

Town of Grand Island
Technology Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes 03.16.2023

Called to order the regular meeting of the TAB at 7:12PM.

Role Call:

X	Christian Bahleda	AB	Robert Christmann	X	James Watts (Chair)
X	Robin Kwiatek	X	Jim Sharpe	EX	Michael Stockinger
EX	Joseph Spinella	X	Dan Shvimer (Vice Chair)	X	Ron Stipp (Secretary)
AB	Taylor Kaufman	EX	John Gerbec	X	Edward Matrak

Motion to approve February minutes. Motion by Jim S. Second by Dan S. All in favor.

Town IT Management Position:

A list of reasons, projects, initiatives, and processes were compiled and discussed as distributed. Christian thanks the TAB for this list as it is exactly what he hopes he can use as points for discussion amongst the town board members. This list is inclusive of all aspects of technology that would help the town move towards future technology and create opportunities for a path to success.

Tech Satisfaction Survey/Town Website:

Nothing new to report. Ron air'd his concerns with a recent experience with Spectrum. Ron suggested we move this bullet more into the improvement line of how to robust our section of the town website which will guide residents with troubleshooting steps to find satisfaction with the current Island-wide Internet provider. Jim W suggested we also add information about Greenlight to keep residents informed.

Broadband:

Jim S. reports that the town has signed an agreement/partnership with ErieNet and explore future fiber development on Grand Island. As of current, an RFP has been issued seeking a vendor for construction/install, starting with installation down in the city. Work is being done to make routes to GI possible. Part two includes a Baseline Rd run which includes a 911 inclusion and the Library. As the town, we will have to decide what role we may have in this project in the future.

Jim W. reported he received a call from FirstLight about current fiber buildout. He brought up information about the recent development of Greenlight fiber development in Tonawanda and sought further conversation if they are interested in branching out more to Island residents. There is also a new avenue to discuss with the ErieNet project as mentioned above.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement:

Tom D reported he reached out to Dan Cohen for anything new just this week. Jim posed a few questions to Tom D and will standby for feedback from Tom and Dan.

Comprehensive Planning Review Board:

An email was circulated with redline corrections to be distributed to the Town Board shortly. Included in the document is a need for fiber services for any commercial builds – to help shape the future expansion.

Parking Lot:

Safety and Security Contract: No update.

Server Upgrades: No update.

Geocove Server Upgrade: No update.

GIS System: No update.

Standardized Signature Template: No update.

Town Commons Electronic Sign: No update.

EV Charging Stations: No update.

5G Antenna Guidelines: No update.

New Business:

Christian reports they may be looking at some accounting software soon. TAB may be tapped for future oversight.

Next meeting, April 20th – will be online.

Motion to adjourn 8:12 pm made by Jim S, second by Rob C. All in favor.