

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORK SESSION

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - 7 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Chairman Hartlaub announced to those present in the audience the meeting would start with a public hearing regarding the cable franchise renewal for West Manheim Township. He then proceeded to read the following into the minutes:

Good evening. This is a public hearing regarding cable franchise renewal for West Manheim Township. The hearing is held pursuant to Section 626 of the federal Cable Act, which sets forth the process for franchise renewal. Our current franchise agreement with Comcast will expire in November and we have begun the process of negotiating a new franchise agreement. This public hearing is an important part of franchise negotiations, in which the Township seeks public comment on the cable operator's past performance and our community's future cable-related community needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear from citizens regarding the following: 1. The past performance of the cable operator; and 2. The Township's future cable-related needs.

Franchise renewal is the best opportunity for municipalities to assert their rights with respect to their cable operator and to obtain important benefits in return for granting the cable operator the right to use its public rights-of-way. These benefits include, but are not limited to, the following: 1. Strong and enforceable customer service standards; 2. A state-of-the-art cable system; 3. Protections of the public rights-of-way; 4. Franchise fees for the cable operator's use of the public rights-of-way and improved franchise fee accountability; 5. Reporting requirements on the cable operator; 6. Legal protections for the Township; and 7. Better mechanisms to enforce the franchise agreement.

These are just some of the potential benefits available through franchise renewal. Citizens may address these items or any other cable-related items that are important to them. We will now open the hearing up to citizen comment. Thank you.

The only comment that was expressed came from Supervisor Staaf who would like to see the office, police department, and fire department receive free cable service.

Chairman Harold Hartlaub called the Work Session to order at 7:10 p.m., followed with the Pledge to the Flag and Invocation by township secretary Miriam Clapper.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Blettner, DeGennaro, Hartlaub, Staaf, Township's Solicitor, Walter Tilley III, Township Manager Marc Woerner and Township Engineer Chris Toms. Supervisor Ault was not present.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Chairman Hartlaub announced that an executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss labor negotiations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Chairman Hartlaub asked if anyone from the audience wanted to address the Board and received no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Supervisor Blettner made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, May 16, 2017, seconded by Supervisor DeGennaro. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Hartlaub noted that the Township did not receive any correspondences.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

The Disbursements from all Funds were approved, as listed, in a motion by Supervisor DeGennaro seconded by Supervisor Blettner. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS(S):

A. Approval to Purchase Chipper/Spreader Equipment

Township Manager Marc Woerner explained that the Township had placed in and approved in the 2017 budget, the purchase of two chipper/spreader pieces of equipment that would mount on the Township's dump trucks and the necessary hardware that is need to make sure the equipment could be used on any of the dump trucks the Township owned. Township Manager Marc Woerner asked the Supervisors to approve the purchase of 2 Gledhill 707 Niagara Falls Spreaders. The total cost for the two spreaders will be under the \$9,000 that was budgeted for the purchases.

Supervisor Staaf made a motion to purchase of 2 Gledhill 707 Niagara Falls Spreaders, seconded by Supervisor DeGennaro. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the IAFF Contract

Township Manager Marc Woerner informed the Board of Supervisors that the union contract for the EMT's has been approved by the IAFF Local for a contract period of June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020. Township Manager, Marc Woerner presented the Contract to the Board for their approval.

Supervisor Staff made a motion to approve the IAFF Union Contract presented to them on June 1, 2017, seconded by Supervisor DeGennaro. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None at this time.

SUPERVISORS AND/OR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Township Manager Marc Woerner informed the Board that the public hearing that was held before tonight's meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Kelli Reed, 51 Roman Lane approached the Board members to voice her concerns about how the public is informed about special public meetings.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Supervisors Regular Meeting - Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with the Supervisors Caucus will at 6:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting – Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Blettner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Supervisor DeGennaro. Motion carried.

Miriam E. Clapper, Secretary

Chairman