

**A Public Hearing held to present the Special Franchise Contract between Spectrum/Charter Communications and the Town of Thurston, County of Steuben, and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7578 County Route 333 on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2026 at 6:45 p.m.**

**Present:** Town Supervisor: Michael Volino  
Town Council: Daniel Gee, Holly Chase, Noel Sylvester, Jennifer Hargrave  
Highway Superintendent: Alan Crooker  
Assessor: Diana Dixon

**Visitors:** Caleb Cook, Dolores Crooker, Tim Hargrave, Lisa Hargrave, Jeff Sweeney, Eva Turner, Jim Feldman, Sam Dick

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45 p.m. This was published in the official newspaper as required on January 13, 2026 as well as being posted on the website and the official Town Bulletin Board.

Jeff Sweeney e-mailed a letter to the Town Supervisor expressing his displeasure with Spectrum and asked that it be entered into the minutes. He said Spectrum does not benefit all the residents of Thurston and only benefits Spectrum.

Michael Volino said they only have 40 residential customers in Thurston and the only way they pay the 5% franchise fee is if we ask for it, which we did. When asked what happens if we do not sign the contract, Michael noted they would probably cancel service in the area.

There was no further public comment.

Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave and seconded by Noel Sylvester that the public hearing be closed at 6:50 p.m. The vote was unanimously passed by all members present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Sue Conklin, Town Clerk