

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Public Hearing

May 1, 2017

Chairperson Agostine called a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag. Supervisors Lee and Welka were present, as were, Solicitor Sennett, Zoning Officer Miller, Engineer Jonas, Secretary Yeast, and four interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Agostine explained that the purpose of this hearing is to receive public input in regard to the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications.

PURPOSE OF
HEARING:
Cable Franchise
Agreement with
Charter
Communications

Solicitor Sennett explained that definitions and provisions within this agreement are typical. Details for the extension of the cable system were improved by decreasing the minimum density required from 30 to 20 residents within a "cable mile". A paragraph was added indicating that the Cable Company will share capital costs up to a maximum of \$9,000 as long as (3) residents become new customers. Solicitor Sennett further explained that this is a non-exclusive franchise agreement, and described construction requirements, audit provisions, and Federal Standard compliance. The franchise fee is 5% of gross revenues excluding bad debts, investment income, pass-through fees, or taxes. Standard legalese is reflected in the indemnification and insurance section, and revocation and removal section.

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked if the gross revenues are generated solely by Summit Township. Solicitor Sennett responded, yes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Discussion ensued regarding the potential extension of cable service south on Route 97.

With no further input from the public, motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to close the hearing at 6:14 p.m.

HEARING CLOSED

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Recording Secretary
5/8/2017