reported the Police Academy Graduation was directed successfully by Ken Smagala. He also reported the new remote broadcasting kit allows us to be more mobile. Mr. Nwaohuocha also pointed out that we have done a lot of upgrading since 2018. Discussion ensued.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairwoman Flannery thanked Ms. Phelps and Ms. Servas for joining her at the budget meeting adding she thought the presentation went well. She stated she is excited at the possibility of upgrading equipment and expanding our capacity for programming through grant funding. She stated the monies they receive from the city cover costs for production to and we hope to cover more meetings and events that are of value to the community. Chairwoman Flannery stated they are working to get the Law/Foran basketball games on MGAT, but that they would pause right now until they have enough student volunteers. Chairwoman Flannery reported she has had conversations with the chairman of CAC – Area II. She went on to explain the history pointing out the CAC

Grant is the result of a legislative act following a lawsuit with Soundview Media. A brief discussion ensued.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a) Goals & Priorities – Chairwoman Flannery reported the equipment inventory has been completed and that they would continue an update. She explained MGAT archives saved to the file server. A brief discussion ensued.
- b) PEG PETIA Grant – Chairwoman Flannery reported that the deadline for the grant request is February 22. She reported that the cameras at City Hall are in need of an upgrade at an approximate cost of \$40,000. She stated the added cameras would improve the quality of meetings at City Hall. She stated we should also plan to add a second remote kit to allow for times when there is more than one event on the same evening. She stated there is also the possibility of a new server and upgrade of the software package.

Mr. Smith asked what type of storage is on the server.

Chairwoman Flannery stated it is not RAID. A brief discussion ensued.

VIII. New Business

- a) Programming Schedule – Chairwoman Flannery reported they were asked to film the MLK program on January 14, 2024 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. She asked the Committee if they were in agreement to cover the program, and all agreed yes. Chairwoman Flannery stated they would resume conversations concerning the Law/Foran basketball game at the January meeting.

Chairwoman Flannery stated the next meeting would take place on January 23, 2024, the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A brief discussion took place as to whether they would continue on Zoom or resume meeting in person.

Being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Flannery adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.



Recorded by Kara Flannery.