

MILLBURY CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION MINUTES
Municipal Office Building – 127 Elm Street – Large Conference Room
Thursday December 13, 2018 – 4 p.m.

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Present: Paul DiCicco; Joseph Coggans; Roger Desrosiers; Jeffrey Dore; Mary Krumsiek; Public Access Director Kevin Krassopoulos

Absent: Robert Sullivan; Associate Member Michael Lawton

Chairman DiCicco opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Jeffrey Dore, seconded by Joseph Coggans to approve the regular session meeting minutes of October 24, 2018. **Motion** carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Playback System – Kevin had an online demo of the third option, Tightrope Media Systems. It is not the cheapest system, but he likes Tightrope the best. The upgrade from the 2009 version we have today will allow VOD (video-on-demand) and live streaming via our website. The benefit of VOD as opposed to us uploading the meetings and shows to YouTube is that the VOD will drive people to our website, where they can see the other things that we do here.

TelVue is \$74,330, Castus is \$42,665, and Tightrope is \$69,836. With Tightrope there is no annual fee; TelVue has an annual subscription fee which could be as much as \$9000 a year; Castus would be about \$6000 a year. Tightrope allows everything to be kept in-house. The other 2 systems are cloud-based; we don't store the media here, we upload it to their server in the cloud. The money we would be paying as an annual subscription fee would be for maintenance of the cloud system server.

Kevin likes Tightrope because there is no subscription fee and everything is in his studio; he feels it will be more user-friendly and less expensive down the line. He will not have to go out to bid as H. B. Communications is on the state bid list.

Mary Krumsiek arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Discussion ensued about the new system.

School Department Activity Bus – the instructional video is done and School Department Business Manager Rick Bedard has watched it and is happy with it.

FCC Regulation - There may be a cap of 5% that will now include in-kind services (free municipal cable drops, etc.). In addition, if we need any work done in the street they can charge for that. This would severely cut into how we structure our funding. Friday December 14th is the deadline to submit letters to the FCC. Kevin has signed the petitions of Alliance for Community Media and MassAccess and they have notified the appropriate Senators and Representatives. Ms. Krumsiek stated that the Mass Municipal Association (MMA) has also submitted a letter.

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Contracts – The next step is to get either Verizon or Charter in for a discussion about length of contract and percentage. Discussion ensued about contract renewals; the Chairman said to tell Verizon we want a representative at the January 2019 meeting.

Misc. - The Fire Department asked for a cable box at Headquarters. Kevin is checking.

Member – The Cable Television Commission is seeking a new member. Speak with any member or contact Kevin at the studio if interested.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday January 17, 2019 at 4 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Joseph Coggans, seconded by Jeffrey Dore to adjourn the meeting at 5 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Sampson

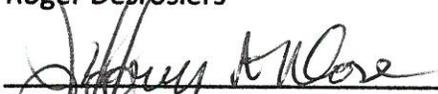


Paul DiCicco, Chairman

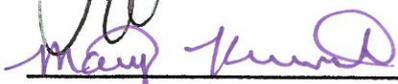


Joseph Coggans, Vice Chairman

Roger Desrosiers



Jeffrey Dore



Mary Krumsiek

Robert Sullivan