

## June 12, 2019 Communication Commission Meeting

**Members Present:** Jim Michaelson, Bill Morris, Diane Trace

**Members Absent:** Dave Ferrucci, Eric Fisher

**Alternates Present:** Sara Thurston and Tina DiSilvio

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**Liaison Present:**

**Liaison Absent:** Mary Petsch-Wilson, Dave Deegan

**Guest Present:**

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Bill Morris

Motion made by Sara Thurston to approve May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Michaelson.

Bill Morris gave a synopsis of the information the Board of Public Utilities gave him, he was advised to have the township send an email to Verizon FiOS TV / Franchise Service Manager

They have 90 days from when the letter is received to respond. Bill feels that we should not push the issue on Fios Franchise fees until we get Channel 9 on Fios. Bill Morris asked all members in attendance if we could vote on writing letter to Verizon, if all are in agreement, he will forward email to Dave Deegan; All members present voted yes

Sara Thurston made motion to send letter to Dave Deegan for Nancy Brant to review; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tina DiSilvio (draft letter forward to Dave Deegan

Sir,

The Township Committee of Franklin Township, Gloucester County request our PEG station be carried on your FIOS network under Verizon NJ. INC. System wide cable television franchise granted by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Please advise us of all necessary steps needed to begin adding our PEG station to your cable television lineup.

Thank You)

Bill Morris advised that the Board of Public Utilities advised that Verizon has to give us two (2) channels, Jim Michaelson suggested that we could use the two (2) channels for free content

Bill Morris advised that we have had some trouble recording the meetings. Dave Deegan will look into this

Diane Trace questioned if Delsea is recording the Graduation. Bill Morris advised that yes they are, we have request a copy to put on Channel 9. Diane questioned if someone will be viewing the video before we post on Channel 9? Bill Morris advised; yes videos are viewed before putting on Channel 9

Diane Trace questioned if this will be part of the job description for the Videographer?

Jim Morris advised that nothing on Channel 9 is posted before viewing except for Township Meetings

Sara Thurston questioned if we are moving forward for the Ad for Videographer? Bill Morris advised that the township committee decided to contact a labor lawyer to see if it will be a 1099 or an hourly pay, we have to check the labor laws before proceeding.

Sara Thurston advised that she still is working on the Cooking and Gardening information for Channel 9

Diane Trace questioned if the restrictions for content with Verizon for Channel 9 will be same as on Comcast

Tina DiSilvio feels that we have not had many complaints due to the decrease in our viewers. We need new content on Channel 9. Bill Morris agrees, we have to post a schedule and need new content

Tina DiSilvio questioned if time on Channel 9 is still Military time?

Bill Morris advised that there is no information to report for the moving of equipment

Sara Thurston advised that everything is on Website as far as posting jobs, just schools or government entities, Sara will contact Piera Gravenor to see if there are any jobs to post for Delsea

Bill Morris questioned Sara about Website for Channel 9. Sara advised that it is going very slow, she will be calling Civic Plus. We have five (5) Licenses but they are very complicated in doing. We get five (5) hours free per month, once Sara is more familiar with one department, the others will be easier. Everything is posted and tracked and how long it took, once the resident puts in a complaint it is in there and cannot be deleted.

Tina DiSilvio stated that we have to start planning for Franklin Twp Community Day, will we be doing another booth and videotaping. Bill Morris stated that he is sure we will but have to check with Dave Deegan and if we will have a Videographer

Bill Morris advised that he will commit to spending the full day at Franklin Twp Community Day, Sara advised that she will commit to ½ day.

Tina DiSilvio questioned the Channel 9 videos, there is not we can do? You cannot see a lot of the content, can we change so we can see more. Bill Morris will check with Kevin Thibault about this

Bill Morris made motion to adjourn meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Thurston

Meeting adjourned 7:52