

LEMOYNE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING – COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL
October 1, 2009

1. **Call to Order** – The Public Hearing of the Lemoyne Borough Council was called to order on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 7:00 pm, at the Lemoyne Municipal Building, 510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, Pa. with Shireen Farr presiding.

Pledge to the flag

Roll Call – Present at roll call were, Shireen Farr, President, Jodie Ruediger, Vice President, Wayne Mountz, Dr. John Judson, Lori Hegedus, and Susan West Council Members. Not present was Judith McAllister, Council Member, and Elmer E. Byrem, Jr., Mayor and Rose Levenson, Junior Council Member. Staff present was Borough Manager/Borough Treasurer Robert Ihlein, Finance Secretary/Borough Secretary Kathryn Morrow, and Maintenance Manager John Paden.

Mrs. Farr stated that this is a public hearing concerning the Borough of Lemoyne’s renewal of the Comcast Cable Franchise. A representative from Comcast, Kristen Ritchey is present. The public may comment after Ms. Ritchey’s presentation. Please keep the comments to a minimum.

Mrs. Morrow stated that the Notice of Public Hearing was published on September 23, 2009 in the Patriot News.

Mr. Ihlein stated that there are ongoing negotiations with Comcast concerning their franchise renewal. The Lemoyne Borough is one of 26 municipalities who are negotiating with Comcast through the Capital Region COG.

2. **Kristen Ritchey – Comcast**

Ms. Ritchey stated that it’s been 10 years since Comcast has been here for renewal. Ten years ago, Comcast only provided cable services. They now provide digital cable, phone, DDR, and internet services. They have two local call centers in York and Lebanon. In addition they are now competing with Verizon in this area.

3. **Public Comment on the Comcast Cable Franchise.**

Bruce Barnes, 900 Indiana Avenue.

Mr. Barnes stated that he had left Comcast to get Vios because of bad service. He later went back to Comcast. He is not completely happy with the customer service but likes it better than Vios.

4. Mr. Ihlein commented that within the next month he will be working with the Administration Committee to go over the negotiations. Hopefully this contract will be renewed by the end of the year.

Mrs. West stated that she hasn't liked Comcast's customer service and went to Vios.

Mrs. Farr announced that there will be an executive session prior to the council meeting to discuss personnel issues.

5. **Adjournment** – 7:14 pm. There being no further business, Mrs. Farr declared the Public Hearing adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn (Turns) Morrow
Borough Secretary