

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
APRIL 17, 2023**

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**LOCATION:
VILLAGE HALL
77 MAIN STREET, WARWICK, NY**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Mary Collura, and Tom McKnight. Also, present was Village Clerk Raina Abramson, Village Treasurer Sadie Becker, Village Attorney Stephen Gaba and DPW Supervisor Mike Moser. Others present: Thomas Scott, Scot Brown, Alan Held, Donna Douglas, Dennis Williams, John Johansen, and Barbara Johansen.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The Village Clerk held the roll call.

Mayor Newhard stated that this evening there will be two public hearings – the Tentative Budget for the Village of Warwick for FY 2023-24 and the proposed application for the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program for FY-2024.

1. Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of the Village of Warwick for FY 2023-24.

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing.

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2023, will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY at which time and place all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the Tentative Budget will be available for review on the Village's website, www.villageofwarwick.org beginning April 7, 2023. Hard copies will be made available to the public by mail upon receipt of written request.

The compensation proposed to be paid to each member of the Village Board is as follows:

Mayor	\$ 56,487.42
Deputy Mayor	\$ 10,053.49
Trustees	\$ 8,478.17 (each)

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK**

RAINA ABRAMSON, VILLAGE CLERK

Dated: April 7, 2023

Mayor Newhard: To start out with, I've asked Village Treasurer, Sadie Becker, if she would give us a summary of the tax levy.

Sadie Becker: The Village of Warwick stayed under the 2% tax cap for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024. The calculation is based on the following: the tax levy from the prior year \$4,158,804, the tax base growth factor for 2023 was 1.0023, prior year receivables of PILOT payments \$88,275, the allowable tax levy growth factor for 2023 of 1.02, and the PILOTs receivable for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024, of \$88,275 and the available carryover for fiscal year ending May 31, 2023, is \$1,000. So, that makes the 2% tax levy limit \$4,254,502.

Mayor Newhard: Very good, thank you. I'll give a highlight of this year's coming budget. I'm pleased to report, this was definitely a task, that the Village has remained within the 2% cap for fiscal year 2023/24. As defined by law the allowable levy growth is 2% or the inflation factor (CPI) whichever is lower. The current CPI is 8.06%. The cap can be overridden by Board resolution.

I want to say, the difficulty was really about the costs of our lives, the costs of things, the cost of doing projects, the cost of materials, labor, everything has just skyrocketed and so the 2% cap was put into place pre-COVID, I forget how many years at this point, but quite some time, with no alteration or no understanding of inflation so that's definitely a task for not only our municipality but every municipality in New York State.

Some highlights of this year's Budget. The Wastewater Plant Improvements Plan is a 12-million-dollar project. The Village received a 3-million-dollar grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. Through the Sewer Plant Improvements Land Tax, we are able to save on a yearly basis those funds that will be used to repay the anticipated 15-year long term bond.

The Village Budget is divided into three categories: The General Fund, the Water Fund, which includes purification and distribution, and the Sewer Fund.

Under the General Fund projects this year include: Village Hall upgrades, a new pole barn at the General Garage to replace a construction trailer. In Streets and Roads, this year's budget includes the following: South Street Sidewalk repair between Second and Third, a purchase of a Mason Dump Truck and paving of the following streets: South St. Ext., Welling Avenue, Church Street, Cherry Street, Crescent Avenue. Under Storm Sewers, Country Lane is slated for improvements. In Parks, new and replacement cameras at multiple areas in Stanley Deming Park locations, new Toolcat attachments, backpack blowers, weedwhackers, push mowers, and the continuation of the Memorial Park Master Plan and implementation of the first stage proposals of that plan. The

following are grant applications with anticipated funding of \$150, 220. They include: HUD CDBG - South Street ADA sidewalks; NYS DEC grant for (2) Charging Stations; LGRMIF Records Management; and a NYS Justice Court - Courtroom improvements. Some grant applications that have been submitted include RAISE Grant for Sidewalk improvement planning and that's a federal grant. If we receive that grant, the implementation probably won't be until the next fiscal year so it's not exactly part of this budget. Other highlights included in the General Fund are the creation of a Village-wide newsletter and also community outreach on speeding, which is an issue we've been contesting with an continue to deal with and as a Board we really feel that a campaign is very necessary to really make it apparent that it is an issue, and we want to see resolution on some levels.

In the Water Fund projects under Purification they include Well #3 construction including a new sewer line connection; Well #2 module replacement; Maple Avenue Pump Station relocation. Under Transmission: water shed land acquisition, water meter replacement, re-roofing at the Water Treatment Plant. Our grant applications include USEPA Lead Service Line Inventory; LOCAP/DASNY Maple Avenue Pump Station relocation; NYS DEC WQIP Reservoir Land Acquisition. All of these totaling an anticipated \$1,138,150. A recent grant submission not included in anticipated funding is the Community Project Funds through the Office of Congressman Pat Ryan for Well#3.

The Sewer Fund includes the following projects: Sewer Pump Stations chemical handling equipment, electric motor equipment, replacement of secondary return pumps. For the Sewer Collection System are included purchase of a sewer jet truck, repairs to RBC units and an Inflow and Infiltration Study. In Grant applications is the Inflow and Infiltration Study for \$80,000.

The proposed Water/Sewer rates for 2023/24 are a 6% increase on In-Village Water Rates and 2% increase on In-Village Sewer Rates.

I would like to thank the Village Board, Department Heads, Village Accountant Michael Venieri, Village Treasurer Sadie Becker, and Deputy Treasurer Denise Bulnes for their hard work especially in the face of mounting cost and inflation. We have created a budget that is robust and that stays within the 2% parameters. There is no loss of Village of services and major infrastructure projects continue. In my mind, this is a testament to teamwork and creativity and shared responsibility to the residents of our Village.

So, with that, I'd like to open it up to the public. If you have any questions we are here to respond and to answer. Did I leave out anything, Sadie? Yes, Mr. Scott.

Thomas Scott: Well, you brought up the two items, one about Memorial Park. Now, you're saying that there's multiple phases going off of that.

Mayor Newhard: There will be.

Thomas Scott: There will be, ok.

Mayor Newhard: Yes, because the Comprehensive Master Plan is pretty extensive. Do you want to speak to it?

Trustee Foster: Yes, it's currently still in kind of preliminary draft form but in whatever form it proceeds, we're still going to have to break it into phases because the funding the complete the park plan or implement the park plan is going to have to come from the General Fund and as you heard from the Mayor, we can only cap that at 2% each year and so with inflation and other rising costs, that basically means that ever year we have fewer and fewer dollars to do more. So, we also are exploring partnership opportunities and grant opportunities, but we have identified the things that we think the Village DPW could take on and things that we think we would be able to integrate into future capital improvements provisionally. We will actually have another community meeting on the Master Plan we think a little bit later in May, maybe early May, so we need to figure out that date. But we will do an open house and it will go on the website and stuff for comment and all that.

Thomas Scott: Ok, and the other item you brought up about the speed reports, that's one of the reasons why I came here. I know the cameras have been run for a few months now. Is there anything coming from that? Is this the time to bring it up or come back later?

Mayor Newhard: Well, maybe to talk about it more later on but it is really important to us. Those cameras do give us a certain amount of information. In the budget is to purchase more of that radar equipment but also there's other things that we think would be helpful and we're exploring those, signage and getting the word out but really trying to create a culture of a safer community and how do you do that, how do you slow down pedestrians. The police are trying every way they can, and they've upped their surveillance. I've seen more cars stopped on the side of the road in the past months than ever before.

Thomas Scott: I've seen that also.

Mayor Newhard: Yes, and so that's a good sign, that's a good indicator because word travels fast that you can't speed through the Village of Warwick but it has to be continual and it has to be on many layers for it to be effective and there's physical things we can do to and we're exploring those, whether it's raised pedestrian walkways or there are things that can happen as long as they're Village roads. We don't really have that jurisdiction over the State or County.

But you brought up the other thing in terms of working on the initial implementation stages for the Memorial Park Comprehensive Master Plan. We're also, and within this budget and within this year are going to be working on the Village-wide Comprehensive Master Plan at the

strategies for implementation of that, so that's another very important piece that I did not write down.

Thomas Scott: Ok, thanks.

Trustee Foster: We did the RAISE application that the mayor spoke about a little bit earlier would help us design some of those traffic calming elements but then during my update a little bit later if you stay for the report, I'm going to talk about another grant that we're going to pursue.

Mayor Newhard: Very good. Anyone else who would like to speak to our Board this evening? Board members, anything else you would like to add.

Trustee Cheney: I would just like to mention because where we did have a somewhat more significant increase was in the water and the sewer rates. And a couple of things to point out, we're very dependent upon moving the water and we have to use pumps to do that. The pumps are electric. Everybody knows how much electricity prices have gone up in the past year or two so that's an impact. We use chemicals and the chemical costs for three of the chemicals we use have increased between 45-55% so part of that is the delivery charges that they have to pay. Fuel which we use in our vehicles has increased. So, those are some of the things. I know health care I think has increased about 14% and liability insurance is up about 10%. To see those numbers and to see what we were able to with the General was a tremendous effort and well done, but the water and sewer because of other increasing costs and the things we have to pay for that had to occur the way it did.

Mayor Newhard: Thank you, Barry. Thank you for detailing that, because I think that's really important. Those numbers when you hear them, it really strikes an understanding as to how much costs have risen, especially chemicals. It's pretty incredible.

Tentative Budget of the Village of Warwick for FY 2023-24 – Close Public Hearing

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of the Village of Warwick for FY 2023-24.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

2. Public Hearing on the Proposed Application for the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program for FY-2024.

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
(CDBG – FY-2024)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Village Board of the Village of Warwick will hold a Public Hearing on the 17th day of April 2023 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, New York 10990 on a proposed Application for FY-2024 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Village Board of the Village of Warwick invites public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for funding under the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program.

Under this Program a variety of activities as listed below are eligible for funding:

1. Public works, Public Facilities or Site Improvements
2. Provision of Public Services
3. Code Enforcement
4. Clearance, Demolition and Rehabilitation for Public Use
5. Economic Development
6. Acquisition and disposition of real property for public use
7. Homeownership Assistance
8. Housing Rehabilitation Loan & Grants
9. Special Projects for Elderly and Handicapped
10. Relocation Payments and Assistance

The Village of Warwick will be considering projects to be submitted to the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program. The deadline for submittal is Friday, June 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

The Village of Warwick Village Board will, at the above date, time and place hear all persons interested in the subject matter hereof. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Village Board must be received by the Village Board at or prior to the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted to email address: clerk@villageofwarwick.org through April 17, 2023, until the public hearing is closed.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Raina Abramson, Village Clerk, at (845) 986-2031 or clerk@villageofwarwick.org at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
RAINA ABRAMSON
VILLAGE CLERK
DATED: April 7, 2023

Mayor Newhard: Very good. I'll open it up to the public. If there is a project that you think about or want to talk to the Board about or ask us to look into, this is the moment, but I just want to mention that the guidelines are very strict. There are certain projects that can be funded and many that we would love to fund but cannot. Most of our funding at this point has been about handicap accessibility, removing barriers for people with any kind of challenge and that has been very successful for us. Board?

Trustee Foster: I'm all about accessible sidewalks.

Mayor Newhard: I think later on we have a letter from Community Development about some funding that we received for this coming year, they would like us to spend that money, that funding, so we do have a project for sidewalks for handicap accessibility that's from a previous grant, not a previous year but we received it and this is the time that it's supposed to happen and that's between Second and Third Street, that's a rather large project. It's very involved.

Trustee McKnight: On South.

Mayor Newhard: On South Street, thank you very much. On South Street between Second and Third. And then our desire is to continue on South Street because it's a well-trodden path and it's in poor condition and the Village did apply for that and I believe our ask at the time was approximately \$170k or \$180k. Based on the competitiveness of these grants as well, we did not receive it in the first round. I spoke to Community Development and they said your application was great and the further information was also the possibility or that New York State will be paving 17A and for them to do the crosswalk improvements that they feel is necessary there for handicap accessibility that we would have to furnish the sidewalk on each side of 17A, so that would be South Street Extension and South Street, so right by Larry's Deli. So, what we heard back from Community Development is that they had some money that they could offer for that project, but it would only cover a portion of it so if they do not have any more funds to actually do the entire project then we may go back and then do a grant for the rest of South Street Extension. So, I hope I've been clear. I've been a little bit all over the map there. But the plan is

to try to get handicap accessible sidewalks from Third Street to Galloway and then the very first part of South Street Extension which would really be the parking lot area of Larry's Deli and to date with the amount of money that we did receive, we will only be able to do probably that portion by Larry's Deli and then we'll work back towards Third Street.

Thomas Scott: The question is on the sidewalks of South Street, is it going to be on both sides or just on one side.

Mayor Newhard: Just on one side.

Thomas Scott: Certain areas, certain parts of South Street people have sidewalks on both sides.

Mayor Newhard: Yes.

Thomas Scott: So, it would be the opposite side of the park.

Mayor Newhard: It would be the opposite side of the park. So, there is actually, and we received funding through Community Development to do the pathway work in the park for handicap accessibility to the playground and so that acts almost as a sidewalk but it's internal to the park.

Thomas Scott: There's also, I don't know if you're part of that, but on Park Way, coming across from the park over across the street there's that one crosswalk, it goes right to grass. It doesn't go to a path.

Mayor Newhard: Ok, that's great to know.

Thomas Scott: It's a blacktop sidewalk. It was concrete at one time but it's blacktop. It crosses over but there's no path for people to walk on.

Trustee Foster: Where is this?

Thomas Scott: Right across from Stanley Deming Park right into South Street. You know what I'm talking about, right?

Mike Moser: Absolutely.

Trustee McKnight: Where Park Lane ends.

Thomas Scott: Well, there's nothing there from Park Lane over to the park but people are constantly crossing because they park on Park Lane but over by South Street from this side of South Street going over to Deming Park there's a crosswalk, but it goes right to grass on this side.

Mayor Newhard: Ok. We will take a look at that, but I think Mike is aware of it.

Thomas Scott: They have to clear the sidewalks, so they know exactly where it is.

Mayor Newhard: Right. A poor person in a wheelchair, imagine they go across the street, and they hit grass. So that's something we will look into, thank you. Any other comments?

Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program for FY-2024 – Close Public Hearing

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to close the Public Hearing on the Proposed Application for the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program for FY-2024.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: March 6, 2023, March 9, 2023, and March 20, 2023.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – March 2023 Clerk's Office, Justice Department, Building Department, and the Planning Department. February 2023 Building Department Open Complaint Report and Planning Department Reports.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$171,192.47.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

3. Police Report.

No report at this time.

Announcement

1. The Village of Warwick Celebrates Arbor Day 2023 on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 9:15 a.m. at the Roger Metzger Arboretum at Staley-Deming Park.

Trustee McKnight read the announcement and tree planting ceremony invitation.

2. Warwick Valley Rotary Military Banner Program. Please visit warwickvalleyrotary.org for more information.

Trustee Cheney read the announcement and further explained about the program.

Correspondence

1. Community Development Block Grant FY 2023 Award Letter in the amount of \$75,000 from the Orange County Office of Community Development for the Village of Warwick South Street ADA Sidewalk Improvement Project.

Trustee Cheney noted that the Village wasn't successful when making the application for the \$150k-\$170k project that was going to extend the sidewalks from Third Street to Galloway. It was important to do that because the NYS DOT was expecting the Village to do that so it would coincide with the improvements, they were willing to make at Galloway Road. Trustee Cheney stated that the Mayor was politely persistent and kept in good contact with the Office of Community Development at the County and because of

that when money became available because another project didn't work out, the \$75k was offered to the Village of Warwick.

Discussion

1. Village of Warwick Board of Trustees Rules of Meeting Procedure.

Mayor Newhard explained that the Rules of Meeting Procedure is something the Village never had but with a new Trustee on Board, it was time. Trustee Foster explained that the draft was created almost exactly on NYCOM's recommended approach, but felt they were restrictive in some key areas. The Village Board discussed the Rules of Meeting Procedure and the detailed comments received from Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba. Much discussion ensued regarding the 'Guidelines for Public Comment' portion of the policy. The Board decided to withdraw the motion on this agenda, to revise the Village of Warwick Board of Trustee Rules and Meeting Procedure based on their discussion and recirculate it to the Board for future consideration.

Privilege of the Floor

Please limit your comments to **three (3)** minutes. If reading a document, please submit a copy to the Clerk. Please note all remarks must be addressed to the Board as a body and not to individual Board members. Please state your name clearly before speaking. These rules are taken from the Handbook for Village Officials – New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials.

1. **Scot Brown:** Mr. Brown announced that he was a candidate in the recent election. He thanked the Clerk and her team for the efficient and professional job running the election and congratulated Trustee Collura and wished her best wishes in her new role.

Trustee Collura, Mayor Newhard, and Village Clerk, Raina Abramson thanked Mr. Brown.

2. **Donna Douglas:** Ms. Douglas stated that she's been in past meetings where things didn't always go so smoothly coming from Blooming Grove but what was required there was to state your name and address for the matter of record so they would have that. Ms. Douglas said that sometimes things come up and the public doesn't know if they can speak and if a topic came up and someone decided they wanted to speak they would have your name and address on record.

Mayor Newhard stated that the Village doesn't usually ask for people's address and referred to the Village Attorney. Mr. Gaba said that the advantage of having someone state their address is you can tell whether they're a resident and therefore have a stakeholder aspect to what it is they're saying or just coming in to push a particular issue.

Mayor Newhard asked the Board for their input. Trustee Cheney said that it was important to know whether the individual is a village resident and speaking as a village resident as opposed to someone else. Trustee Cheney felt a statement saying that someone is a village resident or what they're representing is important. Trustee Foster said that she agrees and prefers that people state their residency, the Town they live in, as opposed to someone stating their individual addresses for safety concerns since meetings are posted on the internet. The Board agreed to change the line in the Rules of Meeting Procedure to read, 'Speakers must give their name, residency and organization, if any.'

3. **Thomas Scott:** Village resident Tom Scott stated that he noticed that the traffic sign has been moved on Forester, but it's not lit up, even though it could still be recording without being seen. Mr. Scott asked if the sign can be moved further down Forester because he said currently it's getting the traffic off of Galloway, then there's a stop sign at McFarland Lane, with the sign being 200-300 feet from the stop sign. He was concerned that people weren't up to speed but by the time they get towards Memorial Park, people are going 40 mph. Mr. Scott said that it was a big concern and are lucky that no ones been hit.

Mayor Newhard replied that the Village will look at that and that it's a simple request that can even be made to the Village's DPW as opposed to waiting for a Board meeting.

Thomas Scott stated that he felt if the sign was moved down for a few days, the Village would see a significant difference between the speeds.

Trustee McKnight said that he asked Mike Moser to turn the sign around at the pole to capture traffic coming from the other direction. He stated that further down, he agrees that people are picking up speed but was concerned that there aren't any poles in that area to mount it on.

Discussion ensued about the placement of the radar device on Forester Avenue.

Trustee McKnight said that he's received a number of requests to place the sign on Maple, West Street, Galloway, and Cherry Street. Trustee McKnight explained that the Village has been taking this sign that is self-powered by solar panels, leaving it in a location every few weeks which allows the Village to capture data to be summarized after the Village is satisfied with the number of locations it's been in. Trustee McKnight explained that as part of this campaign, he is trying to promote more awareness and safety with a data driven approach.

Trustee Foster added that generally people are traveling over 40 mph on roads where the sign has been.

Motions

Water and Wastewater Operator Bid Award – H2O Innovation Operations & Maintenance, LLC

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to accept the bid from and authorize the Mayor to enter into a 3-year contract with H2O Innovation Operations and Maintenance, LLC for professional services to operate and maintain the water production system at a first year monthly lump sum fee of \$12,627.00 and wastewater production system at a first year monthly lump sum of \$14,328.002, as per the DPW Supervisor's recommendation.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney stated that it ended up being about a 2% increase over what the Village is currently paying this year. It's a three-year contract with 2 one-year options and each year it will increase by the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region. Trustee Cheney added that the Village sent announcements to seven firms and only received one bid from the Village's current operator, formerly JCO.

Trustee McKnight confirmed that it was written in the contract that it will be equal to the CPI. Trustee Cheney replied, yes, for the Northeast Region. Trustee McKnight added that it is all the more challenging to stay within the 2% tax cap.

James Quackenbush, Seasonal DPW Laborer

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to hire James Quackenbush to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works laborer at a salary of \$18.00 per hour for up to 40 hours per week for 16 weeks with a start date of May 1, 2023, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Ryan Richards, Seasonal DPW Laborer

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to hire Ryan Richards to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works laborer at a salary of \$18.00 per hour for up to 40 hours per week for 16 weeks with a start date of May 22, 2023, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Excavator Safety Training

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to grant permission to DPW Supervisor Mike Moser, DPW Work Leader Jason Makuch and DPW Employees Tim Palmer and Tony Rivera to attend Excavator Safety Training on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Somers Community Center in Yorktown Heights. Program to include damage prevention and up-to-date safety protocols while digging. There is no cost to the Village for this training.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

NYMIR Work Zone Safety Regional Seminar

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to DPW Supervisor Mike Moser, DPW Work Leader Jason Makuch and DPW Employees John Santiago and Andrew D'Alessandro to attend NYMIR Work Zone Safety Regional Seminar on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Town of Wallkill Golf Club Program to focus on work zone safety and liability in unsafe work zone set-ups. There is no cost to the Village for this training.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Village of Warwick FY 2023-24 Tax Relevies & Errors and Omissions

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to relevy on the Village of Warwick 2023-24 tax bills unpaid water and sewer fees and alarm fines to properties listed on the attached document, including Errors and Omissions – RPTL 520 Prorated Taxes, as per the Village Assessor, with a total relevy amount of \$ 1,281.36.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Devon Fox, Office Intern

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to hire Devon Fox to the position of Village of Warwick Office Intern at a pay rate of \$16.50 per hour at 20 hours per week for approximately twelve (12) weeks with a start date to be determined by Village Clerk, Raina Abramson.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Record Retention – 2023 Shred Approval

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to shred 37 boxes containing files from the Clerk & Treasurer’s Office which have reached or are beyond their retention date according to the New York State Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1 on Saturday, April 22, 2023, during the Warwick Lions Club Shredfest Event at a cost of \$7.00 per box.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Village of Warwick Summer Concert Series

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the Village of Warwick Summer Concert Series Schedule per the attached calendar provided by the Village of Warwick Summer Concert Coordinators.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard stated that two of the concerts would be occurring at Stanley-Deming Park and there had been discussion as to utilizing the park's stage more, but it was decided that the infrastructure would need improvements and hoped the work would be done this year so that in the future more concerts could occur at Stanley-Deming. Mayor Newhard added that perhaps the focus on those concerts would be different than the concerts on Railroad Green, which are wonderful, but are more adult-focused, while concerts at Stanley-Deming could be more kid, teen, and family-friendly.

Village of Warwick Board of Trustees Rules of Meeting Procedure – TABLED

MOTION to adopt the Village of Warwick Board of Trustees Rules of Meeting Procedure effective April 17, 2023.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **TABLED**

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Facility Use – Railroad Green, Union A.M.E. Community Health Fair

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to the Union A.M.E. Church Missionary Society to use Railroad Green on Saturday,

June 10, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, June 17, 2023, for a Community Health Fair. Completed facility use permit, proof of insurance and security deposit have been received.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – Railroad Avenue, Union A.M.E. Community Health Fair

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to close Railroad Avenue on Saturday, June 10, 2023, with a rain date of Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Union A.M.E. Church Community Health Fair.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Main Street, Warwick Merchants Guild Pickers Paradise

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Merchants Guild to hold their annual Pickers Paradise Sale on Main Street and Railroad Avenue on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 8:00 a.m. and breakdown complete by 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 8:00 a.m. and breakdown to be complete by 4:00 p.m. Completed facility use permit, proof of insurance and security deposit have been received. Event is in coordination with the Warwick Valley Garden Tour.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Meter Bags – Main Street, Warwick Merchants Guild Pickers Paradise

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Merchants Guild to place ‘No Parking’ meter bags on the meters on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. along Main Street as follows: Eddies Roadhouse to Bank Street, G’s Restaurant to Fetch Bar and Grill, Bertoni Gallery to Etched in Time, B Free to Café Dolce, Akins Pharmacy to WVT for the benefit of the annual Pickers Paradise Sale. Pickup and return of ‘No Parking’ meter bags to be coordinated with the Village of Warwick, DPW Clerk.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Collura asked if this motion included blocking off the handicap parking spots. Mayor Newhard responded that the handicap spots have always remained open.

Trustee McKnight stated his concern regarding pedestrian safety and had questions whether there was enough separation between people and traffic.

A discussion ensued with Mayor Newhard and DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser, explaining how the event was set up in the past.

Meter Bags – Railroad Avenue, Warwick Merchants Guild Pickers Paradise

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to place ‘No Parking’ meter bags on the meters along Railroad Avenue on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Warwick Merchants Guild Pickers Paradise Sale. Pickup and return of ‘No Parking’ meter bags to be coordinated with the Village of Warwick, DPW Clerk.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – Railroad Avenue, Warwick Merchants Guild Pickers Paradise Sale

MOTION to close Railroad Avenue on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Warwick Merchants Guild Pickers Paradise Sale.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park, Warwick Fire Department Parade Event

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to amend the motion approved on February 21, 2023, granting permission to the Warwick Fire Department to have exclusive use of Memorial Park on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to safely turn trucks around at the completion of the Biennial Firefighters' Parade to include use of the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion to serve food, the McFarland Parking Lot, the Veterans Memorial Park field between the pavilion and last ball field to server beer and present trophies to attending companies, the Veterans Memorial Park parking lots for fire apparatus parking, and the front of Veterans Memorial Park to park cars of parade participants and their families. Setup would take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the event would take place from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event is in coordination with other organizations that regularly use the park for practice and games. Completed Park permit and proof of insurance, including use of host liquor liability, have been received.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney said he spoke with Melissa Stevens, President of the Fire Department, and was told they no longer intend to use the last ball field to serve beer and offered an amendment to the motion to remove the words, ‘and last ballfield to serve beer’.

Trustee McKnight asked how this motion was different from their first requested motion.

Trustee Cheney answered that it was the times requested, and he was not sure if parking was mentioned in the first request.

Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, clarified that the previous motion stated inclusive use of the park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in order to turn trucks around, but they now decided to hold their event in the park as opposed to one of their stations. Ms. Abramson clarified to Trustee Cheney that the motion stated beer would be sold between the pavilion and the last ball field, which resulted in Trustee Cheney withdrawing his proposed change to the motion.

Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park, Warwick Little League Picture Day

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Warwick Little League to use the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion and the surrounding area on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Picture Day activities, instead of the previously approved date of April 15, 2023. Completed park permit, security deposit and proof of insurance has been received with original facility use application approved on February 21, 2023.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight asked if they could create a new motion instead of an amendment.

Trustee Cheney stated that the motion that was previously approved had several requests within a single motion.

A discussion ensued which resulted in agreement that amending the motion would be the simplest way.

Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park, Warwick Wascals Senior Softball

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Wascals Senior Softball team to use the Over 35 field in Veterans Memorial Park from April 18, 2023, through October 29, 2023, with games on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in coordination with Warwick Little League. All events must be in coordination with the other activities taking place in the park. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, and security deposit have been received.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023-2024 VILLAGE BUDGET

WHEREAS, a tentative budget (the "Proposed Village Budget") for the Village of Warwick was prepared and introduced for the 2023-2024 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 17, 2023, and all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Proposed Village Budget, after which such public hearing was closed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick hereby adopts the proposed Village Budget of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, including any amendments to such budget as approved by the Board of Trustees, which shall, upon adoption, become the final Village Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Village Clerk and any officer, employee or consultant, as directed by the Mayor is authorized and directed to take any and all actions that are reasonably necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

Trustee Collura presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Cheney,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows: **APPROVED**

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Budget Modification

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the budget modification request as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated April 12, 2023.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Appointment of ZBA Attorney, Naughton & Torre, LLP

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to appoint Naughton & Torre, LLP as Attorney to the Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard elaborated the reasons that lead to the decision, such as the firm being owned by two women who specialize in ZBAs throughout the region, and how one of the women lives in the Village of Warwick.

2023 Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Calendar

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to amend the 2023 Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals meeting calendar from the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Appointment – AHDRB Member, Matthew LoPinto

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to appoint Matthew LoPinto as a Member of the Village of Warwick Architectural and Historic District Review Board to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term through April 7, 2025.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight stated that as the liaison for the Architectural and Historic District Review Board, he was unaware this was happening.

Mayor Newhard apologized to Trustee McKnight and stated the interviews were done with Michael Bertolini, a member of his board , and himself.

Trustee McKnight asked what the findings were.

Mayor Newhard stated there were a number of applicants and that this gentleman was an architect and fits in the criteria of the certified local government program.

Appointment – AHDRB Alternate Member, Glenn Rhein

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to appoint Glenn Rhein as Alternate Member of the Village of Warwick Architectural and Historic District Review Board with an annual term through April 1, 2024.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard stated that there were a number of applicants, and that Mr. Rhein was a local contractor who was also an antique dealer.

Appointment – Shade Tree Commissioner, Lynn Cheney

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to appoint Lynn Cheney as Commissioner of the Village of Warwick Shade Tree Commission with an annual term through April 1, 2024.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight noted that Ms. Cheney was a master gardener, highly knowledgeable, and thought she would be a great commission.

Mayor Newhard was looking forward to working with her.

ORANGE COUTNY PLANNING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick has received a proposed intermunicipal agreement from the County of Orange under which certain types of smaller land development projects will be exempted from referral to the County Planning Department pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m and n; and

WHEREAS, the Village is willing to enter into the intermunicipal agreement proposed by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board hereby approves the proposed intermunicipal agreement; and

2. That the Mayor, and the Chairpersons of the Village Planning Board and the Village Zoning Board of Appeals are authorized to execute the intermunicipal agreement.

Trustee McKnight presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Cheney,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

APPROVED

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney stated that he caught an error in the paperwork, which would be corrected before the Mayor signs it, and how twenty other municipalities had passed the resolution without noticing the error.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
JUNE AS MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH
IN THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick recognizes the importance of the monarch butterfly and the vital role it plays in our ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is a valuable pollinator, essential to the health of many cultivated flowers and crops, and serves as an indicator species for the ecological health of large geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, Monarch City USA, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the monarch butterfly recover city by city, will recognize the Village of Warwick as the first in New York State to be designated as a Monarch City USA member; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick encourages all residents to create healthy habitats for the monarch butterflies, including planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarchs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Warwick does hereby proclaim the month of June as Monarch Butterfly Month in the Village of Warwick.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all residents are encouraged to join in this effort to help protect and conserve the monarch butterfly population by creating healthy habitats for them. By planting native milkweed and nectar plants, we can all provide the necessary habitat for

monarch butterflies to thrive in our community. Let us work together to support the recovery of the monarch butterfly and ensure that it continues to play its important role in our ecosystem.

Trustee McKnight presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by
Trustee Collura,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows: **APPROVED**

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard said that this cause came from passionate residents and explained how areas of Memorial Park would be designated as pollinator fields.

Trustee McKnight stated that he enjoyed seeing these types of activities taking place in the Village, especially since it fit in with the recent Climate Smart Community certification.

Advertise - Full-Time Billing Control Clerk

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to advertise for the position of Full-Time Billing Control Clerk in accordance with Civil Service requirements.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard explained how the billing control clerk, Mary-Alice Cahill, had given a letter of resignation, and praised the work she had accomplished in a short period of time. Mayor Newhard explained how the billing control clerk was once a full-time position and how part-time was attempted but believes it does merit full-time.

Trustee Cheney clarified that the Board was only authorizing the advertisement of the position. Trustee Cheney voiced his concerns regarding cost.

Trustee McKnight brought up the possibility of automatic bill pay, which would cut down on work.

A discussion ensued which included the Village Clerk explaining the reasoning behind the full-time position, the urgency, and the details of Civil Service requirements.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVE FUND - AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick wishes to establish a capital reserve fund for the purpose of accumulating funds to be used to pay for the replacement of the Village's existing main water storage tank with two new tanks; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish such a reserve fund it is necessary for the Village Board to adopt a resolution setting forth the terms and conditions of the fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law the Village Board hereby establishes a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund"; and

2. That the purpose of the Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund shall be to accumulate funds to be used to pay for the replacement of the Village's existing main water

storage tank with two new tanks; and

3. That the initial deposit into the reserve fund shall be \$476,070 from Water Land Tax Collection; and

4. That the future source of funds to be deposited into the reserve fund shall be the annual land tax allocation to the Water Fund in addition to tap-in fees collected for water connections; and

5. That the maximum amount of deposits to the reserve fund shall be \$4,000.000.

Trustee Collura presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Cheney,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AMENDED

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting _____

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting _____

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting _____

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting _____

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting _____

Discussion

Trustee McKnight asked what the relevance was for the four million dollar maximum amount reserve fund.

A discussion ensued which explained that the amount was a cap, which was more than the anticipated cost of the water tanks.

An additional discussion proceeded regarding the amount stated in the following motion and Mr. Gaba gave an explanation about reserve funds.

Trustee Cheney had questions in regard to moving access funds into the water service application fee. After a discussion, Mr. Gaba suggested amending the resolution.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
RESERVE FUND**

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WHEREAS, in order to establish such a reserve fund it is necessary for the Village Board to adopt a resolution setting forth the terms and conditions of the fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law the Village Board hereby establishes a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund"; and
2. That the purpose of the Water Infrastructure Reserve Fund shall be to accumulate funds to be used to pay for the replacement of the Village's existing main water storage tank with two new tanks; and
3. That the initial deposit into the reserve fund shall be \$476,070 from Water Land Tax Collection; and
4. That the future source of funds to be deposited into the water reserve fund shall be the annual land tax allocation to the Water Fund in addition to water service application fees; and
5. That the maximum amount of deposits to the reserve fund shall be \$4,000.000.

Trustee Cheney presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee McKnight,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows: **APPROVED**

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TERMS OF THE VILLAGE'S
WASTE FACILITY RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Village of Warwick established a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law called the "Waste Facility Reserve Fund" for the purpose of accumulating funds to be used to pay for the design, construction, and operation of waste water management facilities owned and operated by the Village; and

WHEREAS, in creating the said fund the Village provided for an initial deposit into the reserve fund, established the annual land tax allocation as the future source of funds to be deposited into the reserve fund, and set a maximum amount of deposits into the reserve fund at \$4,000.000; and

WHEREAS, the Village now wishes to amend the terms of the Village's Waste Facility Reserve Fund to increase the maximum amount of deposits into the reserve fund to \$8,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the terms and provisions of the Waste Facility Reserve Fund as set forth in the aforesaid 2018 resolution are hereby amended to provide that the maximum amount of deposits into the reserve fund shall be \$8,000,000.

Trustee Collura presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Cheney,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows: **APPROVED**

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Reports

Trustee Cheney's Report:

Trustee Cheney announced that hydrant flushing would begin tonight, into this week, and possibly into next week and explained that households may experience temporary brown coloration to the water. Trustee Cheney suggested running a tub to clear the water fast and efficiently. Trustee Cheney explained how the Village was unable to perform the two flushings that are usually done each year and how it would probably have a bit of an impact for experiencing brown water.

Trustee Cheney said that on Wednesday the Water Department had been notified of a leak in the Highland Avenue tank that was spraying out a mist. Trustee Cheney said how it was determined that it was not significant as to affect operations, and so it was decided it could wait until today when a specialty firm was able to attempt repair without draining the water tank. Trustee Cheney explained that if the water tank had needed to be emptied, it would mean putting everyone in that

sector on a boil water notice. Trustee Cheney added how, fortunately, it was able to be repaired as a wet repair and explained that it was a fairly common repair that was made. Trustee Cheney thanked the Water Department for being diligent and H2O Innovations, Keith Herbert.

Trustee Foster's Report:

Trustee Foster stated that a meeting took place with the stakeholder's advisory group where a presentation occurred regarding the revised preliminary draft of the Memorial Park master plan. Trustee Foster said the draft plans would soon be shown to the public as an open house and would also be shared online. Trustee Foster explained that the open house would focus on the Veterans Memorial master plan and would also include materials available from other critical projects that people may have questions about, such as a hangout on the budget or anything else the Board may suggest. Trustee Foster said the open house would occur at Veterans Memorial Park in the pavilion over a weekend, where an overview presentation of the plan would be presented and boards would be up so that people could provide verbal and written feedback on the plan. Trustee Foster suggested finding a way to have it posted in Village Hall so people could see it there as well. Trustee Foster said there was a request to make a video and would reach out to Trustee McKnight on how to do that.

Trustee Foster explained that the Safe Streets for All grant notice of opportunity had come out, and how it was different from RAISE. Trustee Foster stated that there was a 20% match on that project and how 40% of all available funding would go towards planning activities, of which the cap was not met last year, and more money would be rolled over making about a billion dollars available. Trustee Foster explained the scope and how the application was due July 10th, which gave the Board more time than RAISE grant. Trustee Foster suggested developing a cost estimate for the next meeting, including an application to bring all Village sidewalks up to a state of good repair. Trustee Foster said she had spoken to Trustee Cheney about the intern possibly supporting the cost estimating as well as including demonstration projects or pilot projects to help people slow down. Trustee Foster said the Board could take that data and see which solutions were actually working and put into the application the amount to implement those solutions. Trustee Foster explained the scope had to be different from the RAISE scope, because both grants were from US DOT. Trustee Foster add that the projects had to be completed within five years.

Mayor Newhard suggested a work session of the Board to have this discussion, which needed to occur sooner rather than later and told Mr. Gaba that he would be needed in attendance.

A discussion about arranging a meeting time occurred with Mr. Gaba.

Trustee Collura received confirmation that during the work session the newsletter could also be discussed.

Mayor Newhard stated that there was a lot going on, including the need to review the ethics code. Mr. Gaba said he still needed to work on it but would be ready sometime in May. Mayor Newhard added the short-term rental policy as well.

Trustee Foster stated that she meets monthly with the Youth in Government club and how the high schoolers were interested in getting more deeply involved and how there were now four students on the stakeholder advisory board. Trustee Foster said the students were interested in ways they could help, and she had given them suggestions on how they could do so. Trustee Foster suggested to the Board they find more ways to engage with students.

Trustee Collura's Report:

Trustee Collura explained how the Historical Society hosted an event regarding the history of the Red Swan Inn. Trustee Collura thanked members of the Historical Society and the Mayor for MCing the event. Trustee Collura announced that June 17th would be the Party in the Park, which would place in Lewis Park and there was still time to become a sponsor and gave information on how to sign up.

Trustee Collura promoted a senior project occurring at the Warwick Community Center, Rock4 Sk8, was scheduled for April 28th at 5:00 p.m. and would benefit the Warwick Skatepark Initiative. Trustee Collura listed the bands that would be playing.

Trustee Collura explained that at Mountain Lake Park the Warwick Community Center Coalition hosted an awards ceremony for middle schoolers and teenagers who had submitted PSA projects.

Mayor Newhard went into detail about the projects which involved how middle schoolers and high schoolers deal with various issues such as drugs and alcohol, bullying, internet safety, and peer pressure.

Trustee McKnight's Report:

No report.

Mayor Newhard's Report:

Mayor Newhard said that the Village and the Town of Warwick along with the Village of Florida and Greenwood Lake had gotten together on an initiative called Warwick Cares. Mayor Newhard explained how Judy Batista, as an advocate on suicide prevention, had come to him and Supervisor Sweeton with this initiative and how she had explained the idea of creating a campaign focusing and bringing attention to mental health issues and suicide prevention. Mayor Newhard said so many people wanted to volunteer and help that it then broke down into subcommittees. Mayor Newhard shared that there was a new crisis hotline, 988, which used to be

an 800 number, but had been simplified to make it easier to remember for those experiencing a crisis. Mayor Newhard spoke of the organizations initiatives, which included, a kick-off ceremony event on Railroad Green, which would be fun, but also serious and how the idea was to have a supportive and loving celebration, but also education. Mayor Newhard praised Ms. Batista and said she brought in so many people, including the ecumenical council, schools, Rotary, Lions Club, the roster is long and growing. Mayor Newhart invited everyone to the event which would occur on May 6th and emphasized that education would be an important part.

Final Comments from the Floor

No comments were made.

Final Comments from the Board

No comments were made.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 10:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Raina M. Abramson, Village Clerk