

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Henry A. Holman, Jr., Chairman

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Minutes of August 27, 2014, Cable Franchise Agreement Hearing

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building to conduct a Hearing for the Cable Franchise Agreement. Chairman Henry Holman, Jr., Vice-Chairman Brian Maguire, and Supervisor Brian Peters were in attendance. Other personnel present were Helen Klinepeter (Secretary), Solicitor Richard Wagner, Max Shradley (Engineer) and Elizabeth Goodhart (Treasurer/Recording Secretary). A list of visitors is on file in the Township office.

Chairman Holman convened the Hearing at 6:00 PM, and turned the meeting over to Solicitor Wagner.

Solicitor Wagner explained the purpose of this Hearing is to ask for input from the public prior to entering into this Agreement with Blue Ridge Communications (BRC).

John Gerner asked Solicitor Wagner to summarize the Agreement. Solicitor Wagner stated it gives BRC the right to provide cable within the Township. In return the Township will receive its share of the franchise fees that BRC collects from its customers.

Chairman Holman stated the Township offices will receive free cable and telephone as part of the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Attendees were concerned about a potential increase to their monthly cable bill as a result of this Agreement. They were also concerned with BRC having a monopoly within the Township.

Supervisor Peters stated that Comcast is looking to come into our territory as well as other areas.

Solicitor Wagner read Section 2.1 of the Agreement which states, "Pursuant to the Cable Act, the regulations of the FCC and Pennsylvania law, the Township grants a non-exclusive and revocable franchise to Blue Ridge."

Stanley Mutzabaugh said the newspaper indicated "obtain the use of educational and government channels" and asked what that means. Solicitor Wagner said that his Township televises the local government meetings. He stated the educational channel includes channels similar to PCN.

The Solicitor closed the record.

The Hearing was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Goodhart
Treasurer/Recording Secretary