

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

CONTINUED MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

5 P.M. VILLAGE HALL

Continued meeting from September 11, 2023 and called to order by President Starcevich with the following members present: Loving, Olson, Sappington, Baker, Waugaman, Starcevich, and Johnson. Absent: Willems.

Phil Wirt from Diverse Communications of Woodhull present to inform the Board about their fiber optic services. He explained the conduit is 1.25 inches, and they cut a slit in the yard, but there is no cost to bring it to the home. They do a cutoff date of two to three months after the original date of installation and charge \$99.95 fee for quality broadband. He said that during the sign up phase they waive the signup fee, but a \$75 deposit is required, but is returned if used for a year. He stated that when they are done putting the fiber optic in, they make sure the ground is seeded.

The Board asked what if something happens to the fiber. Mr. Wirt stated that there is no scenario for it going bad, but if some contractor cuts something, and then it is the contractor's fault.

He reported that Diverse does equal speed up and down and that New Windsor Telephone Company is using copper 20 X 2 or possibly 50 x 2.

Mr. Wirt stated that the box is on the house, and the fiber is run into it, and they take out the modem, but the customer can lease or buy a router from them or purchase their own.

Mr. Wirt reported that every situation is different, and a router is needed to get to all devices. They purchase enough band capacity. Everyone would have their own to cap on Village property. There would be an area estimate of 7' by 7' coffin in ground, and a cabinet out of ground estimate 32" X 32". He said it is better that it is centrally located, like the Village Hall property He said that at the end of the day, they make everything right.

The Board stated that competition is good, and that the New Windsor Telephone Company has been putting fiber optics in other places except in New Windsor. The Board was also concerned about paying for a telephone when there is no longer dial up, but one has to have a phone line to get internet. Woodhull did not do that. Mr. Wirt said they are a broadband company, and it is cheaper to take out the phone line and bump up to the next package to get double the speed. He said 50 Meg is way more than needed, and everything could be streamed, not more than three mesh units in a home.

President Starcevich stated that they could put something together.

Mr. Wirt stated that they could start around the beginning of November, weather permitting, with the main line bore in before winter then 4-5 months. He further stated that the Village Hall would have free internet service since they would be using Village property for the cabinet. The Board asked about the maintenance building, too. Mr. Wirt said maybe half, but it is hard to give away service for a company.

Mr. Wirt stated that they set it up as if each house will take the drop, coming straight out, and if they don't want it, they would have a pot.

Mr. Wirt said that there is an on line drop form to sign up for a drop, and then have to sign up to get permission. He said they went door to door in Andover to explain and educate users.

The Board asked about businesses. Mr. Wirt said businesses are charged more. He said payment is by credit card on line with a \$3 charge, or over the phone transaction with credit card and fee, a debit to your account, mailing bills in, and a \$1 credit if bill is emailed in for payments.

Mr. Wirt reported that they use White Construction as a contractor, and they have not raised their prices in seven years. They would have a franchise agreement of Thirty Years auto renewal, and that is what Andover did using Attorney Halpin.

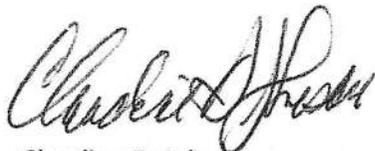
Mr. Wirt said he would have to look at the cameras at the parks and maintenance building, and the Village would have to think through what they would want and any future events.

President Starceвич stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Village residents in October.

President Starceвич stated he would contact Village Attorney Halpin about the Franchise Agreement.

The Board was favorable to the idea of Diverse Communications fiber optics. President Starceвич scheduled another meeting September 25, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Village Hall, and the regular meeting would be October 2, 2023 at the Village Hall at 6 P.M.

Motion by Baker, second by Sappington to adjourn this meeting. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.



Claudine D. Johnson