

**Borough of Edinboro  
Public Hearing Minutes  
Cable Franchise Agreement Renewal  
October 12, 2020**

**ROLL CALL:** Council members present were Pat Davis, Aaron Gast, Fred Langill, and Mark Eisert. Absent were Alyssa Dobson, Mary Ann Horne, and Jim Kiley.

Other officials present were Solicitor Tim Wachter, Borough Manager Kevin Oppe, and Finance Director Jason Spangenberg. Citizens present were Curtis Hals and Debbie McElroy.

**OPENING:**

Mayor Gast called the hearing regarding the Armstrong cable franchise agreement renewal to order at 6:37 PM.

**DISCUSSION:**

Solicitor Wachter stated that the purpose of this hearing was to discuss the proposed cable franchise agreement renewal with Armstrong. He explained that the process is federally regulated; municipalities receive a portion of a cable company's cable revenue in exchange for allowing them to run lines through the public right-of-way. It does not create a monopoly, as multiple such agreements can be entered.

Council discussed briefly, with Solicitor Wachter noting that this renewal would be for ten years. He stated that federal regulations do not allow for a portion of internet service revenue to be collected, only cable. If that were to change, he stated that a separate franchise agreement would likely be needed.

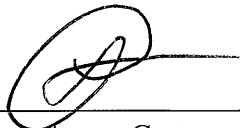
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

ATTEST:



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Manager Kevin Oppe



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Mayor Aaron Gast