

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
MAY 16, 2022**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Corey Bachman, Carly Foster, and Tom McKnight. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, Village Attorney, and Steven Gaba and DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. Others present: Nora Gurvich and Meghan Carlson.

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

Introduction by Mayor Newhard.

Mayor Newhard: Tonight, I have to start the meeting with some sad news. The tendrils of hatred as we know it and as we've seen are far reaching. Ruth Whitfield, a former Warwick resident and member of the Union African Methodist Episcopal Church was a victim in the recent shooting in Buffalo. Sister Ruth was a long-term member of the Union Warwick. The Whitfields had retired to California but returned to New York to be near family. Ruth was 86 years old and the mother of former Buffalo Fire Commissioner, Garnell Whitfield. Sister Ruth was visiting her husband in a nursing home as she did each day and had stopped by the supermarket to buy some groceries. A simple act that ended in tragedy. This is a moment of great sadness for the Whitfield family, the Union family, and the families and friends victimized by this devastating act. We mourn as a country and mourn as a community. Let us bow our heads for a moment of silence to express our compassion for those we lost and for their families who have endured this loss and this great tragedy.

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: March 21, 2022, April 4, 2022, & April 18, 2022.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – April 2022: Clerk's Office, Justice Department, Planning and Zoning, Building Department, Department of Public Works & March 2022 Building Department report.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried for the authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$217,355.01.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Announcements

1. Memorial Park Listening Session – May 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., Memorial Park Pavilion.

Trustee Foster and Mayor Newhard provided the details and purpose of the Memorial Park Listening Session.

2. Village of Warwick FY 2022-23 Tax Collection.
3. Mayor Newhard announced that on May 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. volunteers are invited to meet at the DPW barn in Memorial Park to plant the pots for the downtown area in conjunction with the Warwick Valley Gardeners.

Discussion

1. Waiving facility use fees and security deposits for the following entities: schools, scouts, the fire department, police department, ambulance corp. and veterans' organizations.

Mayor Newhard provided the history of the facility use revisions including fees and security deposits.

Much discussion ensued with the Village Board, Village Attorney, and Village Clerk regarding facility use fees and security deposits.

The Village Board considered the removal of application fees for all applicants and waiving security deposits for municipal districts/governmental entities only. Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba, recommended that since the Board is considering amending the schedule of fees, to hold the matter until the next Board meeting.

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.

Motions

Vertical Spiral Screen, Orchard St. Pump Station – Payment #12, TAM Enterprises

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to approve payment #12 in the amount of \$2,113.75 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the vertical spiral screen at the Orchard Street Pump Station for work involved in the completion of final punch list items, per the recommendation of Village Engineer, David Getz. Funds are appropriated in budget code G.8120.4950 in the 2021-22 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Vertical Spiral Screen, Orchard St. Pump Station – Payment #13, TAM Enterprises

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to approve payment #13 in the amount of \$17,475 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the final payment of the vertical spiral screen at the Orchard Street Pump Station, per the recommendation of Village Engineer, David Getz. Funds are appropriated in budget code G.8120.4950 in the 2021-22 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Vacation Carry Over – Dylan Gerstner

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Dylan Gerstner, to carry over 5 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Engineer Intern – Wakelev Banker

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to hire Wakelev Banker to the position of Village of Warwick Engineer Intern at a pay rate of \$16 per hour at 32.5 hours per week for twelve weeks with a start date to be determined by DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise – DPW Seasonal Laborers

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to advertise for two DPW Seasonal Laborer's at a rate of \$16 per hour at 40 hours per week for a twelve week period per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Memorial Park, The Historical Society – George Washington Day 5k and Fun Run

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to The Historical Society of the Town of Warwick to use Memorial Park to

hold a George Washington Day 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, July 23, 2022, with set up to begin at 7:00 a.m. and break down to be completed by 11:00 a.m. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. departing from Memorial Park to Forester Avenue, High Street, South Street, Park Lane, Park Place, Burt Street, McFarland Drive, Hudson Street, Long House Road, Aske Street, Bridges Street to White Oak, then exits through Memorial Park back to the finish/starting line per their letter dated May 4, 2022. The event is in coordination with Warwick Little League, Warwick Wascals, and Warwick Football & Cheer. The Warwick Police Department have been notified and approved the route. Completed park permit, proof of proper insurance, application fee and security deposit have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Vacation Carry Over – Raina Abramson

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Clerk, Raina Abramson, to carry over 3.79 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Memorial Park, Warwick Art League

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to Warwick Art League to use the Memorial Park pavilion on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from May 18, 2022, through October 31, 2022, for their weekly painting and drawing sessions, including use of bathrooms and five picnic tables. Completed park permit, proof of proper insurance, and security deposit have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Landscape Master Plan for Veteran's Memorial Park – Karen Arent - AMENDED

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney to accept the proposal for landscape architectural services from Karen Arent for the preparation of a Landscape Master Plan for Veteran's Memorial Park at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the mayor to sign the same.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Bachman ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Discussion

Trustee Bachman confirmed that the Park Committee will be established before Karen Arent begins the work and inquired how long it would take to form the committee. Mayor Newhard stated that the listening session was this coming Sunday and that he hoped in the two weeks following the meeting the committee would be figured out and that the listening session would bring out people.

Trustee McKnight inquired about the original estimate or if the Village received an initial estimate. Mayor Newhard stated that Ms. Arent didn't provide an original estimate but there was an original budget number of half of that, and the extent of work and outreach wasn't clear when it was forming but once that became clearer, then the number grew with the understanding that there was going to be a lot of outreach to the public and revisions of plans. Trustee Foster added that it was a line item too but hadn't been developed in coordination with her based on the scope.

Trustee Foster explained that the major change was that the Village wanted more iterations and wanted to be able to have a public review of the draft so that, in addition to integrating input on the front end and in the draft takes more time.

Trustee McKnight inquired if this would be in lieu of a Comprehensive Parks Plan. Trustee McKnight stated that a while back there was discussion about revisiting the parks plan in general, must broader and considering all the different parks in the Village. Trustee McKnight asked if this will be considered the park plan for Memorial Park since it has an element of resident input, professional landscape architect and wanted to be sure that any decisions the Village makes after this, that the Village has done their due diligence, and this can be looked at as a parks plan specific to Memorial Park. Mayor Newhard stated that that is the desire. Mayor Newhard said that what Trustee McKnight

is speaking about is the larger scope of the Parks Plan that came out of the Comprehensive Master Plan Committee, which Mayor Newhard had agreed with stated that that is a much broader stroke than what this is about. Mayor Newhard said that this is looking at the uses and needs in this specific park and reaching out to the public and the stakeholders that want to have an input.

Trustee Foster stated that they do intend to have other listening sessions that will be relevant to parks more broadly and also while people are providing feedback from the Master Plan, they expect there to be feedback about parks and recreation needs in general and that will be logged.

Mayor Newhard explained that he and Trustee Foster had a discussion with Karen Arent considering the costs of the public outreach. Mayor Newhard said that Karen will not be present at the listening session, but they will bring all of the information to her.

Further discussion ensued.

Trustee Cheney inquired about some of the terminology within Karen Arent's proposal and if the Village will go beyond the proposal and have a contract agreement. Trustee Cheney explained that he saw issues in the proposal pertaining to payment within 30-days or a 1.5% fee, because if the Village isn't satisfied with the work or the representation of what was said to have been done as to what the Village felt was actually done and there was any kind of dispute, Trustee Cheney felt that the Village needs to pay within 30-days of settling that dispute. Trustee Cheney also felt that the ownership of the documents, since it was clear in the proposal that Karen Arent owns the documents, however Trustee Cheney wants the Village to also have ownership of the documents and if the documents are used after the engagement is over, then Karen Arent bears no or limited responsibility for that. Trustee Cheney added that the proposal doesn't mention the Village's insurance requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal items.

Stephen Gaba suggested to either wait and ask Karen Arent for a revised letter or the Board can approve this agreement subject to submission and language that is acceptable to the Village Board, additional insurance provision, change in the language regarding ownership of documents reflective that the Village has ownership of all documents generated and changes to the submission of vouchered invoices to indicate that the Village has 30-days from the date of approval.

Mr. Gaba stated that Ms. Arent should send a follow-up letter stating that she understands that the Board has approved her retention pursuant to her May 6, 2022, letter subject to,

and she will list the three items, including a statement that reads, 'please be advised the proposal was modified as follows'.

Further discussion ensued.

The Village Board decided to accept the proposal with modifications.

Landscape Master Plan for Veteran's Memorial Park – Karen Arent

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to accept the proposal for landscape architectural services from Karen Arent for the preparation of a Landscape Master Plan for Veteran's Memorial Park at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the mayor to sign the same with modifications to require acceptance of invoice before the 30 days sets in, to require insurance information and the document ownership lies with the Village.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

2022 Summer Recreation Staff and Salaries

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to approve the 2022 Summer Recreation staff and salaries as per the enclosed list, per the recommendation of Village of Warwick Recreation Director, Ron Introini.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman 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 May 12, 2022.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Stanley-Deming Park, Park Avenue Elementary Second-Grade Picnic

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to Park Avenue Elementary School to hold a second-grade picnic in Stanley-Deming Park on June 6, 2022, with a rain date of June 7, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Completed park permit and proof of proper insurance have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Railroad Green, Christ Church/P.O.W.E.R. Juneteenth Celebration

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to Christ Church/P.O.W.E.R (Power of Words Exposing Racism) to use Railroad Green to host a Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the event beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m., including use of 15 vendor parking spaces in the Chase Bank parking lot. This event is in coordination with the Union A.M.E. Church Community Health Fair in the event Union A.M.E. must use their rain date of June 18, 2022. Completed park permit, proof of proper insurance, and security deposit have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight asked if the Village is able to use the 15 vendor parking spaces in the Chase Lot. Mayor Newhard explained that many of the spots are permit only. Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, explained that the Village has 12 permit parking spaces that are currently open and on Saturdays the exterior of the lot is permit holder only, so the public

can't park in those spaces anyway. The idea is to give the Juneteenth coordinator specific permit spots that are empty, with the remaining spots that have been given out to Pecks for the Bank Street Bridge project which should be complete by the day of the event, so 15 permit spots would be available which wouldn't take away from the public. Mayor Newhard inquired if spots were provided for the event last year. Ms. Abramson stated, yes, believed that last year the event took place on a Sunday which was a little different.

Road Closure – Railroad Avenue, Christ Church/P.O.W.E.R. Juneteenth Celebration

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to close Railroad Avenue on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the benefit of Christ Church/P.O.W.E.R (Power of Words Exposing Racism) and to place 16 'No Parking' bags on the meters on Railroad Avenue beginning at 6:00 a.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney inquired if the organization was going to take care of placing the bags on the meters. Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, replied that the organization will sign the bags out with DPW Clerk, Cathy Schweizer the day before.

Barton & Loguidice – Amendment to the Master Services Agreement

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to accept the proposal for engineering services from Barton & Loguidice dated May 12, 2022, for Grant Administration Services for the Village Watershed Land Acquisition WQIP Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Master Services Agreement with Barton & Loguidice for a not to exceed amount of \$5,500.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Accept Funding – 2022 Village of Warwick ‘Project for Youth’ Recreation Program

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Bachman, 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 2022 ‘Village of Warwick Recreation Project for Youth’.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight inquired what the funding was for. Mayor Newhard stated that it was funding for the Village’s park program.

Reports

Trustee Cheney’s Report:

Trustee Cheney said that the Bank Street Bridge is continuing to come along with the expectation that it will be completed prior to Memorial Day and assumed to be opened at the same time. Trustee Cheney said that one of the sidewalks has been installed and the other one should be following shortly, then they will have to mill and pave from Main Street to the bridge then from the bridge to approximately the beginning of the Pecks liquor store building.

Trustee Cheney stated that this Saturday is the Repair Café being held at the Senior Center at the Town Hall complex, 132 Kings Highway, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and it’s an opportunity to bring any of your broken items that are in need of repair to the repair coaches and they will assist you with those repairs, covering mechanical, electrical, laptops, tablets, cellphones, bikes, jewelry, wooden things, clothing, home textiles, soft toys, knife and tool sharpening with a limit of two items per person. Masks are going to be required unless circumstances change, and they are asking to bring a nonperishable box or can as a donation to the food pantry.

Trustee Foster’s Report:

Trustee Foster stated that last week she met with the Orange County Office of Tourism and Film and had a positive meeting. Trustee Foster said they talked about economic development,

tourism in the Village as well as the film policy and permit process. Trustee Foster added that the Town of Montgomery is also looking to update their process and that she had a conversation with the City of Newburgh about best practices, their relationship with the film industry looks like and how their code works. Trustee Foster explained that what was discussed is that it makes sense for the Village of Warwick to update alongside the Town of Montgomery which is also beneficial because the Orange County Film Office is looking to provide concierge services to help facilitate the relationships between the film industry and the local communities to maximize the positive relationships while minimizing disruptions, so having some synchronicity between how the municipalities do things can be helpful.

Trustee Foster said that it was good to hear that the bocce ball courts got started.

Trustee Foster added that the Village now has a virtual and real suggestion box, with the first suggestion coming in today.

Trustee Foster stated that Hello Warwick Valley had a steering committee meeting on May 5th. She explained that the steering committee consists of representatives from the four chambers, some non-profits as well as the three villages and the town elected officials. Trustee Foster added that the steering committee meetings meet quarterly on ways to increase the community connectivity to all of the things that are done in the Warwick Valley.

Additionally, Trustee Foster said that if community members would like their home or their property to be considered for filming, there is a database that they can access directly on the Office of Tourism and Film website.

Trustee Bachman's Report:

Trustee Bachman stated that there will be an event this Wednesday for the Warwick Historical Society in conjunction with the Florida Historical Society called Hands on History walking tour of the Village of Florida. Participants can meet at 7:00 p.m. behind the Village of Florida Village Hall, 33 South Main Street in Florida and enjoy hearing some stories of the buildings, structures, industries, and residents who have inhabited the Main Street of the charming village. The walkabout will last just over an hour and will cover just over a mile distance. It is not recommended for young children and those who cannot stand for an hour. The guided history tour is free, family friendly, and reservations are recommended by calling 845-986-3236.

Trustee McKnight's Report:

Trustee McKnight said that the Village has openings on some of the Boards and ads have been placed in the Advertiser. The Village is seeking an alternate position on the Planning Board. This person would have voting power when a full time Planning Board member or regular Planning

Board member cannot make the meeting. The expectation is that the alternate Planning Board member would come to all of the meetings and be as engaged as every other Board member. If interested, please reach out to Village Hall.

Trustee McKnight added that the Village is also seeking a member for the Zoning Board because one of the Zoning Board members recently moved over to the Planning Board.

Trustee McKnight stated that Village Hall is operating on an antiquated phone system, so it was budgeted for, and phones should be arriving shortly. The new phones will fix some of the connectivity issues that Village Hall has experienced with the internet and phones that were combined and connected, which should also lower the cost to support since it was one of the top support calls made. The new phones will also allow the Village to remove an outdated switch that isn't even supported by the vendor anymore, so from a security perspective it is good to remove that.

Trustee McKnight said that the Village had an old salt barn with a leaky roof where the Village was asking for bids from contractors to have it replaced to keep the equipment from being weathered. Trustee McKnight wanted to recognize that Mike Moser's crew went above and beyond and used their own skills to replace that roof with just the cost of material. Trustee McKnight said that he spoke to some of the crew who said they couldn't even run a compressor, so no pneumatic nail guns, so they were up there with good old hammers and nails. Trustee McKnight wanted to say great job and thank you for really saving the Village money.

DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser

Mike Moser stated that Orchard and Elm Street will begin milling on May 23rd, weather permitting, from Orchard Street from Oakland Avenue to the intersection of Elm and Welling and all of the entirety of Elm Street will be milled, then material will be put down to try to repack those roads to get back a base, since there is no base on either one of those roads which is the cause of many of the problems. Mr. Moser said that a glass lined fiber will be installed on Orchard Street to try to take away all of the inflow of water. Trustee Cheney added, 'and deferential settlement'. Mr. Moser said that then the Village will pave with a binder and a top course, and hopefully it will all be done in eight days.

Mayor Newhard wanted to say thank you to the men since this time of year is like running, with the crew doing so many different things on so many levels; getting ready for the Makers Market this past weekend or making sure the flowerpots are ready to be planted. Mayor Newhard said that people have no idea of all the details and hard work, and few men are actually doing that work throughout this entire village. Going back to Elm Street, digging up ancient railroad tracks that were buried because they didn't remove things in those days. Mayor Newhard thanked Mike Moser for his leadership and for the work the men are doing.

Mike Moser said that the Village has a good group of men who are doing well.

Mayor Newhard

Mayor Newhard, the Village Board, and Village Clerk discussed rescheduling the upcoming work session from Wednesday, May 18, 2022, to Friday, May 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Newhard said that the listening session will be also advertised as a work session in the event that multiple trustees arrive and want to participate.

Final Comments from the Floor

Nora Gurvich, Executive Director of the Warwick Historical Society, thanked the Village Board for approving the George Washington Day 5K. Ms. Gurvich passed out annual reports from the Historical Society and explained that the Historical Society just celebrated their 116th anniversary and how she very pleased and proud of the organization. She stated that they worked on a strategic plan over the COVID-19 crisis. The Historical Society took the time to go inward and reorganize the organization and non-profit and emerged with an exciting mission statement that is very action oriented which is, 'Preserving, sharing, and celebrating the history of the Town of Warwick'. Ms. Gurvich said that this is something the organization has been doing for over a century and feels that it is nice to introduce what the Historical Society does in a new way because they are a new and bold organization, since everything that is old is new again. Ms. Gurvich explained that the executive offices are going to go in across the street at the 1810 House, but it does not change where the headquarters are located. They will still be the A.W. Buckbee Center because that is the hub of activity for the historical society. Ms. Gurvich invited the Board to come and see the exhibits and departments which include the archive department that has thousands of items dating back to 1699, the clothing and textile department have about 1800 garments that go back to 1790. Ms. Gurvich noted that the Historical Society volunteers spend an average of 4,500 hours per year working in the departments and that she is the only full-time employee, with one part-time employee, therefore it really is a volunteer led organization. Ms. Gurvich said that she is very proud to say that they are 2.5 years in the black without dipping into any investments or reserves and they have a goal to become self-sustainable by 2025. Ms. Gurvich added that is a pleasure to introduce the new Warwick Historical Society and invited the Board to come and see their buildings, tours, and exhibits and in addition to the 5k, that same afternoon, July 23rd, they will have free public open house tours from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at a select number of Warwick Historical Society properties, hopefully including the new executive offices. Ms. Gurvich explained that there are a lot more events coming up such as a Shakespeare Festival, June 4-5th with the Greenwood Lake Theatre Company, a week of Bard at Bairds, with one or two monologues, wine cheese and jazz, with the biggest fundraiser, Party in the Park. Ms. Gurvich said that their Hands on History continues, and this Wednesday they are meeting at the Florida Village Hall and doing a tour of the beautiful and charming Village of Florida, June 1st they are meeting at the 1810 House and going down Main Street and Railroad

Avenue with the Village of Warwick Historian, Ivy Tulin, and then on June 8th they will be walking down the Village of Greenwood Lake with the Village of Greenwood Lake Historian, which will conclude this year's Hands on History program, but it was a huge success. Ms. Gurvich thanked the Village Board for partnering with them because they are getting great turnouts with about 100 people that they entertained so far and educated at just four programs, and it ventures into a little bit of adult education, and they are working in partnership with a lot of educators and people in the community that have a lot that they want to give back to the community as well. Ms. Gurvich thanked the Village Board for all that they are doing to help them and enjoy working with the Village and thanked the Village DPW for helping with the fencing and tree issues.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Foster thanked Ms. Gurvich for all she does. Mayor Newhard added that Mary Ann was a great leader and president of the Historical Society and that now Jennifer is going to be excellent as well.

Ms. Gurvich said that their Board is strong and that they have fewer members, but still have fifteen and their responsibilities and roles have been shifting which should set Jennifer up for success.

Final Comments from the Board

No further comments were made.

Adjournment

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye