

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

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, William Lindberg and Thomas McKnight. Also, present was DPW Supervisor Mike Moser, Village Clerk Raina Abramson and Village Attorney Stephen Gaba. Others present: Mary Collura, Thomas Scot, and Scot Brown.

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 Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: December 20, 2022, and January 3, 2023.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – December 2022 Clerk’s Office, Justice Department, Building Department, Department of Public Works and November and December 2022 Planning, Zoning, and Architectural and Historic District Review Board.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg 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 Lindberg and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$237,311.31.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Exit Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, 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 Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Resume Regular Meeting

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

1. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Funding opportunities.

Much discussion ensued by the Board about the current status of the RAISE grant including next steps to be taken before the deadline and beyond.

The Board concluded to reach out to the DOT to get some important questions answered and to set up another work session to continue the discussion.

Privilege of the Floor

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

Thomas Scot:

Mr. Scot brought up a traffic study that the Village of Warwick was conducting and wanted to know if there would be a report regarding the findings and decisions of speeding.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee McKnight clarified that there was not a traffic study done, but there were radars set up around the Village to capture speed.

Trustee McKnight explained that the data was being used to let the Warwick Police Department know where they could be most helpful. Trustee McKnight stated most people know where speeding takes place, but that it was better with a data-driven approach. Trustee McKnight stated that he was collecting statics and there were other locations he would like to put the radar, but unfortunately the Village only had one, as they were expensive.

Trustee Foster asked if the report that was sent to the Warwick Police Department could be published.

Trustee McKnight said that with a bit of explanation it could be, and that it would most likely be published on the Village's website.

Mr. Scot suggested publishing the report in the locals papers.

The Board discussed and agreed that putting the information in several outlets was a good idea.

Mr. Scot asked if the Board had looked at the study at the intersection of Memorial Park and Forester where the crosswalk was located. Mr. Scot was concerned that cars do not stop for the crosswalk.

Mayor Newhard replied that the Village had recently put up a pedestrian crossing sign.

Mr. Scot said that the pedestrian crossing sign gets moved due to trucks pulling into Wadeson's and suggested making the crosswalk go straight across the road inline with Forester and then the sign would not be in the way of the trucks.

Motions

2023 DOT and NON-DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Agreements – Partners in Safety

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to authorize the Mayor to execute the 2023 DOT and NON-DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Agreements with Partners in Safety and to authorize payment in the amount of \$750 for the 2023 DOT & NON-DOT Consortium Fees for the Drug and Alcohol Program at a rate of \$50.00 per employee. Funds are appropriated in budget code A 4010-4910 in the 2022-23 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Budget Modification

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Agreement for Repayment of Water & Sewer Charges - 54 Southern Lane

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for Repayment of Water and Sewer Charges with the property owner at 54 Southern Lane, Warwick NY in the amount of \$1,278.20 to be

paid in 12 quarterly installments of \$106.52 and authorize the Mayor to sign the same.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney asked if the reason for the high-water bill in this instance was due to a leak or due to the account being in arrears. Village Clerk Raina Abramson clarified that it was an anomaly, and not due to a series of unpaid bills.

2023 NYS Gaming Commission form GC-RCF: Raffle Consent Form - Music for Humanity

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve the New York State Gaming Commission form GC-RCF: Raffle Consent Form for Music for Humanity to sell raffle tickets in the Village of Warwick during the 2023 calendar year and authorize the Village Clerk to sign the same. Approval of form GC-RCF does not authorize the applicant to sell tickets at their leisure. All ticket sales during events and/or street fairs are subject to prior written approval of the event organizers and must be filed in the Clerk's Office. All other ticket sales are subject to prior written approval from the Village Board of Trustees.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney asked for clarification of the approval process and if it would come to the Village for approval. Mayor Newhard confirmed that it would.

Village Election – Machine Operators

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to appoint Michael J. Batz, Sr. and Elizabeth Doty as Machine Operators and Noel Thompson as Alternate Machine Operator for the Tuesday, March 21, 2023, Village Election at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Village Election – Election Inspector Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to appoint Victoria Hague as Election Inspector Chair for the upcoming Village Election on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Village Election – Election Inspectors and Alternate Inspector

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to appoint Mary Singer, Virginia Kibrick, and Donald Grenier as Election Inspectors and Nancy Thompson as Alternate Election Inspector for the upcoming Village Election on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Village Election – Poll Worker/ Alternate Inspector

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to appoint Vanessa Mann as Poll Clerk/Alternate Election Inspector for the upcoming Village Election on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Vacation Carry Over, Antonio Rivera – MOTION FAILED

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Antonio Rivera, to carry over 10 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Lindberg ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Vacation Carry Over, Antonio Rivera

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Antonio Rivera, to carry over 5 vacation days in accordance with the policy established in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Accept Funding – 2023 Village of Warwick ‘Project for Youth’ Recreation Program

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to accept funding in the amount of \$4,000 from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Youth Development Program through the Orange County Youth Bureau for the 2023 ‘Village of Warwick Recreation Project for Youth’.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Robert Drive Valve Vault - Payment Application #3, TAM Enterprises

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to authorize Payment #3 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$51,010.25 for the improvements to the Robert Drive Valve Vault for work including installation of a new insertion

valve, new pressure reducing valve, new vault cover, new sidewalk, stone wall removal and replacement and related work as certified by Village Engineer David Getz of Engineering & Surveying Properties. Funds are appropriated in budget code F.8340.4 in the 2022-23 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Reports

Trustee Cheney's Report:

Trustee Cheney spoke about the Veterans' Crisis Line, which could be reached by dialing 988 and pressing 1. Trustee Cheney explained that the service would provide the caller with a confidential chat with an individual.

Trustee Foster's Report:

Trustee Foster reported about the Veterans' Memorial Park Stakeholder Advisory Group would be meeting on January 23rd. Trustee Foster explained there would be potentially reviewing a preliminary draft. Trustee Foster explained that she had received the survey feedback back from the stakeholder advisory group and would be providing the Board the results via email.

Trustee Lindberg's Report:

Trustee Lindberg reported that a first draft for short-term rental program owner operated had been sent to the Board. Trustee Lindberg explained that there would probably be one more meeting before sending it off to the Village attorney, and then onto a public hearing. Trustee Lindberg added that the False Alarm policy was also in the process of being revised.

Trustee McKnight's Report:

Trustee McKnight reported that another camera had been installed at the skatepark and although it was not at optimally positioned, the technology is hooked up and asked the Board to provide input on the angle of the camera and how it can best be positioned. Trustee McKnight stated that there was one more camera he was looking into, but that everything else was working, which was a several months-long process.

Trustee Foster added that Trustee McKnight had it connected to an app.

Mayor Newhard's Report

Mayor Newhard addressed concerns about the chlorine levels in the Village's drinking water. Mayor Newhard said he reached out to, Keith Herbert, from JCO, who operates the Village's water treatment plant. Mayor Newhard explained that recently the drinking water facility located on Water Lane received a delivery of very fresh chlorine, which was unusual for this time of year, this meant that it was very strong. Mayor Newhard continued saying that this combined with the weather getting cooler created an improved raw water quality from the reservoirs, which drove up chlorine residuals and took several days to safely adjust down without risking public safety. Mayor Newhard explained that it couldn't just be cranked down because it would have resulted in having to boil water. The water did have a higher-than-normal chlorine dosage for a few days but was at no time outside the New York State drinking water standards for chlorine residual. Mayor Newhard said these were some of the intricacies of running a water system and supplying safe clean water to residents, sometime there are hiccups, and this definitely was a hiccup.

Final Comments from the Floor

No comments were made.

Final Comments from the Board

No comments were made.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye