



TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR

A Port Towns Community
3701 Lawrence Street
Colmar Manor, Maryland 20722

Public Hearing Minutes December 13, 2022

Call to Order

Motion to open the Public Hearing for Cable Franchise Agreement at 6:30 PM. Motion by Councilmember Harding, second Councilmember Mendoza. Vote 5-0. Motion passed.

Roll Call

Mayor Casanas , Councilmember Bowles, Councilmember Harding, Councilmember Hobbs, and Councilmember Mendoza.

Staff: Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer; Greg Holcomb, Town Administrator, and Chief Tracy Stone.

Cable Franchise Agreement

Mr. Baden provided a background on the agreement and noted this is a new 10-year agreement. We are in a consortium of communities in the county. This has been a 5 year process to get to the document.

Public Comments

Keith Brooks, 21st and Newark- Resident asked about the franchise fee and our abilities to broadcast on the cable channel.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Hobbs asked how much do resident's pay in the fee. Mr. Baden explained that it is a line item on the bill and is 5%. She asked if fees will rise if people "cut the cord", he explained this would only be the case if service fees go up. Mr. Baden noted that we are seeing a decreased amount of fees to the town, probably from people cancelling cable service.

Adjournment

Councilmember Harding made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Hobbs seconded the motion. A vote was taken, 5-0, motion passed.

Adjourned at 7:00 PM