

BOONSBORO MAYOR & COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
PUBLIC HEARING
BOONSBORO – COMCAST NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The Mayor and Council of Boonsboro held a Public Hearing as duly advertised on Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Meeting Chambers. The Meeting was streamed via GoToMeeting online for the public. In attendance were Mayor Howard Long, Council Members Marilee Kerns, Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Tony Nally and Ricky Weaver. Also present were Town Manager Paul Mantello and Office Manager Kimberly Miller. Assistant Mayor Rick Byrd was not in attendance but participated via GoToMeeting online.

Mayor Long opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM for the purpose of receiving public input, either in support of or in opposition of the Boonsboro – Comcast Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement. Mayor Long introduced Joshua Bokee, of Comcast – Beltway Region.

Mr. Bokee stated that Comcast is interested in a Franchise Agreement with the Town to provide video and internet through all digital *Xfinity* with residential internet gig speeds of 4 or 5 gigs. He further stated that they are proposing a non-exclusive Agreement with franchise fees up to 5% to the Town, noting that they would like to have an Agreement in place by December 31, 2020. Mr. Bokee stated that they are looking to provide service to Boonsboro customers around the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2021 and would like the Town to sign a 3-year Agreement.

Hearing no comments, **Motion** by Council Member Nally, second by Council Member Hollingshead to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:36PM. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Miller
Office Manager