

Technology Committee Minutes – 8/1/12

Present: Rich, Tomenchok, Olsen, Beaumont

Absent: Heller

Other: None

Additional Committee Member: No candidates were readily named. Committee will continue to explore.

Committee Webpage: Dave will create a simple webpage for the committee, to include committee charter, committee members, and email contact for resident suggestions/comments

Technology Focus Areas: Committee discussed and identified next steps for the following items:

- Website: Dave suggested that each member review the new website currently under development, for layout, content, ease of use, navigability, and structure/underlying design, as it relates to supportability, simplicity/ease to update and turnaround time to post changes/updates. Dave offered some initial observations and suggestions for changes, to help everyone with their review.
- Township telephony infrastructure: Committee discussed issues with the current phone system and agreed to pursue alternatives to using the existing land lines. Dave will reach out to Comcast, Vonage, etc for possible VOIP options and Vince at SHR to learn more about their system. Meanwhile Lora will track down some past proposals on a replacement system.
- Network Infrastructure: No discussion
- Wifi capability/ Audio Visual Media: No discussion, but Rich offered to investigate options
- OEM Communications: No discussion
- Community Email notification system: Lora will send Dave the Mailchimp account information that George Fisher set up. Dave will set up a test and investigate if the distribution list can be exported.
- Township Email system: Committee discussed the shortcomings and limitations of the Comcast email, in terms of functionality, features, security and records retention. All agreed that we needed to investigate a more robust alternative that better meets the needs of Township administration and official. Lora will reach out to other municipalities' to what other systems are being used and Zach will explore other options as well.
- Cell Phone: No discussion
- Radio System: No discussion
- Perceived Lack of Communication amongst/to/from Township: No discussion

Next meeting: TBD

Submitted by Dave Beaumont 8/2/12