

Minutes, Cable Commission Meeting, July 9, 2018

Meeting came to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Bruno Martins

Lee Beckerman

Joe Turant

Michael Esolda

Ryan Michelson

Eric Lange

The approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting was tabled due to a technical glitch in transmitting them. They will be disseminated to the members along with this submission.

Michael reported that the Franchise Fee received from Comcast for the year 2017/2018 was \$318,898.50. He will secure the numbers from the last five (5) years.

Michaels department did the tabulation for the online cable survey, while the complaints from the years 2014 thru 2017 that called into the Mayor's office were tabulated by Bruno, Joe and Lee.

Eric stated that his letter dated June 8th to Charles Smith of Comcast asking for information on complaints has gone unanswered. The BPU responded with their record of complaints and it was found to be of little use to the committee.

Lee will forward a list to Eric a list of items that Comcast failed to fulfill from the last contract.

It was determined by reviewing the previous contract that one (1) cable drop with basic cable is provided free of charge to each Emergency Services building and the Evergreen S/C Tower. Any additional drops at each location is charged and for any additional services.

It was again reiterated that there will be NO Public Meeting on this subject.

A copy of the 2013 current contract was copied and given to Eric.

Eric asked for a list of future needs to be included in the Ascertainment Report.

Lee will survey other towns to see what they are getting in terms of services from Comcast. Until that time an exhaustive list of future needs will not be formulated.

Lee will formulate that list and forward it to the committee via email for comments, suggestions and additions.

Eric suggested that another meeting be held a few weeks before the Ascertainment Report is due on August 31st. A tentative date of the next meeting is August 20th at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.