

The minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees board meeting held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**In attendance:** Mayor - G. Ostrander, Village Clerk/Treasurer – G. Barnes, Village Attorney S. DiGiorgio, CEO B. Bialek, Fire Chief J. Waufle, Trustees: L. Stern, A. Briggs, B. Bogan

**Not in attendance:** Trustee K. Conners, DPW Superintendent J. Bechy

**Public in attendance:** Patty Louise, Gene Whipple, Sarah Rounds-Kehoe, Jonathan Rounds, Hilary Rounds-Kehoe, Margaret Mangan, Colin Idzi

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
- **B. Bogan made a motion to open Public Hearing** to hear comments on the Spectrum Charter Communications Franchise agreement with the Village of Waterville  
**Motion seconded by L. Stern**                      **Motion Carried**                      Time Open: 7:04pm

No public comment on franchise agreement.

#### **RESOLUTION #2 of 2026**

In the Matter of the Granting of a Cable Television Franchise Held by **Spectrum Northeast, LLC** in the **Village of Waterville, County of Oneida**, New York

An application has been duly made to the Board of the **Village of Waterville, County of Oneida**, New York, by **Spectrum Northeast, LLC**, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"), a limited liability company organized and existing in good standing under the laws of State of Delaware doing business at 6005 Fair Lakes Rd, East Syracuse, NY 13057, for the approval of a renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission.

The franchise renewal agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings.

A public hearing was held in the **Village of Waterville**, New York on February 9, 2026 at 7 P.M. and notice of the hearing was published in the The Waterville Times on January 28, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of the **Village of Waterville** finds that:

1. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and
2. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and
3. Spectrum Northeast, LLC can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of the **Village of Waterville** hereby grants the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the **Village of Waterville** for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and expiring fifteen (15) years hence.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of the **Village of Waterville** hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement.

**B. Bogan made a motion to accept franchise agreement.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – L. Stern                      Carried by all**

The foregoing having received a 4-0 vote was thereby declared adopted.

**Motion to close Public Hearing – A. Briggs    2<sup>nd</sup> – L. Stern    Motion Carried                      Time Closed: 7:07pm**

- **B. Bogan made a motion to approve** the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – A. Briggs                      Motion Carried**
  
- **A. Briggs made a motion to approve** Purchase Orders  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – L. Stern                      Motion Carried**
  
- **L. Stern made a motion to approve** Audit of Expense Abstracts – GEN ABS 1-26-26, 2-9-26, TA ABS 1-26-26, CDBG ABS 1-9-26, CAPITAL ABS 2-9-26, SPEC GRANTS ABS 2-9-26  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – B. Bogan                      Motion Carried**
  
- **L. Stern made a motion to approve** Budget Transfers
  - From contingency to A0.3410.420 - \$7175 (for security cameras)
  - From contingency to A0.8010.400 - \$4500 (for eCode project)**2<sup>nd</sup> – A. Briggs                      Motion Carried**
  
- Public Participation – No public participation
  
- Department Head's Reports
  - Fire Chief
    - Presented applications for 6 new members to the Fire Dept. Sarah Rounds-Kehoe, Jonathan Rounds, Hilary Rounds-Kehoe, Margaret Mangan (present)
    - Meeting with a grant writer to look at a firefighting grant
  - CEO Bialek
    - Gave 1 permit for roof solar panels and a Certificate of Occupancy to an apartment house on Putnam
  
- Trustee's Reports New/Old Business
  - Brian Bogan
    - The Board reviewed all the proposals received for a grant writer for the NY Forward program. The Board voted to hire Barton & Loguidice. Members of the Board had a conference call with B&L representatives. The Village is excited to work with them.
    - Welcomed Colin Idzi, County Legislator, to the board meeting. Mr. Idzi is running for re-election in October 2026. Mayor Ostrander thanked Mr. Idzi for all the help he provided the Village with securing County assistance for Village projects.

- Larry Stern
  - Oriskany Creek Watershed Committee will be meeting on 2/24 at 4:30pm in Westmoreland.
  
- Mayor's Report
  - The County will be celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. The County sent a memo to municipalities regarding plans to celebrate the anniversary. One of the suggestions was a time capsule to commemorate Waterville and Oneida County's 250 years. The Mayor is considering doing a time capsule.
  - The Board has been working on the 2026-27 fiscal year budget. The budget for the upcoming year will be very tight. Expenses have skyrocketed for everyone including the Village.
  
- Adjournment, next meeting will be the Regular Board meeting held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7pm.

**Trustee Bogan made a motion** to adjourn the meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – A. Briggs      Motion Carried      Time Adjourned: 7:28pm**

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Village Clerk's Signature

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Date