

Orion Community Cable Communications Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 13, 2016
Orion Center, Dining Room C, 1335 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion

Members Present: Ralph Painter, Lucy Koscierynski, Joseph P. Belanger, Doug Hobbs, Sarah Paine, Jim Zsenyuk. John Steimel and Donni Steele at Agenda Item 5A

Member Absent: John Ranville

Also Present: Ed Buxton, Nate Buxton, Drew Fry, Diane Griffiths, Megan Lareau, Patti Lareau, Ian Locke, Ethan McMahan, Meg McMahan, Ryan Sanborn, Lauren Smith, Roger Smith

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair R. Painter.

2. Call to Public

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Belanger, seconded by L. Koscierynski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of August 11, 2016

Moved by L. Koscierynski, seconded by J. Belanger to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

5. Commission Business

A. Grant #101601 Lake Orion Community Schools (Lauren Smith)

Lauren Smith and Drew Fry explained the need for equipment and broadcast rights for the band and choir programs at the high school. I. Locke has included funds for broadcast rights in the ONTV budget for 2017. Moved by J. Zsenyuk, seconded by L. Koscierynski to approve Grant #101601, in the amount of \$25,493.02, which excludes \$4,000 for the broadcast rights to be covered by Orion Neighborhood Television. Motion carried.

B. Grant #041602 Lake Orion Community Schools (Roger Smith)

Due to a clerical error, the wrong amount was approved for this grant. Moved by J. Belanger, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to adjust the amount approved for the grant to \$94,024.78. Motion carried.

C. Franchise Fees on Internet Service – Discussion

Franchise and PEG fees are collected by cable providers and passed on to the franchising authorities only for cable television. Internet and telephone services are exempt from franchise fees. With a move towards more IP based programming, this needs to be addressed by the FCC by amending the Cable Act. Information was provided at the ACM conference in Boston about other communities challenging Comcast to provide franchise fees on internet service.

D. Annual Holiday Party

Moved by S. Paine, seconded by D. Steele to appoint a committee of R. Painter, L. Koscierynski, J. Belanger, and D. Griffiths to plan a holiday party, including ONTV volunteers on the guest list, date yet to be determined, at the ONTV studio, with a budget of \$1,000. Motion carried.

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E. Board Training

R. Painter explained the re-franchising process and how it has changed through the years.

6. Treasurer's Report

A. Payment of Bills

Moved by D. Steele, seconded by S. Paine to approve payment of the bills paid between meetings in the amount of \$1,734.82 and bills presented for payment at the meeting in the amount of \$117,501.31, for a total amount of \$119,236.13. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Belanger, seconded by S. Paine to amend the 2016 Budget by moving \$25,000 from Prior Year Carryover to Grants, for a total of \$120,000. Motion carried.

B. 2017 Proposed Budget

Moved by S. Paine, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to receive and file the proposed budget. Motion carried.

7. ONTV Board Report

A. July 2016 Meeting Minutes

Moved by J. Steimel, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to receive and file the minutes. Motion carried.

B. September, 2016 Meeting Synopsis

Moved by D. Steele, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to receive and file the synopsis. Motion carried.

C. Building Update

D. Griffiths reported that the concrete approaches to both doors at ONTV will be re-done within six weeks. Moved by D. Steele, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to receive and file the verbal building update. Motion carried.

8. Cable Providers' Reports

A. Comcast

1. Second Quarter Franchise Fees

B. AT&T

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2. Franchise Renewals

Moved by J. Belanger, seconded by D. Steele to approve sending the letters of recommendation regarding franchise renewal to Orion Township and the Village of Lake Orion. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Steimel, seconded by D. Steele to receive and file the cable providers' reports.

Motion carried.

9. Administrator's Report

A. Subscribers Concerns Log

There were no complaints received during this time period.

10. Upcoming Conferences and Conference Reports

A. Philo Awards Ceremony, October 28, 2016, Richmond, Indiana

B. Alliance for Community Media Report – R. Painter

Moved by J. Belanger, seconded by J. Steimel to receive and file the report. Motion carried.

C. NATOA Conference Report – J. Belanger

J. Belanger will provide the report before accepting reimbursement for his conference expenses.

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D. Alliance for Community Media Conference, Minneapolis, MN, July 11 – 14, 2017

E. NATOA National Conference, Seattle, WA, September 11 – 14, 2017

11. Communications Received

A. Letter from State of Michigan Department of Treasury re: Annual Audit Required

Moved by D. Steele, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to receive and file the letter. Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Comments

D. Steele invited members to the township inauguration to be held at the Orion Center at 11:30 am on November 17. S. Paine complimented R. Painter on his conference report. J. Belanger thanked the commission for sending him to the Alliance for Community Media conference. J. Zsenyuk shared that he used an 8K camera to shoot a major league baseball game in San Diego for his work. This is one step above the 4K technology that is just now reaching consumers. He also stated that Uverse doesn't have enough bandwidth to handle 4K technology, which will soon be the broadcast industry standard.

13. Adjournment

Moved by L. Koscierynski, seconded by D. Steele to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Griffiths
Administrator