

**Village of Port Dickinson
Monthly Board Meeting
September 22, 2026**

Officers Present:	Mayor	Kevin Burke
	Trustees	Michael Cashman
		James DeGennaro
		Rob Moss
	Attorney	Robert Ibrahim
	Treasurer	Sandra Reifler
	DPW/Water Dept	Scott Jokel
		John Broughton

Absent:	Trustees	Robert Warholc
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Kevin Burke

PUBLIC HEARING:

Village of Port Dickinson Cable Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications.

Motion by Trustee Cashman, seconded by Trustee DeGennaro, to close the Public Hearing.

AYE CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, MOSS

NAY NONE

Motion by Trustee DeGennaro, seconded by Trustee Cashman, as follows:

STATE OF NEW YORK
Village of Port Dickinson
County of Broome

In the Matter of the Granting of a Cable Television Franchise Held by Spectrum Northeast, LLC in the Village of Port Dickinson, County of Broome, New York

RESOLUTION

An application has been duly made to the Board of the Village of Port Dickinson, County of Broome, 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 Port Dickinson**, New York on September, 22, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. and notice of the hearing was published in the Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin on September 17, 2026

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Village of Port Dickinson 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 Port Dickinson hereby grants the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Village of Port Dickinson 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 Port Dickinson hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement.

AYE CASHMAN, DEGENNARO, MOSS
NAY NONE

AUDIT & PAYMENT OF CLAIMS # 8 (2026-2027)

1. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 1-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13-14, 16-19 for the General Fund for \$8,702.01
Motion by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee DeGennaro to pay vouchers as listed
AYE DEGENNARO, MOSS, WARHOLIC
NAY NONE

2. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 2, 5, 9, 12, 15 for the Water Fund for \$1,827.80
Motion by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee Cashman to pay vouchers as listed
AYE DEGENNARO, MOSS, WARHOLIC
NAY NONE

3. Abstract of Unaudited vouchers numbered 2, 12 for the General Fund for \$1,196.49

Motion by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee DeGennaro to pay vouchers as listed
AYE DEGENNARO, MOSS, WARHOLIC
NAY NONE

HEARING REGARDING DISPUTED BILL FOR 706 CHENANGO STREET

Present:	Mayor	Kevin Burke
	Trustees	Michael Cashman
		James DeGennaro
		Rob Moss

**Attorney
Treasurer**

**Robert Ibrahim
Sandra Reifler**

DPW/Water Dept

**Scott Jokel
John Broughton**

**Attorney - Douglas Walter Drazen
Homeowner - Shaheen Kasham**

Clerk Fox presented:

- Water bills for the property dated:
11/1/2025 (for the period 8/1/25-10/31/25)
2/1/26 (for the period 11/1/25-1/31/26)
5/1/26 (for the period 2/1/26-4/30/26)
8/1/26 (for the period 5/1/26-7/31/26)
- Notice of Water Shutoff dated March 26, 2026
Notice of Water Shutoff dated June 24, 2026
- Affidavit of Service showing Notice of Water Shutoff was affixed to the front door of 706 Chenango St dated March 26, 2026
- Copy of Police Report dated 4/1/26, neighbor reported possible sign of entry into the home that was expected to be vacant.
- Printed email from James Pierce to Clerk Fox with attached water meter testing results and an explanation of the test result.

Clerk Fox explained the billing process in response to Attorney Drazen as follows:

Water Dept. remotely reading meters with an iPad tablet and uploaded using Neptune 360 software

Clerk downloads reading into a water/sewer billing program (Williamson Law Book Co.)

Clerk and Deputy Clerk visually review summary report, print and mail bills.

Clerk Fox reported a phone conversation with the property owner on 5/3/26 as follows:

I spoke with the owner, Shaheen Kasham, of 706 Chenango St this morning. She states that she returned to the home from NYC on 4/28. She discovered that she had no hot water so she called a neighbor. The neighbor came to her home and found that the water heater, or a pipe near it, was flooding the basement. The water was turned off and she had the issue repaired.

Ms. Kasham states that she is unaware of “how things work” as she has always lived in NYC. She requested an adjustment to her bill. I told her that she is responsible for the water and sewer lines from the curb box and there is no adjustment possible. I gave her the date and time of the 5/12 Village Board Meeting meeting.

Water Dept Employee Scott Jokel reported that he shut off the water on April 9, 2026 and turned the water back on on April 21, 2026.

Water Dept Employee John Broughton presented and discussed:

- Village water consumption reports for the months Feb, Mar & Apr 2026
- Inspection report from 8/28/26 and 5 photos.

- Photos showed silt on the basement floor and water meter and cracks in the floor
- Water mark on the basement wall near the water heater
- Sump pump in the basement

Mr. Broughton explained:

- a curb box and how water is turned on at the box as requested by Attorney Drazen.
- Process of water meter removal, shipping to testing company (TiSales) and testing results

Attorney Drazen presented:

- Copy of flight itinerary by the claimant on 1/27/26 to Dubai and return on 2/18/26 to NYC.
- Receipt for security cameras
- Copy of proposal and cancelled checks to Tieback Construction for replacement of plumbing lines, replacement of 2 hot water tanks and installation of sump pump
- 2 photos of hot water heater

Homeowner stated that she was out of the country until 2/18/26 and no one else was in the house. She initially stated that she returned around 4/19/26 and then stated that she was at the house 1 day in March. She said that when she was there in March she inspected the house and there were no leaks. Homeowner stated that when she returned around 4/19/26 she had no water. She contacted the Village Office on 4/21 and the water was turned back on. At that time she had no hot water. She said that there was a little water on the floor in the basement and she shut the water off. The leak was repaired by a handyman the owner could not identify. She did not know where the leak occurred. She also stated that the pilot light was out on the water heater.

Attorney Drazen requested information on sewer billing and why that amount was so much higher on the billing. Mayor Burke explained the issues with the Bing/JC Sewage Treatment Plant and Clerk Fox explained the current water and sewer charges. Attorney Drazen questioned the homeowner regarding fixtures and appliances in the home which used water. She stated that she had 1 toilet and no appliances.

Home was purchased by the current owner in 2024. She was told when she purchased the home that there had been a flood with water in the basement.

Board discussion:

The meter's been tested and retested. The bill went up and then when the plumber came in, the unknown plumber came in, the bill went back to normal. There don't seem to be any facts to indicate that the water did not flow through the meter.

Motion by Trustee Cashman, seconded by Trustee Moss to deny an adjustment to the water bill dated May 1, 2026 for 706 Chenango St.

AYE: BURKE, CASHMAN, MOSS

NAY: DEGENNARO

Motion by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee Cashman to adjourn at 6:40 PM

AYE CASHMAN, MOSS, DEGENNARO

NAY NONE

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Fox, Village Clerk