

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, November 6, 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 Thomas McKnight. Also present was Deputy Village Clerk, Jennifer Mante and Village Attorney Steven Gaba. Others present: Beverly Braxton and Gail Hoffer-Loibl.

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

Adjournment of Work Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to adjourn the work session at approximately 7:25 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

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: September 14, 2023, and October 2, 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

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney to Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$193,193.17.

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

Presentation

1. Real Term Energy (via Zoom).

To view the Investment Grade Audit Report: https://villageofwarwick.org/wp-content/uploads/P-1330_IGA_-_Warwick_NY_Nov-29-2023-All-smart-controls-with-Appendices.pdf

Paul Vesel from Real Term Energy presented information regarding the streetlight conversion project.

Mr. Vesel discussed the progress of the LED upgrade project, highlighting that they have reached the preparation stage for procurement. Real Term Energy, in collaboration with Smart Controls, brings over a decade of experience in similar projects, having completed around 400 municipal projects, primarily in the northeast.

He emphasized that, based on their fieldwork in Warwick, there are no major hurdles expected to impede the project. As part of the process, ownership of the streetlights needs to be transferred from the utility to the municipality. Mr. Vesel explained that many municipalities have successfully taken ownership of their streetlights through either the public service commission or legislative pathways. The primary drivers for this initiative include cost savings.

Mr. Vesel continued his presentation, focusing on the energy and cost savings of the LED upgrade project. He shared a table illustrating that the project is expected to generate approximately 73% savings for the Village. The current annual expenditure of around \$89,000 is projected to decrease to about \$24,000 post-acquisition and conversion, resulting in annual savings of about \$64,000. The simple payback period for the Smart Controls option is estimated at 6.1 years, with a 20-year net project savings of approximately \$1.5 million.

He emphasized that the project is highly attractive for municipalities seeking energy conservation, as the savings are predictable due to the non-metered service structure of streetlight tariffs. The kilowatt energy consumption is expected to drop significantly, making it a reliable and efficient energy savings project.

Mr. Vesel then discussed tax-exempt lease numbers and presented a scenario based on current interest rates of 5.4% for such projects. The cash flow analysis showed initial out-of-pocket expenditures in the first year, turning positive by the second year and generating significant positive cash flow over the 10-year lease term. The operational lease structure ensures no upfront expenses, with lease payments covered by project savings.

Mr. Vasel highlighted additional drivers for the LED upgrade project beyond cost and energy savings. He emphasized that streetlight infrastructure is rapidly becoming the primary delivery mechanism for smart city services. While the Village may not currently be considering such services, the LED upgrade provides a future-proofed infrastructure that could support smart traffic control, smart parking control, air quality sensors, public Wi-Fi, and 5G when needed. The ability to control and manage these services is a key advantage of municipal ownership of streetlights. Mr. Vasel acknowledged the good work of public utilities but noted that municipalities often prefer to control high-touch qualitative services directly rather than relying on the utility. The presentation suggested that owning the streetlight infrastructure provides greater autonomy for implementing and managing smart city services.

Mr. Vasel also addressed the issue of service level, acknowledging that municipalities are often dissatisfied with the service provided by utilities for streetlights. Real Term Energy offers maintenance services for streetlights, relieving municipalities from the burden of managing ongoing maintenance. The reliability of the new technology contributes to low failure rates, with an average of around 0.3% per annum for their installations, further simplifying maintenance considerations for the Village.

Trustee Foster requested clarification on the lease payment costs presented. She sought to understand the components of the post-upgrade utility cost, post-upgrade maintenance cost, and lease payments. Additionally, she questioned whether the term "lease payments" was accurate, suggesting that it might be more appropriate to label it as "loan repayment" given the inclusion of an interest rate and an annual payment.

Trustee Cheney clarified that this proposal was to lease and not own.

Mr. Vasel explained that the tax-exempt lease program is a financing mechanism commonly used for municipal infrastructure. He clarified that, with this option, the municipality would own the assets at the end of the 10-year lease term. This financing approach is an appropriated expense, not affecting the debt load. While he suggested it as a suitable option for a small streetlight project, he also noted that for larger capital improvement projects, going for a bond might result in lower interest rates.

Trustee Cheney stated the Village accountant would be looking into this.

Mr. Vasel outlined the next steps for the project, emphasizing that once the investment-grade audit document is approved and signed, the project will be set from a procurement standpoint. He recommended starting the project as soon as it's signed off on, especially for a lease option, as the first payment wouldn't be due until 12 months after the

signature date. This approach would allow the accumulation of maximum savings before the initial loan payment.

Trustee Foster raised a question about current utility costs, expressing concern that it actually reflected current utility costs for the first year and then escalated utility costs for each subsequent year. She sought clarification on whether this understanding was correct.

Mr. Vasel explained that the document factors in a 3% per annum compounded escalation based on historical utility costs. He mentioned that maintenance costs are expected to increase annually due to rises in labor costs. However, he clarified that for the first 10 years, maintenance costs mainly involve labor, as both the smart controls and luminaires come with a 10-year warranty. Manufacturers will replace any failed or outage components at no cost during this period.

Mr. Vasel stated that the installation process for the project is expected to be relatively quick, with completion anticipated within a maximum of 60 days. After installation, there will be a commissioning phase, including quality control. Randomly selected fixtures will be checked to ensure they meet both utility and manufacturing specifications. In case of any anomalies, discussions with the contractor will be held to rectify the issues.

Trustee Foster inquired about the difference in the escalation rates between current utility costs (escalated by 4% each year) and maintenance costs (escalated at 3% per year). She sought clarification on the rationale behind these varying escalation rates.

Mr. Vasel explained that the utility rates tend to be more aggressive than wage rates for contractors.

Trustee Foster inquired about the advantages of choosing a lease over a bond, especially if a bond might result in a lower overall cost.

Mr. Vasel highlighted that for smaller projects like the streetlight upgrade, a lease is generally recommended due to lower upfront costs and quicker approval processes compared to bonds, which tend to be more expensive in terms of setup costs and have a more onerous and lengthy approval mechanism.

Trustee McKnight asked and received clarification that the existing LED streetlights did not already have smart controls.

Mr. Vasel emphasized that the current lights with standard photocells used by utilities often leave municipalities in a reactive position, where they only discover a light is out through visual inspection or constituent complaints. The Smart Controls, on the other

hand, provide a proactive approach, enabling immediate notification when a light is out or failing, allowing for a quicker and more efficient response.

A discussion ensued which resulted in the clarification of the Smart Controls option, with Trustee McKnight reviewing the fixtures. Out of 456, it was assessed that 269 fixtures were proposed to be replaced with LED lights. It was explained that an existing inventory of around 180 to 190 fixtures that have already been replaced with LED lights, and the proposal aimed to retrofit these existing LED lights with Smart Controls.

Trustee Foster asked for clarification on one of the spreadsheets, specifically regarding low pedestrian lighting.

Mr. Vasel replied that the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES), the governing body for street and roadway lighting in the US, has established Standards and Guidelines called RPA, with the current iteration being RPA 21. Based on the data collected, there's a pedestrian conflict assigned to each street type, specifying the distribution of lighting and desired metrics such as illumination, backlighting, uplighting, and glare. He offered to schedule a call with their photometric design engineer for a deeper dive into these standards.

Mr. Vasel continued by highlighting a significant difference between the approach of utilities and theirs in replacing lights. Utilities typically perform a one-for-one replacement, replacing high-pressure sodium lights with LED equivalents across the board without customizing the lighting. In contrast, Real Term Energy aims to reduce lighting anomalies by employing customized photometric lighting design, resulting in more optimized and safer lighting compared to a simple one-for-one replacement.

Trustee Foster expressed interest in the methodology.

Mr. Vasel explained how Real Term Energy conducted a thorough physical audit of the Village of Warwick's streetlights, collecting approximately 17 or 18 data points, including fixture height, street width, curb offset, pole spacing, and row classification. Utilizing sophisticated photometric modeling software, the goal is to achieve as close as possible to 100% RPA (Roadway Lighting Design Guide) compliance, ensuring the safest lighting conditions. The customized design directs light precisely where needed, minimizing blind spots, and preventing light pollution into neighboring properties or the night sky. Mr. Vasel explained that a deep dive into the technical aspects could be arranged for those who were interested in additional information.

Executive Session

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

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

In Executive Session

Michael Newhard, Mayor, and Trustees Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Mary Collura, and Tom McKnight. Also present, Village Attorney Stephen Gaba.

Exit Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, 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 Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Resume the Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to resume the regular meeting.

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

1. Warwick, LLC, 8 Forester Avenue Special Use Permit Application

Mayor Newhard explained that the topic would be discussed during the motion.

To review site plan and special use permit documents for 8 Forester Avenue, please click here: <https://villageofwarwick.org/8-Forester-Avenue/>

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 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 were made.

RTE Energy – LED Streetlight Conversion and Smart Controls

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to accept the Investment Grade Audit Report (IGA) prepared by RTE Energy dated November 29, 2023, for the purchase of the streetlights in the Village, conversion to LED lighting and installation of smart controls on all lights.

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

Vacation Carry Over – Cathy Schweizer

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Cathy Schweizer, to carry over 3 vacation days.

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

Warwick Lions Club – Bell Ringing

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Lions Club to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the business locations of 33-37 Main Street on December 10, 16, & 17, 2023 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Proof of proper insurance has 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

Facility Use Request – Railroad Green, We the People Warwick, Candlelight Peace Vigil

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to We the People Warwick to use Railroad Green on Thursday, December 21, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a silent candlelight peace vigil between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with a rain/snow date of December 22, 2023. Completed park permit, security deposit, and proof of insurance 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

Mayor Newhard asked Beverly Braxton, the organizer, to speak about the event. Ms. Braxton informed the Board that the event would include music for families and their children and that it would be a very simple event.

There was discussion regarding Village owned speakers.

Ms. Braxton stated that some candles would be available and supplied by the Medical Council but encouraged people to bring their own.

Facility Use Request –Veterans Memorial Park, Warwick Little League 2024 Season

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Little League to use Veterans Memorial Park and Stanley Deming ballfields for the 2024 Little League season which will extend from March 1, 2024, through November 17, 2024, and to use the Veterans Memorial Park pavilion and the surrounding area to hold Picture Day on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Completed park permit and proof of insurance has been received. Approval is pending receipt of security deposit.

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

Parade – Warwick Little League

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Little League to hold an Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 6, 2024, with a rain date of Saturday, April 13, 2024, as per their letter dated November 28, 2023. The parade will step-off promptly at 10:00 a.m. with line up beginning at 9:30 a.m. on High Street. The parade route will be the same as the previous year starting on High Street, Main Street, Railroad Avenue, South Street, Parkway, Park Lane, and then crossing Forester Avenue into Memorial Park. The Warwick Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance Service will be contacted and asked to provide services for the event.

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

Road Closure – High Street & Parking Space Closure – Main Street

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to close High Street on Saturday, April 6, 2024, with a rain date of Saturday, April 13, 2024, starting at

9:00 a.m. for the benefit of the Little League parade. Barriers to be provided by the Department of Public Works. Request includes the parking spaces on the east side of Main Street between High Street and Church Street be designated as "No Parking" so they can be used for dropping-off participants.

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY
FOR THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK**

WHEREAS, the Village Board has prepared for considered and adoption a cash management policy, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is satisfied with the said cash management policy and wishes to adopt it as an official and binding policy in the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board hereby adopts the said cash management policy; and
2. That said policy shall be filed with the Village Clerk, posted on the Village's website, and posted on the Village Clerk's Bulletin Board.

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

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

Listing of Records Eligible for Destruction - Records Inventory Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to authorize the destruction of approximately 189 cubic feet of records as listed in the attached Listing of Records Eligible for Destruction created by Gallego Information Services in accordance with the New York State Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1 and as part of the awarded 2023 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Records Inventory project. The approximate cost of destruction by Legal Shred is \$1,200 with up to \$650 of the cost to be reimbursed with funds awarded through the LGRMIF grant. Funds are appropriated in FY2023-24 budget code A1410-4950.

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 GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A
SIX-APARTMENT MULTIPLE DWELLING AT 8 FORESTER AVENUE -
WITHDRAWN**

WHEREAS, the applicant, Warwick LLC, owns certain real property located at 8 Forester Avenue, Warwick, New York (Section 207, Block 3, Lot 3); and

WHEREAS, the said property is located in a Central Business District (“CB”); and

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to convert existing first floor office space to three one-bedroom apartments and to establish three one-bedroom apartments on the second floor of the building on the said property; and

WHEREAS, under the Village Zoning Code the proposed apartment building constitutes a “Multiple Residence”; and

WHEREAS, the Table of Use Requirements in the Village Zoning Code lists Multiple Residence as a use permitted in the CB District subject to grant of a special use permit from the Village Board and grant of site plan approval by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, as lead agency in review of the project under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, has determined that it is an Unlisted Action and has issued a Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has now applied to the Village Board for a special use permit pursuant to Village Code §145-127 for establishment of the proposed multiple dwelling; and

WHEREAS, under the Village Code, an application for approval of a multiple dwelling must meet the standards set forth in in §145-120 as well at the particular requirements set forth in §145-127;

WHEREAS, the Village Board has duly noticed and held a public hearing on the application for a special use permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board does hereby make the following findings pursuant to Village Code §145-120

A. The proposed development of the subject property as a six-apartment multiple dwelling is of such location, size, and character that it will be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the neighborhood in which it is situated and will not be detrimental to adjacent properties. The subject property is an existing building located in a neighborhood in which re-use of it as an apartment building will be consistent with existing uses in the area. Further, it will help increase the Village's stock of entry level housing.

B. The proposed use and development of the subject property as multiple dwelling does not pose any undue hazards to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. There is ample off-street parking on the property, and sight distances are not a concern for ingress and egress from the property.

C. The location and height of the existing building on the property is not of such nature, size, appearance or location that it will hinder or discourage use or development of other properties in the neighborhood or the district. The existing building will not be expanded or significantly modified. Most of the property in the neighborhood is already built out. Thus, the physical dimensions of the building will not hinder or discourage use or development or re-development of other properties in the neighborhood or the district.

D. The proposed development of the property as a multi-family dwelling will not result in a need for additional public facilities or services, or create such fiscal burdens upon the Village greater than those which characterize uses permitted by right under applicable zoning. The applicant is constructing six apartments in place of a commercial use. If the new residential use results in any increase in the need for public facilities or services, or creates a greater fiscal burden upon the Village than the commercial use would create, it will be nominal.

2. That the Village Board does hereby make the following findings in regard to the applicant's ability to meet the "special conditions" criteria set forth in Village Code §145-127:

A. The applicant's property consists of .62 acres, and therefore meets the requirement that the subject property have a minimum lot size of 22,500 square feet.

B. The applicant has not satisfied the special conditions requirement that the multiple residence must be constructed to resemble a single-family dwelling. Village Code §145-161(H) provides:

"Use requirements or special conditions imposed by this chapter for any Special Use Permit use shall not be waived or reduced by the Village Board and shall be considered to be the minimum requirements for any authorization hereunder, except that the Village Board may authorize further application and action by the Zoning Board of Appeals."

The Village Board cannot waive compliance with this special condition, but notes that the building on the subject property is a pre-existing building and readily adaptable to use as a residential apartment building. Accordingly, the Village Board will refer the applicant to the Village Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance from this requirement.

C. The applicant meets the requirement that the multiple residence must be consistent with the character of the immediate surrounding neighborhood on the grounds set forth above.

D. Village Code §145-127 goes on to state additional standards which must be met if the applicant proposes to construct multiple buildings on a lot, but here the applicant proposes only to construct a single residential structure with attached garages and on accessory buildings, so these considerations do not apply here.

3. That the Village Board hereby grants the requested special use permit conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a variance from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals from the special condition imposed by Village Code §145-127(C) that the multiple residence shall be constructed to resemble a single-family dwelling.

_____ presented the foregoing resolution which was
seconded by _____,

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting	_____
Carly Foster, Trustee, voting	_____
Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting	_____
Mary Collura, Trustee, voting	_____
Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting	_____

Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Special Use Permit Application for 8 Forester Avenue

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to schedule a Public Hearing for 8 Forester Avenue, Warwick LLC on January 2, 2023, for a special use permit application.

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.

Final Comments from the Floor

No comments were made.

Final Comments from the Board

Mayor Newhard announced the Menorah Lighting would take place on December 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and that all were welcome.

Trustee Cheney stated that the Orange County Health Department would be conducting the annual water system inspection on December 15, 2023. It was explained that they would start at Village Hall and then tour all the facilities while providing feedback.

Trustee Cheney also announced that the mobile DMV office would be at the CVS parking lot on December 12, from 10:00 a.m. to noon with a break for lunch and then continue from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Cheney also mentioned the ongoing full leaf pickup, urging residents to place leaves in paper bags at the curb for the final pickup during the week of December 12th. Leaves must be out by Monday morning that week.

Trustee Foster announced that the RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity was available, with the application due on February 28th. She mentioned plans to meet with Trustee McKnight to discuss potential scope items based on the transportation action plan. The Board would have a conversation about the scope after hearing back about the Safe Streets Grant later this month. Trustee Foster highlighted the significant funding available, with a billion and a half dollars nationwide.

Mayor Newhard expressed appreciation for the new sidewalk on South Street, extending from Lawrence Avenue to Galloway. He highlighted the transformational impact of this project, thanks to the work done by TAM. The sidewalk, funded through community development funds from the county, is expected to be well-used, serving as a pathway from the park to a popular delicatessen. The sidewalk now linked to the corner of Galloway would be gaining a crosswalk and signal at the traffic light during the DOT's repaving of 17A.

Trustee Cheney acknowledged that the funding for the sidewalk project on South Street was made possible by the Community Development Office. Through Mayor Newhard's diligence and interaction with the office, he secured the funds for the project, allowing it to come to fruition.

Mayor Newhard added that when the Department of Transportation does the repaving of 17A, there will be a crosswalk with a signal, enhancing safety for pedestrians to cross the busy road.

There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding which streets the DOT would be paving up to as well as concerns over a culvert. The Board concluded that they would reach out to the DOT for clarification.

Trustee Collura addressed mental health concerns, mentioning plans for a post-holiday, Kick the Winter Blues event by Warwick Cares and emphasizing the availability of community resources for various challenges. She pointed to a recent Facebook post in which the sentiment encouraged a collective effort to check in on one person every day until the holidays and shared the suicide and Mental Health Hotline number, 988.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 8:20 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

Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Mante