

Town of Grand Island
Technology Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes 02.16.2023

Called to order the regular meeting of the TAB at 7:01PM.

Role Call:

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

Motion to approve December minutes. Motion by John G. Second by Mike S. All in favor. There was no meeting had in January due to scheduling conflicts amongst TAB members.

Kristen has submitted a letter of resignation to the TAB. We thank her for all her time and support in aide to the Town of Grand Island and wish her the best in future endeavors.

Town IT Management Position:

TAB members met with the town board in regards to the recommendations of a town IT Manager position. We touched on points in reference to cyber security, risk management, resilience and stability of infrastructure, and the current support status in contact. Christian reported in return that our presentation helped bring forth strong points that our recommendation is truth to need to look for someone in a capacity. Christina asked that the TAB to bring forward a list of “physical things” needed to be done which will help tip the iceberg and help to speak why we need someone now and into the position that is valued and needed. This list should look at both short term and long term tasks and projects.

Tech Satisfaction Survey/Town Website:

Nothing new to report. Jim W suggested that the TAB should update the town website TAB section to provide helpful hints and tips on getting success with Spectrum services. Jim W also reported during the storm that he didn’t hear any complaints inbound to the town staff, although he noted he had service interruption for several days.

TAB received a request from Rhonda to review/overview the site and make recommendations of changed content and/or other things that could be added to the site in order to enhance the site.

Broadband:

Nothing new with FirstLight or ErieNet. Seeing new customers in North Tonawanda, hopes they are getting closer to deploying for Grand Island residents in the near future.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement:

Tom D reached out to Dan Cohen to see if there was anything new, nothing reported back yet.

Comprehensive Planning Review Board:

Jim W reports they are getting closer to closing out some existing items, getting closer to moving forward on these new projects and next steps.

Parking Lot:

Safety and Security Contract: No update.

Server Upgrades: No update at this time.

Geocove Server Upgrade: No update at this time.

GIS System: No update at this time.

Standardized Signature Template: No update at this time.

Town Commons Electronic Sign: No update at this time.

EV Charging Stations: No update at this time.

5G Antenna Guidelines: No update at this time.

New Business:

TAB Officers for 2023 – All in favor for keeping the same for the new year.

Next meeting, March 16th – will be online.

Motion to adjourn 8:04 pm made by Jim S, second by Joe S. All in favor.