

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 20, 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, Jim Cleary, George Abraham– Birmingham  
Ray Kamoo, Gil Gugni, Chris Dobies– Beverly Hills  
Rick David – Franklin  
D.E. Hagaman – Bingham Farms

Also Present: Rota – BCTV  
LaZotte – Director of Cable and Community Relations  
White – BACB Executive Director  
Gojcaj – Attorney for the Cable Board

Absent: Donovan Shand, David Eick– Birmingham; Shane Henry- Beverly Hills

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR CABLE BOARD MEETING OF September 18, 2024**

Motion by Kamoo, seconded by Cleary to approve the minutes of the Cable Board meeting on September 18, 2024.

Motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**MUNICIPAL SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT REQUEST – VILLAGE OF BINGHAM FARMS**

William Pattyn, Village of Bingham Farms Treasurer, presented this funding request of \$3,044.88 for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This was for the support of the Village internet and phone services for the residents and businesses.

Motion by David, seconded by Kamoo to approve a Municipal Support Services Grant Request from the Village of Bingham Farms in the amount not to exceed \$3,044.88 for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to cover the Village internet and phone systems.

Roll Call Vote

Hagaman Aye  
Cleary Aye  
Brown Aye  
Gugni Aye  
David Aye  
Kamoo Aye  
Dobies Aye  
Abraham Aye

Motion Passed unanimously (8-0).

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Gugni stated that all the current officers have consented to extend their commitment for another year.

Chairman – Gill Gugni; Vice President and Personnel Committee Chair – David Eick; Secretary and PEG Committee Chair – Ray Kamoo; Rick David – Treasurer; Cable Action Committee Chair – George Abraham

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cleary that the current slate of Officers continue for the next year.

Motion Passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cable Action Committee**

Abraham stated there had not been a meeting as there was nothing to discuss. There was no need for a meeting today after this Board meeting.

**PEG Committee**

Kamoo stated there had not been a PEG Committee meeting after the last Board meeting, nor would there be a meeting after this meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In White's November 14, 2024 Monthly Report to the Board Members White stated that there were seven (7) complaints since her last report. One was from a Franklin resident who had lost his land line phone service and had difficulty getting Comcast to respond to his problem. He had also requested compensation for this on-going issue. This complaint is now closed. Another Franklin resident had an issue with Comcast regarding outages with his internet service. This 1-hour to 5-hour problem has been going on every 2 weeks or at a minimum once a month for the 9 months he has lived in his house. Comcast technicians have resolved the problems. This complaint is now closed. A Beverly Hills resident had a low-hanging cable line in front of his house, which he thought was Comcast that needed to be raised. The same line had come down the previous year. It was discovered to be an AT&T line not Comcast. This complaint is now closed. DTE had installed a new pole on the property of a Beverly Hills resident and the resident wanted the other lines moved from the old pole to this new one so the old pole could be removed. AT&T has moved its line, however, WOW needed to do the same. That installation was to be completed the following week. The Comcast Xfinity line has now been relocated. This complaint is now closed. A Birmingham resident signed up with Comcast to receive service at his newly built home. Comcast cancelled its appointments three times to do so. However, with the help of the escalation team this installation was completed. This complaint is now closed. The property manager of the Williamsburg of Birmingham condominiums contacted WOW regarding an unsatisfactory installation in one of the units. This complaint is now closed.

**FINANCIAL**

White stated in her Report that the account balances for the MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts as of October 31, 2024, would be emailed to all Board members, as well as BACB financial reports as of October 31, 2024. Hard copies of these documents would also be distributed to Board Members at the meeting.

**CHECK DISBURSEMENT**

She pointed out that nine (9) checks were written since the date of the last meeting. The largest ones were to Advanced Lighting and Sound (new equipment): \$51,283.00 and to the Charter Twp of Bloomfield (quarterly contract payment for Oct-Dec 2024): \$77,075.00.

**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**

Rota reported that between September through October 2024, all regularly scheduled BAMA municipal meetings were completed. During the same period 34 programs from BACB area individual producers and organizations were taped. The 2025 Winter Sports to be covered in January and February will be 6 games of Boys and Girls Basketball and Hockey, 1 Swim and Dive Meet and 1 Wrestling match. On September 25, BCTV had its first free digital literacy workshop, “Back to School With BCTV”. As part of Community Media Day, the Cable and Community Relations Department recognized those individuals who had made an impact on the community through the use of media.

On December 18, 2024, BCTV will host a Holiday Open House from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Staff, family, friends and residents are welcome to come.

The new truck camera and accessories arrived on October 25, 2024 and were installed by Rota. The camera was used during the Groves vs. Seaholm football game and the Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony and worked great!

**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 8:24 AM.

The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2025.