

New Ashford MLP Meeting
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom
November 14, 2022

Present: Ken McInerney (MLP Manager), Jason Jayko, Mark Phelps, Lori Jayko
Zoom: None

Meeting opened at 6:30

1. Public Comment: None.

2. MLP Contract: The contract has been sent to legal counsel for review. Axia needs to be replaced with Local Linx. Exhibit C, Section 2 needs clarification.

The MLP discussed who is responsible for the cost of repairs when storms cause damage to the fiber going to residences. They would like to set a policy.

The budget was reviewed and there was discussion around the amounts for repairs, Dig Safe, and emergency restoration. Budgeted amounts were compared with the amounts in the contract, including the annual maintenance fee.

3. Stripe: Mark expressed concern over recent news that Stripe laid off 14% of their workforce. They overestimated usage/growth and were impacted by Covid. Lori said Stripe is easy to use and was chosen by Whip City.

4. Billing: The bills in question were reviewed line by line, including a stamper box installation fee of \$908.63. This is a requirement for CAF. There's a \$1,000 annual cost for web service, which needs to be added to the budget. There's an invoice for a \$412 install, \$200 police detail, storm repair, a part, and cold drops. The customers paid Whip City for the connections and Whip City turned over that money to the town.

5. Connection Policy – Kearsy: The Kearsy residence took the cold drop initially and didn't activate. The property is in good tax standing and has been paying taxes for years. Ken made a motion, seconded by Mark, to pay for the Kearsy installation at 352 New Ashford Road, as long as there is money left in the installation grant account. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Batteries: Jason ordered the batteries.

Mark made a motion to recess the meeting at 8:20 until 6:00PM on November 21st, seconded by Ken.