

Lawrence Township, NJ  
Cable and Telecommunications Advisory Committee  
July 19, 2011 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introductions.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Appointment of Secretary for this Meeting.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes of the March 29, 2011 Meeting.
5. Government Access Channel initiative
  - a. Lawrence Township Government Channel Committee meeting scheduled for June 6, 2011
6. Communications.
  - a. Comcast

Email and correspondence received from Comcast (Fred DeAndrea) on July 8, 2011, acknowledging that Verizon has exceeded the 60% market penetration threshold and the implications thereof on the Comcast Franchise Fee structure.
  - b. Verizon
    - Email from Gwen Cogan, received on May 2, 2011 with the following information: “On Monday May 2nd Verizon filed a petition with the State of New Jersey’s Board of Public Utilities (BPU) certifying that Verizon FiOS TV plant passes 60% or more of the homes in your municipality. The BPU has 45 days in which to act upon Verizon’s petition. If the BPU approves Verizon’s petition your community’s incumbent cable operator (note: Comcast) would be required to begin paying within 90 days of the BPU’s approval a 3.5% franchise fee on gross revenues to your municipality and one-half (.5%) percent to the State Treasurer for the Universal CATV Fund.”
  - c. Other
    - S-2664 “Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act”
      - Paul Alfieri’s summary and recommendation memo presented to Town Council at its April 5, 2011 meeting.
      - Senator Turner’s response to Lawrence Township’s concerns regarding S-2664 stated in her April 25, 2011 email.
      - Current status of S-2664 (Paul Alfieri)?
    - Received correspondence, dated July 1, 2011, from 4 Connections, LLC, a subsidiary of Cablevision, indicating their interest in providing business telecommunications services in Lawrence Township.
7. Public Comments.
  - a. Email correspondence received from Mr. Dennis Waters, Vice President, Lawrence Historical Society, on April 25, 2011, requesting the Committee’s

assistance in transmitting his request for a “free” internet connection to historical Brearley House, which is a Lawrence Township property leased from the township by the Lawrence Township Historical Society. The request was transmitted to both Comcast and Verizon for their consideration.

- b. Complaint from Ms. Sheila Davidow a Traditions resident, via email received on May 3, 2011, regarding lack of closure by Comcast to long-standing property restoration and temp line elimination issues resulting in poor service. The matter has been referred to Kathy Farinaccio on May 3, 2011.

8. New Business

- a. Committee membership: Currently, there are 2 open committee positions.
- b. Changes/Additions to FAQs
  - i. Approval of draft revisions to FAQ (Bryan Smith)
- c. Comcast Franchise renewal process

9. Date and time of next meeting

10. Adjournment