VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON
Village Board Meeting Agenda
March 10, 2026
6:00 pm
Port Dickinson Village Hall

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 10, 2026 meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

AUDIT & PAYMENT OF CLAIMS # 16 (2025-2026)
1. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 1-11 for the General Fund for $8,171.32
2. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 11-12 for the Water Fund for $484.57
3. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 11 for the Sewer Fund for $343.49

AUDIT & PAYMENT OF CLAIMS # 17 (2025-2026)
1. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 1-10 for the General Fund for $10,457.84
2. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 6, 8 for the Water Fund for $53.13
3. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 3 for the Sewer Fund for $766.25

COMMUNICATIONS:
Certificate of Liability Insurance received for Joe's Garage

TRUSTEE-COMMISSIONER REPORTS:
Administration/Community Association – Robert Warholic

Moratorium on Chenango St Commercial Corridor Committee
Draft zoning regulations were submitted to Committee members on 2/10/26. Next meeting 3/10/26 at 6:30PM to discuss any additions/deletions/changes to the draft and to schedule a Public Hearing.

Public Works – Michael Cashman, Trustee

Planning –

Public Safety – James DeGennaro, Trustee
Reports attached

Parks, Water & Sewer – Robert Moss, Trustee
Water/Sewer:
Water/sewer arrears: $22,941.59 (shutoff notices will be mailed 3/24/26)
Code change for water shutoff in the winter.
Water flow has increased, 1 leak has been found. The new listening device has been ordered.

Zoning Board of Appeals –

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

1. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOME RULE AUTHORITY AND RESTORATION OF MUNICIPAL STANDING AND STANDARDS IN THE SITING OF MAJOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES

2. Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on 3/10/26 at 6:00PM regarding Proposed Local Law 1-2026, A LOCAL LAW REGARDING LIABILITY FOR INJURIES ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW AND ICE ON SIDEWALKS

3. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP and authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

1. Progressive Insurance claim

ADJOURNMENT

Village of Port Dickinson

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOME RULE AUTHORITY AND RESTORATION OF MUNICIPAL STANDING AND STANDARDS IN THE SITING OF MAJOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES

At a meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson held at Village Hall, 786 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York on the 24th day of February, 2026, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("CLCPA"), which established statewide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, transition to renewable energy, and promote environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the CLCPA, New York State has enacted a series of laws that increasingly curtail the authority of municipalities over local land use and development decisions; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, New York State significantly altered the process for siting major renewable energy facilities and the 2025 New York State Budget included legislation commonly known as the "RAPID Act," which further restructured the State's energy siting laws; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these changes, host municipalities are no longer parties to energy siting proceedings as of right and must instead satisfy procedural thresholds to obtain party status, thereby limiting their ability to meaningfully participate in proceedings that directly affect their communities; and

WHEREAS, even when a host municipality raises concerns about a project's compliance with local laws, the review process may be limited to a public hearing without meaningful examination of disputed issues; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to State law have made it easier to override local laws by replacing a long-standing, balanced standard with one that prioritizes development; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S8119A, entitled the "Community Solar Opportunity and Local Approval Reform" would further erode and encroach upon local municipal home rule authority by placing significant restrictions on local land use laws as they affect distributed generation energy facilities with a nameplate capacity of five thousand kilowatts AC or less; and

WHEREAS, local land use laws are adopted through a democratic process to balance environmental protection, public safety, community character, infrastructure capacity, and quality of life, and environmental and development goals alone should not be the primary or determinative metric for overriding carefully crafted local legislation; and

WHEREAS, the erosion of automatic municipal standing and the weakening of the standard for overriding local laws undermines the principles of home rule enshrined in the New York State Constitution and diminish the ability of municipalities to protect the interests of their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Port Dickinson calls upon the New York State Legislature to revise the State's energy siting laws to restore meaningful municipal participation in decision-making and control over local land use decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village calls upon the New York State Legislature to halt the continued adoption of renewable energy laws that strip municipalities of their constitutionally protected home rule authority.

VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON LOCAL LAW __ - 2026

A LOCAL LAW REGARDING LIABILITY FOR INJURIES ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW AND ICE ON SIDEWALKS

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Dickinson

Section 1. Purpose and Intent.

This Local Law is for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Port Dickinson. This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 201-11(D).

Section 201-11(D) of the Village Code is hereby amended and replaced entirely with the following:

(D) Snow and Ice.

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the case of snow and ice, if within 24 hours after the cessation of every fall of snow or the formation of any ice, the owner or occupant of any premises fails to clear such sidewalk of snow and ice, he shall be in violation of this section unless such time period be extended by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Village by reason of the fact that such ice is too thick to be removed within such twenty-four-hour period, in which event such ice must be removed within such reasonable time as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(2) In addition, the Village may clear such sidewalks of snow and ice if they are not cleared by the owner or occupant within the said 24 hours and assess the Village's cost and expenses thereof against the owner of the adjacent property. Such cost shall be set forth by resolution of the Village Board and if not paid within fifteen days of mailing to the address of the owner as shown on the records of the tax assessor, shall be assessable against the property as a tax thereon. Notice of said cost being charged and potentially assessed on the property owner shall be served by certified or registered mail. Such property owner may appeal the charge and assessment of such cost to the Village Clerk within fifteen days of the date of mailing. The Village Clerk may overturn such assessment if the Village Clerk determines that good cause was shown by the property owner for failure to clear such snow and ice, or that such assessment was issued in error. If in judgment of the Commissioner of Public Works the employees of the Department of Public Works, by reason of their work schedule, are unable to attend to such clearing activities within 24 hours of receipt of said order, then the Code Enforcement Officer may direct a private contractor previously approved by the Board of Trustees to perform such services at the pay schedule previously approved. In such event, the costs of such private contractor shall be assessed on the property owner in the same manner as the costs for the Village to clear such snow and ice.

(3) The Village of Port Dickinson shall not be liable for any injuries resulting from the failure to remove any snow or ice from sidewalks within the Village under any conditions. Said liability shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner of the premises adjoining the sidewalk, provided that this article shall not be deemed to enlarge or create any rights or causes of action respecting any such actual or potential liability.

Section 3. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Village Code of the Village of Port Dickinson shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It

is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Department of State.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional $100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional $100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Port Dickinson applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Port Dickinson urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional $100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Port Dickinson calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Port Dickinson.

Village Water Consumption for : Feb. 26

Read dates:	Binghamton meter	Fenton Large	Fenton Small
2/28/2026	251189	43771619	471296
1/31/2026	250658	43579715	374904
Usage	531	191904	96392

Total cubic ft: 288827

Read dates:	Town of Fenton Sewer Readings
3/2/2026	55520300
2/2/2026	55490500

Total 29800 cu. ft.

Read dates: Wayne Ave. sewer station readings (hours):

	Pump1	Pump 2	Pump 3
3/2/2026	7722	20919	18772
2/2/2026	7696	20891	18746
Totals	26	28	26

Total hrs. 80

The Village of Port Dickinson
Department of Police
Scot McDonald, Chief of Police

Police Department Monthly Report

Report Month:	**February**	Police Commissioner:	**Trustee J. DeGennaro**
Report Year:	**2026**	Chief:	**Scot McDonald**
Report Date:	**03/03/2026**	Deputy Village Clerk:	**Corina M. Beames**

Total Complaints Received:49 (40)
Med calls-5
PDFD-1
Check welfare-1
Building checks-5
Assistance rendered-1
Domestic-1
Harassment-1
Larcency-1
Dispute-2
MVAPD-1
Mental health-1
Noise-1
Fight-1
Suspicious-3
Traffic stop-8
ALT side parking tickets issued-20
Traffic tickets issued-3

Miscellaneous-16 **Includes Assist other agencies, Lockouts, Alarms, Animals, Traffic lights, Information, code enforcement, special details, vacant properties , and Etc.*

491 start mileage:41,176
Ending mileage 42,746
Total:1570

New 492: Start mileage: 3627
Ending : 3628

Report of the CHIEF

February 2026

ALARMS		RESPONSE		TIMES	
Fire	8	Avg Members Response (F)	2	Med Avg	1
EMS	6	Avg Alarm to Response	7.30	0700-1500	7
Standby		Avg Alarm to Arrival	11.20	1500-2300	5
Total	**14**	Total Time in Service (hh:mm)	3:30	2300-0700	2
MUTUAL AID		**LOCATION**		**DOLLAR LOSS/VALUE**	
Given	7	Village of Port Dickinson	5	Fire Loss	
Received	1	Town of Dickinson	2		
Engine 94		Town of Fenton	7	Property Saved	
No Tone		Town of Chenango			
		Town of Kirkwood			
		City of Binghamton			
		Other			
		CASUALTIES		**YTD**	
		Fire Service Injured	0		
		Fire Service Death	0		
		Civilian Injured	0		
		Civilian Death	0		

Alarms

CODE	DESCRIPTION		YTD	CODE	DESCRIPTION			YTD
111	Building Fire	1	2	444	Power Line Down			
114	Chimney Fire	1	1	4441	Power/Cable Line Down			
131	Passenger Vehicle fire			445	Arcing electrical equipment			
142	Brush Fire			520	Water Problem, other		1	1
150	Outside Rubbish Fire			550	Public Service Assistance			
212	Overpressure Steam Boiler			571	Standby/Moveup			
311	Medical Assist, Assist EMS			611	Dispatched, Canceled enroute			1
3001	EMS Incident, No Response	5	12	651	Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke		1	1
321	EMS Incident, Except MVA	1	2	700	False Call, False Alarm, Other			
322	MVA w/ Injury	1	1	714	False Alarm - Malicious			
323	Vehicle vs Ped Accident			735	Alarm Activation - Malfunction			1
324	MVA w/out Injuries			745	Alarm Activation - Unintentional		3	8
350	Rescue/Extrication, other			746	CO Alarm Activation, No CO			1
355	Confined Space Rescue			800	Severe Weather, other			

412	Gas Leak (NG or LPG)			813	Windstorm Assessment		
4121	Gas Leak, no leak found						
424	Carbon Monoxide Incident						
440	Electrical/Wiring Problem				**TOTAL**	14	31

Report of the Chief
February 2026

SUMMARY	Training Hours Offered	Average Members Present	Total Man Hours
February	6	4	20
YTD Totals	12	7	80
Non Department 35 Training	3		9

TRAINING

Wk	Date	Lesson	Training Hours Offered	Members Present	Total Man Hours
	2/2/2026	Hydrant Shoveling	2	5	10
	2/9/2026	Monthly Meeting		6	0
	2/16/2026	Fire Scene Communications	2	3	6
	2/23/2026	Hand tool overview and practice	2	2	4