VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE BOARD REPORT

TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: ALISON MURPHY, ASSISTANT TO THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR/ VILLAGE CLERK BRAD MERKEL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (COMCAST)
AGENDA: MARCH 21, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DATE: MARCH 14, 2023

ISSUE

Should the Village Board hold a Public Hearing to consider a Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC (Comcast).

DISCUSSION

Last fall Comcast reached out to both the Village of Sugar Grove and the Village of Elburn regarding entering into cable franchise agreements for commercial service in certain areas. Sugar Grove and Elburn entered into agreement negotiations with Comcast together with the guidance of Stu Chapman Municipal Services Associates, Inc. who specializes in franchise and lease negotiations. After several meetings, the Village and Comcast reached consensus on the agreement, which is similar to the Metronet franchise agreement approved by the Village in 2018.

The required notice for the Public Hearing (Exhibit A) was published in the Kane County Chronicle on March 2, 2023 and was sent to Metronet and Mediacom as current franchise holders.

COST

Publication and mailing costs for the Public Notice were approximately \$75.00.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board hold a Public Hearing to consider a Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC (Comcast).

Exhibit A

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A NEW CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE BY THE VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE, ILLINOIS WITH COMCAST OF ILLINOIS VI, LLC.

Notice is hereby given that the President and Village Board will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 21, 2023, at the Sugar Grove Police Department 10 S. Municipal Drive, Sugar Grove, Illinois to consider the granting of on additional cable television franchise pursuant to Section 11-42-11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 I LCS 5/11-42-11) to Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC. At said hearing the following shall be considered: (1) the need for on additional cable television franchise; (2) the capacity of the Village's right of way to accommodate such additional community antenna television services; (3) the potential disruption to existing users of the Village's right of way in providing new cable television services; (4) the long term economic impact of an additional cable television system within the Village; and (5) other appropriate factors as determined by the Village. At the hearing, interested persons may appear and be heard regarding the proposed franchise agreement.

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