

City of Cortland  
Cable Commission Meeting  
October 29, 2018

Members present: Dick Menapace; Jim Forshee; Duane Andrus; Sharon Stevans

- New member Duane Andrus was introduced. He was given a copy of the Franchise Agreement & NYS brochure outlining duties & authority of a cable commission.
- Commissioner Andrus presented a membership list he obtained from the City. Donna Johnson is another new member. Commissioner Stevans will contact her.
- The history of past contract negotiations with Time Warner Cable was reviewed. Discussions took place over a period of almost ten years. There were over 19 different revised contracts presented. Ultimately, the efforts were futile. The last signed franchise agreement continues in force.
- The meeting schedule for 2019 was established as follows:  
**Monday January 28 2019 and the first Mondays of April, July and October.**  
**Meetings are at 7 PM in Mayor's Conference Room.**
- Discussion regarding Community Access TV: Commissioner Forshee stated that one of his former students, John Stamp, has been hired as Access Coordinator. His hours are unknown. Commissioner Stevans will visit studio to obtain more information about status.
- Discussion regarding the future of Cable TV: TV streaming will increase and eventually replace cable; NYS termination notice to Charter/Spectrum as a ploy to negotiate resolution of service extension in rural areas; use of leased access for local origination; and lack of reports from Charter/Spectrum.
- Members decided that a letter should be drafted & sent to Cortlandville, Homer & McGraw regarding lack of representations & encouraging appointment of same. Commissioner Stevans will draft and send to members for review.
- Discussion of resignation of Chairman O'Shea: It was decided that a chairman Will not be elected at this time. Commission will act via consensus.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Stevans