

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: April 28, 2010
RE: *Communications



For the Agenda May 3, 2010

***Note: This is a Consent Agenda item and is considered as routine by the City Commission. As such, this matter shall be automatically enacted by one motion with all other Consent Agenda items unless a Commissioner or citizen requests this item be individually discussed, in which event it shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and acted upon in its designated sequence on the approved Clare City Commission agenda of May 3, 2010.**

The following major items of correspondence were either received by or transmitted by the City since the last regularly scheduled City Commission meeting:

Website Form Submission. The City received the attached form submission via our website; Steve's response is also attached.

Kudos for Lori Schuh. We received the attached email thanking Lori for her alertness and actions related to the excessive natural gas odor in downtown Clare on April 19th.

FEMA Correspondence. We received a courtesy copy of a response provided by FEMA related to a query regarding a flood plain question posed by a local citizen.

Invitation to Business Incubation Town Hall Meeting. We received the enclosed invitation for the aforementioned event.

Order to Discontinue Business Operations. The City issued the attached notice to a local business to cease operations due to life-threatening safety issues.

Notice of Public Hearing. We received the attached notice of hearing before the Michigan Public Service Commission by Consumer's Energy.

Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium Annual Report. The aforementioned report is provided for public information and dissemination.

Attachments. As noted above.

From: Steven J. Kingsbury [skingsbury@cityofclare.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 4:47 PM
To: angela_markey@hotmail.com
Subject: FW: Form Submission from www.cityofclare.org

Afternoon Angela,

Thank you the positive message that you submitted through our Internet site. Purchasing locally is always our preference and we work very diligently to find ways to accomplish this objective. There are unfortunately some circumstances where this can't happen (specialized equipment, state purchasing programs, etc.) but we firmly believe in supporting the entire Clare community and do so through a very large percentage of our expenditures.

If we can be of service in any way please feel encouraged to contact us at your convenience.

Steven J. Kingsbury
 Treasurer, Finance Director and
 Director of Information Technology
 City of Clare
skingsbury@cityofclare.org
 989-386-7541 extension 107

From: allForms [mailto:noreply@server.mailjol.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 4:08 PM
To: contactus@cityofclare.org
Subject: Form Submission from www.cityofclare.org

Form Results	
Name	Angela Isaac
Address	3037 East Maple Road
Phone	989-424-6162
Email	angela_markey@Hotmail.com
RadioGroup1	email
Comments	Just a quick note - I appreciate the city purchasing mulch locally. I was calling on Nevill Supply on another matter and Deb indicated that the mulch around the city is from them! I'm so happy to see the city supporting our local businesses. thanks!!!
Submit	Submit

From: Punches, John (GJ) [JPunches@dow.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 9:58 AM
To: lschuh@mainstreetclare.com
Cc: khibl@cityofclare.org
Subject: Monday

Hi Lori,

Just wanted to thank you for being alert on Monday. You probably at the very least saved my sons lives and probably other lives as well

Thank you I appreciate what you did.

John Punches
The Dow Chemical Company
Customer Receivables InterFACE Specialist
Payment Receipt & Handling
Phone: (989)633-5655
Fax: (866)274-2359 NEW FAX NUMBER
E-mail: JPunches@Dow.com



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

April 15, 2010

MR. SCOTT GRAHAM
LAPHAM ASSOCIATES
PO. BOX 33
CLARE, MI 48617

CASE NO.: 10-05-3595A
COMMUNITY: CITY OF CLARE, CLARE COUNTY,
MICHIGAN
COMMUNITY NO.: 260629

DEAR MR. GRAHAM:

This is in reference to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) determine if the property described in the enclosed document is located within an identified Special Flood Hazard Area, the area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood), on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. Using the information submitted and the effective NFIP map, our determination is shown on the attached Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) Determination Document. This determination document provides additional information regarding the effective NFIP map, the legal description of the property and our determination.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding the subject property and LOMAs. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are enclosed. Other attachments specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination/Comment document. If you have any questions about this letter or any of the enclosures, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMC Clearinghouse, 6730 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, MD 21075.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin C. Long".

Kevin C. Long, Acting Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Mitigation Directorate

LIST OF ENCLOSURES:

LOMA DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

cc: State/Commonwealth NFIP Coordinator
Community Map Repository
Region



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

COMMUNITY AND MAP PANEL INFORMATION		LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
COMMUNITY	CITY OF CLARE, CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN	Lot 8, Brookwood Subdivision No. 1, as described in the Warranty Deed, recorded as Document No. 6331, in Liber 656, Page 202, in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Clare County, Michigan
	COMMUNITY NO.: 260629	
AFFECTED MAP PANEL	NUMBER: 2606290001B	
	DATE: 2/5/1992	
FLOODING SOURCE: TOBACCO RIVER		APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE OF PROPERTY: 43.829, -84.781 SOURCE OF LAT & LONG: STREETS & TRIPS 2009 DATUM: WGS 84

DETERMINATION

LOT	BLOCK/ SECTION	SUBDIVISION	STREET	OUTCOME WHAT IS REMOVED FROM THE SFHA	FLOOD ZONE	1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD ELEVATION (NGVD 29)	LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE ELEVATION (NGVD 29)	LOWEST LOT ELEVATION (NGVD 29)
8	--	Brookwood No. 1	1469 Woodlawn Avenue	Structure	X (unshaded)	833.4 feet	845.1 feet	--

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) - The SFHA is an area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood).

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS (Please refer to the appropriate section on Attachment 1 for the additional considerations listed below.)

PORTIONS REMAIN IN THE FLOODWAY
STUDY UNDERWAY

This document provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's determination regarding a request for a Letter of Map Amendment for the property described above. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we have determined that the structure(s) on the property(ies) is/are not located in the SFHA, an area inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This document amends the effective NFIP map to remove the subject property from the SFHA located on the effective NFIP map; therefore, the Federal mandatory flood insurance requirement does not apply. However, the lender has the option to continue the flood insurance requirement to protect its financial risk on the loan. A Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) is available for buildings located outside the SFHA. Information about the PRP and how one can apply is enclosed.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMA Clearinghouse, 6730 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, MD 21075.

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LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

ATTACHMENT 1 (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS)

PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY REMAIN IN THE FLOODWAY (This Additional Consideration applies to the preceding 1 Property.)

A portion of this property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulatory floodway for the flooding source indicated on the Determination/Comment Document while the subject of this determination is not. The NFIP regulatory floodway is the area that must remain unobstructed in order to prevent unacceptable increases in base flood elevations. Therefore, no construction may take place in an NFIP regulatory floodway that may cause an increase in the base flood elevation, and any future construction or substantial improvement on the property remains subject to Federal, State/Commonwealth, and local regulations for floodplain management. The NFIP regulatory floodway is provided to the community as a tool to regulate floodplain development. Modifications to the NFIP regulatory floodway must be accepted by both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the community involved. Appropriate community actions are defined in Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations. Any proposed revision to the NFIP regulatory floodway must be submitted to FEMA by community officials. The community should contact either the Regional Director (for those communities in Regions I-IV, and VI-X), or the Regional Engineer (for those communities in Region V) for guidance on the data which must be submitted for a revision to the NFIP regulatory floodway. Contact information for each regional office can be obtained by calling the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or from our web site at <http://www.fema.gov/about/regoff.htm>.

STUDY UNDERWAY (This Additional Consideration applies to all properties in the LOMA DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL))

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is currently revising the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map for the community. New flood data could be generated that may affect this property. When the new NFIP map is issued it will supersede this determination. The Federal requirement for the purchase of flood insurance will then be based on the newly revised NFIP map.

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Change of Address for Letter of Map Change (LOMC) Submissions

Starting July 9, 2009, all new Letter of Map Change (LOMC) requests or additional data submittals for requests in progress should be sent to the address listed below.

**LOMC Clearinghouse
6730 Santa Barbara Court
Elkridge, MD 21075**

To expedite processing, please address your request to the attention of the following processing specialists:

ATTENTION: LOMA MANAGER

Use for MT-1 Requests, including Letters of Map Revision-Based on Fill (LOMR-Fs), Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), Conditional Letters of Map Revision-Based on Fill (CLOMR-Fs), and Conditional Letters of Map Amendment (CLOMAs).

ATTENTION: LOMR MANAGER

Use for MT-2 Requests, including Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) and Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMRs).

Starting July 9, 2009, for MT-1 Requests and August 3, 2009, for MT-2 Requests, responsibility for review and processing of these requests has been assigned by FEMA Region to the following Production and Technical Services (PTS) contracting teams:

**Regions I, V, VII, X: STARR
Regions II, III, VI: RAMPP
Regions IV, VIII, IX: BakerAECOM**

If you have any questions about your type of request, please contact our Map Assistance Center at **1-877 FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627)** or visit our website at www.fema.gov/hazard/map/lomc.shtm.

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Comenzando el 9 de julio de 2009, toda solicitud de Carta de Cambio al Mapa (LOMC*) o datos adicionales sometidos para apoyar solicitudes en progreso deberán ser enviados a la siguiente dirección:

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Para facilitar el procesamiento, por favor dirija su solicitud a la atención de los siguientes especialistas:

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ATENCIÓN: LOMR MANAGER

Use para solicitudes MT-2, incluyendo Cartas de Revisión al Mapa (LOMRs*) y Cartas Condicionales de Revisión al Mapa (CLOMRs*).

Comenzando el 9 de julio de 2009 para solicitudes MT-1, y el 3 de agosto de 2009 para solicitudes MT-2, la Oficina Regional de FEMA ha asignado la responsabilidad para la evaluación y el procesamiento de estas solicitudes a los siguientes equipos contratistas de Producción y Servicios Técnicos (Production and Technical Services, en inglés, o PTS):

**Regiones I, V, VII, X: STARR
Regiones II, III, VI: RAMPP
Regiones IV, VIII, IX: BakerAECOM**

Si tiene preguntas acerca de su solicitud, por favor llame a nuestro Centro de Asistencia de Mapas al 1 877 FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) o visite la página web de www.fema.gov/hazard/map/lomc.shtml.

*Por sus siglas en inglés.

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506 E. LIBERTY STREET, 3RD FLOOR
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48104-2210
734 998-6201 FAX: 734 998-6202

April 19, 2010

Ken Hibl
202 W Fith Street
Clare, MI 48617

Dear Ken Hibl:

The Small Business Initiatives Council of Clare and Isabella County and the University of Michigan's Center for Business Acceleration and Incubation Studies have completed the *Clare Regional Business Incubator: Market and Feasibility Analysis & Business and Operating Plan* study. We have planned a follow-up Town Hall Meeting to share and discuss the results of the *Clare Regional Business Incubator: Market and Feasibility Analysis & Business and Operating Plan* study and the next steps in implementing a business incubation program for the mid-Michigan counties of Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Osceola, Roscommon, and Wexford.

You are invited to join community and regional leaders at the follow-up Town Hall Meeting for a presentation of the results of the *Clare Regional Business Incubator: Market and Feasibility Analysis & Business and Operating Plan* study. Please join us to learn about the possibilities and resources a mixed-use business incubator could offer in your region.

**The Town Hall Meeting is being hosted
by the Small Business Initiatives Council of Clare and Isabella Counties
on Wednesday, May 12, 2010; 5:30 to 7:30 pm
at the Doherty Hotel
604 North McEwan, Clare, Michigan 48617**

A light dinner will be provided.

**Please RSVP by Friday, April 30, 2010
Kim Reid at kreid@umich.edu or call (734) 998-6231**

We look forward to meeting with community stakeholders and local officials to learn how we can take positive steps towards enhancing the economy of your community.

Sincerely,

Lawrence A. Molnar
Director, University of Michigan, Office of the Vice President for Research,
EDA University Center for Economic Diversification
Associate Director, Institute for Research on Labor, Employment and the Economy
President, Michigan Business Incubation Association
Carver-Gunn Building, 506 E. Liberty St., 3rd Floor Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.998.6239 (ph) 734.998.6202 (fax)



CITY OF CLARE

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April 16, 2010

CITY HALL

Ph 989/386-7541
Fx 989/386-4508
www.cityofclare.org

Mr. James Swan
2169 E. Rock Rd
Clare, MI 48617

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ph 989/386-2182
Fx 989/386-3445

Dear Mr. Swan,

After discovering that you started a wood processing operation in a building that had not been used for that purpose in the past, and failing to have contact with the City to verify that the building would meet electrical, fire and safety codes and after seeing activity in and around the building we stopped to check on what was being done at this location.

W/WWT PLANT

Ph 989/386-2321
Fx 989/386-2387

After having been in your building @ 720 Ann Arbor Trail, it was discovered that not only was the building not up to code for this wood processing operation it was also not safe due to the exposed wiring and open breaker box.

POLICE DEPT.

Non-emergency
Ph 989/386-2121
Fx 989/386-0440

Per our phone conversation, and due to the **LIFE SAFETY** issues produced in the production of your wood product you are here by **Ordered** to discontinue operations commencing at **12:00 midnight April 16, 2010** and continue until such time as the building and equipment are able to meet electrical and fire codes.

FIRE DEPT. NON-EMERGENCY

Ph 989/386-2151
Fx 989/386-3020

We would be more than happy to meet with you to go over all of the requirements in the codes so as to get your operation back in business.

Any work that is done to or in this structure requires permits.

PARKS & RECREATION

Ph 989/386-7541
Fx 989/386-4508

I can be contacted at City Hall Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm @ 989-386-7541 ext 212.

Sincerely

AIRPORT

Ph 989/386-0445
Fx 989/386-4508

Dave Williams

MAIN STREET MANAGER

Ph 989/386-9190
Fx 989/386-9190

Hand Delivered 4-16-2010 To James Swan

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-15675-R**

- Consumers Energy Company proposes to reconcile its power supply cost recovery costs and revenues for the calendar year 2009, if the Michigan Public Service Commission approves its request.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201-2276, (800) 477-5050 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE/TIME: May 4, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Sharon L. Feldman

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider the March 31, 2010 application of Consumers Energy Company (Consumers Energy) for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery costs and revenues for the 12-month period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Consumers Energy's total 2009 net underrecovery, including previous years' over- and underrecoveries is \$40,967,102 (including statutory interest).

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets Website at: michigan.gov/mpscdockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an e-mail sent to mpscdockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 241-6170 or by e-mail at mpscdockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by April 27, 2010. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy's Legal Department, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201.

Any person wishing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his/her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information: available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's Web site, and subject to disclosure.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure R 460.17315 and R 460.17335. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 241-6060.

A copy of Consumers Energy's request may be reviewed on the Commission's Web site at michigan.gov/mpscdockets, and at the office of Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 241-6170.

The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in 1982 P.A. 304 proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.

April 2, 2010

Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium
2009 Annual Report to Member Communities
(An overview for new council members)

The Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium, formed in 1997, is made up of 12 municipal members. Those members include: the City of Ithaca, the City of St. Louis, the City of Breckenridge, Pine River Township, Arcada Township, the City of Alma, the Village of Shepherd, The Charter Township of Union, the City of Mt. Pleasant, the City of Clare, the City of Harrison, and the City of Evert.

History:

The Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium began with 6 or 7 original communities joining together in the early 1990's to create the first cable franchise agreement with the existing cable TV provider. Back then, Public Access TV consisted of the City of Alma's existing access studio and Mt. Pleasant's 8 video tape machines in a janitor's closet in the cable company offices. Governmental Access was provided by each member community at their respective City Halls with Mt. Pleasant, Union Township, and Shepherd sharing channel 26 for governmental access, and the Cities of Clare and Harrison running independently from Clare City Hall. In Gratiot County, the governmental access information is run from Alma City Hall with modulator and sound control at Charter offices head end.

The Consortium hired an Executive Director in June of 2002 and the Consortium's Board of Directors began a new era of development that has led to the support and sustained growth of services to member communities.

In December of 2003 the Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium celebrated the reaching of a planning milestone with the completion of construction of the new MAC 3 TV Central Office facility. This facility provides all member communities with the opportunity to make use of a wonderful array of equipment and features never before available in the three county areas. Our member communities users and volunteers can make use of a 900 square fully digital video studio for the production and recording of programming, a lineal and non lineal or digital editing suite, and the out source loaning of 10 field camera set ups, along with tripods, lighting, and audio systems for successful in-field program production, and four Mac laptop computers for, "take home" editing.

This report is designed to help our member commissioners come up to speed with the changes and services currently being offered and planned for member communities in the future.

Training:

All member resident/subscribers can attend the twice monthly training sessions offered. After becoming a qualified access user, volunteers are able to check out remote cameras and make use of the member funded studio facilities. Since opening its doors December 3, 2003, the

facility has hosted close to 158 training sessions successfully training nearly 502 volunteer producers. Basic training consists of two three hour evening classes. Volunteers receive education in rules and regulations and hands on training in studio production, linear editing, and Cannon camera use. Our member volunteers range in age from 12-76 and come from all over the MAC 3 TV Network membership area.

The recent addition of new technology in the past year has required additional one on one training sessions to enhance volunteer video production skills. Those individual sessions are not reflected in this tabulation. The Panasonic cameras added to the lending fleet in 2006 are more advanced and provide higher quality video, therefore additional review training is required. Our digital edit software is comparable with broadcast industry standards and can provide professional grade quality and special effects. Two additional training courses are required, which have been in high demand, to fully utilize the digital editing suite: Basic Digital Editing (iMovie) and Advanced Digital Editing (Final Cut Pro and Final Cut Express). We have moved to add mini DVD editing capabilities at our Gratiot facility sending another \$5,000.00 worth of equipment to the Gratiot facility for volunteer use. Due to the high demand for digital editing we are now offering a second digital suite at the Central studio to alleviate program back log in production.

Studio / Camera Usage

It is still anticipated that another 4 cameras will be needed to meet the current and future expansions demands in 2010. It was immediately evident that the addition of 6 Panasonic cameras in November 2006 tripled locally originated programming, indeed, back logs in editing and overlapping studio usage times have become a "pleasant problem". Our four Mac laptop edit computers for "take home" editing projects purchased in 2007 conveniently us to meet the needs of volunteers.

The use of in studio recording time has dropped off in 2009, shored up directly with an astounding increase in out bound camera use. Apparently once our trained volunteers get excited about the flexibility afforded by our loaner camera fleet they are inspired. To date in 2009 (11/4/09) we have logged a mind boggling 29,216 hours of remote camera use. That usage tracking breaks down to some 23,904 hours on our 6 camera Panasonic fleet and 5,312 hours of use on our remaining 3 Cannon cameras from our original 2003 purchase. We began in 2009 to package and loan out the three cameras originally purchased for the Gratiot studio operations as there were frequently times when camera shortages would otherwise have prevented some of our volunteers from making shows. Heaviest use of the studios appears to be during the winter months. Our monthly average ranges between 30-35 hours of studio use.

Programming:

MAC 3 TV Central Studio has been offering viewers up to 23.29 programs per day constituting an average of roughly 16 hours of programming per day. New regularly broadcast programs this year include the Union Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commissions, The Gratiot County Commission, three new religious programs including

participation from the Trinity Baptist Church of Alma. On average a standard cablecast day ranges from 6 a.m. to after 2 a.m. with either informational services or community calendar slide screens playing intermittently throughout the broadcast day

Top on our list of programming accomplishments for 2009 is the successful launching of our Video on Demand service via the mac3tv.com web site. This system allows for all programming featured on either channel 3 or 26 (in any of the three service counties) to be made available for individual viewing via the web at a time convenient to the viewer. Legislative up dates and volunteer communications have also been facilitated through our active web site, and our Facebook site.

Along with programming, our network-wide community calendar system (slides) have provided more than 3670 rotating messages from November of '05 until October of '09, a 36.2% increase, representing the communication needs of some 367 non profit member users.

Along with locally generated programs we have tapes and DVDs being sent by State and National non-profits and political organizations such as the Massachusetts School of Law, the Army and Navy News Watch, communications from Senator Roger Kahn, Senator Michelle McManus, Michigan House of Representatives members Paul Opsommer and Bill Caul, Senator Carl Levin, and other Lansing and Washington based lawmakers.

Annually we have aired an average of 8803.62 programs of which more than 1600 were locally generated, once again exceeding the 2008 locally generated programming numbers by some 53%. Local programs include football, basketball, soccer and other sporting events along with the CMU Coaches program, parades from Shepherd, Clare, and Mt. Pleasant, services from more than 8 local churches, pet adoption programs, dance recitals, band and choir concerts, barbershop quartets, cheer competitions, and numerous other types of shows. In May of 2009 a MAC 3 TV video crew traveled to Custer South Dakota to support the programming needs of the communications department at Alma College.

A representative sampling of a days programming breaks down to roughly 7.5 hours of slides and 16.5 hours of programming. That programming typically consists of 6 hours of religious programs, 4 hours of political shows, and 6 hours of special interest programs. On average we cablecast 8.5 hours of locally generated programming daily with 5 hours coming from a state or national contributor.

MAC 3 TV continues to host the Alma City Commission meetings and invested in a switcher and playback devices to provide for Governmental use of Gratiot channel 26. The same investment in equipment has occurred for channel 26 Clare operations hosted at Clare City Hall, and programming playback options are being coordinated with Charter communications at that location. Once again in 2009, MAC 3 TV studios have played host to the Gratiot Health Care Systems program production and other groups from especially the Alma and St. Louis areas have regularly aired programs include New Beginnings Ministries formerly of St. Louis and now in Alma, the Alma United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, Drive TV, Democracy Matters, Resurrection Life Church, HATS Adopt a Pet Show, St.

John's Episcopal Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Light for Living, and the Grace Church in downtown Mt. Pleasant. The Grace church has continued its live program on Sundays from 10 to 12 along with a new feature called Acoustic Brew on Friday's at 7pm. It is our hope that this display of cooperative technology and support will pave the path for other live programming events.

Budget:

In review of the budget, we continue to have to make adjustments for funding changes following the passage of PA 480, the State Franchising law passed in 2007. In 2009, after 6 months of cooperative attempts we were finally able to initiate an audit of Charter Communications franchise fee payments for the past two years. We have been insistent with Charter Communications that PA 480 clearly stipulates fee payments are to be accompanied with a statement as to how those payments were calculated, but our pleas have fallen on deaf ears. Our annual budget for 2009 is \$230,000.00 thousand dollars. Of that, our monthly expenses have ranged from \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00, with staffing, legal fees, building rent, and utilities taking the largest percentage of the budget. Quarterly Federal and State payments are \$4,234.70. Our current fund equity balance stands at \$264,042.68. Unfortunately, as is true nationally, we have seen the interest income on both our savings and checking drop 78% compared to 2008 returns on investments. We have diversified some of our savings holdings into a Wolverine Bank C.D. that offers to provide a better interest benefit for our investments.

The future of Public Access is once again under threat. Recently, the greatest threat is action by Charter Communication. In November 1 of 2009 Charter announced that they intend to move and segregate the Public, Educational, and Governmental channels we currently operate into the 90's channel tier and also in the digital 990's. Our information says that Channel 3, currently Public Access, will be moved up to channel 99, currently the location of the Charter channel information system, with channels 98 and 97 and 96 allocated to Educational and Governmental channels. Charter originally claimed they were making this channel lineup change in order to divide up the existing analogue channels and go digital with the lower tier in order to create more band width. Our information now says channel 3 will remain analogue but is being sold to a Spanish speaking channel. As Charter makes no money off of its community access channels, segregating us to the upper, formerly UHF channel tier will move us away from the normal channel lineup removing the option that viewers will "surf" by us for information. There are also concerns that the upper 90's channels are inferior as they are not shielded from FM radio broadcast interruptions. Our fight before the year is out is to litigate a better outcome for our collective future. According to the Federal telecommunications Act of 1996, community channels must remain analogue. Unfortunately video service providers are making noise with the FCC and in Washington that changes to the Act should be implemented and, not surprisingly, those changes are not in the best interest of the public, consumers, or municipalities. It is the focus of the Video Service Providers to segregate and then marginalize our community channels in locations where our community subscribers will have a hard time finding them until they can eventually claim that the channels are serving a limited purpose and should be eliminated. The good news is that both federally and with our State Representatives, our voiced concerns are finally being

heard. In early 2008, through a Federal lawsuit action on the part of Lansing's Meridian Township against channel moving actions similar to the Channel Slamming we are facing with Charter, is finally getting some recognition. On October 8, 2009, denying a motion to dismiss the challenge, Federal Court Judge Roberts ruled that Federal statutes superseded State laws and referred questions in the case discussion to the FCC. For us, with the cost increases in cable services having a negative impact on subscriber numbers, fund raising, grant writing, and in kind partnerships will most likely become the route to survival and growth in 2009 along with the continued frugal use of the existing fund balance.

Partnerships:

We are delighted that our outreach has continued to create numerous community partnerships for programming members. We have once again this year created a Town and Gown relationship with the Broadcast department at Central Michigan University creating both internship opportunities and programming via a program called News Central, a daily award winning newscast production. This fall we have added another feature program, a video cablecast of a WCMU sports network program, "Front Row Seat," hosted at O'Kelley's sports bar every Thursday night from 6-7pm. We continue our partnership with Mid Michigan Industries of Clare. We also continue our partnership with the H.A.T.S. program that provides shows featuring pets available for adoption. Isabella County Democrats continue to make inroads to reaching their supporters via the programming opportunities here at the MAC 3 TV studios. The political environment has also brought in local Republican representatives to the studio for interviews and programming. In addition, these representatives have taken our cameras to several invitational venues for the recording of political forums. We have seen a recommitment from the Gratiot Health Care System and delight over the improved Gratiot studio along with our other partnerships that continue with the American Red Cross, Untied Way, The Broadway Theatre, Art Reach of Mid Michigan, Alma Collage, area schools, the VFW in two counties, and the Chambers of Commerce in all three counties.

Web Based Information:

We continue to operate and update our interactive Web site, which allows member community residents to upload and create their own PSA screens. Also, our website now provides information about scheduled programming, current training classes, and opportunities for participation.

Program webcasting and the availability for video on demand has become part of the MAC 3 TV offerings. That means persons who do not subscribe to Charter Cable can still log onto our website, www.mac3tv.com and download programs of interest 24 hours a day. We have added another feature, Total Info, a state and national updating service that provides up to the hour sports scores, horoscopes, weather, and a today in history feature. A daily schedule of programming is still made instantly available on the web site thanks to an automatic update link between the computer controlling system and the domain. The Web site is www.mac3tv.com, and MAC 3 TV is now available on Facebook, an interactive social media offering popular with web users and producers alike.

Future:

We plan to continue to extend Consortium membership to communities, providing not only programming but information in keeping abreast of legislative and legal maneuverings in the Telecommunications industry. Our hope is that we can help protect area communities while providing them with the valuable resource of local television communication.

The Consortium has re-doubled its plans for the development of a remote camera and editing operation in the Clare area. We are fortunate in our relationship with local District Libraries, considered municipal locations, because it means they offer opportunities for alternative grant funding possibilities.

Along with the Consortium's involvement in public access television we are also active and involved with telecommunication issues. As a board, we have been closely following the activities of the FCC as it moves through right of way legislative changes including cell tower and community broadband provision issues. We have also been an active partner with other communities in Michigan in monitoring the developments in the April 2009 bankruptcy claim filed by Charter Communications. To date our issues have been protected and franchising and franchise fee payments for the use of the public right-of-ways have remained outside of the bankruptcy discussions. Add to that the interest in recent months on topics of internet neutrality, pricing for content down loading, and the business decisions of some internet providers to begin charging for volume downloads that could spell an end to free or affordable web and pod casting, and the overview of the telecommunications challenge is complete.

It is the focus of this organization in 2010, to develop an active partnership for media consulting and television production with our member communities in order to promote a more diverse informational basis for programming and to assist member communities in the opportunities that are theirs through public and governmental access. We also have committed to positioning MAC 3 TV as a local communications resource.

Other challenges in the coming year may include rebranding of our operations and reeducating the viewing public, since as of November 1, 2009, Charter Communications has informed our municipal members of their intention to relocate our PEG (public, educational, and governmental) channels to 96-99. Other media networks have taken operational names such as "Media Bridges" in Cincinnati Ohio and the "Public Media Network" or PMN in Kalamazoo. The outcome of potential litigation and perhaps interim discussions with Charter Communication will determine the necessity for this change.