

**Bedford Cable Committee Meeting
October 19, 2005**

Attendance:

Denise Hill	Larry O'Dell	Lamar Frederick
Gene Stock	B.Heidelberg	Jon White, BHS
Mike Murpky	Nick Karay	Arnie Jennings
Sigmund Geremski	Tom Dawson	Vince Di Pofi

Absent: Steve Lennex

The Bedford Cable Committee met on Monday, October 19, 2005 in the Bedford Township Hall Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Larry O'Dell, acting chair due to Steve Lennex's absence. Larry O'Dell had invited Lamar Frederick, former township supervisor, Arnie Jennings and Medd Barr, Former Township trustees to the meeting. Bernice Heidelberg invited Jon White, superintendent of Bedford Public Schools. The purpose of this meeting was to clarify the status of the local origination and its funding.

The group was informed by the former board members that at one time; Bedford Township had two cable agreements: one with Comcast and one with Buckeye Cable. Ordinance 86 is the franchise agreement with Buckeye Cable enacted in 1999. This agreement includes the terms for the local origination and its funding. This was a result of the former board's feelings that the township was not benefiting from this arrangement. Initially, it was thought that Bedford High School students in the Broadcast Journalism Class would tape the township meetings and then play it on the local origination channel. This proved difficult for the students to do. The township board decided to hire Triple L productions to tape and run the township meetings. As a result, the board felt that it was not receiving any benefit from the original agreement between the school and township. At a meeting 4 years ago, the township board voted to revoke the funding of the local origination.

The committee members were given the franchise fee amounts paid to the township from 1997 to 2003. These were:

1997 84,407.00	2000 76,240.00
1998 72,892.00	2001 76,110.00
1999 78,463.00	2002 110,982.00 (includes internet fees , now Metro Act)
	2003 171,108.00 (includes internet fee, now Metro Act)

At the November 2005 meeting, the franchise fees paid in 2004 will be available. Also the group requested a copy of the township minutes that include the board revoking the funding of the local origination and any communication with Bedford Schools concerning this issue.

In new business, it was asked if the music on channel 11 could be changed. Tom Dawson did not believe that was possible. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.