

# **Cable Communications Commission Special Meeting Minutes**

Administrative Conference Room  
Meridian Municipal Building, Okemos, MI

**January 26, 2015**

**Present:** Commissioners: Chair, Walter Benenson, Patrick Crowley, Tunga Kiyak, Andrew Lathrop, Ron Styka  
Staff: Deborah Guthrie, Mike Watzka, Esq.  
Township: None  
Comcast: John Gardner, Senior Manager Government Affairs;  
Mike Ashton, Attorney at Law; Leslie Brogan, Senior Director of Government Affairs  
AT&T: None  
Haslett Schools: None  
Okemos Schools: None

## **Call Meeting to Order:**

Commissioner Benenson called the meeting to order at **6:30 pm**.

## **Public Remarks:**

Doris Schwartz commented on open meetings act and whether this meeting qualifies for closed session

**Introductions:** All parties present made introductions considering the amount of new attendees.

## **Approval of Agenda:**

Chair, Walter Benenson moved TO APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. Seconded by Commissioner Crowley.

Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

## **Possible Closed Session Comcast Transfer of Control:**

Mike Watzka led the discussion on the Open Meetings Act and Commissioners discussed. Commissioner Crowley made a motion TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AS NEEDED. All Commissioners agreed with the exception of Commissioner Lathrop, who abstained from the vote. The motion failed.

## **Communications/Announcements:**

Attorney, Mike Ashton, provided information regarding PA 480, Federal law and Michigan court cases. John Gardner provided information regarding Comcast stock portfolio and financial status.

**Discussion Comcast Transfer of Control:**

Discussion on the Township rights to review the transfer and act on it, as well as the transfer in regards to the Comcast Franchise agreement. Compliance issues were also discussed in the Comcast Franchise agreement, as it relates to the transfer including PEG provisions upheld in Federal District court.

Commissioner Crowley made a motion TO DENY TRANSFER WITHOUT PREJUDICE. No second for the motion; motion failed based on lack of information from Comcast. Comcast stated they could provide additional information as a follow up to the report provided by the consultant; Ashpaugh & Sculco and Frontrange. Therefore, staff recommended a special meeting to be held prior to the Township Board meeting, February 3, 2015, and revisit based on the additional information to be provided by Comcast. Commissioner Crowley moved TO APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lathrop.

Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Comcast Transfer of Control:**

Comcast will provide additional information for special meeting  
Staff will provide written answers to possible questions and concerns, in regards to the transfer, for the special meeting.

**Public Remarks:** No discussion

Commissioner Crowley moved TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Seconded by Commissioner Benenson.

Hearing no objections, Chair Benenson ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT **8:45pm**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled for **February 3, 2015 in the Administrative Conference Room.**