

MGAT

Milford Government Access Television Committee Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 7:30PM

Parsons Government Complex, 70 West River Street

Board of Ed Meeting Room or 1st Floor Employees lounge Milford, CT. 06460

Members attending: Phil Kearney (Chair), Paula Patterson, Barbara Genovese, Albert May

Staff attending: Arney Rogoff (Broadcast Ops Mgr)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kearney at 7:40 pm.

Previous meeting minutes: A motion passed unanimously to approve the Sept 30th minutes.

Public comment: None

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Genovese reported current balances from the sources noted below (current GATA Grant is not reflected in these numbers and will be added to the November Treasurer's Report):

Cable = 174.56. GATA = 79.22, City of Milford = 3,430.10

Broadcast Report:

NOTE: The narrative portion of Mr. Rogoff's report is appended to these minutes.

Chair's Report

Mr. Kearney reported the the GATA Grant request has been approved for the amount of 25,248.78 and the check has arrived and would be reflected in the November Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: The Committee agreed to begin a study to assess the feasibility of accepting sponsorships for additional revenue to support increasing programming. Mr. May and Mr. Gaynor agreed to form a sub-committee to establish a protocol for sponsorships.

New Business: The MGAT Committee agreed that it would begin taping Board of Finance meetings beginning in January, 2015.

NEXT MEETING

the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th, 2014.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Kearney, temporary Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM

Production Report Narrative

Recorded meetings:

October 1 - Park, Beach & Recreation ✓
October 6 - Board of Aldermen
October 7 - Planning & Zoning
October 13 - Board of Education
October 14 - Zoning Board of Appeals
October 21 - Planning & Zoning
October 27 - Board of Education

Security is still an issue in our City Hall studio. My simple & temporary methods to prevent people watching our video monitors have been effective so far.

I've received no complaints about broadcasts since AT&T's sale of U-verse to Frontier Communications, although local news reports have been airing complaints about outages during the overall transition from dissatisfied customers. We will continue to be alert to any changes.

Our video production laptop finally arrived. After initial testing I've found that it doesn't contain the errors & defects that the other ones have had. I will continue to test it thoroughly until I'm satisfied that it performs as expected. I can report that it is processing much faster than our current model. This will now enable us to progress to our video streaming project and our programming of a structured & scheduled broadcast day. I will continue to report on that progress.

MGAT broadcasts have been cited as helping Milford citizens keep up with important government & educational meetings without having to actually be in attendance. Toward that end, the Education Department has expressed an initial interest in helping fund additional Board of Education meetings, such as their January budget meetings. I will report on whether this progresses beyond interest.

