

Minutes of the Heath MLPAC Meeting  
December 15, 2020 at 11 am

Present: Art Schwenger, Jan Carr, Ned Wolf; MLP Manager, Sheila Litchfield

Art called the meeting to order at 11:02.

Members considered the \$161,651.91 docusign invoice from WG&E first discussed at the MLPAC meeting on December 1. Jan made a motion to approve the \$161,651.91 invoice. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Members read the edited minutes of the 11 am, December 1 MLPAC meeting. Jan made a motion to approve the minutes. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Members read the edited minutes of the December 1 MLPAC meeting with WG&E and TriWire. Jan made a motion to approve the minutes. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Members read the edited minutes of the 1 pm December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Heath MLPAC with Bill Ennen. Jan made a motion to approve the minutes. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 1 abstain.

Sheila will send Art instructions from Montague Web Works on installing a means on the Town website for a person to sign up for broadband. She reported that during a December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with WG&E she had asked whether they could prioritize broadband service activation for homes in Heath with children. WG&E said that this can be done. This means that those homes will be activated first once their service area and service drop are ready. Hawlemont is sending us a list of names of children whose parents have given permission. Members suggested that expediting broadband in Heath Center would increase the speed of the hotspot.

The revised policy for Cold Drops includes the following: Cold Drops in Heath will be placed on a wait list until a review of the broadband construction budget can ensure sufficient funds remain to construct cold drops. The Heath MLP Manager and Municipal Light Board will determine at that time if Cold Drops will be eligible for any, or a portion, of the drop construction credit.

In a revision to 'How to Request a Service Drop' a 'renter' is included as a person who could request a service drop. The property owner must grant the Heath MLP or its representatives permission for access to the property.

Rich has asked whether we have a drop allowance on a second drop. The MLPAC wants to get WG&E's responses to our proposed changes in the Drop Policy before we bring them to the MLB.

Jan and Sheila discussed Rich's question about an Apache Drive address having put in an application for service even though Rich's information suggests that Apache Drive addresses may not be eligible. Jan and Sheila noted that the original PPR has many Apache Drive addresses. Jan has sent Rich Apache Drive information including a list of Apache Drive addresses that had been prepared but was not sent.

Sheila shared a letter to Reuben Klein, president of TriWire, in praise of TriWire's work in Heath. The MLPAAC said it is a fine letter and recommended sending it.

Sheila reported this invoice:

December 15, 2020	\$131,716.09	TriWire labor and strand
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Ned made a motion to approve the invoice. Jan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sheila also reported a #9 docusign from Denise:

December 9, 2020	\$97,291.61	WG&E
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Jan made a motion to approve the invoice. Ned seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jan reported that 245 people have signed up for broadband.

Jan made a motion to adjourn at 1:25. Ned seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Wolf