

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
MAY 20, 2024**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura. Also, present was Deputy Village Clerk, Jennifer Mante and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba. Others present, Warwick Police Chief, John Rader.

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

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – April 2024: Clerk’s Office, Justice Department, Planning Department, Building Department, and Department of Public Works.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$479,311.10.

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

1. Police Report

Police Chief, John Rader detailed an intense five-month investigation that led to the arrest of a Town of Wallkill resident, who was charged with second-degree arson.

Chief Rader discussed the ongoing investigation involving a robbery at the local Sunoco Station and asked the public if they had any tips to contact the Police Department.

Chief Rader reported on several community engagement events and updates. The police station hosted a well-attended morning mixer with the Chamber of Commerce last

Tuesday. Tomorrow, they will host "Coffee with A Cop" from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. He also announced the two summer sessions for the June Police Academy: the first session runs from July 15 to July 26, and the second from August 5 to August 16, with a cost of \$250. These sessions are managed by the school resource officers, marking their third consecutive year of running the academy.

A grant was received in the amount of \$189,000 for technology upgrades.

Correspondence

1. NYS Department of Transportation SEQR Determination of No Significant Effect – NY 94/17A Improvements.

Discussion

1. Juneteenth.

Trustee Cheney shared his thoughts on the topic and noted that there are two distinct approaches to consider. The first involved the office staff, specifically the non-DPW employees who are not under a collective bargaining agreement. Trustee Cheney suggested that the Board could amend the employee handbook to designate Juneteenth as a holiday, in exchange for the Good Friday holiday.

Regarding the DPW contract, which was settled about a year ago and does not include Juneteenth despite its federal holiday status, Trustee Cheney believed it would be inappropriate to unilaterally amend this contract. Given that the collective bargaining agreement is set for four years, any changes to include Juneteenth should go through the collective bargaining process unless the employees themselves propose such a change.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Foster agreed pointing out that Juneteenth was a national holiday, while Good Friday was not.

Trustee Cheney stated that, as a municipality, they are already granting a substantial number of holidays to their employees compared to others in the area. He noted that Orange County recently settled its union agreements, particularly the CSEA agreement, where Juneteenth was granted as a holiday, but in exchange, the Election Day holiday was removed, making it a one-for-one exchange.

Mayor Newhard stated that he would speak to the Labor Council before amending the employee handbook.

2. Village of Warwick Summer Newsletter – Volume 2 Issue 1.

Trustee Collura spoke on the topic of the upcoming newsletter and received the Boards feedback.

3. NYS Clean Energy Communities Grant Projects.

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/High-Impact-Actions>

Trustee McKnight reported on the \$10,000 grant and emphasized the urgency in deciding how to allocate it. He mentioned collaborating with Hudson Valley Regional Counseling, praising their availability and support. He explained that some initial ideas were unlikely to be approved on short notice, prompting him to refer to the Clean Energy Communities grant projects guide, which details potential projects for grants over \$7,500 and for \$5,000.

He suggested focusing on the \$5,000 projects, as they are more straightforward, and the Village could potentially undertake two of them. He also mentioned that they are close to qualifying for a \$50,000 grant, which would be more substantial. However, he clarified that grants cannot be combined for the same project and cannot fund projects already underway.

The Board discussed potential uses for the grant money which included heat pumps in the form of a mini split unit, a new EV unit, community campaigns, efficiency studies, electric lawn equipment, bike racks, and tree planting initiatives.

Mayor Newhard liked the idea about the bike racks and suggested the artist community could submit designs.

The Board discussed using part of the grant money for the planned butterfly meadow and thought a case could be made that the tree planting initiatives suggested in the grant could be used more broadly, such as for pollinator friendly plants.

A decision on where to apply the grant money would have to be made by the end of June.

Trustee McKnight proposed considering solar installation as a potential project for grants exceeding \$7,500. He suggested if the Village was able to get the \$50,000 grant it could be used to offset electricity usage at the DPW's pole barn, which was identified as one of the highest consumers of electricity. He emphasized the importance of exploring options to make this grant a reality and encouraged everyone to begin contemplating the idea.

Trustee McKnight proposed the concept of establishing a permanent home for the Too Good to Toss initiative as a potential special project. He suggested repurposing a 40-foot trailer located near the DPW offices to serve as a seasonal shed for the initiative. Trustee

McKnight discussed the possibility of volunteer-run operations with community partners and highlighted the benefits of having a watchful eye at the site during operational hours. He emphasized the success of the annual Too Good to Toss event, which prevents numerous dumpsters of items from going to waste, and proposed expanding the initiative to a more frequent, seasonal setup. Trustee McKnight planned to tour a municipality who had already initiated the concept.

Trustee Foster brought up the Climate Smart Communities grant available through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), with a deadline of July 31. She outlined two project categories: implementation projects with \$11.5 million available and certification-related projects with \$1 million available. Eligible expenses include personnel services, contractual services, equipment purchase or rental, and more, with a 50% match requirement. She suggested potential projects such as climate vulnerability assessment, complete streets policy, and food waste composting. Additionally, she mentioned biking and walking trails, mass transit improvements, and reducing organic waste as eligible actions. Trustee Foster circulated a link to detailed information and highlighted the \$10,000 to \$200,000 award size for certification actions, including complete streets policy and natural resources inventory. Trustee Foster suggested potential partnership opportunities with the school for the climate vulnerability assessment. She highlighted other ongoing grant programs for consideration.

There was a discussion about the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and the Community Planning and Zoning grant program. Last year, the Village applied for a grant to rewrite the Village's zoning code, but unfortunately, it was not obtained. However, the Mayor expressed that the exit interview following the application process was quite positive.

Trustee Foster mentioned another grant opportunity, the EPF, for park improvements. She highlighted that the minimum grant for this program is \$75,000 with a 90% cost coverage, meaning only a 10% local cost share is required. She emphasized that this grant could significantly support the Village in achieving the goals outlined in the comprehensive plan. Additionally, Trustee Foster shared that they are in the process of scheduling a meeting for next week to discuss the Village's Veterans Memorial Park master plan with the EPF representatives to gain feedback on how to make the proposal more competitive.

There was a discussion regarding possible projects if awarded the grant such as land acquisition, bike and walking trails, and sidewalks; with focus on West Street.

During an in-depth discussion, the Board revisited the allocation of the already awarded grant money. The Board expressed the most interest in the bike racks and the pollinator

pathway; if the the grant money could be used to plant plants instead of trees, as well as the split unit heat pump for the DPW garage.

It was discussed whether the grant required a resolution.

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.

Grant Opportunity – Climate Smart

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried granting permission to Trustee McKnight to assemble an application as part of our Climate Smart Communities pursuits; \$10,000 grant. Topic Areas may include other energy efficiency upgrades, electric lawn equipment, bicycle infrastructure, and planting initiatives to be determined by Trustee McKnight's research.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Village of Warwick Engineer Intern - Timothy Verboys

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to hire Timothy Verboys to the position of Village of Warwick Engineer Intern at 32.5 hours per week

for approximately twelve (12) weeks with a start date of May 21, 2024. Rate of pay to be in accordance with the FY23-24 and FY24-25 budget.

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 Proposal, Air Compressor Systems - Ingersoll-Rand Company

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to accept the proposal and authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Ingersoll-Rand Company to provide Planned Care Maintenance & Diagnostics Program on the air compressor systems located at the Micro Water Treatment Plant with a contract period of four (4) years, June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2028 in accordance with the attached fee schedule, as per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Bid, Natural Gas Supply – Northeastern - WITHDRAWN

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and withdrawn to accept the bid and enter into a contract with Northeastern for Natural Gas Supply at the fixed price of \$0.5139 per CCF and authorize the mayor to sign the same. The contract will be for the period of July 1, 2024, to May 31, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Discussion

The Board expressed concerns about the nonfixed rates in the lowest bid contract and the proposed contract period being shorter than the Village's requested length.

A discussion took place between the Board and Village Attorney Stephen Gaba, who

reviewed the memo sent to the Board prior to the meeting regarding the bids and the terms in the proposed contracts.

Trustee McKnight inquired if the bid requests included a clean energy alternative and suggested exploring those options before committing to a two-year contract. Both Trustee McKnight and Trustee Foster believed the Village could be well-positioned with Community Choice Aggregation before the end of the proposed contract.

The discussion then shifted to the implications of not accepting either contract. Mr. Gaba explained that the Village could still obtain supplies from their previous supplier at a variable rate. While the idea of shortening the contract to one year was proposed, Mr. Gaba reminded the Board that the Village had initially requested bids for a 24-month contract and would need to go out to bid again with the new terms.

Mayor Newhard outlined the questions at hand: whether to approve a contract with Northeast, despite a clause in their contract that may not be favorable to the Village, or to consider an alternative plan. The alternative plan could involve engaging M&R or deciding not to move forward with the current bids and opting to rebid the project.

Trustee Foster inquired about the issue being related to electric rather than natural gas, noting the lack of alternative options such as hydrogen gas. She confirmed that the electric aspect is the primary concern and mentioned that accepting natural gas could be an option if decided upon.

Trustee McKnight expressed his concern about a company whose contract was heavily skewed in their favor and not mutually beneficial. It was mentioned that neither contract seemed mutually beneficial, and there was no escape clause in the M&R contract. Northeastern had the ability to change the rate, which raised further concerns. It was highlighted that there was no termination for convenience for the Village in any scenario, and Northeastern could adjust their rates based on factors outside their control. The discussion included a comparison of natural gas prices between M&R and Northeastern.

Stephen Gaba pointed out that Northeaster's bid documents were nonconforming, as they failed to submit a bid that met the required specifications. He noted that while the Board has the ability to waive this nonconformance if they choose, they are not obligated to do so.

The consensus of the Board was to go instead with M&R; Trustee Cheney withdrew the previous motion.

Bid Award, Natural Gas Supply – M&R

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to accept the bid and enter into a contract with M&R for Natural Gas Supply at the fixed price of \$0.5299 per CCF and authorize the mayor to sign the same. The contract will be for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

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

Bid, Electrical Power Supply - TABLED

MOTION to accept the bid and enter into a contract with _____ for Electrical Power Supply in the amount of \$ _____ per kilowatt hour and authorize the mayor to sign the same. The contract will be for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Discussion

The discussion centered on whether to move forward or rebid with different specifications, such requesting a percentage of clean energy. It was noted that clean energy is likely to be more expensive.

The Board considered the necessity of reissuing the bid if they did not accept the current offers.

The Board discussed asking for bids with varying percentages of renewable energy, to better compare options. It was noted that any delays in the bidding process could affect price validity due to the fluctuating market.

Ultimately, the Board, along with guidance from Mr. Gaba, decided not to award or reject the contract and to table the motion. The decision was made to gather more information on clean energy rates and potentially rebid with more specific requirements.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
TO AMEND VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 141 – "WATER"
WITHDRAWN

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick has before it a local law entitled: "A local law amending Village of Warwick Village Code Chapter 141 – 'Water'"; and

WHEREAS, in order to enact the said local law it is necessary to formally introduce it and to hold a public hearing on it,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the movant of this resolution does hereby introduce the proposed local law, and
2. That a public hearing on the proposed local law be set for June 17, 2024 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. and that due notice of the same is directed to be given by publication and posting.

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

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	_____

Discussion

Trustee Cheney noted that he would not be available on June 17. He explained that the primary focus was to address the cross-connection control provisions of the law, specifically, the RPZ unit, which mandates a drain beneath it, posed a significant burden for homeowners with irrigation systems. The goal was to amend this issue in the law. Additionally, during this process, other areas in need of correction were identified for further clarification, as detailed in the document provided by Mr. Gaba.

Trustee Cheney then went over some corrections to be made to the draft document.

In addition, Trustee Cheney elaborated on the changes outside of the Cross Connection control portion, noting that these were mainly to provide clarification where the law was previously unclear. One significant change addressed the issue of temporary water service, which had been too broadly defined. Previously, if someone requested to turn off the water and then asked for temporary service, they faced a \$1,000 fee. The correction specifies that the fee applies only to temporary water service where no existing water service is present. This situation typically arises when someone wants water service on a lot where construction is planned, but the service has not yet been piped in. Often, this involves construction projects where a tanker truck draws water from a hydrant, with a meter installed and a \$1,000 fee applied for the short-term usage.

Mr. Gaba stated that if the Board wished to introduce the changes tonight, they could proceed with the introduction, incorporating the corrections already discussed. He suggested using the phrase "as corrected" in the motion. He mentioned that he could make the changes and have the revised version ready by the next morning for posting. However, he noted that Trustee Cheney would not be present on the 17th, which could be problematic if people had questions about the local law. While the Board would be available to take comments and provide general explanations, the absence of Trustee Cheney might necessitate adjourning the discussion until the next meeting for more detailed answers. Consequently, Mr. Gaba recommended making the changes, introducing the updated version at the June meeting, and then setting the public hearing for July, ensuring Trustee Cheney's presence for any in-depth queries.

The Board agreed it was best to have Trustee Cheney present at the public hearing and to withdraw the motion pending Mr. Gaba's corrections.

Village of Warwick Office Intern - Megan Desrats

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to hire Megan Desrats to the position of Village of Warwick Office Intern at 20 hours per week for approximately twelve (12) weeks with a start date of May 21, 2024. Rate of pay to be in accordance with the FY23-24 and FY24-25 budget.

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 Carryover – Raina Abramson

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Raina Abramson, to carry over 5 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

Facility Use Request, Memorial Park – Pride Event Additional Requests

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to The Warwick Community Center to extend the end time of the Warwick Pride Celebration taking place at Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, June 9, 2024 to 5:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. and to include six food vendors and 4-6 retail vendors to the event. The vendor and parking plan has been reviewed on location with the Village DPW as stated in the attached map and letter dated May 15, 2024. Request also includes the delivery and installation on Friday, June 7th of 4 staging pieces, a 12' ladder to be locked to the pavilion, 12 parking cones, 4 extra garbage cans & 4 extra recycling bins and flag poles and clips on Main Street for Pride Flags to be installed by June 7, 2024. 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 Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney expressed a concern regarding the layout of the food vendors for the upcoming event. The vendors were planned to be situated on the grass along the roadway towards the pavilion. He noted that this lower, more level area tends to become soggy during rain. Trustee Cheney suggested an appropriate rain contingency plan in

coordination with the DPW supervisor.

Trustee Cheney questioned who would be responsible for installing the flags, and it was clarified that the Community Center would handle the task.

Transfer of Available Appropriations

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to approve the transfer of available appropriations for certain FY2023-24 budget account lines as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated May 15, 2024.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Modification of Budget Appropriations and Revenue – 75 Main Street

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to approve the modification of budget appropriations and revenue for the purchase of 75 Main Street, Warwick, NY as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated May 15, 2024.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Infrastructure Reserve Account Transfer – 75 Main Street

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to approve the FY2023-24 transfer of \$471,633.55 from the Infrastructure Reserve Account to the General Fund (A2801) for the purchase of 75 Main Street, Warwick, NY 10990 as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated May 15, 2024.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Budget Transfer

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to approve the FY2023-24 transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund (A9901.9000) to the Infrastructure Reserve Account as per the 2023-2024 Adopted Budget and Village Treasurer's memo dated May 15, 2024.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Refund – 25 Elm Street, Application Withdrawn

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to refund Nikki Walker in the amount of \$150.00 for a Change of Use Site Plan Waiver Application for a project located at 25 Elm Street due to the application being withdrawn.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney questioned when the application had been withdrawn and whether it was reviewed by an attorney or engineer.

Mayor Newhard did not think it had been according to the letter by the Planning Secretary, although he could not be certain by the way the letter was written.

Mr. Gaba noted that the Board was entitled to rely on the Planning Board Secretary's representation regarding the matter.

Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals - Nikki Delille TABLED

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Foster, and tabled to appoint Nikki Delille as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy with a term ending April 7, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Discussion

Trustee Cheney wanted to see the resume of the candidate.

Mayor Newhard remarked that the candidate appeared very well qualified and demonstrated great interest in the position. He noted that she had a background as a trader for Lehman Brothers and, although retired, expressed a strong desire to be an active participant in her community. He added that the candidate understood the requirements of serving as an alternate, including the need to participate in meetings and stay informed about everything happening in the ZBA.

Trustee Collura also expressed a desire to review the candidate's bio.

Mr. Gaba suggested tabling the motion.

Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals - Nikki Delille TABLED

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to table the previous motion.

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

Reports

Trustee Cheney's Report:

No report.

Trustee Foster's Report:

Trustee Foster mentioned meeting with Youth and Government students at the high school to discuss the upcoming Slow Down Warwick campaign and the Transportation Safety Action Plan, both of which garnered interest from the students. Additionally, she talked about the three

task forces they could participate in: the Climate Smart Communities Task Force, the Transportation Task Force, and the Inclusion Task Force. She noted that the Transportation Task Force would become more active once the grants were secured.

Trustee Foster also mentioned the need to schedule a meeting with the Stakeholder Advisory Group for the Veterans Memorial Park. She suggested that the best time for this meeting would be after discussions with the EPF about potential pursuits, so they could then present this information to the advisory group for their input over the next few weeks.

Trustee Foster also shared a potential design concept regarding garbage cans.

She concluded by talking about the Safe Streets for All program, highlighting the opportunity to obtain funding for data gathering. She proposed pursuing funding to better understand current usage and needs for the Dial-a-Bus service, including identifying necessary bus stops and ways to increase usage.

Trustee Collura's Report:

Trustee Collura announced the upcoming fundraising event for the Warwick Historical Society, scheduled for June 1st from 5:30 to 9:00 PM at Louis Park. Tickets are still available, and those interested can call 845-986-3236.

She also provided an update on her work with the Architectural Historical District Review Board, specifically on the guidebook project. Trustee Collura mentioned collaborating with committee member Matthew Pinto and meeting with Committee Chair, Michael Bertolini. Mr. Bertolini recommended that Mr. Pinto take a tour of the Historical Society properties, which she successfully arranged. The Historical Society expressed interest in offering more tours, and Trustee Collura proposed this as a valuable opportunity for Village Board members, staff, and committee members. She is working on planning these tours for the summer, expressing enthusiasm for the potential engagement and educational opportunity.

Trustee McKnight's Report:

No report.

Mayor Newhard's Report

Mayor Newhard shared that the purchase of Robin Brae Parkland is progressing well. Despite involving multiple parties, including the Town, the seller, and the Village, they are now close to finalizing a closing date. He expressed excitement about this development, noting the lengthy process to reach this point.

Mayor Newhard also announced a volunteer event scheduled for Sunday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers will be planting planters and pots that will be placed around the business district. The event will take place at the DPW yard in Memorial Park and is expected to last about an hour and a half to two hours. The Warwick Valley Gardeners will be present to assist. He invited Board Members and their families to participate, emphasizing that many hands make for lighter work.

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

No comments were made.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 9:40 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

Jennifer Mante, Deputy Village Clerk