

AGENDA
Eau Claire County
Broadband Committee
Thursday, January 19, 2023
4:00 P.M.

Location: Eau Claire County Courthouse 721 Oxford Ave., Room #3312, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703

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1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice.
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)
4. Review/Approval of December 15, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
5. Internet Service Provider (ISP) Updates – **Discussion - Action**
6. 22.23/087 Resolution Designating ARPA funds to be used by the Broadband Committee for the purpose of Broadband Expansion and Financially Supporting other Broadband Projects deemed to further the Broadband Committee’s Goal of Supporting High Speed Internet Across Eau Claire County. - **Discussion**
7. Tri County Communication Cooperative (TCC) proposal to serve a white space area in the Town of Clear Creek. Buck Webb. – **Discussion – Action**
8. Village of Fairchild proposal to connect three anchor institutions with high-speed internet – **Discussion – Action**
9. ARPA Fund Match Applications – Town of Pleasant Valley (TCC and Charter) - **Discussion – Action**
10. United Way Update – Amber Scharenbroch – **Discussion**
11. County Board Broadband Presentation (Feb. 21st) – **Discussion - Action**
12. Next Steps and future meetings – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. Future Meeting date: February 16, 2023.
13. Adjourn

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6. Internet Service Provider (ISP) Updates – **Discussion**

Buck Webb of Tri Countt Communication (TCC) updated the committee on the Pleasant Valley grant award and indicated that TCC will begin construction in the spring with anticipated completion by the end of 2023. He also said that TCC is working in the Village of Fairchild updating the existing cable there.

Celeste Flynn, Mike Hill, and Pat Anderson with Charter/Spectrum, spoke on Spectrum's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund project in Eau Claire County. They anticipate that they will have the infrastructure portion of the program completed by the end of 2023. This still leaves white space areas to address with a high-speed internet solution. Mike also updated the committee on the PSC grant projects in the Town of Washington and Town of Pleasant Valley, which those projects are expected to be completed by end of 2023 as well.

Travis McFarland, Bloomer Telephone Company, updated the committee on the Hallie/Seymour fiber project. He said that the grant has signed and they continue to accept sign ups at this time and the engineers will be completing the field work in the coming months. The company will begin installations in 2023.

No other ISP were present.

7. Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Presentation –

Rory Tikalsky from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission gave the committee a thorough explanation of the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program. He indicated that Wisconsin is authorized to spend 5 million dollars in 9 months working with ISPs to further improve internet services in the state. He shared the 5-year action plan with the committee that will be a comprehensive vision that would address shared resources, have regional importance, based on data needs and would contain a need assessment. He encouraged everyone to take the FCC Challenge where households and business owners can confirm their location on the map is accurate. It is important because each site is worth \$1,000 in grant assistance the state could receive to advance grants to ISP's to keep improving the internet service fabric in Wisconsin.

Rory mentioned the PSC Broadband Grant application due date is February 22, 2023. This grant cycle's allocation is 14.1 million dollars. There is also the Capital Funding that will become available mid-year for Infrastructure Developments and the pool is approximately 40 million dollars. BEAD funding will be a large sum of money and will also be available later in 2023.

8. Internet for All: Connecting Wisconsin Kick-Off Conference Update –

Dave Hayden, Don Mowry, Amber Scharenbroch gave a combined update on the conference and noted the following highlights:

- Milwaukee's Digital Equity Program
- BEAD Program
- Economic Development
- Big Picture – Governmental task force and stakeholder group
- Workforce Development

Recording of the conference is available.

9. United Way Update – Amber Scharenbroch

Amber Scharenbroch shared that a United Way resource guide is available and she talked about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) that provided \$30 per month to eligible households to assist with the cost of high-speed internet and also provides a one-time \$100 device credit. Amber indicated that she is planning a webinar in January of 2023, that will review the ACP program. Collin asked to share information on the ACP. Tom Lange said there is a need for the ACP across the CVTC as the federal funding is expiring that previously supported “hotspots”.

Amber gave the committee an overview of the Digital Equity property.

10. Next Steps and future meetings

- a. January 19, 2023
- b. Amending the ARPA Fund Match Resolution
- c. Village of Fairchild /CINC broadband project
- d. TCC project in the Town of Clear Creek

11. Adjourn

Adjourn Action: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:26 p.m.

Respectively submitted by,



Rodney J. Eslinger
Broadband Committee Clerk
Director of Planning and Development

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 22-23/087

DESIGNATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO BE USED BY THE BROADBAND COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF BROADBAND EXPANSION AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OTHER BROADBAND PROJECTS DEEMED TO FURTHER THE BROADBAND COMMITTEE'S GOAL OF SUPPORTING HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACROSS EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) authorizes the use of federal funds for certain categories including infrastructure improvement including the expansion of broadband services to underserved areas of the country.

This resolution allows the Broadband Committee to continue its goal of expanding broadband access to as many areas of Eau Claire County as possible. Newly identified projects by the committee could partially be funded with remaining ARPA funds already allocated to the Broadband Committee in File 21-22/034, for use in the expansion of high-speed broadband service throughout Eau Claire County.

Through collaboration and public and private partnerships, the identified projects include covering 17 locations in the Town of Clear Creek, and providing broadband infrastructure access in the Village of Fairchild, where three anchor institutions (Fairchild Library, Village Community Center, and the Fire Protection Building) would be served.

The Broadband Committee will continue to identify other projects where remaining funding can be used for infrastructure purposes including the expansion of broadband throughout Eau Claire County and to explore applying for specific grants from the state government to be used for the expansion of broadband service.

Fiscal Impact: None – funds have already been allocated to the Broadband Committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Sharon McIlquham
Corporation Counsel

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WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has already created a Broadband Committee that is charged with the mission of exploring ways to expand broadband services to the residents in rural areas of Eau Claire County that are not currently served by broadband services; and

WHEREAS, with the COVID-19 pandemic the lack of service through Eau Claire County and the need for broadband service in underserved areas has become more apparent as many people in those areas were not able to connect to work, school or healthcare services through the internet; and

WHEREAS, through collaboration and possible public/private partnerships projects could include assisting with providing broadband access in the Town of Clear Creek, covering 17 locations, and providing access in the Village of Fairchild, where there is potential to serve three anchor institutions (Fairchild Library, Village Community Center, and the Fire Protection Building); and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Committee will continue to identify other projects where remaining funding can be used for infrastructure purposes including the expansion of broadband throughout Eau Claire County and to explore applying for specific grants from the state government to be used for the expansion of broadband service; and

WHEREAS, these newly identified projects may be partially funded with remaining ARPA funds already allocated to the Broadband Committee in File 21-22/034, for use in the expansion of broadband access throughout Eau Claire County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Eau Claire County Broadband Committee to continue to use the already allocated ARPA funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to be used through collaboration and possible public/private partnerships could include assisting with providing broadband access in the Town of Clear Creek, covering 17 locations, and providing access in the Village of Fairchild, where there is potential to serve three anchor institutions (Fairchild Library, Village Community Center, and the Fire Protection Building); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Broadband Committee will continue to identify other projects where remaining funding can be used for infrastructure purposes including the expansion of broadband throughout Eau Claire County and to explore applying for specific grants from the state government to be used for the expansion of broadband service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these newly identified projects would be partially funded with remaining ARPA funds already allocated to the Broadband Committee in File 21-22/034, for use in the expansion of broadband access throughout Eau Claire County.

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ADOPTED:

Mark ...
Constance Russell
J. Miller

Committee on Administration
Dated this 10th day of January, 2023

Vote: 3 Aye, 0 Nay

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Reviewed by Finance Dept.
for Fiscal Impact

APPROVED
By Sharon McIlquham at 8:51 am, Jan 13, 2023

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EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO MATCH LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

SECTION I-TOWN ARPA FUND MATCH REQUEST

Please indicated the requested amount of County ARPA Fund Match for the broadband infrastructure project in your township.

Project Name	Amount
1. Town of Pleasant Valley Broadband Project	\$ 51,700
2.	\$
3.	\$

SECTION II-TOWN CONTACT INFORMATION

Town of: Pleasant Valley

Mailing Address: S10414 Cty Rd HHI

City, State, Zip: Eleva, WI., 54738	Website URL: www.pleasantvalleywi.gov
Town Chair: Dan Hanson	Town Clerk: Jen Meyer
Office Phone: 715-577-7362	Email: office@pleasantvalleywi.gov

DUNS # 024193109

FEIN ((Federal Employee Identification Number –Tax ID):39-6006060

Provide a description of the scope of work for the broadband project, and attached a detailed drawing of the area to be served by the project (attach supporting documentation):

The project will cover all areas of the Town of Pleasant Valley not already covered by Charter or TCC. FTTH will be built to every location in the project area. Installation of drops to every location and installation of electronics to everyone that signs up for service.

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Please submit the following project-level information for the broadband project:

Technology to be deployed (highspeed internet)	Fiber to the Home
Pricing tiers to be offered (affordability)	100 Mbps for \$49.95 250 Mbps for \$69.95 500 Mbps for \$99.95 1 Gbps for \$199.95
Miles of fiber	6
Cost per mile	\$55,000
Speeds to be offered	100 Mbps, 250 Mbps, 500 Mbps, 1 Gbps
System download speed	See pricing tiers above
System upload speed	See pricing tiers above
Number of households to be served	25
Number of institutions and businesses to be served	2
Anticipated start date	5/1/2023
Anticipated completion date	7/1/2023

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SECTION III- INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION			
Name	Address	Phone	Email
Buck Webb	417 5 th Ave N, Strum, WI 54770	715-695-2691	bwebb@tccpro.net

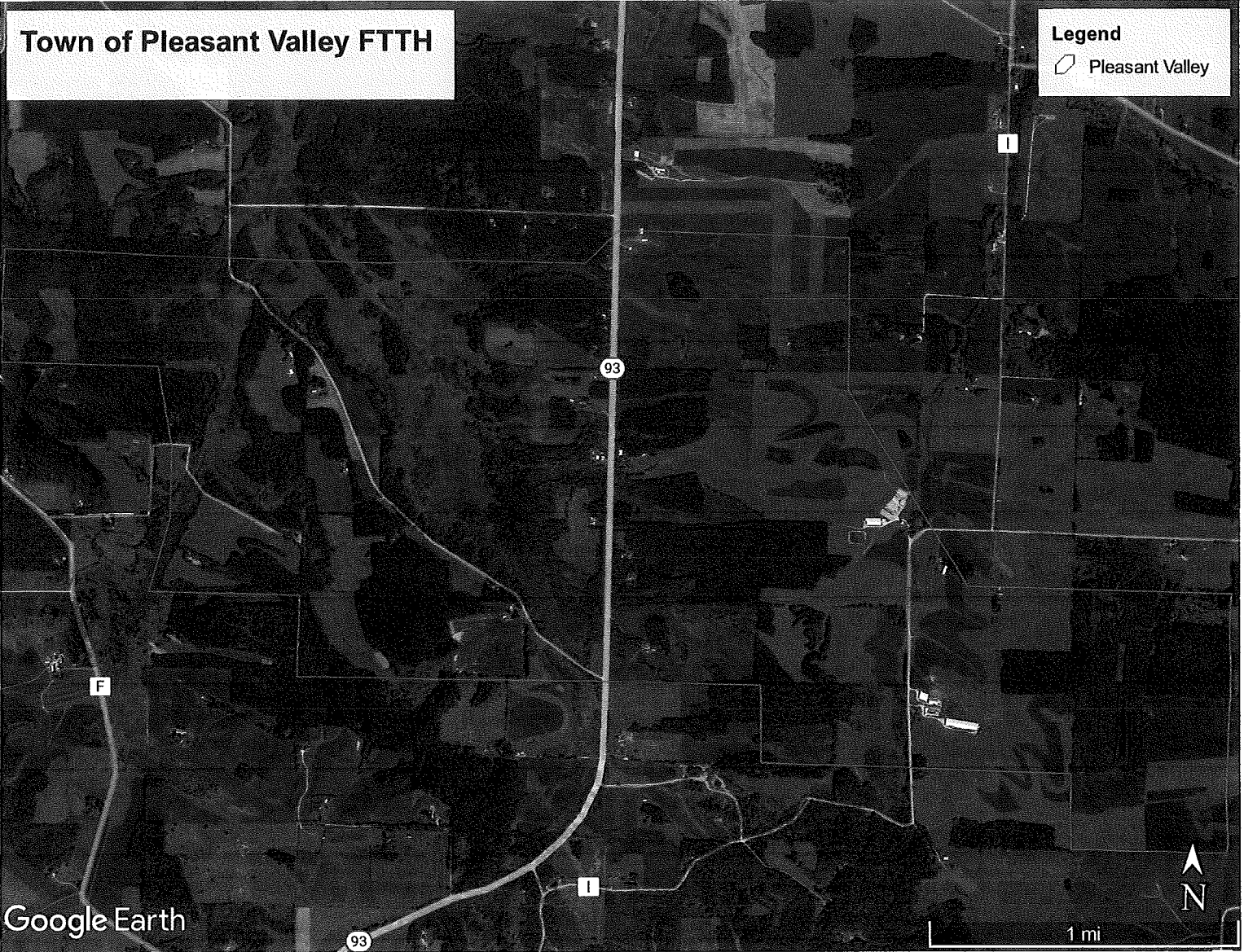
SECTION IV- PROJECT FINANCE DETAIL	
Please detail how you intend to use the MATCH dollars. Attach documentation.	
Internet Service Provider (ISP) Match:	\$61,600
Town ARPA Fund Match:	\$51,700
County ARPA Fund Match:	\$51,700
PSC Grant Application:	\$165,000
Other Loans:	
Other financing (businesses or property owners):	
OVERALL PROJECT TOTAL:	\$ 330,000

SECTION V - ATTACHMENTS		
The following required attachments are provided (check box that applies):	Yes	No
Scope of work description (if not indicated in section II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project map of area to be serviced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Board Approval (meeting minutes, town letter)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other documents/information: <i>resolution</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION VI – CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURE	
By signing below, the applicant(s):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, the information being submitted in this application, and accompanying attachments, is true and correct. • Understands that unless it qualifies as a trade secret, all information submitted to the Eau Claire County Broadband Committee is subject to Wisconsin's Open Records Law. • Understand that additional information may be required and may be requested. 	
Signature:	Signature:
Name: Dan Hanson <i>Dan Hanson</i>	Name: Jen Meyer <i>Jen Meyer</i>
Title: Town Chair	Title: Town Clerk
Date: <i>1-5-23</i>	Date: <i>1-5-2023</i>

Town of Pleasant Valley FTTH

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TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 23, 2022

Chairman Dan Hanson called a town board meeting of the Town of Pleasant Valley to order on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at the Town Hall in Cleghorn at 5:45pm.

Board members present Chairman Dan Hanson, Supervisors Doug Nelson and Dan Green. Staff member Jen Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer.

Resolution 22-16-07 – Tri-County Broadband Partnership – updated

After approval of funds (Resolution 22-16-05) for the Tri-County Broadband project Jen participated in a meeting with the Eau Claire County Broadband Committee. The committee is supportive of the Charter and TCC projects. The Town was encouraged to provide a higher match with the TCC agreement in an effort to increase the probability of being awarded the grant. Jen reached out to TCC and a new dollar amount has been established.

Motion (Green/Hanson) to approve Resolution 22-16-07 which agrees to a commitment of \$103,400. The Town will contribute \$51,700 and the County will also match with \$51,700.

Chairman announced the ayes carry and the motion passes 3-0.

Adjourned at 5:50pm

Jen Meyer, Clerk / Treasurer

Tri County Broadband Partnership
RESOLUTION NO. 22-16-08 (amended 22-16-05)
Town of Pleasant Valley
Eau Claire County

The Town of Pleasant Valley, a Wisconsin Municipality, acting pursuant to its authority under Wisconsin Statutes, hereby consents to the following resolutions, with said consent to have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote thereon:

WHEREAS, Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc., desires to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of fiber optic communications services to provide the most advanced infrastructure to unserved and underserved residents of the Town of Pleasant Valley;

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley, in recognition of the broadband underserved areas of its community, seeks to enter into a quasi-public/private venture to obtain, maintain and increase broadband coverage for the support of education, health care, growth of business, retention of existing business, tourism promotion, and overall economic vitality and sustainability;

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley desires to pursue a Broadband Expansion Grant offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission;

WHEREAS, Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc. is willing and able to partner with The Town of Pleasant Valley to provide the latest advancements in broadband coverage and to seek all available grants to provide and subsidize the cost of necessary broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley desires to pursue and make application for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage with the assistance of Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the undersigned as follows:

RESOLVED, that The Town of Pleasant Valley authorizes the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service for a Broadband Expansion Grant in partnership with Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc.; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that The Town of Pleasant Valley, subject to additional negotiations and approvals, will enter into a Development Agreement by and between Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc.; and


RESOLVED FURTHER, that The Town of Pleasant Valley, will, upon approval of the grant application by the Public Service Commission and execution of the Development Agreement, provide matching funds in the amount of \$103,400 (\$51,700 from Pleasant Valley and \$51,700 from Eau Claire County); and

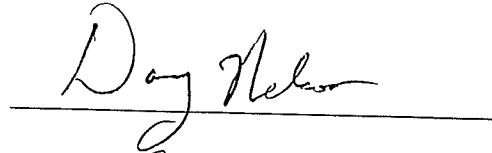
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the duly appointed Town of Pleasant Valley representative is authorized to do all such acts and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents as he or she may be authorized by the Pleasant Valley Town Board to be necessary or desirable in order to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of these resolutions, and all of the acts of The Town of Pleasant Valley which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of these resolutions, whether previously or subsequently taken or done, are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed; and

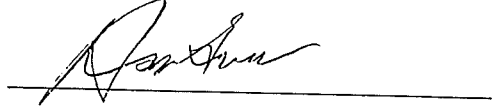
RESOLVED FURTHER, that all prior acts of The Town of Pleasant Valley in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by the within resolutions be and are hereby approved; and

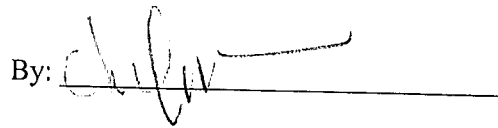
RESOLVED FURTHER, that all prior resolutions of the undersigned or any parts thereof in conflict with any or all of the foregoing resolutions are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Dated: February 23, 2022


_____ Chairman


_____ Supervisor


_____ Supervisor

By: 
_____ Clerk

Charter

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DUNS # 024193109

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Provide a description of the scope of work for the broadband project, and attached a detailed drawing of the area to be served by the project (attach supporting documentation):

The project will cover all areas of the Town of Pleasant Valley not already covered by Charter or TCC.

The proposed Project Area is within the Towns of Pleasant Valley and Washington in Eau Claire County. The Project includes building nearly 100 miles of fiber optic network to connect an estimated 879 underserved homes, businesses and community anchor institutions. A map of the proposed Project Area is shown below along with the associated eligibility map.

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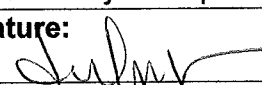
Technology to be deployed (highspeed internet)	Fiber to the Home EPON Architecture
Pricing tiers to be offered (affordability)	X Spectrum Internet Assist: 30/ 4 \$19.99 Spectrum Internet 300/10 \$79.99 Spectrum Internet Ultra 500/20 \$99.99 Spectrum Internet Gig 1000/500 \$119.99 Internet 100/10 ACP program \$29.99
Miles of fiber	Approximately 45 miles
Cost per mile	\$36,504
Speeds to be offered	See Pricing tiers above
System download speed	See Pricing tiers above
System upload speed	See Pricing tiers above
Number of households to be served	430
Number of institutions and businesses to be served	TBD
Anticipated start date	2023
Anticipated completion date	2023-2024

SECTION III- INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION			
Name	Address	Phone	Email
Mike Hill	1201 McCann Drive, Altoona, WI 54720	715-833-7384	Mike.hill@charter.net

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SECTION IV- PROJECT FINANCE DETAIL	
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Internet Service Provider (ISP) Match:	\$2,637,000.00
Town ARPA Fund Match:	\$100,000.00
County ARPA Fund Match:	\$100,000 T of Pleasant Valley \$91,000 T of Washington Total \$191,000
PSC Grant Application:	\$621,422.00
Other Loans:	
Other financing (businesses or property owners):	\$101,000.00
OVERALL PROJECT TOTAL:	\$3,650,422.00

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Signature: 	Signature: 
Name: Dan Hanson	Name: Jen Meyer
Title: Town Chair	Title: Town Clerk
Date: <i>1-5-23</i>	Date: <i>1-5-2023</i>

-A request for bids will be put out for the overhead doors on the shop.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

- the acquisition of the Birtzer land is being finalized this week.
- Jon Johnson reached out regarding signals on the intersection of Hickory Rd and Hwy 93. The board is in favor of said lights as well as a 4-way stop at the intersection of Hickory Rd/Cty I.
- citations have been issued to the property across from the fire department regarding unlicensed vehicles, tire piles, operating a junk yard and living in an RV.

Park Committee/Lions Club/TFD

-none

CITIZEN INPUT

-none

COMPLAINTS

-none

OLD BUSINESS

-none

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Plan Updates

- a. Jen presented the updated capital plan after the road planning meeting. Figures for a road loan are included in the document.
- b. Resolution No. 22-16-04 – Road Construction Loan
The resolution approving a new loan for the purposes of road construction was presented to the board. The loan will be secured through Frandsen Bank and Trust. Loan amount is \$750,000, interest rate is 2.62% and the term will be for 5 years. Taxpayers will see an approximate increase of \$22/\$100,000 of assessed value on their tax bills beginning in 2023.
Motion (Green/Nelson) to approve Resolution No. 22-16-04 – Road Construction Loan
Chairman announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is carried.

ARPA/Broadband updates

- a. Resolution 22-16-05 Tri County Communications – a resolution supporting TCC applying for a grant on behalf of the Town was presented. TCC will be applying for a PSC grant for a project to cover a predetermined amount of area in the southern portion of the Town. The project contains 6 miles of fiber to serve 27 locations. Total project cost is \$330,000. The dollar amount committed at this time is \$53,900 which will be split equally with the County.
- b. Resolution 22-16-06 Charter Communications – a resolution supporting Charter communications applying for a grant on behalf of the Town was presented. Charter will be applying for a PSC grant for a project to cover a predetermined amount of area in the northern portion of the Town. The full application includes portions of Washington and Seymour. The project will serve 428 locations in Pleasant Valley. The total project cost for all three Towns is \$4,006,700 with the portion serving Pleasant Valley at a cost of \$2,713,956. The dollar amount committed at this time is \$200,000 which will be split equally with the County.

Motion(Hanson/Nelson) approving both Resolution No. 22-16-05 and 22-16-06.
Chairman announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion carries.

- c. Letter of Support from Town Board – A letter from the board supporting the grants was reviewed.
The letter will be included with both grant applications.

Motion (Nelson/Green) to approve letter of support as presented.
Chairman announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion carries.

Resolution No. 22-16-07 – Budget Amendment

Motion (Nelson/Green) to approve Budget Amendment Resolution No 22-16-07 amending the Town of Pleasant Valley 2022 budget with a sum change of \$750,000 per resolution.
Chairman announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion carries

2022 Budget Review

The budget as of February 14, 2022 was presented and reviewed.

REVIEW/APPROVE ORDERS

The bills /orders for the month of January 2022 and the alternative of claims paid report were presented by the clerk and approved by the town board for payment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Green/Nelson) to move this meeting is adjourned.
Chairman announced the ayes carry 3-0 and the motion is adopted.
Adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Meyer, Clerk / Treasurer

Posted at town hall 3-14-2022
Placed on Website 3-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 22-16-06
Town of Pleasant Valley
Eau Claire County

WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley is the recipient of American Rescue Plan Act funds and Eau Claire County has committed to match the spent dollars if the funds are spent on broadband expansion; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley, in recognition of the broadband underserved areas of its community, seeks to enter into a quasi-public/private venture to obtain, maintain and increase broadband coverage for the support of education, health care, growth of business, retention of existing business, tourism promotion, and overall economic vitality and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley Board, desires to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of fiber optic communications services to provide the most advanced infrastructure to unserved and underserved residents of the Town of Pleasant Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley has been in communication with two broadband providers and the providers have agreed upon a mutual division of the Town so that expanded services funded with the assistance of ARPA funds is not duplicated; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley desires to pursue a Broadband Expansion Grant offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pleasant Valley desires to pursue and make application for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage with the assistance of Charter Communications; and

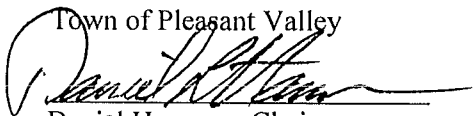
WHEREAS, Charter Communications has committed 72% of the project cost (\$1,954,048) towards the project in the mutually defined areas of the Town of Pleasant Valley; and

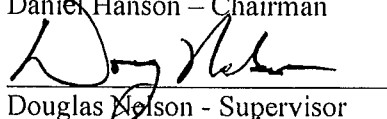
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the undersigned as follows:

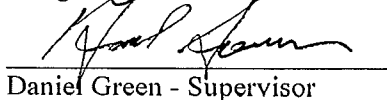
RESOLVED, that The Town of Pleasant Valley authorizes the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service for a Broadband Expansion Grant in partnership with Charter Communications; and

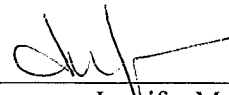
RESOLVED FURTHER, that The Town of Pleasant Valley jointly with Eau Claire County, will, upon approval of the grant application by the Public Service Commission, provide the amount of \$200,000 towards said project. (\$100,000 from the Town and \$100,000 from Eau Claire County)

Adopted this 14th day of February 2022

Town of Pleasant Valley

Daniel Hanson – Chairman


Douglas Nelson - Supervisor


Daniel Green - Supervisor

Attested 
Jennifer Meyer - Clerk