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Dear Commissioners:

Cheltenham Township must stay current with the use of technology to keep residents informed and for transparency of our local government. I urge you to televisе all Commissioner meetings and to archive the recordings on the township website.

A petition has been circulating in the township and has garnered **315 names** to date **in support of televising the meetings**. I urge you to look at the petition and see that the residents who have signed represent all areas of the township. Go to: [http://signon.org/sign/televisе-cheltenham-commissi?source=s.em.mt&r\\_by=375615](http://signon.org/sign/televisе-cheltenham-commissi?source=s.em.mt&r_by=375615)

Our population is aging. Many residents no longer drive at night or are physically impaired and can no longer drive at all. We should not throw away valuable links to township history by cutting off this segment of our population which may be able to give a perspective on issues that new residents will not possess. Additionally, it is critical to engage our residents who have young children or are too committed with other obligations and can not attend township meetings in person.

We have many residents whose profession makes them experts, in the use and creation of technology, who live in this township. If you put out a request for help via your township e-mail service, I am sure you will get good advise from many. You should seek them out regarding what is needed and the cost of the equipment needed to record/broadcast your meetings. Shopping around and pricing out the project by looking at other municipalities is wasting time.

Two names of people you should contact are:

Mr. Rodney Hall (Cheltenham resident)

<http://www.rbhall.com/>

<http://www.veteranownedbusiness.com/business/4010/rb-hall-associates-llc>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/RBHall-Associates-LLC/116068621751420>

Mr. Joe Volpe (have worked with him on projects for Chelt. SAMH committee, UPG & PTO)

Volpe, Joseph

215-881-6427, [jvolpe@cheltenham.org](mailto:jvolpe@cheltenham.org)

School Web site: [Joseph Volpe's Site](#)

I researched who Comcast has a contract with many years ago for a SAMH committee project. The answer I was given by Mr. Kraynik was that the contract with Comcast is with the Township, not the School District. Comcast has had exclusivity as the only cable provider in this township for approximately 30 years. They should be made to uphold the contract they made with the Township. It's obvious that the School District, with it's intent on moving their administration out of the township, sees itself as having no obligation to support the Township as a valuable municipality; therefore, I see no reason to weigh the needs of the District when making a decision for the good of the whole Township when it comes to broadcasting the township meetings.

Cheltenham Township use to be at the forefront of changes in our society. Presently we are stagnating. Please, bring us into the age of technology by televising all Township Commissioner Meetings.

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