

Town Board Minutes  
March 10, 2026

The monthly town board meeting held on March 10, 2026, at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Council; Colby Petersen, Bruce Henderson, Kathleen McGrath, Robert Miller

Others present: George Thompson, George Dowse, Grant Downs, Donna Rae Sutherland, District Legislator Richard Willson, Dwight James, Tim Chambers

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

**February minutes:** Motion by Mr. Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. McGrath to approve February 10<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting minutes, carried.

Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson, to approve the February 26<sup>th</sup> minutes for Local Law 2/26 Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption, carried.

**Abstract of vouchers** - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts.

Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Miller that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 13,103.06 be paid, carried.

Motion by Ms. McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson, the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$24,036.62 be paid, carried.

Supervisor presented **Charter Communications Franchise**

**Agreement,** In the Matter of the Granting of a Cable Television Franchise Held by Spectrum Northeast, LLC in the Town of Torrey, County of Yates, New York

An application has been duly made to the Board of the Town of Torrey, County of Yates, 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 815 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY 13210, 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.

Motion by Ms. McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Miller for a public hearing to be held on Charter Communications Franchise Agreement to be held in the Town of Torrey, New York on April 14 at 7:30 P.M. and notice of the hearing to be posted, carried by all.

**Highway Report-** Tim Chambers reported plans to schedule paving Townline (Torrey) end at same time as the Town of Benton paving their end of Townline Rd. Received only one bid so far, from Midland for \$ 159,000. for 1.3 miles of roadway. Discussion on paving only to Quenan Rd. which would save the Town money. Discussion on Chips carry over money. During budget time 200,000 was earmarked to pay for 2026 Plow/sander Dump truck scheduled to arrive this summer.

Went to Big Flats for a highway superintendent meeting with Senator O'Mara regarding CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) Allotment for 2026.

Torrey 3 truck would not start for sanding one morning the other trucks handed the extra roadwork. Yates County sent down a mechanic who found the Fuel shut off solenoid needed replacement and had one at their shop. Truck repaired. Tree removal on Long Pt. Rd.

Mr. Petersen reported Yates County Soil & Water is applying for a grant to purchase 11' carbide snowplow blades to attach on plows which would better clear tire tracks. (1 set per town) Mr. Chambers stated a couple of towns are using the blades now and are impressed with the results.

**Code Report-** Dwight James reported 2 C of O issued, 1 Violation complaint, attended Code school in Rochester. Traveled 42 miles.

**Assessor Report-** Stephanie Holtz 2 sales for January and 2 sales for February.

**WD 1 Report-**Jayson Hoover submitted report of testing lines.

**Dresden Fire Dept** - Chief Jeremy Henries submitted fire call report. 1 fire call-stand by, 7 EMS calls, 2 MVA

Mayor Brian Flynn gave town board copies of 2026 Fire Budget proposal from the Fire Dept. and PT-21 Fact sheet for review. No action taken. Budget time in August, town board will meet with the village board

**Perry Point Water District-** Supervisor presented  
"SEQRA NOTICE OF INTENT TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF  
TORREY WATER DISTRICT 2.

On the motion of Supervisor Martini seconded by Mr. Petersen, the following resolution was adopted by the Town Board of Torrey, New York.

**Whereas,** the proposed project will include a total of 14,500 linear feet of 8 and 12 inch water main installed along portions of Pery Point Road and Kings Hill Road which will serve approximately 70 residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural properties; and

**Whereas,** in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA), and the Town Board of Torrey intends to serve as Lead Agency for SEQRA review of this Type 1 Action and will determine if the proposed action will have significant effect on the environment, and

**Whereas,** the Lead Agency will undertake a coordinate review of this proposed action.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Town Board hereby designates its intention to serve as Lead Agency for the proposed action and will circulate Lead Agency Notice along with Part 1 of the Long Form Environmental Assessment Form and any other supporting documentation to all Agencies. These Agencies shall be given 30 days from the mailing of the Lead Agency Notice to consent. Interested Agencies will be given notice, but not required to consent pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6

Roll Call Vote: Martini Aye, Petersen Aye, Henderson Aye, McGrath Aye, Miller Aye. 5 Ayes 0 Nays Adopted.

**Planning Board-**Chairman George Dowse gave the board a report. Presently reviewing zoning districts a approved use tables. Need to define light industrial district. Suggestion to use and overlay map on each district.

Reviewed the sound table and need to add dbA weighted. Need to arrive at number for short-term rental permits.

**Water District 1-**Surplus equipment. Supervisor spoke with engineer for Town of Benton proposed Angus Point District. There is a need for some of the surplus on that project.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule** Grant Downs reported 47 letters were sent out to Town and Village businesses for items to place in capsule. Also needed is a short-term rental directive. Have the Yates County Hazardous Mitigation Plan to insert.

Discussion: what to use for the capsule, Yeti, Plastic pipe, stainless steel capsule. Dedication plans are underway, site for time capsule to be determined.

Richard Willson District Legislator reported Yates County has an Ad Hoc Committee working on plans for Public Safety building.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. McGrath seconded Mr. Henderson carried at 9:13PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Daggett