ORDINANCE O-23-01

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLLEGE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND SHENANDOAH CABLE TELEVISION, LLC

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and Pennsylvania law, the Township of College (“Township”) is authorized to grant franchises to construct, operate and maintain a cable system utilizing public rights-of-way and properties within the Township’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title VI of the Communications Act, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and Pennsylvania law, the Township is authorized to grant and renew franchises to construct, operate and maintain a Cable System utilizing Public Rights-Of-Way and properties within the Township’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC (“Grantee”) has requested that the Township grant the Grantee a franchise to maintain, construct, operate, and maintain its Cable System over, under and along the aforesaid rights-of-ways for use by the Township’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Public Rights-of-Way used by the Grantee are public properties acquired and maintained by the Township on behalf of the citizens of the Township, and the right to use said rights-of-way is a valuable property right; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to protect and manage the aforesaid rights-of-way, establish standards of Subscriber service, maintain a technologically advanced Cable System, receive Franchise Fees for the Grantee’s use of the Township’s public rights-of-ways as provided by federal law, obtain the use of an educational and governmental channel, establish certain reporting requirements, obtain certain complimentary services, provide legal protections for the Township, and meet the current and future cable-related needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that this Agreement and the process for consideration of this Agreement complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the public interest would be served by granting the Grantee a franchise according to the terms and conditions contained herein; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Council, College Township, Centre County, does hereby approve the cable franchise agreement negotiated with the Grantee, including all of the terms and conditions contained therein, and does hereby authorize the execution of such agreement.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 6th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST: TOWNSHIP OF COLLEGE

Adam T. Brumbaugh Carla Stilson
Adam T. Brumbaugh, Secretary Carla Stilson, Chair