

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
APRIL 21, 2025**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: Barry Cheney, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba. Absent was Trustee, Carly Foster. Others present, Police Chief, John Rader, and other.

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

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: April 7, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – March 2025: Clerk’s Office, Justice Department, Planning Department, Building Department, and Department of Public Works and February 2025 Department of Public Works report.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent 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 Collura and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$281,976.02.

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

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Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

1. Police Report.

Warwick Police Chief John Rader reported that the department recently participated in Career Day at Warwick High School as part of its ongoing recruitment efforts, which align with recommendations from the executive order on police reform. These efforts aim to encourage local high school students to pursue careers in criminal justice. The department maintains a year-round relationship with the school, which also allows the use of a classroom for the Junior Police Academy. Chief Rader noted that the summer session dates for the academy had been announced and would be posted on social media once available.

He reminded the Board that the Little League Parade would take place on Saturday with a 10:00 a.m. step-off. Officers would be present to manage detours and delays.

Chief Rader also introduced seven new part-time officers at the previous meeting, explaining that this coincided with a recent policy change allowing officers to work with both the Village of Warwick and the Village of Greenwood Lake. He emphasized that both departments are accredited and share the same third-party policy manual, making the transition seamless.

Among the new officers, Chief Rader highlighted Officer Ava Smith, a graduate of the Rockland Police Academy who works in Greenwood Lake. Officer Ryan Warden and Officer Michael Warden, identical twins who both graduated from the Ulster Police Academy, were also introduced.

Mayor Newhard requested that Chief Rader bring the newly appointed part-time police officers to a future Board meeting so they could be formally introduced. Chief Rader agreed and expressed that he would be happy to arrange it.

Chief Rader shared that he recently conducted a foot patrol with Officer Ava Smith, visiting local businesses in the Village. He confirmed that he would bring the new officers to an upcoming meeting so the Mayor could meet them in person.

He went on to introduce additional part-time officers: Officer Justin Ray Burch, who also works with the Village of Greenwood Lake; Officer Sean Allen, who graduated from the Orange County Police Academy and completed part of his training at the Rockland

Police Academy; and Officer Alexander Rajkowski, a recent graduate of the Orange County Police Academy and recipient of the Defensive Tactics Award.

Chief Rader gave special recognition to Officer Sean Walter, another graduate of the Orange County Police Academy, who served as class president and received multiple honors: the Excellence in Emergency Medical Care Award, the Drill Instructor's Award, the Overall Achievement Award, and the Chief and Detective James T. Geary Father and Son Memorial Award for Academic Achievement. This final award included a \$500 grant, which Officer Walter plans to donate in his name to a law enforcement-related cause.

Chief Rader also announced the department's recent purchase of Guardian language translators, a significant step toward improving communication with non-English-speaking residents. These devices can translate 144 languages when connected to Wi-Fi and 16 languages offline. A recent real-world example illustrated the devices' effectiveness: an officer used one during a traffic stop involving a Venezuelan family from Queens. The translator helped officers communicate clearly and arrange a safe ride for the family after vehicle violations prevented them from driving, helping to ease a potentially stressful situation.

Mayor Newhard praised the addition of the Guardian language translators, calling them a wonderful tool. He expressed his appreciation for the department's efforts to enhance communication and support within the community.

Chief Rader offered to visit Village Hall to demonstrate the Guardian language translator device, noting that it utilizes AI technology and provides near-instant translations. He explained that each police post will have a device, along with units in dispatch, with detectives, and even one stationed at Town Hall. He recommended the Village consider acquiring one for broader municipal use, emphasizing its simplicity—two buttons allow for seamless two-way communication between English and the selected language. He recounted how the translator helped facilitate multiple return visits from the same Venezuelan family seeking to retrieve their vehicle, making the interactions smooth and stress-free. Chief Rader noted that the device performs more effectively than Google Translate in real-time situations.

Mayor Newhard agreed with Chief Rader's recommendation, noting the increasing number of international visitors to the Hudson Valley. He acknowledged the importance of having tools like the Guardian language translator to better serve both residents and visitors who speak different languages.

Chief Rader further highlighted the capabilities of the Guardian language translator, noting that it includes 11 different dialects for Spanish alone. He emphasized how this

feature allowed officers to tailor communication specifically to the Venezuelan family they assisted, greatly improving understanding and comfort during their interaction.

Announcement

1. The Village of Warwick Celebrates Arbor Day 2025 on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Staley-Deming Park.

Mayor Newhard elaborated on the upcoming tree planting event that the Village shares annually with the Warwick Valley Gardeners and Park Avenue Elementary School. The event includes participation from all third-grade classes and features poems, songs, and a public tree planting ceremony. He invited the public to attend and noted that it is a festive and meaningful tradition. This year marks the Village's 41st year as a designated Tree City.

Discussion

1. Wickham Works Stanley-Deming Park proposed mural design.

Mayor Newhard provided an update on the Wickham Works mural project in Stanley Deming Park, noting that the concept, which had been discussed previously, is now moving forward. He recalled a suggestion from Trustee McKnight that additional areas in the park could serve as potential mural locations. Wickham Works explored the park further and identified a suitable spot on the exterior of the bathroom building. The location features two large, empty framed sections facing the street—ideal for a mural. The Mayor highlighted that the placement would ensure high visibility for both pedestrians and passing drivers, enhancing the park's visual appeal.

Trustee McKnight expressed appreciation for the proposed mural and emphasized the importance of preserving existing artwork at the handball court, even though it is beginning to show signs of weathering after five years. He noted that the artwork continues to hold value for the community, as people still stop to take pictures there, underscoring its lasting impact.

Mayor Newhard noted that in addition to the two framed spaces facing the street, there is a frieze of empty sections around the entire bathroom building that could also be utilized for murals. He suggested that extending the artwork across these areas would create a richly decorated and visually striking structure. The Mayor asked if everyone had seen the proposed design and shared that he felt the work was beautiful. He praised the artist's talent, noting the impressive level of artistry and the visual impact the completed mural could have.

Mayor Newhard announced the launch of the Village's pilot Artist-in-Residence program, sharing that artist Nicole Hickman has begun setting up her workspace along the stream in Stanley Deming Park. He invited Trustee Mary Collura to elaborate on the project, noting that she was familiar with the artist's plans and could provide further insight into the activities taking place.

Trustee Collura provided details about Nicole Hickman's Artist-In-Residence project, explaining that the installation will feature a sculpture representing the divine feminine, created from a large willow stump. The sculpture will take the form of a woman with strawberries growing from her hair, symbolizing nourishment and community care. She noted that the installation is temporary and will remain in place for a few weeks. During that time, the public is welcome to visit the site and enjoy the experience of eating the sculpture's strawberries.

Mayor Newhard added that the divine feminine sculpture by Nicole Hickman will also include an educational component. In addition to its artistic and symbolic elements, the installation will serve as an opportunity for community learning and engagement, further enhancing its value as part of the Artist-in-Residence program in Stanley Deming Park.

Trustee Collura noted that artist Nicole Hickman is actively involving community members and children in various aspects of the project, including planting and other hands-on activities. She announced that the official kickoff for the Artist-in-Residence installation will take place on Saturday during the Treecycle event.

Mayor Newhard emphasized that Saturday would be a particularly busy day in the Village. In addition to the Treecycle event, the Little League parade and Project Clean Sweep would be taking place Saturday, making for a full schedule of community activities.

Trustee Cheney added that the Daisy Scouts would be selling cookies on Railroad Green.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The public may speak only during the meeting's Public Comment period and at any other time a majority of the Board allows. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer, step to the front of the room/microphone, give their name, residency, and organization, if any. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes (this time limit may be changed to accommodate the number of speakers) and may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker. Board members may, with the permission of the mayor, interrupt a speaker during their remarks, but only for the purpose of clarification or information. The Village Board is not required to

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accept or respond to questions from the public at meetings but may request that inquiries be submitted in writing to be responded to at a later date. All remarks must be addressed to the Board as a body and not to individual Board members. Interested parties or their representatives may also address the Board by written communications.

No comments.

FY25-26 Refuse Bid Award - WITHDRAWN

MOTION to accept the refuse bid from County Waste & Recycling Services for the following: supply of a 30 cy container for refuse at the Central Garage in the amount of \$250 per pull with a tipping fee of \$130 per ton; supply of a 30 cy roll off container for metal at the Central Garage in the amount of \$250 per pull; supply of a 2 cy container for the River Street Sewer Plant in the amount of \$50.00 per pickup, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. The contract period will be June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____
Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Seasonal DPW Laborer – Matthew Hyland

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to hire Matthew Hyland to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer at 40 hours per week for 16 weeks with a start date of May 19, 2025, as per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. Salary will be based on the FY24-25 & FY25-26 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Well #3 Treatment Plant Project, TAM Enterprises, Inc. – Payment #6

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve payment #6 in the amount of \$44,777.67 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the Well #3

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Treatment Plant Project as per the recommendation of Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. Funds are appropriated in budget code F.8330.2350.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Village of Warwick FY 2025-26 Tax Relevies & Errors and Omissions

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to relevy on the Village of Warwick 2025-26 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 \$1,442.83.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

2025 Village of Warwick Summer Concert Series Schedule

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve the 2025 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 Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard praised the team responsible for organizing the upcoming summer concert series, noting that they did a great job right from the start. He highlighted the

diversity of the planned performances and expressed appreciation for the use of various venues throughout the Village. He felt the range of locations and musical styles would make for a dynamic and engaging concert season.

2025 Summer Office Intern – Gianna Marin

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to hire Gianna Marin to the position of Village of Warwick Office Intern at 32.5 hours per week for approximately thirteen (13) weeks with a start date of May 20, 2025. The rate of pay to be in accordance with the FY24-25 and FY25-26 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SAFE STREETS FOR ALL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick has undertaken to establish a Safe Streets For All Project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the said project is \$507,709; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick proposes to fund the said project with \$101,541.60 from General Fund, \$406,167.40 from a federal grant, and in-kind services;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. That the Village Board approves the Safe Streets for All Project and the aforesaid expenditure of funds from the said sources for its establishment; and
2. That the Village Mayor is authorized to sign all documents necessary to carry of the terms hereof.

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

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting	<u>Aye</u>
Carly Foster, Trustee, voting	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting	<u>Aye</u>
Mary Collura, Trustee, voting	<u>Aye</u>
Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting	<u>Aye</u>

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER OF DEDICATION
FOR PUMP TRACK IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the Warwick Lion's Club has proposed to dedicate to the Village of Warwick the labor and materials necessary for construction of a bicycle pump track at a designated location in Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick Village Board wishes to accept the said offer of dedication and to allow the Warwick Lion's Club to construct the said pump track and dedicate it to the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board accepts the Warwick Lion's Club offer of dedication to the Village of Warwick the labor and materials necessary for construction of a pump track at a designated location in Veterans Memorial Park; and

2. That the Village Board hereby grants a revocable license to the Warwick Lion's Club to perform the said work in Veterans Memorial Park subject to provision of general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 naming the Village as an additional insured;

3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary for the allowing the Warwick Lion's Club to carry out work on construction of the pump track, including, without limitation, building permit applications, licenses, and tax documents; and

4. That this resolution accepting the said offer of dedication shall not constitute acceptance of the work, materials or equipment being offered for dedication by the Warwick Lion's Club but, rather, the Village's acceptance of dedication the work, materials and equipment

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shall be contingent upon a determination by the Village that said the work has been performed properly and the materials and equipment has been installed in accordance with the plans.

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 Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney raised a question regarding the expectations for the DPW (Department of Public Works). He noted that based on the information provided, it appeared the Warwick Lion's Club were handling all aspects of the Pump Track, and he sought clarification on whether any support would be required from DPW.

Mayor Newhard responded that there would be some involvement from DPW, specifically for ground preparation. He explained that machinery would likely be needed to flatten or otherwise prepare certain areas so that the humps can be built.

It was confirmed that dirt from the Warwick Skate Park construction project would be repurposed for use at the Pump Track site.

Waive the Reading – Governing Body Fair Housing Resolution

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to waive the reading of the Governing Body Fair Housing Resolution.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

GOVERNING BODY FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

The Village of Warwick supports the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601) which prohibits discrimination by direct providers of housing such as landlords and real estate companies as well as other entities, such as municipalities, banks or other lending institutions and homeowners insurance companies whose discriminatory practices make housing unavailable to persons because of: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, nationality, familial status, or disability. This municipality further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, nationality or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law). Therefore, the Municipal Council does hereby approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources, the municipality will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Human Rights Law and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to:

- (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media;
- (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning fair housing.

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

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Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney raised a question about the implementation of one of its conditions. He pointed to a section stating that the Village must, at a minimum, distribute posters, flyers, and other materials to inform those affected of their rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws. Trustee Cheney asked whether there had been any consideration of how this outreach would be conducted, noting the importance of reaching realtors and property owners as part of the effort.

Village Attorney Stephen Gaba responded to Trustee Cheney's concern, explaining that while the resolution does call for distributing materials, it does not necessarily require direct, in-person outreach. He clarified that compliance could be achieved by making the materials available at the Clerk's Office and sending out an email notice offering them to interested parties, such as realtors or property owners. He emphasized that there is no need to go door to door to meet the requirements of the resolution.

Trustee Collura stated that the information had been included in the Village newsletter, which she believed fulfilled the outreach requirement outlined in the resolution.

Village Attorney Gaba recommended that, in addition to the newsletter, the Village should post the fair housing information on its website.

FY-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program – Schedule of Public Hearing

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, May 19, 2025, to discuss projects considered for funding under the FY-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

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Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion, Warwick Valley Gardeners

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Gardeners to use the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, for a membership meeting between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Request includes use of a portable speaker and use of restrooms. Completed park permit, security deposit, and insurance have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Parade Request - Warwick Valley Community Center, Warwick LGBTQ+ Walk of Acceptance Event

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Community Center to hold the Warwick LGBTQ+ Walk of Acceptance Event on Sunday, June 8, 2025. The parade will step off at 1:30 p.m., with lineup beginning at the Community Center. The parade route will be as follows: Hamilton Avenue to Orchard Street, left onto Oakland Avenue/Main Street, proceed up Main Street, right on South Street, left on High Street, right onto Forester, arriving at Veteran's Memorial Park Pavilion at approximately 2:30 p.m. for the Warwick Pride Celebration event. Completed facility use permit, security deposit, and proof of insurance have been received. The Town of Warwick Police Department has been informed of the event and will assist with the parade route.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion, Pride Celebration

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to The Warwick Community Center to use Veterans Memorial Park for a Warwick

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Pride Celebration event on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Event set up to begin at 10:00 a.m., with the event taking place between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Clean-up to be completed by 7:00 p.m. Request includes use of the Memorial Park Pavilion, restrooms, electricity and sound systems, tents, portable tables and chairs, temporary decorations, and use of the McFarland Drive parking lot. In addition, up to 10 (ten) food vendors and up to 10 (ten) retail vendors to be set up in Memorial Park along the roadway nearest the pavilion. DPW to provide 4 (four) extra garbage and recycling cans, 100 (one hundred) chairs, and 8 (eight) tables, 12 (twelve) parking cones, 1 (one) 12-foot ladder, and 4 (four) pieces of staging to be assembled by Saturday, June 7, 2025. Also requested, flag poles and clips to be installed by DPW on Main Street for Pride Flags to be installed by Friday, June 6, 2025. Completed facility use permit, security deposit, and proof of insurance have been received. Proof of insurance must be received from each vendor prior to the event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight sought clarification on what was meant regarding insurance documentation from each vendor.

Trustee Collura responded that each vendor is required to supply their own individual certificate of insurance.

Facility Use Request – Railroad Green, Warwick Community Bandwagon Inc., May Mental Health Month Awareness Event

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to Warwick Community Bandwagon Inc. to hold May Mental Health Month Awareness at Railroad Green on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 11, 2025. Setup to begin at 10:00 a.m. with breakdown to be completed by 5:00 p.m. Requests includes use of speakers and electricity, the setup of tents, the placement of portable toilets, and the use of Village-owned tables and chairs. Request also includes, “No Parking” meter bags to be placed on the parking spaces along Railroad Avenue. Completed facility use permit, security deposit, and proof of insurance have been received.

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

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Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight asked whether the participating food truck would also be required to provide its own proof of insurance.

Trustee Collura clarified that food trucks typically do not need to submit separate proof of insurance for each event because they are generally established businesses that already carry their own commercial insurance coverage.

Village Attorney Gaba added that while food trucks generally have their own insurance due to being established commercial operations, there are instances when separate proof of insurance may still be required. He emphasized that for vendors selling goods such as jewelry, pottery, flowers, or similar items, it is standard practice to require individual certificates of insurance for each participant.

Road Closure – Railroad Avenue – May Mental Health Month Awareness Event

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to close Railroad Avenue from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the benefit of the May Mental Health Month Awareness event on Saturday, May 10, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, May 11, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Railroad Green, Union AME Church, Juneteenth Celebration

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to the Union AME Church to use Railroad Green to host a Juneteenth Celebration on Thursday, June 19, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with setup beginning at 8:00 a.m. and cleanup completed by 8:00 p.m. Request includes use of electricity and sound systems, the setup of tents, the placement of 1 (one) portable toilet, and 1 (one) food truck to be parked in front of the main event area. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, and security deposit have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – Railroad Avenue – Juneteenth Celebration

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to close Railroad Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Juneteenth Celebration on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion, Warwick Little League Picture Day Change of Date

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to Warwick Little League to move Picture Day from the previously approved date of Wednesday, April 26, 2025, to Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event activities will remain the same with use of the Veterans Memorial Park pavilion and surrounding area from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Warwick Little League - Daniel Prial Field Lights

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to Warwick Little League to use the field lights for the Daniel Prial Field from March 1, 2025, through November 20, 2025. Permission pending receipt of light fee.

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

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

It was noted that the light fee had been received earlier in the day.

Parade & Facility Use Request - American Legion Township Post 214 Memorial Day Parade

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the American Legion Township Post 214 to hold a Memorial Day Parade and to use the area near the Veterans Memorial Park Firemen's Monument located in Memorial Park on Monday, May 26, 2025, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The parade will step off at approximately 11:00 a.m., with lineup beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street in front of Village Hall. The parade route will be as follows: Main Street in front of Village Hall, Oakland Avenue to the Warwick Cemetery, Galloway Road to the St. Stephen's Cemetery, Forester Avenue, to the Veterans Memorial Park Firemen's Monument. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, security deposit and Town of Warwick Police Department approval have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure - Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street, Park Ave. Elementary School's Student and Parent Warrior Dash Event

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of Thursday, May 22, 2025, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School's Student and Parent Warrior Dash Event.

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

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Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

**Road Closure - Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street, Park Ave.
Elementary School's Family Picnic/Crazy Ticket School Event**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Friday, June 6, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School's Family Picnic/Crazy Ticket School Event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

**Road Closure - Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street, Park Ave.
Elementary School's Park -A- Palooza Sports Student/Teacher Sports Day**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Friday, June 13, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a rain date of Monday, June 16, 2025, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School's Park -A- Palooza Sports Student/Teacher Sports Day.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Budget Modification Request - Well #3 Capital Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the budget modification request for the Well #3 Capital Project as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated April 8, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Budget Modification Request Certain FY2024-25 Budget Account Lines

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve the budget modification request for certain FY2024-25 budget account lines as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated April 15, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Interfund Transfer from ARPA Reserve Funds to Capital Projects Fund for the Well #3 Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve an interfund transfer from ARPA reserve funds to Capital Projects Fund for the Well #3 project as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated April 11, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

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Interfund Transfer from ARPA Reserve Funds to Capital Projects Fund for the Maple Avenue Pump Station Relocation Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve an interfund transfer from ARPA reserve funds to Capital Projects Fund for the Maple Avenue Pump Station Relocation project as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated April 11, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Resolution To Fund A Capital Project:
Streetlight Purchase

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick has undertaken and approved a project for the purchase of streetlights; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the said project is \$200,457; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick proposes to fund the said project by transferring \$200,457 from the Infrastructure Reserve Fund to General Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-c(8), the said expenditure of funds from the Village's Infrastructure Reserve Fund is subject to permissive referendum;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. That the Village of Warwick approves the aforesaid transfer and expenditure of funds from the Infrastructure Reserve Fund for the streetlight purchase; and
2. That, due to the said expenditures from the Village's Infrastructure Reserve Fund, the approval of the said transfer for funding of the streetlight purchase is subject to permissive referendum and, therefore, this Resolution shall not take effect until at least thirty (30) days after its adoption, or until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Village if within thirty (30) days after its adoption a petition for referendum under Village Law Article 9 is filed with the Village Clerk; and

3. That the Village Clerk shall publish and post notice of the approval of this Resolution within ten (10) days from the date hereof.

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 Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT:
PURCHASE OF THE CHASE PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick wishes to enter into a contract to purchase the Chase Parking Lot (21 South Street, Warwick NY; Tax Map Section 211, Block 4, Lot 9) from JPMorgan Chase Bank; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price under the proposed contract for purchase of the said property is \$430,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick proposes to fund the said purchase by use of funds in the Village's Parking Lot Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-c(8), the proposed expenditure of funds from the Village's Parking Lot Reserve Fund is subject to permissive referendum;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. That the Village Board of the Village of Warwick approves the proposed expenditure of funds from the Parking Lot Reserve Fund for the purchase of the Chase Parking Lot; and

2. That, due to the said expenditures from the Village's Parking Lot Reserve Fund, the approval of the said purchase of the Chase Parking Lot is subject to permissive referendum and, therefore, this Resolution shall not take effect until at least thirty (30) days after its adoption, or until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Village if within thirty (30) days after its adoption a petition for referendum under Village Law Article 9 is filed with the Village Clerk; and

3. That the Village Clerk shall publish and post notice of the approval of this Resolution within ten (10) days from the date hereof.

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 Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney expressed appreciation for the effort involved, acknowledging the persistence it took to engage Chase and move the process forward. He then asked whether every Village fund is required to go through a formal resolution process in order to authorize spending, referencing the procedure followed for the recent motions.

Village Attorney Gaba explained that if a fund is designated as a capital reserve, then formal resolutions are required to authorize spending from it.

Trustee Cheney used the Parkland Fund as an example, noting that he did not believe it was classified as a capital reserve fund. He then questioned why the Parking Fund is treated as such.

Attorney Gaba replied that, according to the Village Treasurer, the Parking Fund is considered a capital reserve. Trustee Cheney expressed uncertainty about whether that classification was originally intended and suggested that the matter should be reviewed further.

Mayor Newhard elaborated on the funding sources referenced in the resolution for the Village's purchase of the Chase Bank parking lot. He explained that the Parking Lot Reserve Fund is primarily built from the quarters collected at Village parking meters, which have accumulated over time to create a dependable funding source. When the Village learned that the Chase property was for sale, this reserve positioned them to act. He also noted that the Village received a \$50,000 grant from Senator James Skoufis, which helped finalize the purchase. Mayor Newhard emphasized the significance of the lot as part of the Village's overall parking infrastructure, calling it a valuable asset similar to other municipal lots, especially the South Street lot. He expressed gratitude that the Village is able to move forward with the acquisition, stating that "parking is king" in a vibrant downtown like Warwick's.

Trustee McKnight expressed his gratitude to those involved in securing the Chase Bank parking lot for the Village. He acknowledged the years of discussions and the difficulty of the negotiations, noting that the process was far from easy. He remarked that the Village was fortunate to be able to preserve this important piece of property, especially considering that the sellers had initially been reluctant to sell.

Mayor Newhard confirmed that the Chase Bank ATM located on the property will remain in operation. As part of the agreement, the Village will enter into a lease with Chase Bank to allow continued use of the ATM, ensuring ongoing access for residents and visitors.

SierraLingo, LLC - BeClutch Camp Registration Package

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to accept the proposal from SierraLingo, LLC in the amount of \$1,450 for a one-year BeClutch Camp Registration Package, including a Mobile Club Package and Club Admin Web Interface, plus custom development of an ID card interface. Funds are appropriated in budget code A7310.4570.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight explained that it is a local business that has expanded nationally and is already in use by organizations such as Monroe and Tuxedo for their recreation programs. He and Trustee Collura reviewed the platform, with Trustee McKnight focusing on its technological capabilities. He explained that the previous registration software used by the Village struggled with high traffic volumes, making it difficult for parents to sign their children up for summer recreation programs. In contrast, BeClutch is a modern web application designed to handle greater capacity, and he expressed confidence in its ability to meet the Village's needs. He looked forward to its rollout for the upcoming camp season.

Trustee McKnight explained that, in addition to managing camp registrations, the BeClutch system will also replace the municipal ID system previously handled by the retiring software. He shared that the vendor successfully developed a solution to fulfill this need, allowing residents to obtain local IDs in a like-for-like manner. He added that the system could also be used to generate badges for recreation camp counselors. Another key feature he highlighted was the platform's communication capabilities. The new system will enable Recreation Director Ron Introini to maintain real-time contact with both counselors and parents—an improvement particularly helpful for communicating weather-related cancellations or delays.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Arbor Day, a tradition dating back to 1872 when J. Sterling Morton initiated the celebration in Nebraska by planting trees, has since become a globally recognized observance promoting tree planting and environmental conservation; and

Whereas, Arbor Day serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of trees in our ecosystem, providing numerous environmental, social, and economic benefits for current and future generations; and

Whereas, the Village of Warwick recognizes the invaluable role that trees play in mitigating climate change, improving air quality, enhancing property values, and promoting overall health and well-being;

Whereas, the Village of Warwick has been a dedicated member of Tree City USA for 40 years, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the preservation and growth of our woodlands; and

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Whereas, the Village of Warwick has achieved the Growth Award for 25 consecutive years, the longest tenure in New York State, showcasing exemplary efforts in enhancing our community's green infrastructure and fostering environmental stewardship; and

Now, Therefore, Mayor Newhard, along with the Village Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in the Village of Warwick, New York and urge all residents to join in commemorating this occasion by planting trees, participating in tree-related activities, and continuing to support initiatives aimed at preserving and expanding our Village forest.

Trustee Collura 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 Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

**Convergent Energy & Power LLP on Behalf of Warwick Energy Storage 3, LLC,
Amended Letter of Credit – (Addendum No. 1)**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney to accept and approve the draft letter of credit from Wells Fargo in the amount of \$283,500, with annual increases as provided therein, proposed to be posted by Convergent Energy & Power LLP on behalf of Warwick Energy Storage 3, LLC, as decommissioning security for the Church Street Battery Project, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the consent for acceptance of an amended letter of credit with those provisions.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Discussion

Trustee McKnight asked how the request came about.

Mayor Newhard explained that the amended Letter of Credit originated from the Planning Board process, during which the Planning Board attorney initially set the financial assurance amount. However, he acknowledged that the original amount was significantly inadequate. The Village later had the opportunity to revise the terms and recommend a more appropriate figure, prompting the current amendment to better protect the community's interests.

Trustee Cheney inquired whether there were any remaining hurdles preventing Warwick Energy Storage 3, LLC from beginning operations. He noted that he did not believe any obstacles remained, suggesting the project might now proceed following the amendment to the Letter of Credit.

Trustee McKnight followed up by asking whether Convergent had permission to begin operations.

Village Attorney Gaba responded that, according to repeated communications from Convergent Energy & Power LLP, all necessary components are in place, with one exception. The Mayor is required to sign a short form acknowledging acceptance of the amended Letter of Credit. Following that, the Letter of Credit must be officially filed with the Village Clerk. Once these final steps are completed, the company will be authorized to proceed.

Trustee McKnight asked how the moratorium previously passed by the Village impacts the operation.

Mr. Gaba explained that they are likely exempt from the Village's moratorium because the project had already received its approvals prior to the moratorium being enacted. As such, the restrictions outlined in the moratorium do not apply to this particular project.

Trustee McKnight asked for specific clarification on what actions Convergent must take in order to officially bring the battery storage units online.

Mr. Gaba stated that he was only familiar with the requirements necessary to bring the storage unit to the point where they are authorized to begin work. He indicated that he did not have details regarding the specific actions or steps the company must take to bring the system online.

Trustee McKnight expressed a desire for more clarity regarding the full scope of what needs to be done to bring the project online. He acknowledged that the current discussion pertained solely to the bond, but emphasized that the broader operational details should be addressed separately.

Trustee Cheney stated that the amended Letter of Credit was likely one of the conditions necessary to receive a CO (Certificate of Occupancy) from the Building Inspector. Without meeting this requirement, the project would not be allowed to begin operations.

Mr. Gaba confirmed.

Trustee McKnight requested clarification on the other conditions. He stated that it was his understanding there were several requirements beyond the amended Letter of Credit.

Trustee Cheney asked whether the remaining conditions referenced by Trustee McKnight were part of the original project approval or if they were additional requirements imposed following the battery storage unit fire incident.

Trustee McKnight responded that, to his understanding, the Village is still working under the original conditions established at the time of project approval.

Trustee Cheney stated his understanding that all original conditions of approval had been satisfied and that preparations for operation were already underway.

Trustee McKnight clarified that, prior to the fire incident, the units had not been officially brought online but were in a testing phase. He noted that the fire occurred during this preliminary stage, before full operation had commenced.

Mr. Gaba recommended that the Board request a memo from the Building Inspector, Boris Rudzinski to clarify the current status of the Convergent Energy project. He suggested contacting Boris directly to ask for a summary of any outstanding requirements.

Mayor Newhard noted that Keith Woodruff was believed to be involved in the process.

Mr. Gaba clarified that while Keith Woodruff reviewed the project, it is the Building Inspector who is responsible for issuing the CO. He explained that Boris would consult with Keith before making a final decision. Mr. Gaba advised that the Board could reach out to either or both individuals to obtain a clear update on the status of the Convergent Energy project.

Trustee McKnight expressed a preference to hold off on finalizing any action related to the project until a comprehensive review is completed. He emphasized the importance of revisiting the original set of conditions from the project's Planning Board approval, dating back to around 2019 when he served on the Planning Board. He stressed the need to understand how the fire incident affected those conditions, whether any revisions were made, and what the current status is.

Trustee McKnight reiterated the importance of consulting with the Village engineer and Building Inspector to ensure that all aspects of the Convergent Energy project have been properly addressed. He cautioned against the potential risk of the amended Letter of Credit being viewed as the final step, only for additional unresolved issues to emerge afterward. He stated that he would feel more comfortable moving forward if the Board had clear confirmation that all conditions had been reviewed and satisfied.

Trustee Cheney acknowledged Trustee McKnight's concerns but clarified that they were separate from the matter at hand. He emphasized that the current motion pertains specifically to the amended Letter of Credit, which Convergent Energy had been instructed to provide. Since they fulfilled this requirement, Trustee Cheney stated he did not see a basis for withholding approval of the motion.

Trustee McKnight agreed with Trustee Cheney in principle, acknowledging that if viewed in isolation, the motion to approve the amended Letter of Credit was valid. However, this approval could be perceived as the final step in a long and complex process leading to the issuance of a CO. He reiterated the need for a thorough review to ensure all prior conditions had been fully addressed.

Trustee Cheney proposed that the Board request a report from Building Inspector Boris before the CO is issued.

Trustee McKnight expressed discomfort with allowing the Building Inspector to issue a CO for the Convergent Energy project without the Board first receiving a comprehensive review. Citing the attention the project has received and the risks associated with the prior fire incident, he recommended that the Village engineer provide a memo confirming that all conditions have been re-evaluated and satisfied. He further suggested that the issuance of the CO should be subject to formal approval by the Village Board, even if that process is not typically required.

Trustee Cheney suggested that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the Convergent Energy matter further.

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Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to enter into Executive Session to seek legal advice of counsel.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

In Executive Session: Mayor, Michael Newhard and Trustees Barry Cheney, Mary Collura, Thomas McKnight and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba.

Exit Executive Session & Resume Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to exit Executive Session.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

**Convergent Energy & Power LLP on Behalf of Warwick Energy Storage 3, LLC,
Amended Letter of Credit (Addendum No. 1) – TABLED**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura to table the motion for Addendum No.1.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

No comments.

Reports

Trustee Cheney's Report:

Trustee Cheney reported that the Warwick Little League Parade is scheduled for Saturday, with step-off at 10:00 a.m. from the intersection of High Street and Main Street. The parade will proceed down Main Street, Railroad Avenue, South Street, Parkway, Park Lane, and end in Memorial Park. This year marks the 70th anniversary of Warwick Little League. Trustee Cheney reflected on past celebrations, recalling the 50th anniversary. He encouraged former players, particularly those who played between 1955 and 1965, to join the parade or attend the ceremonies in Memorial Park. He concluded by expressing hope for favorable weather.

Mayor Newhard thanked Trustee Cheney for his longstanding dedication to Warwick Little League. He acknowledged the many years of effort Trustee Cheney has contributed to the organization and praised Little League as a valuable and positive force in the community.

Trustee Cheney reflected on the purpose and personal rewards of his involvement with Warwick Little League, noting that despite its challenges, the organization exists to serve all youth in the community, regardless of their skill level. He emphasized the importance of fostering a love for the game—baseball or softball—and seeing children improve while enjoying the experience. He highlighted that having fun is of paramount importance. Trustee Cheney also reported that the league has an active board this year, with recent turnover leading to increased productivity. The fields are in excellent condition, and all field signs have been replaced. He mentioned that although the parade and ceremonies are taking place later this year due to the school holiday schedule, games have been underway since early April.

Trustee Foster's Report:

No report.

Trustee Collura's Report:

Trustee Collura announced two Earth Day-related cleanup events. The first is a cleanup, organized by the Warwick Historical Society, of the cemetery located behind Sanfordville Elementary School and is featured during the Society's annual Walk About program with fourth-grade students. Volunteers are encouraged to bring rakes, gloves, or leaf blowers to help prepare the site for the upcoming student tour. For more information, residents can contact the Historical Society at 845-986-3236. Trustee Collura expressed her enthusiasm for this effort, noting that she is often approached by residents who want to learn more about it.

The second event is the Warwick Chamber of Commerce's "Operation Clean Sweep," taking place this Saturday in the South Street parking lot. Specialty recycling programs will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Chase parking lot. Offerings include paper shredding (at \$7 per box, sponsored by the Warwick Lions Club), as well as collections for sneakers and rubber cleats, eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, and prescription pills.

Trustee Collura also shared that the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting event for their new offices this Friday at 75 Main Street, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP via the Chamber's website at warwickcc.org.

Mayor Newhard added that during the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event, there will also be a dedication of a plaque donated by the Edwin Strong family, who owned the building at 75 Main Street for many years. He noted that it would be a meaningful way to recognize the family's legacy and connection to the property.

Trustee McKnight's Report:

Trustee McKnight reminded the Board and public about the Warwick Treecycle event taking place this Saturday in Stanley Deming Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will feature art activities, a puppet show, live performances, and informational tables hosted by various community organizations. He encouraged members of the Village Board to have a presence at the event, noting that there is no set agenda, but it would be a good opportunity to engage with residents and answer questions. He also noted that the rain date for the event is Sunday.

In other announcements, Trustee McKnight reported on the recent Albert Wisner Public Library tax levy and Trustee vote. The 2025 tax levy proposition passed with 389 votes in favor and 60 against. Trustees Mark Damia and Nora Gurvich were both re-elected to five-year terms. He extended congratulations to them on their continued service.

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Mayor Newhard's Report:

No report.

Final Comments from the Board

No comments.

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to enter into Executive Session to seek confidential advice of counsel.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

In Executive Session: Mayor, Michael Newhard and Trustees Barry Cheney, Mary Collura, Thomas McKnight and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba.

Exit Executive Session & Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to exit Executive Session, resume the regular meeting and adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye