

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 1995

President Simpson called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Schmitt, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Troxell, Mr. Eline, Mr. Zellner, Mr. Frazee and Mr. Kreisher. Ms. Giles was not present. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Mr. Sterner, Lucy Basalla of the Gettysburg Times, Lisa Loeffler of the Evening Sun, Hank Lockard, Mary Beal and service manager Herb Knaby representing Sammons Communications.

Mr. Lockard distributed literature describing the proposed four new channels. He noted that Sammons had polled its customers in order to determine the most interest. The results have been tallied, and the four new channels are American Movie Classics, The Discovery Channel, Nickelodeon and The Weather Channel. The addition of these channels will increase the tier rate by \$1.50 per month. After renewal of the franchise the new channels should be available by May.

Mrs. Simpson asked Council for comments on the extension of the cable television franchise to Sammons Communications for an additional 10 year term.

Mr. Eline inquired as to why other companies haven't challenged Sammons for the Gettysburg business. Mr. Lockard explained that the entire system is owned by Sammons, including cable lines and head end. Another company would need to string wire, construct the satellite system, and connect to each house, a very costly endeavor. With the limited number of subscribers, it would take some time before profits were realized.

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Rutledge, arriving late, asked if Nickelodeon would be offered. When told that it would, they thanked Council and Sammons.

Mr. Richard, arriving late, indicated that he was unhappy with the limited number of channels. He was informed of the survey of subscribers, that the four offered were the ones chosen by the public. He seemed displeased that Sammons was not able to provide a broader range of channels.

With no further discussion Mr. Troxell moved, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Secretary