BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 17,2024 at 7:45 am

***Village of Beverly Hills

Council Chambers***

18500 W. 13 Mile Road

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes for Cable Board Meeting of May 15,2024- M
- 3. Public Comments
- 4. Municipal Support Services Grant Request- Franklin-Bingham Fire Department-M
- 5. Municipal Support Services Grant Request-Village of Beverly Hills Dept of Public Safety-M
- 6. Request to Purchase Truck/Studio Equipment-M
- 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Cable Action Committee
 - b. PEG Committee
 - c. Personnel Committee
- 8. Executive Director's Report
- 9. Provider Related Topics
 - a. Comcast
 - b. AT&T
 - c. WOW
- 10. BAPA/BAMA Report
- 11. Old Business
- 12. New Business
- 13. Public Comments
- 14. Board Comments
- 15. Adjourn

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES - MAY 15, 2024

Gugni called the meeting of the Birmingham Area Cable Board to order at 7:45 AM. in the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

Present: Deana Brown, David Eick, Jim Cleary–Birmingham

Ray Kamoo, Gil Gugni, Shane Henry, Chris Dobies–Beverly Hills

D.E. Hagaman – Bingham Farms

Rick David – Franklin

Also Present: Rota – BCTV

White – BACB Executive Director

Absent: Shand, Abraham – Birmingham

<u>APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR CABLE BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 20,</u> 2024

Gugni stated there had not been a meeting in January because there was not a quorum.

Motion by Eick, seconded by Kamoo to approve the minutes of the Cable Board meeting on March 20, 2024.

Motion passed unanimously (9-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

<u>MUNICIPAL SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT REQUEST – BEVERLY HILLS (PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD)</u>

Sara Bresnahan, member of the Parks and Recreation Board, requested a grant for the purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment at the Beverly Park and audio/speaker equipment at the pavilion. This equipment would be used during public events. The Board has received a proposal from MDIS in the amount of \$22,448.04. This vendor did all the equipment for Beverly Hills Public Safety.

Gugni noted that the Cable Board received a Memo from Kristin Rutkowski, Beverly Hills Village Clerk/Assistant Village Manager, regarding this request.

Motion by David, seconded by Hagaman to approve a Municipal Support Services Grant in the amount not to exceed \$22,448.04 to the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board for the purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment at the Beverly Park and audio/speaker equipment at the Beverly Park Pavilion.

Roll Call Vote

Dobies Aye
Hagaman Aye
Cleary Aye
Eick Aye
Brown Aye

Henry Aye Gugni Aye David Aye Kamoo Aye

Motion Passed (9-0).

<u>MUNICIPAL SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT REQUEST – VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN (FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION)</u>

Gugni amended the agenda by adding this item. There were no objections to this request.

Rick David referred to an April letter sent to the Cable Board by the Franklin Community Association requesting a Grant for \$8,800 to establish an Internet Access Point in the Village of Franklin which would be the FCA Gazebo. David summarized the FCA's responsibilities and events not only to the Franklin residents but also to the neighboring communities. Providing such internet access in and around the park gazebo will enhance numerous activities which were included in the FCA letter to the Cable Board. It is proposed that the existing network infrastructure at the Kreger House be extended to the gazebo which would increase its coverage to the surrounding area.

Multiple vendors and electricians submitted bids and Black Rock Technologies has been retained. A copy of the proposal was attached to the FCA letter.

Gugni added that the FCA is self-funded and does not receive any money from the Village of Franklin.

Motion by Kamoo, seconded by Cleary to approve the Municipal Support Services Grant in the amount not to exceed \$8,800 to the Franklin Community Association to establish an Internet Access Point in the Village of Franklin.

Roll Call Vote

Aye
Aye

Motion Passed (9-0).

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APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASE IN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION

David Eick, Personnel Committee Chair, referred to his memo regarding the Executive Director's Annual Evaluation and Pay Increase Request. The evaluations in all categories were discussed by the Personnel Committee and were in the high marks which resulted in a very positive evaluation. The BACB Treasurer stated that there were suitable funds in the budget for a salary increase of \$2,035 (5.5%) in the Executive Director's annual compensation for a total of \$39,025 per year.

Motion by Cleary, seconded by Hagaman to approve a \$2,035 or 5.5% increase in the annual compensation for the Executive Director.

Roll Call	Vote
Cleary	Aye
Eick	Aye
Brown	Aye
Henry	Aye
Gugni	Aye
David	Aye
Kamoo	Aye
Dobies	Ave

Motion Passed (9-0).

Hagaman Aye

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

Cathy White, Executive Director, reported an increase in the auditing expenses of the 2023-2024 Budget. She stated that Plante & Moran, PLLC had increased its auditing fees from the budgeted \$13,000 to \$14,300. This is due to an increase of service fees and an additional bill (\$1,300) for the fiduciary tasks Beverly Hills provides the Cable Board. White asked the Board to approve a Budget Amendment of \$14,300 for this line item.

Motion by David, seconded by Eick to approve the amended 2023-24 BACB Budget as recommended by the Executive Director.

Roll Call Vote				
Eick	Aye			
Brown	Aye			
Henry	Aye			
Gugni	Aye			
David	Aye			
Kamoo	Aye			
Dobies	Aye			

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Hagaman Aye Cleary Aye

Motion Passed (9-0).

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS BY BOARD TREASURER

David prepared and submitted a 5-Year Financial Analysis of the Cable Board revenue of Franchise Fees and PEG Fees and expenditures for years (2019-2023). He anticipates a future decline in Franchise and PEG revenues. There was a conversation about future revenues and expenditures.

The Board complimented David on this document.

For next month's meeting David will present a summary of all the communities. There were several suggestions as to what was important to communicate to the public when it involves the distribution of these monies and how those decisions were reached.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BACB BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

White referred to David's "Multi Year Financial Analysis" report which compares the current budget and proposed budget ending June 2025 and justifies the anticipated reduced revenues in the Franchise Fees category and the PEG Operations. Worth noting is in PEG Operations, where BCTV has indicated that there might be a big expense for a production truck equipment upgrade in 2025. White pointed out that in some line items the totals have been reduced for 2025. Also, in the PEG Operations category, Program Expense for 2025 has been eliminated as those expenses are now included in the contract with BCTV.

David commented that some items, such as Administrative Grants, cannot be predicted.

Motion by Kamoo, seconded by Eick to accept the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as outlined.

Roll Call Vote

Brown	Aye
Henry	Aye
Gugni	Aye
David	Aye
Kamoo	Aye
Dobies	Aye
Hagaman	Aye
Cleary	Aye
Eick	Aye

Motion Passed (9-0).

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cable Action Committee

In Abraham's absence, Gugni stated there had not been a meeting after last month's meeting and there was no need for a meeting today after this Board meeting.

PEG Committee

Kamoo stated there was a PEG Committee meeting after the March BACB meeting. Rota and Black were present at this meeting and had some comments about updating the technology with the truck and the production of the shows. In the future there might be some major expenses. There was a discussion about replacing vs. upgrading the cameras. There will not be a PEG meeting after this meeting.

Personnel Committee

Eick did not have anything to add to the Personnel Committee report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White reported that the pending complaint from her last report has been resolved. She received two (2) new complaints which she listed in her report. One was from a Birmingham resident who had low hanging WOW cable lines on her property. Once WOW was notified by the escalation team representative this issue was resolved. This complaint is closed. The other complaint by a Birmingham resident was a billing dispute with Comcast. This complaint is pending.

Gugni stated that these matters are taken care of within a few days. White agreed and said that the BACB relationship with the escalation team representatives is very good.

FINANCIAL

White provided the details of the financial balances for the MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts as of April 30, 2024.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT

White wrote eleven (11) checks since the last meeting. She listed the large Administrative Grants to City of Birmingham and Village of Beverly Hills, as well as the two (2) payments to the Charter Township of Bloomfield for BCTV internet costs and quarterly contract fee.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

In Additional Notes, White included the 2025 meeting dates. Comcast has notified BCTV that the Enlace channel is no longer available. The programming agreement between Comcast and Diamond Sports Group has expired. Comcast will no longer carry their channels. According to David, Xfinity will pass the savings of this loss to customers in terms of monthly credits on subscribers' bills.

PROVIDER RELATED TOPICS

a. Comcast

There was no representative present.

b. AT&T/Uverse/Direct TV

There was no representative present.

c. WOW

There was no representative present.

BAPA/BAMA REPORT

Substituting for Rota, White reported that between April 2024 through May 2024 the regularly scheduled BAMA municipal meetings were completed. Regarding the BAPA programs, 33 programs from the same period were taped.

BCTV has scheduled an Orientation for Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 10:00AM to 11:00AM at their studio for those who would like to produce their own show. Please call 248-433-7790. For Board members and/or residents, tours of the facility are available.

All 2024 Spring sports events have been completed. Upcoming events listed are Birmingham Hometown Parade on May 19 at 1:00 PM, Birmingham Memorial Day Parade on May 27 at 10:00 AM in Shain Park and Village of Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade and Carnival on May 27 at 11:00 AM on Beverly Road.

Several members added that community members should be apprised of local meetings and/or events, especially those of great importance. What means can be used to get important information in the forefront so the public will take notice and encourage participation?

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 AM.



Franklin-Bingham Fire Department

18 June 2024

Birmingham Area Cable Board Ms. Cathy White, Executive Director P.O. Box 165 Birmingham, MI 48012

Re: Grant Request for Internet Access Consideration for FY2024-2025

Dear Chairperson White,

The Franklin-Bingham Fire Department currently obtains Internet access through contractual agreements with Comcast for fire station internet access, and Verizon Wireless for scene-based EMS incident reporting access. These services were selected based upon coverage, speed, cost and the ability to receive static IP addresses, so that we can host our public website as well as communicate with our personnel, via a secure internal web connection.

While we do not rely on county-based systems, due to cost, we remain reliant on internet connectivity, in that we may be able to communicate effectively during normal times as well as when involved or as a result of emergency situations, including:

- Access to the Oakland County and State of Michigan Emergency systems
- Access to the State of Michigan Health Alert Network System
- Access to the State of Michigan mandated EMS report systems (MI-EMSIS & ESO)
- Access to internet-based fire records and training reporting systems (ESO and FireRescuel Academy)
- Access to the FEMA/US Fire Administration records site to upload our fire reports
- Access to multiple US DHS response and intelligence networks
- Access to NOAA severe weather services

Our department, like many others, relies on access to the internet, we are also faced with many of the same increasing costs of doing business. As a result, it is becoming more and more difficult to cost effectively meet our current obligations. With this in mind, I am writing to you to request any available grant assistance to the department to cover our internet connectivity costs of \$64.20 per month for Comcast fire-station internet service and \$221.14 per month for Verizon Wireless internet access. For the fiscal year starting July 1st, this would total \$3,424.08. Your support, if approved, would help us out that much more in providing our services to the public, by allowing us to maintain a level of service commensurate with our obligations.

Thank you for any and all consideration and assistance and please feel free to contact me at 248.626.9862 with any questions, comments, or other information needs you may have.

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief

Department of Public Safety

VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

18600 WEST THIRTEEN MILE ROAD **BEVERLY HILLS, MICHIGAN 48025**

Richard C. Torongeau Director of **Public Safety**

PHONE: (248) 540-3400 FAX: (248) 540-3437

MEMO

To:

Gilbert Gugni, Chairperson

Birmingham Area Cable Board Members

From: Richard Torongeau, Public Safety Director

Date: July 1, 2024

Re:

Internet Access Grant Request

In the past the Birmingham Area Cable Board has provided a grant to the Department of Public Safety to cover the costs of Internet access to four (4) computer services; local area network, building video, in-car video and audio recording. Each of these servers are monitored and maintained by off-site vendors.

Comcast Cable Communications is currently providing the Department with Internet service at a cost of \$194.85 per month (\$2338.20 per year). The Beverly Hills Department of Public Safety respectfully requests a grant in the amount of \$2338.20 for Fiscal Year 2024/25 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) to cover Internet services for the Department. I have attached copies of the April and May 2024 statements for the above-mentioned services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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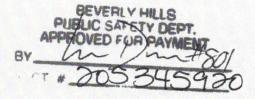
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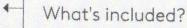
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Steve Rota (248) 433-7790 Birmingham Area Cable Board

P.O Box 165

Birmingham, MI 48012 USA

Prepared by: Shawn Watts

Account No.: 410

Phone: (248) 336-9445

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1	Sony	VCT14	Tripod Adapter	\$352.00	\$352.00		
1	Sony	HDVFEL740	OLED 7" Viewfinder	\$5,627.00	\$5,627.00		
1	Sony	VFH790	Sony Viewfinder Hood	\$1,890.00	\$1,890.00		
1	Sony	HDCU3170	Full rack configurable Triax camera control unit for HDC-3000 series system cameras	\$9,635.00	\$9,635.00		
1	Fujin	XA20SX85BERMK3	Fujinon HD 2/3" ES SZL Lens with 2X Extender	\$5,721.00	\$5,721.00		
1	Fujin	MS-01	Rear Lens Controller - Fujinon	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00		
1	Vinte	VB100-FTMS	Vision 100 FT MS Vision 100 (3466-3),flowtech 100 MS tripod (V4160-0003), carry handle (S2051-1057) & soft case (3340-3)	\$10,309.00	\$10,309.00		
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 2024

TO: Board Members

FROM: Cathy White

Re: Monthly Report

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Complaint No. 2024-06, which was pending on the date of my last report and involved a billing dispute with Comcast, has been resolved. Comcast has issued a credit on the account and the resident is satisfied.

The least few weeks have been a busy time with respect to complaints, particularly in light of the storm which hit Beverly Hills and caused significant tree damage. We have received eleven (11) complaints since the date of my last report. Complaint No. 2024-07 was received from a Birmingham resident on behalf of Colonial Court Apartments regarding several downed lines. Each of the three providers had downed wires in this location and all of them have repaired their respective lines. This complaint is now closed.

Complaint No. 2024-08 was submitted on behalf of Williamsburg of Birmingham Condominiums regarding a Comcast line that needed to be buried. This work has been completed and this complaint is now closed.

Complaint No 2024-09 was submitted on behalf of the Village of Beverly Hills regarding several poles on Beverly Road that were leaning or damaged after the storm which was impacting cable/internet service for many residents. All three providers were requested to send crews out to evaluate the situation and make any necessary repairs. This complaint has been resolved.

Complaint No. 2024-10 was received from a Beverly Hills resident who had a line come down in her yard (and partly on a tree) in the storm. This complaint was sent to AT&T and Comcast and the line was repaired by Comcast. This complaint is now closed.

Complaint No. 2024-11 was received from a Beverly Hills resident who had a downed line on her property. This complaint was originally submitted to Comcast but we were advised that the line actually belongs to AT&T. This has been forwarded to AT&T and is pending.

Complaint No. 2024-12 also involved a downed cable line on a Beverly Hills resident's property. This complaint was submitted to Comcast and has been resolved.

Complaint No 2024-13 was submitted on behalf of a Beverly Hills resident who has several old AT&T lines hanging from the utility pole at the back of his property that need to be removed/cut up at the source. This complaint is pending.

Complaint No. 2024-14 was received from a Beverly Hills resident who indicated that a cable company trimmed a tree in his backyard and left tree limbs and debris on the ground. He stated that it was not related to any storm damage. AT&T has taken care of the matter and this complaint is closed.

Complaint No. 2024-15 was received from a Beverly Hills resident who had a downed AT&T cable in his yard. This complaint is pending.

Complaint No. 2024-16 was submitted on behalf of a Birmingham resident who shared a very unsatisfactory customer service experience he had with Comcast. The Comcast escalation team representative has reached out to this resident to discuss the matter and issued him a credit on his account for the days he was without service and for the inconvenience he suffered. This complaint is now closed.

Complaint No.2024-17 was received from a Birmingham resident who we previously assisted regarding a downed AT&T line. It was previously repaired by AT&T but came down again. This has been fixed and the complaint is now closed.

FINANCIAL

The account balance for the MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts as of June 30, 2024, will be e-mailed to all Board members, as well as BACB financial reports as of June 30, 2024. Hard copies of these documents will also be distributed to Board Members at the meeting.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT

Three (3) checks have been written since the date of our last meeting as follows:

- 1. Advanced Lighting & Sound (equipment): \$110.00
- 2. Franklin Community Association (PEG Grant): \$8,800.00
- 3. Michigan United Credit Union (Visa: office expenses and phone): \$868.94

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- 1. Reminder: Our meeting dates in 2025 will be on January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17 and November 19.
- 2. Bloomfield Township has retained a consultant to assist in drafting a 5-year Strategic Plan for the township. I was invited to participate in a focus group discussion with other interested members of the community and received a very nice thank you note from the Bloomfield Township Supervisor Dani Walsh.
- 3. Comcast has advised us that the Pac-12 Network is ceasing operations on June 30, 2024. As a result, the Pac-12 Network will no longer be available as part of the Xfinity lineup.

Bloomfield Community Television

Memorandum

Bloomfield Township

To: BACB From: Steve Rota

Subject: Report May 2024 through June 2024

Date: July 10, 2024

Cc: Greg Black; Cathy White; Gil Gugni, Ray Kamoo, Carrie LeZotte, David Eick

BAMA Programs

During this time period we've completed all regularly scheduled municipal meetings, which include: the BACB meeting, Baldwin Public Library Board and Trust meeting, The Village of Bingham Farms meeting, The Village of Beverly Hills Council meeting, The Village of Franklin Historic, Zoning, Council, and Planning Meetings. The City of Birmingham's, Commission, Planning Board, Parks and Rec Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic Board and Design Review Board, Advisory Parking Committee, the Multi Modal Meeting and Village of Bingham Special Meeting.

BAPA Programs

From BACB area individual producers and organizations, we've taped 27 programs.

- Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition Teen Concert.
- Birmingham Concert Band.
- Lunch and Learn Lecture.
- ❖ Birmingham Republican Women's Club Lecture.
- Oakland County Sheriff's Department: Presentation: Oakland County Theft.
- Spectrum Orchestra Concert.
- Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade.
- City of Birmingham Memorial Day Service.
- Village of Franklin Memorial Day Service with Guest Speaker Mitch Albom.
- Village of Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade and Carnival.
- Two Sparkle hosted by Betsy Leboe.
- Two Healing with Ketamine hosted by Dr. Cassius Drake
- Three BACB Spring Sports: Girls Lacrosse, Softball Double-Header.
- Three Eye on Oakland hosted by Chuck Moss.
- Three In the Park Concerts.
- ❖ Four League of Women Voters Oakland Area Candidates Forum

BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION ORIENTATION

We scheduled an orientation on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. and 10 residents attended. After the orientation, one resident continued with the Volunteer process and now Kat will start her own Vodcast in August. Her Vodcast will focus on music and Live local concerts. If you'd like to follow Kat's footsteps, our next scheduled Orientation is set for Wednesday, August 28th, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at our studio. Please call 248-433-7790 to RSVP. This is the first process to produce your own show. This one-hour orientation includes a 20-minute presentation, facility tour and time to answer your questions. We hope to see you there.

FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH DOCUMENTARY WORKSHOP

The Bloomfield Township Police Department hosted their 2nd Annual Regional Youth Academy (RYA) June 24-27th, exposing local youth to law enforcement as a career. The Academy includes topics like investigations, traffic stops, firearm safety, and CPR certification. **Nick Soley** (Police Department) coordinates the RYA with other area police departments, including The City of Auburn Hills, The City of Birmingham, and the City of Rochester. This year, a media training component was added through a partnership with BCTV. The Cable & Community Relations Department hosted its own Youth Documentary Workshop where young filmmakers could learn interview techniques and get hands-on camera and editing training from the BCTV staff, including **Steve Rota, Greg Black, Damon Finney, and Lee Solomon**. In addition to providing these unique opportunities to local youth, the goal is to strengthen the relationship between media and the police everywhere.

BCTV OPEN HOUSE

We hosted our 2nd annual open house on Monday, June 24th. Mr. David stopped in to say hi. It's always nice to see members from the board attend and residents from the community. We had a nice turnout and great weather.

TOWNSHIP APP

Bloomfield Township launched a mobile cell phone app and we invite you to download it. The link is https://bloomfieldtwp.org/download-the-app/

It was the first governmental app produced by the Beverly Hills based firm JacApps, who have a lot of experience in producing mobile apps for radio stations. The BCTV content can be found on the app.

COMING UP

Back-to-School with BCTV, a day of digital-literacy, in-person workshops for the community. The hour-long workshops will include working with Canva, tips and tricks of promotion your content on YouTube and being camera-ready.

Hiring of additional part-time staff is underway. The new-hires will focus on short news packages that will be edited together into a news magazine. *Living in Bloomfield*, will include neighboring community attractions, like nature trails, parks the BBAC, and community collaboration.