

Minutes of the Heath MLB Meeting
November 8, 2022 at 11
Virtual meeting

Present: MLB: Art Schwenger, Anne Emmet, David Gordon, Bill Fontes, and Ned Wolf
with MLP Manager Sheila Litchfield

Art called the meeting to order at 11:03

Members read the minutes of the November 1st MLB meeting. Anne moved that the minutes be approved with corrections. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Members read the minutes of the November 1st WG&E installs meeting. Anne moved that the minutes be approved with corrections. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MLP Manager's Report

Sheila said that she had consulted with Jim Drawe about drop lines that are damaged. If the home owner or the home owner's contractor is responsible, the home owner or home owner's contractor pays for the cost of repair. If the damage is due to a storm or a falling tree limb, the invoice goes to Wired West.

Sheila reported that the letter to those customers uninstalled about the June 30th, 2023 deadline has been sent to all who are uninstalled except for 3 customers in Mohawk Estates until we know more about their situations, which will be discussed today at the 1:30 meeting with WCF.

Betsy Loiko's uninstall list has changed by only one new installation since she first sent it to us.

The number of names on the possible termination list has dropped down as has happened with previous termination lists as customers paid their bills.

Sheila said that the best guess about tree trimming is that it's never happened. She and Jeff composed a list of tree trimming needs back in March, but Jim Drawe has received no invoice for that work.

Bill suggested hiring a local company rather than Asplundh. David said it can be difficult to find someone qualified to work around power lines.

Sheila said the POD removal did not occur in the week of October 31st, but it should happen in the week of November 7th. The spools have been moved by the Highway Department onto a

newly graveled area opposite the front of 18 Jacobs Road. Using tarps to cover the spools might not work due to wind. Would a hoop house work? Bill will talk with Jeff and Hilma about what's doable.

Sheila asked whether members have received WCF's Newsletter. Members confirmed that they have. The MLB favors asking Jim Drawe to arrange a Wired West photo op for the Newsletter at the coming celebration of completing the broadband construction.

The Accountant's furniture at 18 Jacobs Road has not yet been relocated. It still occupies the MLB's future office space. Whether the Accountant and Hilma have resolved how \$100K transferred to the Town can be put into stabilization is to be determined.

Sheila said that we have received the final invoice from ITG. The invoice states that the final total retainage is \$35,267.77. There was a consensus to delay a vote on approving the invoice for one week.

Sheila also received a letter from BTR, owner of ITG, that BTR will honor the warranty for outside plant construction for 3 years concluding on 1/1/2025.

The test run November 8th of the generator was successful, and it's back on standby.

Backhaul

David said that on November 7th the representatives of the Northern Tier towns received a quote from Local Linx for shared backhaul. The cost is high. Local Linx would let towns out of their current contracts with MBI.

David asked that we consider at the November 15th meeting the process of setting aside money for a Depreciation Reserve.

Wired West November 2nd Board Meeting

The Board voted for the 2 year contract between Wired West and WG&E.

The Treasurer has decided on a different investment policy that favors Fidelity over Greenfield Savings Bank.

Heath Muni Network

Bill reported seeing part of an email trail indicating problems with the muni network and that Northeast IT has issued a repair ticket and has switched back to the second ONT.

Items to ask about at the WG&E 1:30 Meeting

1. POD removal
2. Covering relocated fiber spools
3. Any installations scheduled
4. 3 residences in the Estates for WCF to follow up on: 41 Modoc, 102 Shawnee, and 12 Papoose
5. Status of Heath Muni network ticket #728534
6. Request for Brian to resend each of us a meeting invitation

Anne moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:16. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf