

Metuchen TV/Technology Committee Minutes
of February 24, 2023 meeting

Henry Cheng, Chair Mike Guarino, Secretary Joel Branch, Council Liaison
Darryl Richardson Allan Krebs Chanda Bonsal

Administration

-The meeting was called to order by Henry around 8:08pm.;

-Mike then noted that as we did not have a quorum to meet in January, we needed to have our annual reorganizational meeting to elect new officers. Mike opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson and Darryl nominating Henry with Allan seconded and all approved. Mike then asked for nominations for Secretary and Henry nominated Mike and Darryl seconded with all approving.

-Mike reminded all he had previously circulated the August minutes for approval, as there were no corrections noted he then moved to approve the Minutes, which was then seconded by Darryl and the Minutes approved.

-Mike also noted that there no complaints or other correspondence received in Borough Hall

On-Going Matters

-Henry then provided some background for our new member Chanda and new Liaison Joel as to the role of the Committee. While one of our major responsibilities is oversight of the Franchise Renewal process and customer relationship with our tv/internet provider Altice, the former is a long-term process under a 15 year term til 2029. All agreed biggest issue is lack of competition from other providers, which is not likely to change and prior surveys conducted to assess public satisfaction;

-Mike then noted the work of the Social Media Subcommittee with Henry and Darryl. Due to Jennifer's need to resign from the Committee, Henry noted the need for additional assistance and Chanda expressed an interest in participating as an active Facebook user.

-Joel suggested some topics to consider include 'Cutting the Cord' with alternative WiFi providers and cybersecurity awareness. Several members also suggested to perhaps see if students in the high school would be interested in being involved. Henry suggested that the Subcommittee circulate for review the list of proposed topics to the Committee;

-Mike then mentioned a prior project that was put on hold due to the Pandemic to assist Borough Hall in developing a proposal/RFP to convert municipal records to electronic storage. Joel suggested that may now be of greater interest for the Borough and suggested we re-initiate the. Project. Mike will re-circulate the previously drafted survey to assess current status/needs of each department as the first step.

There being no further business, it was discussed and agreed to confirm our next meeting in May and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

M. Guarino 3/13/23