

**CITY OF ANTIGO**  
**BROADBAND UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**  
**JANUARY 23, 2017**

Broadband Utility Commission of the City of Antigo met in Regular Meeting on the above date at 4:33 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room, City Hall, Member Ben Wilhelm presiding.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Aldersperson, Ward 8	Present	
Andrew Hessedal	Member	Present	
Ben Wilhelm	Member	Present	
Robert Cornelius	Member	Present	
Dave Cooper	Member	Present	

Others in attendance: Jim Pike, Communications and Technology Supervisor; Adam Igl and Brandon Irish, Cirrinity; and Jaime Horswill, Clerical/Utility Assistant.

**Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items:**

1. Election of Officers

Aldersperson Balcerzak nominated Andrew Hessedal to serve as Chairperson. With no other nominations, Aldersperson Balcerzak moved, Robert Cornelius seconded, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Andrew Hessedal as Chairperson. Carried 5-0.

Ben Wilhelm nominated Robert Cornelius to continue to serve as Vice Chairperson. With no other nominations, Ben Wilhelm moved, Aldersperson Balcerzak seconded, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Cornelius as Vice Chairperson. Carried 5-0.

Jim Pike, Communication and Technology Supervisor, advised that the Clerk-Treasurer will continue to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Pike will continue to serve as the Utility Manager.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED - VOICE VOTE</b>
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2. Update and Report from Cirrinity

Adam Igl, Cirrinity, advised that they completed an additional sixteen miles of fiber outside the city this year. They also completed three new fiber drops within the city.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Pike, Mr. Igl noted that they are not expanding the wireless service much as they are awaiting new equipment changes that are coming. There is a meeting on Wednesday to discuss this further.

Upon inquiry by Aldersperson Balcerzak, Mr. Igl noted that the hardest thing within the city limits is competition.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Pike, Mr. Igl noted that customer retention is good. There are approximately 250 fiber wireless customers within the city and 450-500 customers outside the city.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Pike, Mr. Igl noted that they are looking at new fiber builds in White Lake, Maple Road, North Rollwood Road and County Road F.

Aldersperson Balcerzak commented that he wishes Cirrinity would put more emphasis within the city. Brandon Irish, Cirrinity, noted that it is difficult to compete with Frontier, Charter, etc. as they can market cheap prices. People are looking for the lowest price, not necessarily the best

product. Cirrinity may charge more per month, but the service is better.

Upon inquiry by Dave Cooper, Mr. Irish discussed bandwidth. He advised that companies may offer a larger bandwidth, but what they do not advertise is that everything is prioritized. You will not necessarily receive a larger bandwidth at all times, it depends on who is on the internet and what everyone is doing. With Cirrinity, you will receive a dedicated bandwidth.

Mr. Igl shared a story where he tested a friends bandwidth using a speed test, which showed close to a 100 megabyte service, which was what he had. Mr. Igl then attempted the test using a VPN service, to hide the type of traffic he is using and found his friend was only receiving 3-5 megabytes.

Mr. Irish further noted that there are a lot of places that are taking Netflix and are making it a low priority causing people to have buffering and connection problems. This is the problem with marketing campaigns and words.

Mr. Pike noted that Frontier, Charter, etc. are spreading their service nationally, while Cirrinity is local.

Mr. Pike commented about a possible grant to get fiber to the homes in Antigo to which Mr. Irish advised the grants are for small businesses and/or areas where internet is unavailable.

#### INFORMATION ONLY

##### 3. High School E-Rate update

Mr. Pike advised that the High School E-Rate was completed in June 2016.

Upon inquiry by Alderperson Balcerzak, Ben Wilhelm advised that he believes the High School may be looking into options with maintenance contracts.

#### INFORMATION ONLY

##### 4. Payment of Invoices, (if needed)

NONE

#### **Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered**

NONE

#### **Adjournment**

##### 1. **Motion to:** Adjourn at 4:47 pm

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Alderperson, Ward 8
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dave Cooper, Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Balcerzak, Hessedal, Wilhelm, Cornelius, Cooper

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Ben Wilhelm, Chairperson

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