

Exemptions Subcommittee
Conference Call
4/24/2019

Call participants: Lawrence Hampton, Mark Niehe, Darren Owens, Mark Ritter, Les Schell, Kevin Schimming, Al Tonetti, Jeff Kursman, Kenny Brooks, Alice Miller

Alice discussed the results of the survey sent to telecommunication companies and the results from the Ohio Township Association surveys. Very little feedback was received from either survey, and we have no current input from the Municipal league. Alice will reach out to the municipal League again and try to get information from them. Darren will assist Alice in getting information from the APWA as well.

Kevin would like to know how many municipalities do not call prior to digging because of the exemption. One other possible exemption noted came from Steve Schafer per Alice - "Partial excavation for groundline pole inspections which are <12".

While some members of the subcommittee would like to see no exemptions, Kevin Schimming made the point that we need to create a workable solution, and that probably does not include doing away with the agricultural and mining industries' exemptions. Members agreed that at this point in time we would concentrate on the question of a governmental entity exemption only. Discussion will continue after the full OUDPC meeting on April 30th and once information is obtained from the Municipal League and APWA.

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