



**Town of Middlefield
MBI Committee Meeting
Middlefield Town Hall
March 21, 2018**

Members present: Chair Brent Lebeau, Maureen Sullivan, and Jay Swift

Meeting came to order at 6:25

Minutes: March 16 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Resignation: Howard Knickerbocker's resignation was acknowledged.

Florida WiValley vs Crocker vs Matrix Proposals: Brent has put together a spreadsheet to create a criterion that is simple and concise. This was reviewed and discussed. Brent will edit and send it off.

Monthly service charges: 12.2 Mbps line item was discussed. Brent made a note to research if this is accurate for Crocker.

Town and Supplier Ownership: This category will be added. WiValley and WG&E is town owned.

Crocker: Discussion on eligibility to bid.

Action item: Jay will review the MBI website to see if Crocker and Matrix are ineligible for grants and call a friend in Hinsdale to find out if Charter has started building there.

MBI: Brent stated that Matrix and WiValley don't have their figures in with MBI yet. MBI does not recommend Matrix as a long term provider.

MLP: Discussion ensued on what this entails.

It is a vehicle to collect costs, and if we got a bigger take rate, the cost would come down. With Matrix only the subscribers pay. Shared cost town/subscriber may be a whole new tab.

Report on Meetings:

(Whip City) Westfield Gas and Electric: Their presentation was non- accurate. There is a need to go back with more definite interest. WG&E offers 1 gig for a \$90 and phone is \$20 a month.

WiValley Plan: This plan was already proposed to Middlefield by Fred Goldstein of Interisle Consulting Services. 12/2 is typical for TV WHITE SPACE. If they received new radio equipment, that number would increase. WiValley stated that the addition did not happen.

Action item: Brent will put some more work into the spreadsheet and send it to everyone and will take a crack at the schedule to be able to establish a timeline.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Information:

Florida WiValley vs Matrix vs Crocker Proposals

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary