

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

**Public Hearing
January 21, 2020**

Chairman Davis called a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag. Supervisor Lee was present, as were, Solicitor Tim Sennett, Zoning Officer Cass, Engineer Jonas, Secretary Yeast, and five interested persons. Supervisor Welka was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davis explained that the purpose of hearing #1 is to receive public input regarding the repeal of Ordinance #1969-02 known as the Plinking Ordinance, in its entirety, and to repeal the Amendment to Plinking Ordinance enacted July 1, 1969, in its entirety.

PURPOSE OF
HEARING #1:
Repeal of Plinking
Ordinance

Solicitor Sennett further explained that Ordinance #1969-02 is a gun control ordinance and refers to the plinking sound made while target shooting at cans. Pennsylvania has adopted a gun control statute making any local attempts to control firearms illegal.

There was no public input.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Davis explained that the purpose of hearing #2 is to receive public input regarding the proposed Armstrong Utilities, Inc. Franchise Agreement.

PURPOSE OF
HEARING #2:
Armstrong Franchise
Agreement

Solicitor Sennett further explained that Summit Township currently has a Cable Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications. The proposed agreement with Armstrong cannot offer terms better than what has been agreed to with Charter. The only significant difference between the two agreements is that any service expansion must have a density of 15 homes vs. 20 homes in the Charter Agreement.

Supervisor Davis asked if this agreement provides a competitive option for cable service. Supervisor Lee responded; no, that Armstrong will likely expand services to areas where Charter Communications (Spectrum) are currently not present. Lee added that Armstrong Utilities have assured the Board that their intent is not to compete with Charter, but to provide services to areas where there is no cable service.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked if a third cable supplier could apply for a franchise. Solicitor Sennett responded, yes.

Tom Green, 8553 Dundee Road, asked where Armstrong Utilities is headquartered. Solicitor Sennett responded, Butler, PA.

With no further input, motion by Lee, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the hearing at 4:38 p.m.
Vote: 2/0

HEARING CLOSED

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Municipal Secretary
2/3/2020