

Orion Community Cable Communications Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 10, 2019
Orion Neighborhood Television Studio, 1349 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion

Members Present: Ralph Painter, Sarah Paine, Joseph P. Belanger, Donni Steele,
Tom Watson, Jim Zsenyuk

Members Absent: Doug Hobbs, John Ranville, John Steimel

Also Present: ONTV Executive Director Ian Locke, OCCCC Administrator Diane Griffiths

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair R. Painter.

2. Call to Public

None.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Zsenyuk, seconded by T. Watson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of August 8, 2019

Moved by J. Zsenyuk, seconded by D. Steele to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

5. Commission Business

A. New Township Hall Update – Ian Locke

I. Locke met with Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett and the architect on Tuesday. The current plans show a main chamber and a smaller auxiliary room for other events such as town hall meetings. The Township wants both rooms wired. I. Locke would like to try to save as much of the current equipment possible. The Township has expressed impatience with the company that installed the present system. I. Locke suggests that the Township apply to OCCCC for a grant for the equipment so that they would own it and be responsible for the maintenance. They are talking about individual monitors between seats on the dais, rather than one large monitor. The cablecast room, which will be about 10' X 10' will be located between the main chamber and the auxiliary room, but the IT room will be on the other side of the building, where the fiber will terminate. I. Locke has requested rack space in the IT room for ONTV equipment. The auxiliary room has a cathedral ceiling, so it will be necessary to run conduit under the slab. D. Steele said that the building should be completed by next November.

B. FCC Order – Discussion

1. NATOA Webinar Notes

R. Painter said that it is really not clear when this order will begin to affect us, so he would like to put the idea of a donation to ACM or NATOA for legal expenses on the back burner, and address it at the December meeting.

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

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6. ONTV Board Report

A. July, 2019 Meeting Minutes

B. September, 2019 Meeting Synopsis

Moved by J. Belanger, seconded by T. Watson to receive and file the ONTV Board Report. Motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report

A. Payment of Bills

Moved by T. Watson, seconded by S. Paine to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$120,344.88. Motion carried.

B. 2020 Proposed Budget

Treasurer J. Belanger reported that the amount budgeted for ONTV is reduced significantly from past years because all ONTV equipment is being transferred to OCCCC and ONTV will no longer purchase equipment. He increased the amount for the Professional Service category because of the upcoming battle with the FCC. J. Belanger will update the expenditures for the next meeting after input from I. Locke. D. Steele requested that J. Belanger show the actual expenditures for the past two years for comparison with the proposed budget, and suggested putting more money in the grant category because of the equipment needed for the new Township Hall. J. Belanger will create a separate budget line for the new Township Hall equipment under the Grants category in the amount of \$200,000. In addition, he will budget \$20,000 for Grants.

Moved by T. Watson, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to receive and file the first draft reading of the 2020 Proposed Budget. Motion carried.

8. Cable Providers' Reports

A. Comcast

1. Second Quarter 2019 Franchise/PEG Fee Report

2. August 16 Letter re: Turner Classic Movies Moving to Sports Entertainment Package

B. AT&T

1. Second Quarter 2019 Franchise/PEG Fee Report

Moved by D. Steele, seconded by J. Zsenyuk to receive and file the Cable Providers' Reports. Motion carried.

9. Administrator's Report

A. Subscriber Concerns Log

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

10. Upcoming Conferences and Conference Reports

A. ACM Central States Regional Conference and Philo Festival, October 16-18, 2019

11. Communications Received

No communications were received.

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12. Commissioner Comments

D. Steele has a conflict with the December meeting date. The consensus was to change the date to Wednesday, December 11. J. Zsenyuk worked for cable companies for 20 years. He reminded the Commission members that the franchise fees don't cost the cable company anything, and doesn't see anything happening quickly. He also thinks that subscribers will be more upset about the channels being moved than the franchise fees they pay. R. Painter produced a video about the New England fall colors. He would like to show it before the December meeting.

13. Adjournment

Moved by T. Watson, seconded by J. Belanger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Griffiths
Administrator