

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Public Hearing about the Spectrum Franchise Agreement at 6:45 on the 11th day of February, 2026, followed by a Public Hearing about the Solar Law and a Regular Monthly Meeting starting at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Ted Feury	Supervisor
Pat Kennedy	Deputy Supervisor
Tom Craig	Councilperson
Deb Dalton	Councilperson
Jay Bosley	Councilperson

Also Present:

Bill Hribar	Hwy Superintendent
Molly Hernandez	Town Clerk
Will Green	Town Attorney

Supervisor Feury called the public hearing to order at 6:48pm.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for comments on the Spectrum Franchise Agreement.

Samuel Parker, from Spectrum Public Affairs, introduced himself. There were no other public comments so Deputy Supervisor Kennedy began asking her questions. She asked why they were operating on our property with an expired agreement. Sam indicated they have the right to operate under a lapsed agreement under the Cable Agreement Act from 1994. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy also asked about a map, which Parker indicated he is having produced right now and will be sending to the board shortly. Highway Superintendent Hribar asked about right of way of poles and wiring. Parker indicated that Hribar will be given a direct line of someone to speak with when there are lines down or issues. Kennedy indicated that the Town personnel has had a very poor experience with Spectrum answering the phone when we have had many issues. Parker said he will share his number with the Council for them to have to contact directly. Councilperson Craig asked about the 15 year agreement, and Parker indicated that we could go down to 10 years instead but that is the lowest. Parker spoke about how this is specifically about the cable television agreement. Kennedy asked how many customers they have for cable television through Spectrum. Supervisor Feury asked if there was a report we could get with the data of the summary of revenue. Parker estimated 275 customers, but he will get a real report of that. Attorney Green asked if the franchise fee was collected from the constituents, which Parker said yes to. Matt Glynn asked how it works when your internet and cable are bundled. Parker indicated that there would be a line item for cable, and it would be on that line item where the fee would be.

Supervisor Feury closed the floor for further public comment on the Spectrum Franchise Agreement.

**MOTION** Councilperson Bosley moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Craig.

**MOTION CARRIED** Councilperson Dalton, Councilperson Bosley, Councilperson Craig, and Supervisor Feury voted yes. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy abstained because the weather was poor so she worried some people were not able to attend who would have liked to have comment about this matter.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for comments on the proposed Regulating Solar Energy Systems Law.

Eileen Kukemberger 493 County Highway 26 said she is very happy with the work done on the Solar Law and they are grateful. They think it will serve us well.

Supervisor Feury closed the floor for comments on the proposed Solar Law.

**MOTION** Councilperson Craig moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Dalton.

**MOTION CARRIED** All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** by Councilperson Bosley, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, to approve the minutes/reports of December 16th, January 14th, and January 28th as written.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for comments.

No comments.

Supervisor Feury closed the floor for further public comment.

Discussion with Spectrum Representative Samuel Parker regarding the Franchise Agreement continued between Parker and the Council. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy asked Parker to provide a copy of the Right of Way Agreement. Councilperson Craig asked what the lowest number of years is that they would agree to in the agreement, and Parker said 7 years.

Supervisor Feury presented correspondence received since last month's meeting. He received a couple more calls on tax increases, which he has been able to explain and they are all understanding of the answers. The Mayor of Cooperstown said they are looking for a copy of our check and invoice from 2023 and 2025 as part of the contract to support Dr. Yokota as the Scientific Adviser to the Watershed Supervisory Committee.

Councilperson Dalton brought forward correspondence asking for the Council to consider passing a resolution to review delivery charges by NYSEG.

Supervisor Feury also shared correspondence from Paul Lord regarding the Town budget for a watershed role.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy noted that correction was necessary because the Town cannot pay sales tax. The sales tax portion of one request for payment was not approved however, the individual who submitted the voucher was informed.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to pay the bills as corrected and make the necessary transfers:

General: Vouchers #24-31	\$5,113.89
Hwy: Vouchers #30-43	\$9,584.94

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury submitted a Financial Report which was reviewed by the Town Board.

General Checking:	\$26,695.43	HWY Checking:	\$82,624.06
General NYClass Inv:	\$489,100.11	HWY NYClass Inv:	\$1,554,287.40
Hwy Equip. Reserve:	\$130,887.03	Building Reserve:	\$43,085.69
ARPA: -0-		Special Lighting Dist.:	\$2,999.70

Supervisor Feury said there is more money now because the property taxes have all been collected. All taxes have been paid to the Town, and are now being paid out to the County. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy made mention of the NYAOT training indicating that investing the money while we aren't going to use it for a while would be smart. Supervisor Feury indicated the NYCLASS account has a higher rate of return.

Planning Board member Matt Glynn gave a report on the Planning Board.

Supervisor Feury indicated that there was no ZEO's Report submitted.

Dog Control Report was given by Clerk Hernandez. Nothing to report for this month.

Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

- Check returned which was a double payment from Heidelberg from 2024
- A rough sketch is needed of the underground gas storage facility, which Deputy Supervisor Kennedy will look into
- Truck info needed that Deputy Supervisor Kennedy requested.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Highway Committee. A ".gov" email is needed for the Highway Superintendent, which Supervisor Feury indicated he will make. Another committee member is wanted.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Bosley, to approve the 284 Agreement prepared by the Highway Superintendent.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

There will be another Highway Education Open House in the Spring of 2026. The CSEA contract will be discussed, as well as possible changes to the health insurance plan.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Land Use Committee. Only two people showed up for the last meeting. A new chair for the Committee is needed as Tom Huntsman would like to be replaced.

Supervisor Feury read a report from Watershed Town Representative Paul Lord on WSC (Watershed Committee) activity. A meeting was recommended by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy between the Council and Lord to discuss what the Town is willing to do.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Comprehensive Plan. It is close to being done.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Climate Smart Committee. It's a very small committee, and they would like more members. They have doable action plans to earn more points.

Councilperson Craig reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. There is a list of potential members, and items to be addressed. Kennedy requested that the sound issue for meetings be addressed as well as ADA issues.

Supervisor Feury reported on Old Business.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement will be tabled for now until Parker provides us with the additional information and documents requested.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy presented a resolution on Regulating Solar Energy Systems.

### **Resolution 3 of 2026**

### **Resolution for the adoption of Local Law 1 of 2026**

### **Town of Otsego Regulating Solar Energy Systems**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Otsego recognizes the importance of renewable energy and aims to encourage solar development while protecting community welfare.

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego has been working on a solar law for the town of Otsego for more than two years, holding bi-weekly citizen advisory meetings and has reviewed, among other laws covering this topic, the Model Solar Energy Local Law provided by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and other NYS towns, including but not limited to: the towns of Duanesburg and Cherry Valley.

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this local law will provide clear regulations for solar installations, promoting safe, efficient, and aesthetically integrated solar energy Systems.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, entitled "A Local Law of the town of Otsego Regulating Solar Energy Systems" ready for presentation to the public at a duly noticed public hearing to be held on February 11, 2026 after circulation to the County planning board pursuant to GML 239 for comment and comment having been Received,

**WHEREAS**, this action constitutes a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and a review has been duly undertaken by the Town Board and provided to the County Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Otsego, County of Otsego, State of New York, as follows:

**1. ADOPTION:** The Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2026, "A Local Law Establishing Regulations for Solar Energy Systems," attached hereto as Exhibit A, to become effective as provided by law.

**2. LEGAL AUTHORITY:** This local law is adopted pursuant to New York Town Law §261 et seq. and Municipal Home Rule Law §10, granting authority for zoning and protecting public health, safety, and welfare.

**3. FILING:** The Town Clerk is directed to file certified copies of this resolution and the adopted local law with the New York Secretary of State, as required by law.

**4. ADMINISTRATION:** The Town Zoning Enforcement Officer is directed to

administer and enforce this new local law.

DATED: February 11, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Molly Hernandez, Town Clerk

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy to adopt Resolution #3 and Local Law 1 of 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Dalton.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, Councilperson Dalton, Councilperson Craig and Councilperson Bosley vote yes. Supervisor Feury voted no.

Highway Crew Health Insurance was discussed at the Work Session meeting with an insurance representative. Switching to an HRA plan will save the Town money. The Highway Crew was meeting with Kevin, the insurance representative, this morning to discuss the new plan and answer any questions. Attorney Green will look over the LBS agreement.

There was no new business.

Supervisor Feury adjourned the meeting.

Next scheduled Town Council working meeting will be held on February 25, 2026 at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Hernandez

Town Clerk