

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
MAY 20, 2019**

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The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present were: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, William Lindberg, Eileen Patterson and George McManus. Also, present were: Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba. Absent was DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. Others present; Kati Bisaro, Lt. John Radar, Cathy Gerstner, Dan Mack, Alfredo Pacheco, Lorena Rodrigues, Jean Corbi Ciappa, Vince Cappello and others.

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

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Patterson and carried to Acceptance of Minutes: March 18, 2019, March 22, 2019, April 1, 2019, April 10, 2019. Five Ayes

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Patterson and carried to accept the reports – April 2019: Clerk’s Office, Justice, Building, Planning Board & ZBA. Five Ayes

Authorization to Pay All Approved and Audited Bills

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Patterson and carried for the authorization to pay all approved and audited bills in the amount of \$153,333.13.

Discussion Prior to Vote

Trustee Patterson: Just a note to talk to Mr. Moser about the sweeper bill so that we don’t get another one.

Mayor Newhard: Yes.

Police Report

Mayor Newhard: John, do you have a report for the Board tonight?

Lt. John Radar: Nothing at this time.

Trustee McManus: You’re all set on upcoming parades?

Lt. John Radar: On Monday? On Memorial Day Parade, yes.

Trustee McManus: On Memorial and...

Trustee Patterson: Pride.

Trustee McManus: Pride, your all good?

Lt. John Radar: Expect closures and delays.

Trustee McManus: I hear that a lot.

Mayor Newhard: And the Choose Life Parade seemed to go without any problems?

Lt. John Radar: No issues, just the heavy traffic day in the Village.

Mayor Newhard: In the middle of the day on a Saturday is a tough time to have a parade.

Lt. John Radar: Food for thought for the future.

Mayor Newhard: Yes, exactly. Thank you.

Presentation

1. Warwick Friendly Visitor Program

Vince Cappello and Jean Corbi Ciappa spoke about the Warwick Friendly Visitor Program and the variety of services they offer. Listed below are some of the services that volunteers can assist with:

- You can provide transportation to a medical appointment or run an errand.
- You can help a neighbor with grocery shopping.
- You can provide companionship by visiting with a neighbor and stop by and talk or make a phone call.

Jean also spoke about her role as a coordinator with volunteers and people needing assistance (our neighbors). She monitors phone calls and requests from neighbors and matches local volunteers with residents that need support. There are approximately 70 volunteers and 125 to 130 neighbors that receive services. The program has been successful and is supported by the Town of Warwick.

For more information about the program you can visit <https://www.townofwarwick.org/friendly-visitor-program/>. The program is always looking for new volunteers.

Correspondence

1. Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2018.

Mayor Newhard: Barry, I want to thank for the work you did towards that and every year you do a great job updating it and working with our water department heads and making sure everything is relevant and timely.

Trustee Cheney: And thanks to the Board because each year there is more and more progress being made. We are doing great things and the support we get finance those things is invaluable.

Mayor Newhard: We usually get a glowing report from the Department of Health; they really like what we do here.

Trustee Cheney: Yes, we did.

Mayor Newhard: Thank you.

Discussion

1. Village of Warwick Streets, Parking and Safety

Trustee Lindberg: Well, yes, it's pretty much parking, we have talked about this a couple of months ago. I'm suggesting making three changes to three streets, Wheeler, Elm and Park. Wheeler there are two signs, two no parking to the corner, one is 37, they're listed incorrectly, one is listed in the book at 37 and it's actual only 32 so I wanted to make that change because the signs are in good spots. The other side of the street it says 90 feet but it's actual 80. So, the change to Wheeler I'm suggesting to change the right amount of footage to West.

Mayor Newhard: This is from...

Trustee Lindberg: 2 West.

Mayor Newhard: 2 West, so it's between McEwen and West?

Trustee Lindberg: Right, yes. One is on the acupuncture side and the other side is on the dentist side, just changing the verbiage in the code.

Mayor Newhard: Ok.

Trustee Cheney: And the acupuncture side takes you past the driveway.

Trustee Patterson: Of the acupuncture side.

Trustee Cheney: Yeah.

Trustee Lindberg: That's one. Two is...

Trustee Patterson: Wait, can we keep talking about Wheeler?

Trustee Lindberg: Sure.

Trustee Patterson: Because we had some discussion about not having parking on both sides of the street in other sections of that road as well.

Trustee Lindberg: Ok. Well I can, let me finish just this and we can...

Trustee Patterson: Ok, I was just going by street. But sure, yeah that's fine.

Trustee Lindberg: Yeah it wouldn't be prepared to talk about further, tonight anyway.

Trustee Patterson: Ok.

Trustee Lindberg: So, that's Wheeler. Elm Street, some of our recommendations are based on the surveyor redid the parking/no parking when he was doing it Yesterday's survey and one of those recommendations is both sides of the streets 30 feet from West put a no parking to the corner, both sides of the streets on Wheeler from West...

Trustee Patterson: On Elm.

Trustee Lindberg: I'm sorry, on Elm. They also recommended to put a stop bar on the street, a big wide strip right at the intersection. And they also recommended to put a center line down Elm Street.

Mayor Newhard: The most critical part is we will have to have a public hearing on these changes and so those are not really included, those are just physical things that we do on a daily basis.

Trustee Patterson: What?

Mayor Newhard: The stop sign, the stop bar...

Stephen Gaba: I don't think you need one on the stop bar or center line, do you?

Mayor Newhard: That's what I'm saying.

Stephen Gaba: Oh, you do not. I'm sorry.

Trustee Lindberg: There is, just to change the subject a little bit, there is 135-37 application of payment markings authorized in the code.

Mayor Newhard: Oh, ok.

Trustee Lindberg: It says however, payment marked in accordance with a standards and specification established by the department of transportation shall be applied on the following

highways or portions of highways. Then it says name of street and location, says reserved. So, there's really nothing in our code about us marking off the streets.

Trustee Patterson: This page intentionally left blank.

Mayor Newhard: Fill in the blank.

Trustee Lindberg: I'm recommending we change the verbiage a little bit and put all Village streets, all Village parks, what we want to mark. For example, marking, talking about the park, we were talking about...

Trustee Patterson: Park Lane.

Trustee Lindberg: Park Lane, the yellow strips, those types of markings.

Trustee Patterson: No, Park Lane, I was talking about a yellow line down the middle of the road.

Trustee Lindberg: Well, either way...

Trustee Patterson: Oh, ok.

Trustee McManus: Both?

Trustee Paterson: At both, yes.

Trustee McManus: Parking in front of the driveways and the yellow line.

Trustee Lindberg: Right. So that's Elm Street and then Park Lane, no parking to the corner and Parkway 30 feet.

Trustee McManus: What about from each drive...

Trustee Paterson: On either side of the driveway

Trustee McManus: We talked about eliminating driveways that we had sight distance for cars.

Trustee Lindberg: Well, we are going to mark that with yellow stripes on each, there is five driveways that come out of Park that we are going to mark yellow so you can't park in there.

Trustee McManus: Ok.

Trustee Lindberg: And then again that will come with a change of 135-37.

Trustee McManus: What about the no parking on the driveway on South Street by the church? For line site?

Trustee Lindberg: Yes, that too. That would be a marking.

Trustee Patterson: No because it is a metered spot. Or we identified it as a metered spot.

Trustee Cheney: Yes, we would have to change that.

Trustee McManus: We have to eliminate a parking spot completely mark it off.

Trustee Cheney: Probably, yes.

Trustee McManus: We need a public hearing for that.

Stephen Gaba: Well it depends on what it is your doing. If it's just the traffic marking then it would fall under the 135...well you're going to need it if you amend that, you're going to need a public hearing on that too so, yes, the answer is going to be yes.

Trustee Lindberg: You will need them on both, no parking to the corner and markings.

Stephen Gaba: Well, because you're amending that section. If you didn't amend that section...

Trustee Cheney: We're going to have to amend the parking that's designated on South Street along that side because there are more spots then would allow us to put in the markings.

Stephen Gaba: So, you want to make a portion of South Street no parking?

Trustee Patterson: Just take away one of the metered spots.

Trustee Cheney: Yes, take away one metered spots.

Trustee McManus: That aren't metered.

Trustee Patterson: Be clear, you won't be able to find it near a meter because we have a bunch of meters to put in yet.

Stephen Gaba: I'm not sure spots are listed in the code, but I will check.

Trustee Patterson: I think they are.

Trustee Cheney: Parking, yes.

Stephen Gaba: Are they?

Trustee Patterson: Metered spots for sure.

Trustee Cheney: Because it's three-hour parking, well it's metered parking, it's going to change to metered.

Mayor Newhard: Well, that all sounds great Bill. So, would we be able to have a public hearing based on that, and if there are other things...

Trustee Lindberg: Yes, I have most of it written up, but I will add a couple of other things.

Mayor Newhard: Ok, but we can...

Trustee Patterson: Well before we do that can we talk about Wheeler? And then we can have it in the public hearing.

Trustee Lindberg: Absolutely, yes.

Mayor Newhard: Go ahead.

Trustee Patterson: It was your suggestion that further down at the bend that there are very often cars on each side of the street which makes it very difficult to navigate. Barry at the time we talked about it, suggested that it would encourage people to wait and let the person coming in the other direction go, but...

Trustee Cheney: But I think mine was more in the Cottage Street area.

Trustee Patterson: Yes, the Cottage...where the bend is.

Trustee Cheney: No, the bend. You're talking about the bend on Wheeler that goes ninety degrees?

Trustee Patterson: Yes.

Trustee Cheney: That's pretty far from...that's past McEwen even so when we talked, we talked about Cottage.

Trustee McManus: In between Cottage and Poplar.

Trustee Cheney: Yes.

Trustee Patterson: Poplar, that's the one I'm talking about. That makes sense that we only have one side of the street parking between Cottage and Poplar.

Mayor Newhard: On which side?

Trustee Cheney: No, Cottage and McEwen.

Trustee McManus: No.

Mayor Newhard: Between Poplar and McEwen.

Trustee Patterson: I want to include the curve. Polar and McEwen.

Mayor Newhard: So, here's Poplar...

Trustee Patterson: Right.

Trustee McManus: McEwen doesn't come up to Wheeler.

Trustee Patterson: No, that's not McEwen there, is it?

Mayor Newhard: This is Wheeler.

Trustee Patterson: I know.

Mayor Newhard: And this is McEwen.

Trustee Cheney: McEwen crosses Wheeler.

Trustee McManus: No.

Mayor Newhard: Yes, it does.

Trustee Patterson: Yes, it does.

Trustee McManus: Right, it does.

Trustee Lindberg: Yes, so we probably want no parking on the inside bend.

Trustee Patterson: One or the other, yes.

Trustee Cheney: Yes, the inside.

Trustee Lindberg: Ok, Mike and I will take some measurements on it.

Mayor Newhard: Ok.

Trustee McManus: I would ask that we put no parking on that bend and we get input from the fire department.

Mayor Newhard: Well, considering that there was an accident that included a fire truck.

Trustee McManus: One side or the other might be better for them, so I'd rather them give us a blessing on it.

Trustee Cheney: And from where to where?

Trustee McManus: Yes.

Mayor Newhard: Ok. Do you want to reach out to the fire department?

Trustee Lindberg: Sure.

Trustee McManus: Make it easy for them.

Trustee Cheney: Do you start where the curve starts, or do you start ten feet before where the curb starts? I think that's what you're...

Trustee McManus: Yes.

Trustee Cheney: They may be able to give us help on it.

Mayor Newhard: So, do you want to get all of that together and then email it to the Board and then at the next meeting we will set a public hearing?

Trustee Patterson: Set a public hearing for the next meeting or after?

Mayor Newhard: At the next meeting.

Stephen Gaba: Are you sure you want to do these all at once?

Mayor Newhard: Yes.

Stephen Gaba: Are you going to run down this business about Wheeler and McEwen and the bend that you're going to...

Mayor Newhard: Yes. We will do it all at once.

Stephen Gaba: Ok, if you could get that all to me then we will put it together.

Mayor Newhard: Ok.

Trustee Lindberg: You have done a resolution on it, but you will just have to update this.

Stephen Gaba: Yes, we would just have to change the language.

Mayor Newhard: Ok, good. Thank you, Bill. Thank you for your perseverance on this.

Privilege of the Floor

(Please limit your comments to **five (5)** 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.

Dan Mack: I have a question just about the last issue. Is the change on Elm, Elm is very short, I live near there so I'm on Elm a lot. Is that dependent on Yesterday's morning there or the

property being developed. So, if the property doesn't get developed are you still going to make parking changes?

Trustee Lindberg: I would still recommend the two signs.

Dan Mack: Ok, so it would still be the thirty feet, ok.

Trustee Patterson: From West.

Trustee McManus: From West Street.

Trustee Patterson: Just to be clear the original consideration of this parking change had nothing to do with any development that is going it was the congestion and the activity between...

Trustee McManus: UMAC and ...

Trustee Patterson: And the ballet school.

Dan Mack: The street was packed the other day.

Trustee Patterson: Friday night, yes.

Dan Mack: Yes, with one of their events there.

Mayor Newhard: A lot of concerns about people crossing the street, young children and it just gets a little scary.

Dan Mack: Ok, great.

Mayor Newhard: Sir.

Alfredo Pacheco: Well, you know me, Alfredo Pacheco.

Mayor Newhard: Hello Alfredo. How are you? Welcome back.

Alfredo Pacheco: I just want to ask about the email about the resolution. If you guys are going to plan on that and also the municipal ID's for them. I'm going to keep talking and talking about this because they need it so, that's one of the reasons I came here. I know we are going to find a way to convince you that it is necessary. I know we will because they come up with different things and why, why, why, so you know they are thinking so that's why I am here today.

Mayor Newhard: We received an email from Jonathan.

Alfredo Pacheco: Right.

Mayor Newhard: About some of the success in Middletown and I think that was sent to all of the Board members.

Alfredo Pacheco: Right.

Trustee Patterson: It didn't address the questions that we had asked him, so...

Alfredo Pacheco: Right, and he probably asked the question, what are the other questions that you have.

Trustee McManus: No, he didn't.

Trustee Patterson: He just gave us stats on other large cities that are making this change.

Alfredo Pacheco: Right, so you can send him an email saying about the questions that you guys have it would be helpful. But, just in Middletown, like seven hundred people already applied for that and the equipment that they already use is already paid for because it paid for itself basically. Now we are still promoting that so more people are going into that, so this is like forty thousand people probably there but the thousand people or two thousand people, it would be making a profit in town so I mean besides all of the good things that it is going to bring to the community, the community is more safe, they've been using it in the stores, the police respect it there. We are at the moment planning and having conversations with the schools and all their stores and banks, but the more people that are getting it the more power it's getting. So, it will take a little time, but it is getting more and more...it is convincing more and more people that it is important to get into. I had a conversation with you with Masi, he was one of those people who wasn't convinced about giving it, but when he saw the turnout and witnessed what people went through, that the conversations that he had with the people, he said now I understand why they need it. At first, I wasn't aware because I never needed one. I never put myself in their situations and their shoes, but now that I see the happiness and some people were crying walking out of there, and he said he could not believe that that ID makes such a difference in their life. So, it is something I can share with you and if you want to talk to him please do because he will give you his experience about the changes that that municipal ID is doing up in Middletown.

Mayor Newhard: Thank you and you know what, we will reach out to...he's a councilman, Masi, in Middletown?

Alfredo Pacheco: Masi, yes. Middletown.

Mayor Newhard: And was there a committee that was reviewing this? Was there more than...

Alfredo Pacheco: Yes, it was basically three people working on that and it took basically two years because they review it. I believe a lot of you have a lot of questions, they did have a lot of

questions too at the beginning, but as they were learning how it worked in other towns and other cities, they finally understood, yes, this is important. It is a win-win situation because like I said at first they looked at the budget and said this is going to cost this, but as you see people are getting it and it pays for itself in time and then it's making profit eventually. But, it's just something that...

Mayor Newhard: It seems that there were some questions that were presented to Jonathan that were not answered so I think that's a pretty important thing. I don't know exactly what those questions are but if...

Alfredo Pacheco: Yes, if you guys have questions just send them in an email because I saw the email and I already maybe said do you have any more concerns about this please let me know so we can talk about it.

Mayor Newhard: And you meet as a group, I know and is it every week or is it every other, once a month or...in the Community Center.

Alfredo Pacheco: Yes, we meet as a group every two weeks, every other week, yes.

Mayor Newhard: Yes, because Eileen and I said that we would attend a meeting at some point so...

Alfredo Pacheco: You are more than welcome so you can have that conversation. If you let me know ahead of time so I can put that on the agenda so they...

Trustee McManus: When are your meetings?

Alfredo Pacheco: On Friday's at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, so it's every other week. So, we just had one this past week so the next one will be next Friday.

Mayor Newhard: A week from this Friday.

Trustee McManus: The 31st.

Alfredo Pacheco: Yes.

Mayor Newhard: Ok, very good. Thank you, Alfredo.

Lorena Rodrigues: (Translated by Alfredo Pacheco) My name is Lorena. She thinks that it's important but maybe the pharmacy and probably the police will say it's not important because we (inaudible). But there is always someone who is going to ask you, yes you need it. I'll ask you, someone from here knows the pain that really, being native here for some of you, do you know the pain that they go through like all the difficulties they go through every day? Do

you know that? Someday probably, not you but probably the families before you had to go through

this situation and maybe they would understand what we go through. You guys luckily were born here, and you have the paper that proves you were born here. We just asking for something, I know it's difficult, we don't want residency or citizenship, but we want something that shows we are from Warwick. It's a simple thing. It just shows that we are from Warwick. There are many people that say you don't need it, but there's other people that say, yes you need it so the only ones that know that we need it is us because we live that every day. That's one of the reasons that we are here because we want you guys to hear that it is really important. We need an ID. I hope I didn't offend you by saying this and asking you if you were a native American.

Mayor Newhard: Not at all.

Lorena Rodrigues: But this is the reality. Once we were all immigrants. Thank you.

Mayor Newhard: Thank you. Would anybody else like to speak to the Board tonight?

Thank you very much.

Seasonal Engineering Intern – Ben Zakzewski

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to hire Ben Zakzewski to the position of Seasonal Engineering Intern at a salary of \$14 per hour at 32.5 hours per week for approximately 12 weeks with a start date of May 28, 2019. Four Ayes, One Nay (Trustee McManus)

Discussion Prior to Vote

Trustee Cheney: We received five applications, interviewed two people. Ben is a Warwick Valley grad. He is studying aero-space engineering at Syracuse University. He has strong computer skills that align very well with the work we're going to ask him to do. Some of the duties we're looking at is updating the system to add the improvements and the maintenance items that have been done since last summer, re-evaluate the road conditions and recheck the streetlights. We did receive an email from him today stating that he just learned from a recent doctor appointment that took place after we did the interview with him that he has to have shoulder surgery to correct the problem. He said that would require a week's worth of recovery from that, so he would be out for a week. I believe that's going to happen on June 10th so he'd be able to work for a couple of weeks and then he's going to be somewhat limited, he's not going to be able to drive but I don't see where it's necessary that he drive or that he couldn't be dropped off somewhere to look at the streets in a particular area or neighborhood and then get picked back up or work his way back to Village Hall. I have not had the opportunity, I reached out to

Mike Moser, he's away at the conference, the training session for highway superintendents and supervisors so I haven't had a chance to talk to him to see how he felt. I guess if we proceed tonight, we can always rescind if after Mike checks it out.

Stephen Gaba: It's not a guaranteed job or anything. It's seasonal engineering.

Trustee Cheney: So, I would suggest that we move forward with the motion tonight and if there's any reason within the next few days that would cause us to change our mind, we would do that and reach out to the second candidate.

Trustee McManus: I have a question of, if you're looking at him and you know that you're going to lose him a minimum a week and most recoveries don't take the week they say it's going to take, why aren't we just looking at the second person?

Trustee Cheney: He was the preferred candidate and I think we can get by with missing the week or week and a half and having him somewhat limited. I mean he is able to do desk work and he should be able to use the GPS unit, go out in the field and observe what's going on and translate that back into the system, so I think we'd like to at least for now continue with the individual that was selected.

Trustee McManus: I don't think we just want to get by though. We look to hire a summer intern engineers because there is specific work you guys want to get done and now we're saying well we can get by because he's going to be laid up and do this and do that. I don't understand that rational.

Trustee Cheney: Maybe I misrepresented when I said, 'get by'. I mean we are going to more than get by. He's going to be able to do basically everything we're going to ask him to do, he's just not going to be able to do anything heavily physical. If he was on the DPW crew and he was raking mulch, mowing lawns, shoveling dirt...

Trustee McManus: It's hard to type reports when your arm is in a sling and it's immobile.

Trustee Cheney: I did not get the impression that that was going to be the case and he in fact stated in his email that he would be able to do those things, typing and data entry.

Trustee Patterson: Because he's twenty-one, let's face it.

Mayor Newhard: He could type with his toes.

Trustee Patterson: I think if he had said there's a wedding or family event that he has to go to, can I start a week later it wouldn't have stopped us from hiring him. I think as long as it's a week. I mean hopefully it turns out that he needs more time he will say that.

Trustee McManus: You'd be starting with somebody for two weeks and then he's out and if he has to extend it, then your next person has lost half the summer by the time you get to that point.

Mayor Newhard: By that time the person is gone and has found another job.

Trustee McManus: Right, their gone.

Trustee Lindberg: But you're comfortable with what you'll have him do, office work, etc. etc. He'll be able to do it.

Trustee Cheney: Yes, even after the surgery based on what he represented in his email today.

Mayor Newhard: Ok, any more discussion?

Seasonal Laborer Advertisement

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to advertise for four (4) Seasonal Laborer's at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Two (2) will work with the Water Department painting fire hydrants and two (2) will work with the Street Maintenance Department. Each laborer will be hired for a 12-week period at 40 hours per week. This is a budgeted FY 2019-2020 item. Five Ayes

Well #3 – Advertise for Engineering Design of Treatment System

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to advertise to receive engineering proposals to perform an engineering design of a Treatment System for Well #3. Five Ayes

Background Check Policy – Adopting as Amended

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Patterson and carried to adopt the Village of Warwick Background Check Policy as amended on March 18, 2019 with an effective date of March 18, 2019. Five Ayes

Budget Transfers and Modifications / Treasurers Request

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the budget transfers and modifications as per the Village Treasurer's letter dated May 15, 2019. Five Ayes

Warwick Fire Department Carnival - 2019

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Patterson and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Fire Department to use Veterans Memorial Park for their annual

carnival from Sunday, June 23, 2019 through Sunday, June 30, 2019 as per their letter dated January 7, 2019. Set up of carnival equipment to be reviewed by the DPW Supervisor. Completed park permit and proof of proper insurance has been received. Security deposit has been waived. Five Ayes

Facility Use - Railroad Green – Albert Wisner Library Pop-Up Storytime

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to grant permission to the Albert Wisner Library to use Railroad Green on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a ‘Pop-Up Storytime’ event. Completed park permit, proof of proper insurance, and security deposit has been received. Five Ayes

Discussion Prior to Vote

Trustee Patterson: This is the coolest thing ever.

Trustee Cheney’s Report

Trustee Cheney: I would just like to remind everybody that one of the things they can do to help us out with the sewer system is to eliminate the disposal of what are called fats and grease that sometimes go down the sink to the best you can. Remove them with a paper towel and put them in the garbage. What happens is that these become blockages and obstructions in the sewer system and they can cause overflows at the manholes which release sewage to the environment which we don’t want to have so I ask everybody to the best of their ability to not do that so that we can avoid any of those releases and also the cost to remove blockages.

Trustee Lindberg’s Report

Trustee Lindberg: We talked about it a little earlier but the dedication for the new Stanley-Deming playground equipment will be...the ribbon cutting...

Mayor Newhard: Ribbon cutting, a little different than the actual dedication.

Trustee Lindberg: Ribbon cutting will be this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and all are invited. Again, it was an incredible event. The volunteers on the committee worked for a number of years. We had hundreds of volunteers, rain or shine, for that week.

Trustee Patterson: Mostly rain.

Mayor Newhard: It was really thousands when you count the number of volunteers.

Trustee Lindberg: What was incredible to me was all of those pieces of equipment came as raw lumber. It wasn’t a kit, so every piece was measured. It was cut, sometimes by mistake, but again it was incredible. Every piece was cut, measured, routed and then put together and there was

great direction from Play By Design. Thank you to the committee and the volunteers. It was an incredible job, and our DPW really put a lot of work into it also, being paid and also unpaid. They were there at 9:00 p.m. at night and on weekends.

Trustee Patterson: Our Village Engineer donated his services and he was there.

Trustee Cheney: The surveyor.

Trustee Patterson: The surveyor, Bob Schmick donated his services and it's interesting to note that there was a lot of the material left over. A lot that was left over, some of which has gone to the DPW for future use for maintenance or whatever, but also I was there yesterday and there was a couple of gentleman who just decided to make some extra benches that were beyond the scope of the design. And then Hannelore was asking if there were other things, we could think of to do and my suggestion which of course will come through the entire Board for approval, was a flowerpot. One gentleman who is working with them suggested flowerpots but then I said the garbage can housing which Barry seconded would be great to start to replace those too.

Mayor Newhard: That would be great.

Trustee Patterson: That becomes a Eagle Scout project but the material is already on hand which is also a challenging part of their fundraisers, but yes, that was amazing.

Trustee Lindberg: And then Memorial Parade is this Monday. It starts at 11:00 a.m. right out front. We stop at, it's a nice parade, we stop at the Warwick Cemetery. We also stop at St. Stephen's Cemetery and then we end up at Memorial Park.

Trustee Patterson's Report

Trustee Patterson: Probably the only thing that I would add is at the, I'm not sure which one it was – it might have been the Veteran's Day services, there was trouble with the PA system they were trying to use, trying to figure out how to get it to work and it kept stopping so Michael Sweeton asked me to look into a new system. So, I did, and it should be here by Friday and it's a portable, we kind of talked about different setups and the most cost effective and from a maintenance and risk perspective was a portable, and it's in like a rolling suitcase. It has two speakers that go up on pedestals. It has a wired mic and actually also has Bluetooth capability because you know how they always play, oh who was that singer? Kate something? Kate Smith signing 'God Bless America' so that could be run from somebody's phone or whatever. Anyway, the Village and Town are going to split it for a cost of about, I think it's about a thousand each and we are going train, we are not giving it to the organizations. We will keep it as Village equipment, and we will train Mr. Moser and maybe somebody else. I'm happy to be trained if that helps for now anyway so that we can set it up if we need it. And there's lots of different uses for it, not just the things that...An then I also spoke to Mr. Moser and he is going to make sure

that there's electricity installed at the Veteran's Monument...plug...the 9/11 Monument and the Firemen's Monument so that when the time to use them there.

Mayor Newhard: That's great.

Trustee Patterson: And the basketball court probably wouldn't be a bad idea, in one of the gazebos.

Mayor Newhard: We have a plug there.

Trustee Patterson: There is electric there? Ok. So that was it. I'm sorry Bill, I didn't mean to step on your toes with parks and stuff it's just that it came from the microphone.

Trustee Lindberg: No, that's great. Thank you.

Trustee Patterson: And it's very generous of the Town to split it.

Mayor Newhard: And obviously it could have a lot of uses. I can't tell you how many times that we have scrambled to find, just internally when we have an event on Railroad Green or in any of our parks, when we need some sound equipment and this will be great and obviously we will work with the Town too if they have any special needs for it as well. It's great. Thank you for following through with that.

Trustee McManus' Report

Trustee McManus: Tomorrow is the school budget vote. Please vote. I can't tell you how to vote, but please vote. There will be three propositions as usual; the budget, the school buses and a capital project on there, I'm not a hundred percent sure what it is for, but polling is 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pine Island Firehouse, Dorothy C. Wilson Education Center at the Middle School and that's it.

Trustee Patterson: Kings.

Trustee McManus: That's right, they still use Kings School as a voting place. And about a week and a half or so ago I went to a dinner that was put on by the YWCA of the area, of our area, and the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson and one of the honorees was Annie Colona from Prevention Coalition.

Mayor Newhard: How nice.

Trustee Patterson: She's amazing.

Trustee McManus: She was awarded 'A Woman of Distinction' that night.

Mayor Newhard: That she is.

Trustee Patterson: Well-earned for sure.

Trustee McManus: Well earned. She was very happy and honored. It was a very nice event so, congratulations to her.

Mayor Newhard: Yes, absolutely. That's great. You didn't mention your bench that Katie was such a great participant on.

Trustee McManus: It created a lot of interest.

Mayor Newhard: I just thought that was such a wonderful idea, especially after we have been working with that kind of material for the past month down at Stanley-Deming Park that it's wonderful.

Trustee McManus: For those that don't know the plastic wrap around your newspapers, cases of water, the plastic that your toilet paper comes in, your paper towels, your napkins, your dry-cleaning bags, any plastic that can stretch is called plastic film. We collect that. And for every five-hundred pounds we get a park bench. The last one we donated to the Community Center. The new challenge, because that's what the company calls it, started May 15th so collect your plastic. Track 7 is a drop off point. Price Chopper supermarket is a drop off point and worse come to worse call me and we will figure it out.

Mayor Newhard: That's great. It's a great program.

Mayor Newhard's Report

Mayor Newhard: I just want to mention, since we were talking about Memorial Day and the parade, the Historical Society is sponsoring a Memorial Day Remembrance this coming Thursday, May 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Buckbee Center. They have been doing this for the past number of years and during the Sesquicentennial they did an enormous, incredible display but this is really just some storytelling and the public is invited. It's free and it's a wonderful evening. And again, the Memorial Day Parade is this Monday, May 27th it begins at 11:00 a.m., lineup usually begins at 10:00 a.m. and we step off from Village Hall and the ceremonies are at the Warwick Cemetery, St. Stephen's Cemetery and the Firemen's Monument at the entrance of Memorial Park.

Final comments from the floor? Would anybody else like to comment before we close the meeting?

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee McManus and carried to go into executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation and to see confidential advice of counsel. Five Ayes

In Executive Session:

Present: Mayor Michael Newhard, and Trustees Barry Cheney, William Lindberg, Eileen Patterson and George McManus.

MOTION by Trustee McManus to exit Executive Session and resume regular session of Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Cheney. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, Aye
William Lindberg, Trustee, Aye
Eileen Patterson, Trustee, Aye
George McManus, Trustee, Aye
Michael Newhard, Mayor, Aye

MOTION by Trustee McManus to adjourn the Village Board meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m., seconded by Trustee Cheney. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, Aye
William Lindberg, Trustee, Aye
Eileen Patterson, Trustee, Aye
George McManus, Trustee, Aye
Michael Newhard, Mayor, Aye