

**GUILDERLAND TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

*JANUARY 20TH, 2026*

*7:00 pm*

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Guilderland was held at the Town Hall, Route 20, McCormick’s Corners, Guilderland, NY, on the above date at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Peter Barber and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Lynne Buchanan, Town Clerk, showed the following to be present:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

Also Present:                      Town Attorney James Melita

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Supervisor Barber thanked everyone for attending this evening’s meeting. He pointed out the emergency exits and requested that cell phones and pagers be turned off due to noise issues, as the meetings are broadcast live over public access. The Town Board meeting is recorded and indexed and will be available on the Town’s website.

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**Public Hearing** to consider the proposed renewal of the franchise agreement between the Town and Spectrum Northeast, LLC

Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in the Altamont Enterprise on January 8th and January 15th, 2026, with the same being posted on January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 21st, 2026, on the Town Clerk’s signboard and the town’s website.

Supervisor Barber opened the Public Hearing at **7:01** pm.

Town Attorney Melita stated that this agreement between the Town and Charter Communications (Spectrum) represents the culmination of extensive negotiations, ensuring that the terms are favorable to the community and comply with all relevant federal and state regulations. This 10-year agreement includes a franchise fee equal to 5% of the annual Gross Revenue and a \$25,000 PEG grant to be used to upgrade and/or repair the Town’s A/V equipment.

**Public Comment:**

Karen White asked how much the 5% was last year. Supervisor Barber stated that he would get back to her with that amount. She added that Supervisor Barber’s name was on the letter regarding any issues a resident may have. He stated that he forwards any such questions directly to the IT Department.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Barber closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm.

**MOTION # 29** Supervisor Barber moved to **Close the public hearing at 7:06 pm.** Councilman Crawford seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford	Aye
Councilwoman Beedle	Aye
Councilwoman Santos	Aye
Councilman McDonald	Aye
Supervisor Barber	Aye

**MOTION # 30** Councilman Santos moved to **Approve the renewal of the franchise agreement between the Town and Spectrum Northeast, LLC.** Councilwoman Beedle seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote.

Councilman Crawford	Aye
Councilwoman Beedle	Aye
Councilwoman Santos	Aye
Councilman McDonald	Aye
Supervisor Barber	Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 of 2026**

(Renewal of Franchise Agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC and Town)

WHEREAS, an application was filed by Spectrum Northeast, LLC with the Town Board 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.

WHEREAS, 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.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and held by the Town Board at 7 pm on January 20th, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the franchise renewal agreement is in the best interests of the Town and its residents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Guilderland hereby approves the signing of the franchise renewal agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Town of Guilderland 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 Town Board hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement.

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**Public Comment:**

**Robyn Gray** asked about the Comprehensive Plan filing. Peter confirmed that all filings have been completed. Ms. Gray asked whether the Conservation Advisory Committee could be renamed the Wemple Conservation Advisory Committee, in honor of John Wemple, the former chairperson of the committee.

Councilman Crawford suggested dedicating a trail at a town park in John Wemple’s name since he was such an advocate for parks and trails.

Andrea Pavlostathis commented on an issue that occurred at her home on Christmas Eve.

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Consider approving the Town Board’s regular meeting minutes from the January 6th, 2026, Organizational Meeting.

**MOTION #31** Councilman Crawford moved to **Approve the minutes of the Town Board’s January 6th, 2026, Organizational meeting.** Councilwoman Beedle seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Presentation**

Chinese Lunar 2026 New Year by Wei Qin, President, Asian Arts New York

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**Agenda Item No. 1**

Consider approving the Conservation Advisory Council 2025 Annual Report and authorizing its submission to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

**MOTION #32** Councilman McDonald moved to **Approve the Conservation Advisory Council 2025 Annual Report, and authorizing its submission to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.** Councilwoman Beedle seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Agenda Item No. 2**

Consider amending the list of 2026 liaisons by adding Jacob Crawford as a second liaison to the YMCA and amending the list of 2026 appointments by adding Don Lindley as the Highway Department’s liaison to the Traffic Safety Committee.

**MOTION #33** Councilman McDonald moved to **Approve amending the list of 2026 liaisons by adding Jacob Crawford as a second liaison to the YMCA and amending the list of 2026 appointments by adding Don Lindley as the Highway Department’s liaison to the Traffic Safety Committee.** Councilwoman Beedle seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle

Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald11  
Supervisor Barber

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**Agenda Item No. 3**

Consider authorizing the Transfer Station to issue a request for bids for yard waste grinding and removal, as requested by the Transfer Station Superintendent.

**MOTION #34:** Councilman Crawford moved to **Authorize the Transfer Station to issue a request for bids for grinding and removing yard waste, as requested by the Transfer Station Superintendent.** Councilman McDonald seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Agenda Item No. 4**

Consider authorizing the Transfer Station to sponsor the Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, from 8 am to 2 pm, as requested by the Transfer Station Superintendent.

**MOTION #35** Councilman Santos moved to **Authorize the Transfer Station to sponsor the Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, from 8 am to 2 pm, as requested by the Superintendent of the Transfer Station.** Councilman Crawford seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Agenda Item No. 5**

Consider approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and CSEA Unit A, as recommended by the Town Comptroller.

**MOTION #36** Councilman Crawford moved to **Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and CSEA Unit A, as recommended by the Town Comptroller.** Councilman Santos seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Agenda Item No. 6**

Consider approving the 2025-2026 Animal Control Sheltering Contract between the Town and The Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, as recommended by the Chief of Police.

**MOTION #37** Councilman Santos moved to **Approve the 2025-2026 Animal Control Sheltering Contract between the Town and The Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, as recommended by the Chief of Police.** Councilman Crawford seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Agenda Item No. 7**

Consider approving the permanent appointment of Seth Johnson for the position of Emergency Medical Technician in the Department of Emergency Medical Services, as recommended by the Personnel Assistant.

**MOTION #38** Councilman McDonald moved to **Approve the permanent appointment of Seth Johnson for the position of Emergency Medical Technician in the Department of Emergency Medical Services, as recommended by the Personnel Assistant.** Councilman Crawford seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Agenda Item No. 8**

Consider amending the Town’s 2026 budget, pursuant to NYS Town Law § 112, and approving the appointment of Ted Raymond for the position of Training Center Operator, as recommended by the Town Comptroller.

**MOTION #39** Councilman Crawford moved to **Approve amending the Town’s 2026 budget, pursuant to NYS Town Law § 112, and approving the appointment of Ted Raymond for the position of Training Center Operator, as recommended by the Town Comptroller.** Councilman McDonald seconded the motion, and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Crawford  
Councilwoman Beedle  
Councilwoman Santos  
Councilman McDonald  
Supervisor Barber

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**Adjourn**

**MOTION #40** Supervisor Barber moved to **Adjourn the January 20th, 2026, Regular meeting at 7:56 pm.** Councilman McDonald seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Next meeting February 3rd, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Buchanan, RMC  
Town Clerk