

Re: Board of Control and LCMEDIA

From Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>

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Cc Mayor and Board <MayorandBoard@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Robert Spolzino <rspolzino@abramslaw.com>; Mark Goreczny <MGoreczny@abramslaw.com>

The short story is this:

Larchmont has asked for \$100,000 out of the capital Public, Educational and Government (PEG) fund. There is currently 1.4 million in that fund. Larchmont says they need it to do work on their Village hall to "upgrade broadcast capabilities." They have shown scant documentation or proof that these projects are PEG related. They say 17% of that fund is theirs and they are entitled to \$100,000. The ancient paperwork seems to support their argument but that has NOT been the practice over the last 40 years. (More on this later) No municipality has ever touched or asked to touch the PEG Capital fund, which, mind you, is different from the franchise fee fund. Here is the rub, the ancient paperwork also says that all funds must be distributed in a proportional fashion. Thus we compromise a 49% share based upon the 1980 census. So as I pointed out at the Board of Control meeting that if Larchmont gets \$100,000, then we were entitled to \$279,000 and the Town would be entitled to almost \$200,000. This would decimate LMC's ability to operate in the long term.

As we renegotiate the new franchise agreements there is absolutely no guarantee or requirements of the cable companies to provide Capital PEG money. That was negotiated in 2008 with Verizon because they were new and wanted to get into the market. We then told Cablevision (now Altice) that they had to accept those terms when we renegotiated with them. As many of you know the world of TV and streaming has greatly evolved. Younger folks, my kids included, don't get cable. They view it like we view rotary phones.

I think it is time to review and possibly renegotiate the sharing agreement between the three municipalities. We may not all share the same vision anymore or the plan may need some modifications to accommodate the changing times.

This is the best snapshot of the situation that I can provide. I hope it helps. I send this in way of information not deliberation which we shouldn't do on email.

Enjoy the beautiful day.

Respectfully,

Tom Murphy



Outlook

Work Session Board of Control.

From Thomas A. Murphy <tmurphy@vomny.org>

Date Wed 6/16/2021 9:10 AM

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Please add to the work session agenda future of the "sharing agreement " between the 3 municipalities that make up the Board of Control.

There is some controversy over the allocation of Capital Funds. PEG money that is not the franchise fee payments. I believe the 3 municipalities need to evaluate where we are and where we want to go with these monies and the future of LMC, which hangs in the balance.

Respectfully,

Tom Murphy

Mayor, Village of Mamaroneck