

**JUNE 17, 2015
PUBLIC HEARING**

Empire and North Penn Cable Franchise

6:45 P.M.

Present:

Supervisor Post
Deputy Supervisor Underhill
Councilman Lang
Councilwoman Michalak
Councilman Zambito

Others Present:

Town Clerk Morasco
Sharon White
Brian Ketchum, Vice President Empire Access

Supervisor Post called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 P.M. and the Supervisor presented the notice as published in the Daily News.

Brian Ketchum of Empire Access spoke, informing the Town that Empire has provided phone service for 75 years to the area and currently provides communication services via 100 percent fiber optic connections. The problem is Empire is not contiguous for service. They are a competitive provider, with a level playing field. Empire and North Penn sent a red-lined agreement to the Town seeking a video franchise. Mr. Ketchum stated that the only certification they need from a municipality is a franchise agreement.

Supervisor Post applauds Empire's efforts. The Town has been very engaged with this process and based on Empire's submission and the Town's legal counsel, hopefully we can agree to an agreement by next month's meeting.

Supervisor Post declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 P.M. as no one else spoke for or against the Empire and North Penn Cable Franchise.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Morasco
Town Clerk