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PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF  
ISLAND PARK, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

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November 17, 2022

6:48 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

MICHAEL MCGINTY, Mayor

MATTHEW G. GRACI, Deputy Mayor

BARBARA VOLPE-RIED, Trustee

CLAUDIA ARMENDINGER, Village Clerk



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2 (Following recitation of the  
3 Pledge of the Allegiance, the meeting  
4 was called to order.)

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: Good evening,  
6 everybody. We have a Public Hearing  
7 to consider an application  
8 authorizing the Village of Island  
9 Park to renew a cable franchise  
10 agreement. I'm sorry. We should do  
11 a Roll Call first.

12 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Graci.

13 TRUSTEE GRACI: Here.

14 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Ried.

15 TRUSTEE VOLPE-RIED: Present.

16 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Naudus,  
17 absent. Trustee Tice, absent.

18 VILLAGE CLERK: Mayor McGinty.

19 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, ma'am.

20 VILLAGE CLERK: Okay.

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: Thank you. So  
22 let me repeat. A Public Hearing to  
23 consider an application authorizing  
24 the Village of Island Park to renew a  
25 cable franchise agreement with



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2 Cablevision Systems Long Island  
3 Corporation in the Village of Island  
4 Park. We have with us tonight  
5 General Counsel, Mr. Alleva. Mr.  
6 Alleva, would you state your name,  
7 for the record, and tell us what this  
8 is about.

9 MR. ALLEVA: Sure. Frank  
10 Alleva, Director of Government  
11 Affairs for Altice USA. We own  
12 Cablevision Systems Long Island,  
13 which is a franchisee with the  
14 Village. This contract is,  
15 essentially, an extension for another  
16 10 years of the Cablevision contract.  
17 It's very similar to the previous  
18 contract. It governs the entire  
19 Village proper as a service  
20 territory. So we pass every home,  
21 essentially, so every resident is  
22 able to get cable internet service  
23 from us. It provides cable service  
24 to eight locations here in the  
25 Village. We also included free



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2 internet service to Village Hall.  
3 The statutory limit of franchise fees  
4 placed on us by the federal  
5 government is 5 percent and the  
6 Village receives a full 5 percent on  
7 all work of the franchise. I am  
8 happy to answer any questions.

9 MAYOR McGINTY: Just one  
10 question. In the event that the  
11 federal or state law changes, then we  
12 will come back and provide a rider to  
13 this contract showing the increase?

14 MR. ALLEVA: That's correct.  
15 If there is a change in the  
16 definition of cable services. For  
17 instance, it includes broadband  
18 service or if there are other  
19 technologies that are brought into  
20 that or if they just changed the  
21 authorization under the federal  
22 statute that we are under, we will  
23 come back and have, essentially, an  
24 amendment to the agreement and go  
25 through the formal process for that.



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2 MAYOR MCGINTY: Thank you,  
3 Counselor.

4 TRUSTEE GRACI: I got a  
5 question. You could sit. You don't  
6 have to stand. It's not a question.  
7 You guys have been doing all this  
8 work on the poles and stuff like  
9 that.

10 MR. ALLEVA: Yes.

11 TRUSTEE GRACI: If you look  
12 around, you can see a lot of cables  
13 just hanging out of nowhere. On my  
14 block, they are there. I mean, is  
15 anybody going to come? I mean, do we  
16 have your guarantee they are going to  
17 come and clean these poles up so it  
18 doesn't look like, you know.

19 MR. ALLEVA: Absolutely. So we  
20 are doing the fibers to the home  
21 where, essentially, we are creating a  
22 whole new network to do fiber to the  
23 home. It's similar to what Verizon  
24 Fios offers, although ours is better,  
25 I think. But, yes, so you may have



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2 seen big coils of wires that were  
3 attached.

4 TRUSTEE GRACI: Yes. That, and  
5 there is a lot of small ones. If you  
6 go down the block, they just left  
7 them and maybe 4 or 5 feet are  
8 hanging, but it's hanging from 20  
9 feet up.

10 MR. ALLEVA: If you have  
11 specific areas.

12 TRUSTEE GRACI: Just drive  
13 through and you will be doing it on  
14 every block. And I ran a meeting and  
15 I had constituencies complaining  
16 about that. And your guys weren't  
17 the nicest of guys with their  
18 contractors you were using, and so on  
19 and so forth. So I kind of gave them  
20 my word that they were going to clean  
21 up.

22 MR. ALLEVA: Yes, we will. So  
23 first off, Claudia, Mayor, I will  
24 give you my card. Send me an e-mail,  
25 call my cell. If there is a



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2 constituent issue, we will get  
3 somebody out there right away. We  
4 will do a review and we will try to  
5 clean up as much as we can. You  
6 know, if you have specific rows that  
7 are worse or more egregious that you  
8 think should get priority, we will  
9 focus on those.

10 TRUSTEE GRACI: I will be on  
11 the phone with you.

12 MR. ALLEVA: Yeah, that's fine.

13 TRUSTEE GRACI: Because I ran  
14 my first meeting and I got my head  
15 handed to me. So I am a little  
16 aggravated.

17 MR. ALLEVA: Rightfully so.  
18 First of all, our people should not  
19 be rude, that's unacceptable. So we  
20 will make sure we take care of that.

21 TRUSTEE GRACI: I will take  
22 your card.

23 MAYOR MCGINTY: While he is  
24 doing that, why don't we read the  
25 Resolution.



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2 VILLAGE CLERK: So Resolution  
3 Number 4. Resolution authorizing the  
4 Village of Island Park to renew a  
5 cable franchise agreement with  
6 Cablevision Systems Long Island  
7 Corporation in the Village of Island  
8 Park.

9 MAYOR MCGINTY: Motion.

10 TRUSTEE GRACI: I will make it.

11 TRUSTEE VOLPE-RIED: Second.

12 MAYOR MCGINTY: Motion by  
13 Deputy Mayor Graci. Second by  
14 Trustee Volpe-Ried.

15 VILLAGE CLERK: NOW, THEREFORE,  
16 be it RESOLVED, that the Village  
17 Board of Trustees determines that it  
18 is in the best interest of the public  
19 to award the Franchise Renewal  
20 Agreement to the Franchisee; and be  
21 it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village  
22 Board hereby authorizes the Village  
23 Mayor to enter into the Franchise  
24 Renewal Agreement with Cablevision  
25 Systems Long Island Corporation, and





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2 to execute any other documents  
3 necessary to effectuate the granting  
4 of the franchise renewal on behalf of  
5 the Village of Island Park.

6 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Graci.

7 TRUSTEE GRACI: Aye.

8 VILLAGE CLERK: Trustee Ried.

9 TRUSTEE VOLPE-RIED: Aye.

10 VILLAGE CLERK: Mayor.

11 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, ma'am.

12 Aye.

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So the Public Hearing is  
closed. We have taken our vote.  
Mr. Alleva, thank you.

At this point, I would ask for  
a motion to place the Trustee Reports  
and the Mayor Reports included in the  
transcript, please. Motion, please.

TRUSTEE VOLPE-RIED: So moved.

TRUSTEE GRACI: I will second.

MAYOR MCGINTY: Motion by  
Trustee Volpe-Ried. Second by  
Trustee Graci. On the motion.

(Whereupon, all Board Members  
voted affirmatively.)

TIME NOTED: 6:54 p.m.



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I, AMY BOGUSZEWSKI, a shorthand  
reporter and Notary Public within and for the  
State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the witness(es) whose testimony  
is hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn by  
me, and the foregoing transcript is a true  
record of the testimony given by such  
witness(es).

I further certify that I am not  
related to any of the parties to this action  
by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way  
interested in the outcome of this matter.



AMY BOGUSZEWSKI

