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# Harris Township

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## Mission Statement:

The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

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**October 27, 2022**  
**Emergency Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30pm**  
**Harris Service Center**

**Present:** Madam Chair Clayton, Vice Chair Schack, Supervisors Gilbert, Supervisor Davies and Supervisor Kelley

Chair Clayton called an emergency meeting with the board regarding Mediacom and Paul Bunyan.

Chair Clayton received an email from ICTV regarding the board meeting and live streaming of October 26. ICTV ran a test on the meeting to see if they could improve the township live airing of the township board, and what was determined that the township is in need of a hard connection to the modem. ICTV provided two companies that could make a hard wire connection to the modem as ICTV does not provide that and neither does Mediacom. ICTV can't run the cord every meeting as an insurance rep confirmed it would be considered a trip hazard and they would bear responsibility, so until the connection is made, ICTV can only set up a wide shot for the live meetings as there's not enough bandwidth for panning the room, and close ups without it cutting out.

The township would need to pay for a hard connection the modem, and without knowing the total costs associated with that move, Chair Clayton told the board that she did some checking with Paul Bunyan to get some prices on going through Paul Bunyan versus Mediacom, as the township continues to have issues with Mediacom connections.

The Paul Bunyan rep stated that they could provide Internet at our Town hall, service center, and both parks for \$60 per month, and a \$10 additional fee for Wi-Fi connection, which would be \$70/month for all 4 locations. PB would provide 250 mbps connection on their GigaZone fiber network. (The cost does include the wifi router, supplied by PB). The chair did check with ICTV and they said that 250 Mbps connection would be great.

In order for Paul Bunyan to move forward they need drop permits to be completed for each of our locations as soon as possible.

Discussion followed on Mediacom versus Paul Bunyan, and it was determined that Paul Bunyan would be a better route for us to take with everything that's been going on with Mediacom over the course of the last two years.

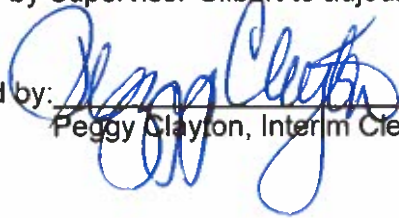
Chair Clayton stressed the fact that if the board authorizes Paul Bunyan, the Chair would need to get the drop permits completed and sent to the Paul Bunyan Rep so they can reach out to their engineering department to see if they can get the it completed for this construction season. The Chair also stated that there is no charge or activation fee for the digging at each of the locations.

The board reviewed the current cost associated with Mediacom as it relates to the difference in what Paul Bunyan would charge. Our last bill with Mediacom for all four locations for Internet and Wi-Fi was \$755.85. If the board decided to go with Paul Bunyan the cost would be \$280 per month plus the applicable taxes etc. This would be a huge savings for the township. The current phones in the parks warming shacks are \$39.95/month, and even if the township stayed with Mediacom and removed the two phones at the two parks, that would decrease the \$755 bill down to \$475, which is still more than the township would be paying if the board went with Paul Bunyan. Discussion followed on the pros and cons between the two service providers,

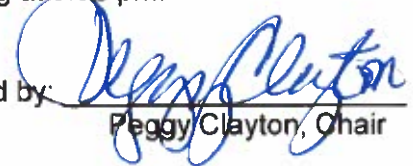
A motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Davies to move forward with Paul Bunyan, and authorize the Chair to complete the four drop permits, and send to Paul Bunyan so the board can get the installations in place. Ayes-5; Nays-0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Gilbert to adjourn the emergency meeting at 5:58 pm.

Submitted by:

  
Peggy Clayton, Interim Clerk

Signed by:

  
Peggy Clayton, Chair