

**CITY OF CORTLAND CABLE COMMISSION**  
**Third Floor, City Hall, Mayor's conference room**  
**Monday, December 1, 2014**

Present: Aaron Hamid Chair; Richard Menapace, Deputy Chair; James Forshee, Eamon O'Shea, and Sharon Stevans, Commissioners; Quorum was present.

Chair Hamid called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Chair Hamid noted Ruth Grunberg had sent feed back.

MOTION: Deputy Chair Menapace made a motion to adopt the minutes of September 8, 2014. Commissioner Forshee seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

In the matter of video hosting, Commissioner O'Shea needs copies of video samples. Commissioner Stevans advised she would get memory sticks for him that are currently at the TWC station. Videos are 1-1/2 to 3 hours run time.

Commissioner Stevans asked, 1) Was it worth Cortland Cable Commission to do this? 2) Was there money to do this? Commissioner Forshee talked with Mack Cook, City of Cortland Finance Director if Live Sports Video had been paid \$500. There is money earmarked for CCC; LSV was not paid.

Commissioner O'Shea would like to look into the services of Vizar as video host, \$240/year. It was not known if Melanie Arnold (Cortland TWC station) was able to contact LSV. Commissioner Forshee has been unable to communicate with Michael Raite (LSV). He had called Mr. Raite and also e-mailed him with no response. Commissioner Forshee inquired if streaming was available to which Commissioner O'Shea affirmed it was, for extra money, as was band width. Chair Hamid asked Commissioner Forshee to follow up with Mr. Cook about this being a line item in the City's budget.

Chair Hamid stated Ms. Grunberg's feedback was in reference to the Comcast article and suggested lobbying PSC for free cable for all public housing. New York PSC still waiting for ruling; still no word on merger with Time Warner Cable. There are two programs for low income households—one for cable and one for internet. Commissioner O'Hea advised these programs in New York City were being worked on by Mr. Schneiderman. Commissioner Forshee said in Cortland, we are working with individuals. Commissioner Stevans added there are 240 public housing apartments in Cortland. Chair Hamid advised the State Department was giving feedback that something is being done regarding this matter.

Comissioner Forshee stated there were 12 to 22 free drops. Commissioner Stevans agreed this was the status the last time David Whalen (TWC) was here.

She believes there will be only 5 drops if the merger goes through, and if it does, it will be better to do a new contract. Commissioner O'Shea remarked that if the merger goes through, do a boiler plate contract; broadband is key. They use public lands and this is perhaps why municipalities are involved. The Commission should keep a watch. Internet is the "go to" service. Cable will be phased out and basic cable will disappear. Chair Hamid added there is to be a decision December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Public Hearing Planning: Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 5:30 PM prior to the Common Council meeting, third floor, City Hall

Chair Hamid will get a legal notice out tomorrow. It's a short two-week prior notice. Commissioner Stevans will e-mail press release to Chair Hamid for review which should include that feedback forms are available on the web site.

Chair Hamid will look for last year's public hearing information. Mayor Tobin handled the meeting last year and made announcements that speakers could talk for a 3-minute time period. Speakers should sign in if they wish to speak. Chair Hamid will invite David Whalen (or other TWC representative) and advised Ms. Grunberg would be present. Commissioner Stevans will be recording.

Chair Hamid noted CCC members should attend, listen to public comments and sit at the front where the Council members usually sit. Deputy Chair Menapace asked that someone check to be sure members could get in the building.

Commissioner Stevans stated she would be there ½ hour early and noted usually Shellie, the City Clerk, sets up the meeting room, microphone, etc. She also asked if there would be a written transcript, and Chair Hamid advised he would check with Shellie. Commissioner Stevans then asked if the transcript from last year was sent to Carol McTague (PSC) and David Whalen (TWC). Deputy Chair Menapace advised they were; however he wasn't sure Mr. Whalen was still there.

Commissioner O'Shea asked if CCC will be getting a copy and Chair Hamid advised e-mail transcripts copies should be available as well as on the City site.

Deputy Chair thanked Barb Bergeron for keeping minutes this past year. Commissioner Stevans thanked Chair Hamid for being a "fearless" leader.

Chair Hamid adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bergeron