

Hinckley Township Board of Trustees – Special Meeting
August 27, 2020

Chairman Ray Schulte called the Special Meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of meeting with Medina County Fiber Network to discuss competitive pricing for service and future improvements in internet and cable opportunities for the Township. Present were Trustees Augustine, Burns and Schulte, Fiscal Officer Catherwood, Medina County Commissioner Colleen Swedyk, Dave Corrado of Medina County Fiber Network and one resident

Commissioner Swedyk thanked the Trustees for agreeing to meet and explained that she is promoting the Medina County Fiber Network residential project in order to provide residents with choice, competitive pricing and better customer service. She introduced Dave Corrado from Medina County Fiber Network.

Mr. Corrado explained that this is a separate Medina County Port Authority venture into residential fiber network opportunities expanding throughout Medina County based on residential interest. Current expansion includes Montville Township, Medina and Westfield Center. The residential expansion will also include small businesses and is scaled to a community's needs.

Mr. Corrado outlined several residential packages which include, a tele-medicine offering in partnership with MetroHealth, 100mps at \$49.99 month, 250 mps at \$79.99 month and 1 g at \$120.00 month. He added that each residence will have a dedicated fiber line into the home resulting in faster speeds.

The Trustees inquired as to installing the fiber throughout residential properties. Mr. Corrado replied that the fiber line is run along current lines; if they are above or underground, fiber will follow the same path. The line is brought into the home at no-fee through the same methods as current cable providers.

Mr. Schulte commented that he is glad to hear that Hinckley residents may have an alternative to Spectrum. Mr. Corrado responded that even if residents choose to stay with their current internet provider, competition results in lower pricing for area residents. Commissioner Swedyk added that another benefit to installing fiber is that fiber supports smart-home technology which is a benefit in the real estate market.

The Trustees asked Mr. Corrado what steps should be taken next. Mr. Corrado replied that he encourages distribution of the Medina County Fiber Network URL providing a community survey for residents to indicate their desire to expand the fiber into Hinckley. The Trustees expressed their willingness to include this information within

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the upcoming Kimble garbage opt-out mailing that will be going out to all Township residents in September. Mr. Corrado replied that the Medina County Port Authority will pay any costs associated with the insert.

Mr. Burns inquired as to the timeline of installation. Mr. Corrado replied that depending on the results of the community survey, he would estimate next May or June installation would begin in the densest areas and then continue when future funding becomes available.

There being no additional questions, the Trustees thanked Commissioner Swedyk and Mr. Corrado for their presentation.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:09 a.m. Burns second. Vote: A-yes, B-yes, S-yes.

Meeting minutes approved by:
