

**MILFORD GOVERNMENT ACCESS TELEVISION COMMITTEE (MGAT)
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The Milford Government Access Television Committee (MGAT) held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in the Board of Education Meeting Room in the Parsons Complex. Chairwoman Flannery called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

Kara Flannery
Jessica DeYoung
Christopher Hiza
Nija Phelps (7:15 p.m.)

Excused: Tad Weinstein

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of the minutes of

Mrs. DeYoung and Mr. Hiza made and seconded a motion to approve the minute of the October 22, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. DeYoung and Ms. Flannery made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting with the following correction(s):

Mrs. DeYoung pointed out her name is spelled incorrectly on page 1.

Motion carried as amended with one abstention (Hiza).

IV. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hiza reported he did not have the financials.

Mrs. DeYoung asked the cost of the coverage for the Thanksgiving Day football game.

Chairwoman Flannery stated \$887 (all of November - Sewer, BOF, Inauguration, football)

Mr. Hiza stated the information will provide a basis for the future - Discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Flannery stated she would provide the Committee with a breakdown of the financials at the next meeting.

V. Line Producer's Report

No report.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Flannery reported there were over 3,000 views of the football game.

Mrs. DeYoung added there were over 300 people who watched the entire game live.

Chairwoman Flannery spoke of the work with Brooke, Garrett and Blesssing to get these events closed out and on-line so quickly. She also spoke of the importance and need to keep the focus on channels 78 and 79, both of which are watched often. Chairwoman Flannery reported she spoke with MGAT's representative concerning the problems with volume on Chanel 79. Discussion regarding the issues they have had with troubleshooting.

VII. Unfinished Business:

A. UTube Channel URL – Chairwoman Flannery stated the Committee needed to come up with a name other than MGAT. A brief discussion ensued.

Mrs. DeYoung and Ms. Phelps made and seconded a motion to use MGAT/City for the Utube channel URL. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Update - GATA Grant Projects – Chairwoman Flannery reported regarding the requisitioned funds and explained they would not be issued until the work has been completed. She also reported she put in purchase orders for the equipment, specifically a gimble was ordered that will be in end of January. Chairwoman Flannery also reported the room off of the BOE meeting room would be decommissioned. She stated a town hall monitor would be added so the live stream can be reviewed and monitored.

VIII. New Business:

A. Coverage Schedule through January 2020 – Chairwoman Flannery reported the schedule would be nothing more than the regular meetings.

Mrs. DeYoung pointed out the BOE budget workshops would begin after the first of the year and are scheduled for: January 15 & 16, 22 & 23 (if needed). She stated in the past the budget workshop meetings have been televised. A brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Phelps asked if the request form had been finalized.

Chairwoman Flannery replied it was still being worked on. She stated she would add that item to the January agenda.

B. State Grant Opportunity – Chairwoman Flannery stated there is a grant available to GATs, libraries and schools. Discussion ensued regarding the grant and if awarded, possible uses of the grant monies such as a van/truck broadcast truck possibility of sharing and upgrading the transmission equipment to cablevision.

C. MGAT Open House – Mrs. DeYoung suggested the possibility of holding the open house prior to the Board of Alderman's January 6th meeting. She suggested also inviting other Boards and Committees as well as the Milford community. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hiza stated this would be his last meeting. He stated he would be hanging up his MGAT shoes.

Chairwoman Flannery thanked Mr. Hiza for his level headedness and seeing this Committee through some tough times.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary