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Agenda

Lyndon Township **Broadband Oversight Committee Meeting** **August 19, 2021 6:30 p.m.** **ZOOM Meeting**

Broadband Oversight Committee (BOC) Member & Township Board Attendance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pam Byrnes (Twsp. Super) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin McLaughlin | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy Riem (MEC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marc Keezer | <input type="checkbox"/> Seth Watkins | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Van Alst (MEC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TJ Spencer | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Munce | <input type="checkbox"/> (Public) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Begin | <input type="checkbox"/> Janet Gilkey | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ben Fineman | <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Glendening | |

1. Call to Order
2. Members only, virtual attendance location statements (group)
3. Call to the Public
4. Approval of Agenda (group)
5. Approval of June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting (group)
6. Reports:
 - a) **MEC (Candy & Matt)**
 - i) Test results from Earthcom for the entire network.
 - ii) GIS database file. (hosting and maintenance options)
 - iii) Monthly Billing overview and submission to Twp. board for recommended payment. Ongoing.
 - iv) Outage post-mortem from last outage.
 - v) Everstream (Backbone Internet transport to/from Cassopolis) fiber documentation correction for Lyndon link. (MEC was not notified several months ago regarding an outage due to incorrect fiber documentation.)
 - vi) RDOF funds for Lyndon. Place-holder not to forget the funds MEC will be receiving from RDOF to supply the Unserved & Underserved residents in Lyndon township.
 - vii) Statistical data/dashboard access from MEC's Helpdesk. Report.
 - viii) Discussion regarding "damages billed to another utility." As an example, Consumers cut a drop last October. They are not paying the invoice from MEC, stating that MEC was contacted through MissDig and did not respond. Team contacted CMS and they are reopening the claim. Some of the confusion was the invoice from MEC and they were unaware of the proper marking from the Township.
 - b) **Construction & Redundant Path / Administration Updates (Kevin & Marc)**
 - i) Project close-out status
 - ii) Redundant pathway team, (permitting) (H&M)
 - iii) Miss Dig coordination
 - c) **Operations Budget Update (Ben & Marc)**
 - i) Invoicing process/progress/review
 - ii) Discussion of lowering rates (Marc's conversation with the Assessor; are there groups that are disproportionately funding the fiber) (MEC example criteria makes it easier to confirm income eligibility)



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7. Unfinished Business:
 - a) Can any fees from new drops be funded by American rescue plan funds (final rules say funds can be used for infrastructure, we need to know if we can use those funds to pay down the bond) \$274k available and could be spent on new work before 2024. (Gary gathering data) have until end of 2024 to allocate funds, evolving quickly, must be expended by end of 2026.
8. New Business ([group](#))
 - a) [Future XGS PON Upgrade Planning](#)
9. Call to the Public
10. Announcements ([group](#))
 - a) Next Meeting Date: **Thursday September 16th ?**
 - b) [Future dates for reference: October 21st; November 18th; December 16th](#)
11. Concerns & Comments from the BOC
12. Adjournment