BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF June 3rd, 2025

A regular meeting of the Telecommunications and Information Technologies Committee was held on June 3rd, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder

The members were Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Mr. George Kusterer, and Mr. Fred Engelhardt

Also in attendance: Mr. David Horvath, IT Director

Public attendance: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 6th, minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made by Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, first by Fred Engelhardt and seconded by Mr. George Kusterer to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments.

OLD BUSINESS FOR IT DEPARTMENT
1) Mr. David Horvath provided a flow chart to all committee members that displays the script for incoming calls for Telecom Crew during and after hours. It was agreed by all committee members that a more precise listing of pricing must be provided in the flow chart before approval. This will be presented at the next meeting for approval.
2) Mr. David Horvath provided an update on the Wi-Fi in Kutztown Park, specifically the Legion Field. Mr. David Horvath stated that he had updated the router at this location, and this increased the amount of bandwidth available for the connections and may help with the streaming of baseball games. Mr. David Horvath has informed Mr. Brian Bailey and Mr. James Schmoyer about these changes and to report any problems or improvements. If this is not enough, this would require a new fiber build. The committee agreed to wait and see what is reported before moving forward with the new fiber build.

3) Mr. David Horvath updated the committee on the alternate path for the main internet connection from Cogent. The new path will be coming through New York from Lumen. The primary will be coming from Philadelphia via Crown Castle. There is a one-time setup fee, and the monthly cost will be the same. This should be completed by end of July 2025.
4) Mr. David Horvath updated the committee on the Calix equipment upgrade. Some of the new calix equipment has been received, this will be installed and powered up and configured within the upcoming weeks.
5) **Mr.** George Kutsterer has opened a discussion regarding the FortiGate 1800F router. Mr. David Horvath mentioned that this was approved and will be replacing one of the FortiGate 1500D routers that are currently in place. The new FortiGate offers more security than the 1500D and which is included in the cost.

6) **NEW BUSINESS FOR IT DEPARTMENT**
    1) Mr. David Horvath opened with a discussion regarding Blue Host web hosting. This is used to host the websites for both kutztownboro.org and kutztownpd.org.   There has been a problem reported with the IP address associated with the sites by Omega Systems. The site could not be reached by some of their customers. After further investigation it has been discovered by Mr. David Horvath that the IP address associated with this site has been reported being involved with Brute Force and Ransomware attacks and hence blacklisted.   Since this server at Blue Host is responsible for several web sites and services, Blue Host is unwilling to make any changes to the IP address, the solution is to purchase dedicated hosting for the sites which will provide the ability to change IP addresses. The cost is $1331.66/year. Currently, Kutztown is paying approximately $250.00 per year for hosting services. The committee approved to migrate to the dedicated server to mitigate this problem.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Kusterer and seconded by Mr. Engelhardt to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm EST.