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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

February 26, 2026

RESOLUTION #55 -26

STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES. DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS: Residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Village of Newark Valley are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS: A substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and

WHEREAS: Electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS: The Village Board has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS: Rural and low-density communities such as the Village of Newark Valley are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS: The Village Board finds that continues approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability

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protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Village of Newark Valley Board of Trustees formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increase, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG customers; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Village Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from NYSEG, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increase and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Village Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto taxpayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Village Mayor is hereby authorized and direct to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Village and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Village Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by NYSEG, and to encourage coordinated action among affected towns and villages.

MOTION: **SACK**

SECOND: **GIBLIN**

ROLL CALL:

Foster **Y** Giblin **Y** Mooney **Y** Sack **Y** Wandell **E**

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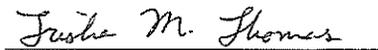
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I, Pamela Benthin, Clerk of the Village of Newark Valley, do hereby certify that I have compared the within copy with the original thereof, and that the same is a true and exact copy and of the whole thereof, Resolution #55-26 at the February 26, 2026, meeting.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the Village of Newark Valley, New York this 2nd day of March 2026.



Pamela M. Benthin
Clerk-Treasurer



Trisha Thomas
Witness