PUBLIC HEARING OF THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON JULY 27, 2020

PRESENT: John P. Curtin, Mayor See List

Sara N. Tallman, Trustee Timothy P. Manahan, Trustee Jeffrey D. Brown, Attorney Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to open the public hearing at 7:00pm. Trustee Tallman made a motion to open the hearing, seconded by Trustee Manahan. All board members voted aye and the public hearing was opened.

The Village Clerk read the legal notice of the public hearing to those in attendance.

Mayor Curtin explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow all interested parties the opportunity to be heard regarding the granting of a cable television franchise agreement by and between the Village of Marcellus and Spectrum Northeast LLC, 1/k/a Charter Communications. Since 2014, our Village Attorney has been in discussion with Time Warner, now called Spectrum and/or Charter Communications, in an attempt to negotiate an agreement that would satisfactorily renew the previous agreement with Time Warner, which dated back to 2004. The Village Attorney believes that which he has now negotiated is fair to the parties involved and recommends that the Village Board approve this eight (8) year agreement. It should be noted that the Spectrum renewal agreement contains similar language in our current franchise agreement, which states that other companies can come into the Village and obtain a cable franchise. The only caveat is that any new franchise agreement we negotiate with another company must include a paragraph stating that the new company will indemnify Spectrum for any damage done to its cable system.

Mayor Curtin asked if there were any comments from the Village Board. There were none.

Mayor Curtin asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Mayor Curtin asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Trustee Manahan made the motion, seconded by Trustee Tallman. Mayor Curtin called for a vote. All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk

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