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VILLAGE OF WARWICK

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Village of Warwick Village Board Meeting – May 17, 2021

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
MAY 17, 2021**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY via Zoom Videoconference. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, William Lindberg, Corey Bachman, and George McManus. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, DPW Supervisor Mike Moser, and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba. Others present: Caitlin Bennett, Katie Silva, and John Silva. In consideration of the current COVID-19 health crises and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 the public was able view the meeting live by the public on the Village of Warwick, NY YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7D7KGbZf6nYfbcWGH6-VA>

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

Mayor Newhard thanked the Warwick Valley Gardeners, Warwick in Bloom, and the volunteers, including Trustee Bachman, who planted hundreds of plants this past Sunday and also thanked Sherman Farms, Corwins Florist, Sugarloaf Mountain Herbs who grew all of the plants and the Village of Warwick DPW for their help getting the pots ready for planting. Mayor Newhard also thanked Emmerich Greenhouses for preparing the hanging baskets which are now out along the roadways on Main Street and the business district. Mayor Newhard stated that there were many hands, many plants, and really wonderful work.

1. Public Hearing on proposed Application for FY-2012 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR).

Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, read the below Legal Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Village Board of the Village of Warwick does hereby set a public hearing on the 17th day of May 2021 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at Village Hall at 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY on proposed Application for FY-2012 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR).

The Village invites public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for funding under the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program. Under this program, funding can be used for public infrastructure projects that demonstrate a clear, direct tieback to Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee. Applicants may request assistance with the "local share" of a FEMA Public Assistance project; however, CDBG-DR may not be used to pay for any part of the federal portion of the approved Public Assistance project. Funds may also be used to improve systems that did not function to serve the needs of the

community prior to the disaster event or to improve systems that failed during the disaster event. Applicants may also request funding for projects that do not have FEMA Public Assistance dollars in them but that will improve the community's ability to respond to future disaster events. The Village will be considering projects to be submitted to the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program. The deadline for submittal is June 25, 2021.

Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1, the public hearing will be conducted in the following manner: Members of the Village Board will attend the meeting via Zoom videoconference. The public hearing may be viewed live on the Village of Warwick, NY YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7D7KGbZF6nYfbcWGH6-VA> . Interested parties may submit comments to be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2021 via mail; Attn: Village Clerk, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY, 10990 or via email; clerk@villageofwarwick.org. Comments may also be made via YouTube during the public hearing by going to the Village of Warwick, NY YouTube channel.

Comments

Mayor Newhard: Barry, I just want you to maybe talk about your proposal and the County's response to that, if you don't mind.

Trustee Cheney: OK. Going back to Irene and Lee and then Superstorm Sandy and subsequent work in terms of hazard mitigation plans that we had, that were developed, the Town did one first with the three villages and then the County went ahead and did one and one of the things that was highlighted in both those plans was the need to have emergency power generators for our facilities, predominantly the pump stations for water and sewer and also Village Hall and the DPW complex. And so, I went back and researched what...because we had Tectonic prepare an application, I believe it was either to FEMA or State Homeland Security, I don't recall which, and just use the information in that document to create a narrative for an application that would have addressed remaining, I believe its seven, locations where we still need to install emergency generators. That was submitted for preliminary review to Community Development, and they came back today and basically said that it would not be eligible because we didn't suffer direct damage from the storm and we're only mitigating future damage. So, it doesn't look like that particular project is worthy of being made an application for. But the good news is we also got an email from the County who said that New York State is opening an application period and I haven't confirmed whether this project would be one that would qualify, I'll do that and if we can pursue it, we'll go after that funding.

Mayor Newhard: Thank you. So, it's a very specific grant, a very specific pool of money that they had which was kind of an after effect, it wasn't used and so they need to use it but it has to be clearly for the repair of something that was damaged and I've spoken to Dave Getz as well, in

terms of Spring Street but it was again, hard to prove that that was the effect and so we've had that issue in the past. So, if the Board comes up with something that you think would be a project that would fit into that criteria, please indicate that to myself or Barry and we'll pursue it and look at it to see if it fits the criteria.

Public Hearing on proposed Application for FY-2012 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) - Closed

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to close the Public Hearing on proposed Application for FY-2012 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR).

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

2. Public Hearing on proposed Application for FY-2022 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program.

Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, read the below Legal Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Village Board of the Village of Warwick does hereby set a public hearing on the 17th day of May 2021 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at Village Hall at 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY on proposed Application for FY-2022 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Village invites public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for funding under the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program. Under this Program a variety of physical improvements as listed below are eligible for funding: acquisition and disposition of real property; public works, public facilities or site improvements; code enforcement (housing and health codes); clearance, demolition and rehabilitation for public use or economic development; housing rehabilitation loan and grants; special projects for elderly and handicapped; provision of public services (shelter, clinics, senior nutrition, etc.); payment of non-federal shares of other grant programs; relocation payments and assistance. The Village will

be considering projects to be submitted to the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program. The deadline for submittal is June 25, 2021.

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Comments

Mayor Newhard: So, this is the Community Development Grant that we apply for almost every year and now we've lost some of our ability to fund projects because of the census figures yet we have been able to do some very successful projects in terms of handicap accessibility on some of our sidewalks. A good example is High Street, which is being finished as we speak, so that's a great thing and it floundered for some time because Community Development could not make up their mind whether to fund it or not and then finally with the new administration on the County level, they understood it as a project that will remove barriers for handicap people and so then it did get the greenlight to move forward. So anyway, one of the projects that we are looking at is South Street between Second and Third which has a very unique formation of sidewalk, it's actually up almost two levels and as far as handicap accessibility it really is not great at all so that would be the criteria and we would probably bring the sidewalk down so that it was just one level closer to the road and of course, ramps at each end, so that's what we are looking at potentially as a proposal for this coming year. And that would finish actually the work on South Street from Railroad Avenue to Third Street.

Trustee McManus: I think it's a great idea to finally get that sidewalk fixed.

Mayor Newhard: Yes, it will take some doing, but you know what, the one thing that has been the greatest help with these projects is that we can do them inhouse. Hopefully, we can do most of this inhouse and kudos to you, Mike, for having our men ready and prepared and they've learned great skills along the way, and they can do it. It saved us a lot of money in some past projects where would have to go out to bid and it was much more expensive than we could really even imagine. Any other comments?

Public Hearing on proposed Application for FY-2022 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program – Closed

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to close the Public Hearing on proposed application for FY-2022 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried for the Acceptance of Reports: April 2021: Clerk's Office, Justice, Building & March 2021 Justice.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: April 5, 2021, April 19, 2021, May 3, 2021.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims #21001948 – 21002050 in the amount of \$230,030.55.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Correspondence

1. Letter from the Orange County Department of Health regarding sampling and reporting requirements.
2. Request from the children of South Street Extension to build a sidewalk on their street.

Mayor Newhard said that he thinks it's a great idea and that the Village has looked at it in the past and is looking at the Village's sidewalk codes and trying to come up with ways in which the Village can do projects like this in an easier fashion. Mayor Newhard stated that when building new sidewalks, where there are no sidewalks, that everybody must be onboard, not only the children but their parents. Mayor Newhard said that the request has reason, since there are no sidewalks there, it is heavily trafficked, and there are many young families that live in that entire area. Mayor Newhard stated that it would be great to have sidewalks that led from the firehouse to Larry's or beyond, therefore he felt that it was something the Village will have to take into consideration, especially as the Village moves forward with the new rules and regulations for sidewalks.

Trustee Lindberg agreed that there are several sections in the Village that do need sidewalk repair whether it's cement or the flagstone and that it's a wonderful petition from the young folks that reminds the Village of the need of sidewalks on their streets. Trustee Lindberg also said that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be talking about sidewalks and expects to get some good feedback.

Trustee Cheney stated that tomorrow morning there will be a walkabout in the Village with Peter Fairweather and the other consultants on the team who have expertise on pedestrian and bicycle.

Mayor Newhard said that the petition has not fallen on deaf ears and that the Village will keep it and look at it more closely and see how it may be accommodated; however, the one thing that is necessary is the homeowners buy in, because once the sidewalk is built, it belongs to them in terms of maintenance which is sometimes the challenge.

3. Letter from Caitlin Bennett of 4 Cottage Street regarding the outdoor dining detour.

Mayor Newhard read the letter -

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Caitlin Bennett, I am a lifelong resident of Warwick and a homeowner on Wheeler Avenue. I am writing to address the many concerns that my neighbors and I have in regard to the detour that goes through our area when Main St. is closed for outdoor dining. Our neighborhood has been negatively impacted by outdoor dining in many ways, and we ask that you take our concerns into consideration.

Outdoor dining on Main Street creates a detour onto Wheeler and its side streets, McEwen and Cottage. These streets are not designed for heavy traffic, and often due to street parking on both sides, Wheeler becomes a one-way street. Countless times people taking the detour miss one of the several stop signs, or fail to follow posted speed limits, causing further danger to our area.

Cottage St. McEwen St, and Wheeler Ave combined are home to 40 children under the age of 12. The past year has been difficult for all of us, but especially for our children. The detour will limit access to outdoor spaces where our children can meet with friends and feel some sense of normalcy. When the detour is in effect, the families in this neighborhood cannot let their children play outside due to the tremendous risk that the extra traffic and careless driving causes.

In addition, closing Main St. causes the people that live above the downtown businesses to lose their ability to park near their homes, and to have access to the outdoors in a safe and reasonable manner. Many of these residents are elderly or handicapped, and therefore are essentially trapped within their homes for the duration of outdoor dining.

With the reduction of Covid-19 limitations on restaurants, and with restaurant capacity being increased to 75%, it is our belief that consideration should be focused on the village residents. We propose a reasonable compromise that can address the concerns of our neighborhood. Rerouting the detour to larger streets with less residences, limiting outdoor seating to sidewalks, or reducing the number of days that Main St. is closed from 3 down to 1 would help keep our neighborhood safe. Please consider the residents of Warwick and the impact that closing Main St. will have on our community.

4. Mayor Newhard read the following email from Helen Truitt:

Good evening,

I'm writing to voice my concern and frustration concerning the traffic and detours due to the closing of Main Street on the weekends. I live at 45 Wheeler Ave in the village. We have all been affected in different ways by Covid. We have all had our "normal" lives disrupted. Last year when the detours started, I felt that we can all come together to help our restaurants. If that meant putting up with the traffic, it's a small price to pay.

On Saturday 5/15/2021 a driver was pulled over on the corner of McEwen and Wheeler Ave. Two police officers pulled their cars off to the side of the road. Now cars have to navigate their

way around these three vehicles which caused quite a traffic jam. Minutes later two out of state ambulances (lights and sirens on) are trying to get past everyone. On the opposite side a New Jersey transit bus is coming around the corner of Wheeler. Then came the motorcycles, the pickup trucks blasting music, an 18-wheeler and the regular newly congested traffic. If I didn't witness this insanity outside my front door, I wouldn't have believed it.

I am not looking forward to putting up with this every weekend. My neighbors and I have to plan our day around the traffic. Just getting in and out of our driveways is a challenge. We have families with small children who now don't feel safe playing outside. We have joggers and walkers and people walking their dogs who are denied their normal routine.

As Covid restrictions are lifted I hope restaurants will resume 100% occupancy and return to normalcy so that we don't have to put up with this and we can get back our normalcy.

As an afterthought, I would hate to have been in one of those ambulances having to be detoured to get to the hospital just so people can dine al fresco.

Sincerely,
Helen Truitt

Mayor Newhard stated that these letters and comments are incredibly important, and that the Village knew going into the season to watch how streets were being closed and the effects it would have on neighbors. Mayor Newhard pointed out that seventy-five percent capacity sounds like a restaurant can be filled to seventy-five percent, which sounds wonderful, but it's seventy-five percent capacity with keeping the six-foot distance between diners so there are not that many people in the small restaurants. This is part of the reason the program was continued. Mayor Newhard said that there have been three days of the program, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and the Village received a lot of feedback from people such as the folks on Cottage Street and Wheeler and feedback from the restaurants. Mayor Newhard stated that he felt it is important to discuss how to move forward and that there may be some possibilities of things that can be changed. Mayor Newhard said that he had a discussion with Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Boris Rudzinski, who was brought in to start the program and understands the requirements of the NYS Liquor Authority and table setup, and with Parking Enforcement Officer, Milissa Hyde, who also was in that capacity on Saturday night and Sunday. Mayor Newhard said that he has a number of concerns because on Sunday it seems that the use of Main Street, Railroad Avenue, and Spring Street was sporadic and to close a street down for a single restaurant is a very difficult thing to do, plus Sundays is the Farmers' Market and parking is at a premium which is also an issue. Mayor Newhard stated that he received emails from stores on Main Street with concerns of the negative effect of closing the streets down, especially on Sunday, would have on their customer base. Mayor Newhard explained that Main Street was very well used on Friday and Saturday evening, but there was not as great of a use for the other

streets so he believed the Village could alter the way the streets are being used to allow the restaurants such as Fratellos and Halligans to use their parking areas along Spring Street which would fit into the State Liquor Authority guidelines, since restaurants must keep in contact with the edges of their building and both of these restaurants have long facades on Spring Street. Mayor Newhard proposed that if they use the sidewalks for tables and then use the parking spots along the street for people to walk by, he felt they would have a very safe place to have outdoor dining and Spring Street could be left open, which would be a good thing, since from the letters the Village is receiving, it is having a negative effect. Mayor Newhard said it is the same on Railroad Avenue. Mayor Newhard stated that he would like the Board's thoughts and opinions and that the Board will also be hearing from residents during privilege of the floor.

Trustee Cheney said that if the restaurants don't appear to be benefiting from certain times that the Village has made available, it should be revisited, not just based on this weekend, but a couple of others. Trustee Cheney stated that to his understanding the Village is not directing any traffic to Wheeler Avenue.

DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser, confirmed that there is no detour sending vehicles down Wheeler Avenue.

Trustee Cheney said that he shares the concern about the ambulances and felt that the Village needs to work with the hospital and the EMS, including the out of state EMS, to understand that they need to go to South Street before they get to Railroad Avenue, maybe Third Street or even Galloway to the light and then down South Street so that they aren't stuck in the kind of traffic issue that was created. Trustee Cheney stated that he was pleased to hear that the police were there patrolling and understands that other measures have been used to try to reduce the speed and get drivers to pay attention by the use of unmanned police cars that are stationed in important locations that would establish the kind of a presence to slow things down.

Mayor Newhard said that there is more traffic than last year and more cars on the road going places which is definitely a big change.

Trustee Bachman said that after the Board received Caitlin Bennett's letter, he met up with her and sat on the corner of Cottage Street and Wheeler Avenue on Saturday from about 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and that everything that was described in both her letter and Helen Truitt's letter was accurate. Trustee Bachman explained that he saw the police officers pull over a car, creating a volume of traffic that was stopped, both sides of the street had parked cars on it, and when he was leaving and going down Wheeler Avenue, somebody turned down Spring Street and there was a barricade and because the barricade was there maybe didn't realize that they were actually in the middle of the road and it created a four-way stop where no one knew what they were doing. Trustee Bachman said that it was concerning, especially on Cottage Street because there was a lot of kids on that road and people were not paying attention and he felt like it would

create unsafe conditions for the kids with people trying to cut through Wheeler, McEwen, Cherry, there could be a potential unsafe condition for kids playing in the street or on the sidewalk.

Mayor Newhard said that last year the Village started with Spring Street being closed but then eventually for different reasons, Halligans had an outdoor venue in a parking lot in the back of their building and Fratellos didn't really use the street as much, so we then reopened it and that was helpful.

Trustee Lindberg said that it sounded like a good plan at least for those two restaurants plus he said that the fire departments and the ambulance corps were both notified of the closures and times, so if it's a local department, they know what to do. Trustee Lindberg stated it probably would be a problem if an out of state ambulance came through.

Mayor Newhard said that there are a number of out of state ambulances that come through and that the Village needs to find out who they are and get them the information.

Trustee Lindberg said that he can help get the word out to both of those agencies.

Mayor Newhard asked Mike Moser if he had the capability to close of the parking spots along Spring Street using the orange fencing and the jersey barriers.

Mike Moser confirmed that they could construct something safe on the Halligans side, but the side by Fratellos is a little tricky because the road gets narrow in that area, however Fratellos does have a sidewalk that goes up the side of McEwen also, leaving plenty of room to work with there. Mike Moser explained that it would be tremendous help to keep Spring Street open and would help considerably not to do anything on Sunday because the money that the Village is putting out to get workers in and out to close the street and the number of house and participants that the Village had this weekend, he didn't see it being a good choice anymore.

Mayor Newhard said that these are all the pieces of the puzzle that the Village has to look at.

Trustee McManus said that a few months ago the Board was talking about fees for people who are using the pavilion, the Board talked about some type of fee because the Village is laying out DPW overtime to close and open streets and move barricades all evening. Trustee McManus stated that the Village needs to do something with that which might change the whole face of outdoor dining in Warwick.

Trustee Bachman inquired about how many restaurants are participating on Railroad Avenue.

Mayor Newhard explained that there are three restaurants that have signed up for the program, Conscious Fork, but they only use Sunday, Fourteen Railroad Avenue, which is a new restaurant, and then Blarney Station only uses the parking spaces in front of his restaurant.

Trustee Bachman asked if it would be possible to move them to Railroad Green and to open Railroad Avenue.

Mayor Newhard said that they can't do that due to the State Liquor Authority and the regulations of the park.

Mike Moser suggested that they use the parking spots in front of their store fronts. Mayor Newhard said that that was his same thought, to do the same thing that the Village would be doing on Spring Street so that the restaurants can expand, it wouldn't be as enormous, but from the amount of tables that they put out, at least for Conscious Fork and Blarney Station, it's not an overwhelming, large layout and felt that they could get the same numbers if they just used the parking spots in front of their restaurants. Mayor Newhard stated that Fourteen Railroad is a different ball of wax because they are new to the block and wants to put out as much as he can.

Trustee Lindberg said that traffic goes up Wheeler or Spring and inquired how it affects what's going happening on Railroad Avenue. Mayor Newhard said that it makes it easier because people are more likely, if they're trying to get around Main Street, to take the right if they're coming in from the south to come in and take a right on Railroad Avenue. Mayor Newhard added that the Village also has New Jersey Transit and Kuiken trucks, and that it's a well-traveled road and it's used just as a way to by-bass or get through. Mayor Newhard asked Boris to reach out to the restaurants about just using the parking spots and was hoping that he would've gotten back prior to the meeting.

Trustee Lindberg asked if the Village could reach out to Halligans and Fratellos and suggest their use of the sidewalks and parking spots for at least this weekend. Mayor Newhard asked if the Village should continue with Sundays and said that people were not happy because they're trying to get to the Farmers' Market, parking is not easily found and they're lugging their fruits and vegetables a distance. Mayor Newhard stated that if the Village has two very nice evenings a week, that would be great.

Trustee Lindberg clarified that the Village would be suspending all dining on the streets on Sunday. Mayor Newhard said that restaurants could use their parking spots, so Conscious Fork could set up in their parking spots.

Mike Moser asked if that would require the DPW to close things. Mayor Newhard said, no. Mike Moser said that could leave the orange barricades out so they could be slid out to the ends of the parking spaces and that he would speak with the individual restaurant owners because the

feedback from the DPW workers who were there for the setup and breakdown, there wasn't a large turnout and some of the restaurants didn't put tables out and then put tables out later in the day and it wasn't as a coordinated effort as it was last year.

Mayor Newhard asked if he had a consensus to discontinue Sunday. Trustee Lindberg said that he's happy opening Spring Street on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and would like to hear from Boris as far as what happens for Sunday on Railroad Avenue. Mayor Newhard asked if the signage that sends people down First Street as opposed to Railroad Avenue is clear. Mike Moser stated, yes, and added that it's a big problem with the bus company because the DPW has to block off the first two spots going down First Street because the bus cannot make those turns. Mike Moser said that when the bus company provided the Village with the detour plan, they were concerned about how the bus had to get in, out, and back around.

Mayor Newhard stated that if the Village can bring traffic down Spring Street and offer the parking spots along Spring Street to the restaurants it seems like the right ingredient and do the same for Railroad Avenue. Mayor Newhard added that on a Friday and Saturday night, the only restaurant that is fully using the street is Fourteen Railroad and felt that it was difficult to make that closure for just one restaurant, however if Blarney Station and Conscious Fork had a complete setup, it makes sense, but it's very limited.

Trustee Cheney stated that if the Village was going to open Spring Street, suggested that the Village puts signage up at the intersection of Spring, Cherry, and Wheeler on the far side of Wheeler stating 'No Thru Traffic' during whatever hours, directing the traffic to Spring Street to come out at West, which should take a lot of the pressure off of the Wheeler, Cottage, McEwen area. Mike Moser agreed.

Mayor Newhard stated that if the Village can make it a little more streamlined this year and keep the cars, trucks, and motorcycles out of the residential areas, it would be a much more effective balance. Mayor Newhard added that on Sundays Main Street and the two side streets should be open since there is too much going on with the Farmers' Market and parking is at a premium. He also received emails from retailers on the street about how it does affect their business, especially on Sundays, however on Friday and Saturday, since set up is close to the time that many of the stores close, it's not as dramatic.

Trustee McManus said to remember that the Village charges businesses that are more restricted than restaurants for the use of the park that didn't cause any extra work by the Village and DPW and the Village is spending a lot of money from the DPW and time getting people moving, barricades, and opening streets and putting up signs, blocking things off for very few restaurants that are participating. Trustee McManus stated that he feels like the Village treated other businesses unfairly because they are still more restricted than restaurants are. Trustee McManus added that he doesn't have a problem setting a fee for closing the streets because the Village

brings people in on Saturdays and Saturdays on overtime to do it and takes away parking from everyone else who comes to the Village and now want to put people in parking spaces which probably takes more time to block off than closing the street, plus raises safety concerns.

Mayor Newhard asked the Board if there was a consensus on how to move forward with the program. The Village Attorney, Village Board, and DPW Supervisor discussed the language for a proposed motion.

Privilege of the Floor

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1. Caitlin Bennett stated that she didn't feel it was appropriate to push pedestrians into parking spaces that will be walking in the road with trucks. She said that she was watching the meeting and seeing all of the concern about the businesses, liquor licenses and all of this, but is not seeing the concern for the children in her neighborhood. Ms. Bennett explained that her neighborhood has about fifty children and felt that one of the kids will be hit by a car because it is a dangerous situation. She said that the reason the police were present was because the people in the neighborhood are calling them because it's a dangerous situation. Ms. Bennett said that this is not a proactive thing that is happening, this is the result of people blowing through stop signs, cursing at the children, throwing garbage in her neighborhood, going in her street, turning around and going all different directions, yelling things at residents and driving fast, making it very unsafe. Ms. Bennett stated that she is concerned that one of her children or one of her neighbors is going to get hit by a car and invited the Board to come to her yard on Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. to watch what happens. She added that it is far worse this year than it was last year because there weren't as many people driving around, but this year is nonstop. Ms. Bennett stated that she counted in ten minutes, seventy-one cars going down Wheeler Avenue and on an average day there is about ten cars in ten minutes, with Jones Chemicals, buses, cement trucks going down Wheeler Avenue and it's not ok.

Mayor Newhard explained that the Board does understand which is why the Board is having the discussion, doesn't want to send cars down Wheeler, and why the Board is discussing different options.

Ms. Bennett stated that Spring Street is home to many families with small children and although it may solve her neighborhood's problem, it would just be pushing their

problem somewhere else and felt it wasn't an acceptable compromise. Ms. Bennett explained that there are many out of town cars, that there needs to be signage and the cars need to be going down a road that is made for that type of volume. She asked the Board to consider the residents, not just the businesses because their children are more important than the businesses and explained that the safety of her neighborhood was in the Board's hands.

2. Katie Silva thanked the Village Board for bringing the issue up for discussion and being willing to open the door for a conversation about what the solution could be. Ms. Silva stated that she believes there could be a compromise, but it's been awful with trash thrown on her lawn, cigarettes thrown out the window at them, and it's just not the quality of life that they want and because there are kids everywhere, someone will get hurt. Ms. Silva explained that last year she saw the need and wasn't here to talk about the restaurant solution for everybody else, but to express the concern about what is going on in her neighborhood, the amount of traffic that she's seen, and the influx with people blowing through stop signs. Ms. Silva stated that her and her husband John request to have a police presence on the corner, someone designated to stay there, because there is parking on both sides and people don't see the stop signs and people go right through them and there are little kids everywhere. She suggested a stronger police presence, or somebody stationed there to help guide traffic at least to start while the situation is being resolved.
3. John Silva said that he spoke with several of the police officers in town and hopes that the Board knows that they are doing a great job as far as he is concerned because as soon as the police are called, they come out and say every time that they would love to stay and get people to slow down, but just don't have the amount of staff to do that, so a decoy car was put out. Mr. Silva said a decoy car doesn't make a difference to folks that are blowing by the stop sign because they see it and no car chasing them and they're fine. He said that officers that have sat on Wheeler and McEwen can't keep up with writing tickets but also have pursue other calls as well to maintain safety for the entire community. Mr. Silva said that it would be an excellent solution at least to start, to get permanent police presence throughout those hours because the street is not designed for heavy traffic. He invited the Board to come out and see the damage that's being done and to think if the Board would like this being done in front of their home, with their kids, and grandchildren. Mr. Silva said that he was pretty sure that within fifteen minutes they would be horrified with what they saw.
4. Caitlin Bennett stated that she started a petition that she can share with the Board that has 120 signatures from the members of the neighborhood and community because people are realizing how dangerous the situation is. She also stated that the 4:30 p.m. start time

is prime playtime and wasn't sure if a compromise to push that time back could be made as well.

5. John Silva asked Mayor Newhard what he would like to happen if he lived at his house on the corner of Wheeler and McEwen and how he would like to see the situation remedied for his personal benefits.

Mayor Newhard said that he thinks that everyone's wish is that everything was back to normal but absolutely understands the change that happens and the amount of traffic. He said that he thinks the increase in traffic this year is really shocking, and that it was difficult last year, but this year it is very different. Mayor Newhard explained that they are trying to find a solution and mitigate the situation sooner than later.

Trustee Cheney asked if the traffic flow Ms. Bennett is experiencing is on Wheeler Avenue and on Cottage Street as well. Ms. Bennett said, yes, they are, and that they are getting a lot of people, mostly lost people, turning right off of West Street and then seeing that there's a long line of cars and a lot of blockages so they make a left, or same thing at McEwen, they'll go left. She said that people that are taking these routes are not familiar with their neighborhood and the kids are basically jumping out onto the street because there aren't large yards, so many times there are about twenty kids on the street, like an old-fashioned neighborhood, with the same thing on McEwen. Trustee Cheney asked if it would help to a degree to close McEwen and Cottage to only local traffic. Ms. Bennett said that she thinks the Village could do that but there are a ton of kids on Wheeler, and it would be pushing the pressure to the people on Wheeler, and pretty much everyone on Wheeler signed the petition. She also explained that there is a dangerous turn when you go past McEwen with large shrubs with no visibility. Ms. Bennett said to come and look and see the complexities to be able to possibly form other solutions.

Mayor Newhard thanked Caitlin and said that he understands her concerns and they are trying to look at the big picture with everything and that safety is the priority which is why he would like it to be mitigated as soon as possible instead of waiting a week or two and seeing something terrible happen.

Trustee Bachman said that he lives on Colonial Avenue that goes to Kings Highway, therefore outdoor dining doesn't really affect him or if it does, he doesn't really see it in terms of the traffic but being in sections of the Village that they don't live in and actually seeing it. Trustee Bachman said it was madness, especially with all the kids racing down the streets with even the parents saying that they had to stay so far back, there were people that maybe thought it was an easier way to get out onto West Street. Trustee Bachman stated that it is going to be a problem.

Mayor Newhard said if the Board started the program later, created local traffic streets such as Cottage Street and McEwen Street, and still felt that Spring Street, although not the best, creates an easier thoroughfare for traffic to detour.

Stephen Gaba explained the problem with making a public roadway into a local traffic only roadway. He said that to do it you need to either adopt a local law amending the code or you could do it by an emergency declaration, having declared a state of emergency in the Village, which only lasts five days and then the Board would have to adopt another emergency order after that stating that it would stay in effect renewing continually for as long as the state of emergency lasts, but you can't have the Village Board adopt a resolution making it local traffic only because traffic regulations must be done by local law or by emergency order.

Trustee Cheney asked if the Board couldn't direct the Supervisor of Public Works to put up a barricade that would prevent traffic from going onto Cottage and McEwen. Mr. Gaba said that barricades are a separate matter, such as a DPW action on a temporary basis, but what you can't do is write tickets for violating the traffic laws because somebody went the wrong way. Mr. Gaba said that the Board could, by resolution, temporarily put up barricades and felt it was better to act through a resolution in this situation.

Mike Moser added that if the Board is going to block off Cottage and Spring Street and parts of Wheeler, where would cars go, and that people are listening to the signs and are going where they want. He said that even when barricades are out and six men are standing in the middle of the road, people think that it's ok to drive towards them and around them, so he didn't see how putting another traffic hazard would help.

Motions

Return of Planning Board Escrow – Convergent Energy and Power

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to return the Planning Board escrow balance of \$3,155.00 to Convergent Energy and Power for site plan approval at 28 Church Street. All invoices have been paid as per the email from Village Engineer, Dave Getz and Planning Board Attorney, Robert Dickover.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Purchase of Street Lighting System - Notify Orange and Rockland Utilities

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to authorize the Mayor to notify Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. of the Village's intent to purchase the Street Lighting System located in the Village of Warwick and request Orange and Rockland to prepare a formal written sales agreement for the Village's consideration.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Kailey Zachgo - Rescind May 3, 2021 Motion

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to rescind the motion made on May 3, 2021 to hire Kailey Zachgo to the position of Village of Warwick Engineer Intern at a pay rate of \$15 per hour at 32.5 hours per week for twelve (12) 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 Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Engineer Intern – Wakeley Banker

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to hire Wakeley Banker to the position of Village of Warwick Engineer Intern at a pay rate of \$15 per hour at 32.5 hours per week for twelve (12) 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 Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Patrick Gallagher vs. Zoning Board of Appeals – Appointment of Drake Loeb, LLC

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to appoint Drake Loeb, LLC as counsel for the Article 78 Petition in the proceeding of Patrick Gallagher vs. Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Warwick.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Code Enforcement Officer, Boris Rudzinski – Orders to Remedy

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to authorize Code Enforcement Officer, Boris Rudzinski, to issue Orders to Remedy and to commence enforcement proceedings in Village Justice Court, as may be necessary, in regard to certain identified properties on which unregistered vehicles are being stored in violation of the Village Code.

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

Trustee Cheney Nay Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Nay Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney asked what authority the Code Enforcement Officer has under the law and the Village Code regarding this type of an enforcement of unregistered vehicles. Stephen Gaba replied, “To issue orders to remedy.” Trustee Cheney asked if he could do that without Board direction. Mr. Gaba said, yes, and corrected, to commence justice court proceedings. Trustee Cheney asked if it requires Board approval to go to County Court or Supreme Court. Mr. Gaba confirmed it was Supreme Court, however Mr. Rudzinski asked if the Board wanted to act civilly in Supreme Court or proceed with the Justice Court actions and the determination was that the Justice Court actions would be the way for him to go, therefore this is just a resolution instructing him to proceed with the Justice Court actions as opposed to going to civil actions. Trustee Cheney said that the Code Enforcement Officer doesn’t need this to do what he’s empowered to do already. Mr. Gaba said that this does not have any legal effect, all this does is give him advice as to what is the Board’s will.

Trustee Lindberg said that this is just making the Village Board informed that there might be need for enforcement procedures in the near future. Mr. Gaba said that the idea is that Mr. Rudzinski is going to issue order to remedy and hopefully, most of the people will remedy them and take care of the problem with the unregistered vehicles, however the feeling is that some people will not and that further legal action will be required to obtain compliance with the Code and the thought was that the Justice Court proceedings would be sufficient to achieve that. Mr. Gaba said that this is the least expensive and quickest way, but this doesn't confer upon Mr. Rudzinski any legal power that he doesn't have already, all it does is provide him with direction with how the Board wishes to tackle this problem.

Trustee Cheney asked if Mr. Rudzinski could have done this two weeks ago without coming to the Board. Mr. Gaba replied that he could have but it's policy decisions, since there are quite a few of these types of vehicles, so how the Board wants to go about it is the question. Trustee Cheney said that if he's making a decision tonight to say go ahead and do this, otherwise he would put his trust in the actions of the Building Inspector to follow whatever laws there are that empower him to do this and just let him go ahead and do it. Trustee Cheney said that if Mr. Rudzinski is laying this out for the Board tonight, then maybe the Board should see what evidence he has and where these problems are. Trustee Cheney stated that he's not comfortable with the resolution because in his mind it is not necessary because Mr. Rudzinski should be expressing this to the mayor and the mayor should be aware of it and Mr. Rudzinski should be able to proceed on that basis, not coming to the Board. Trustee Cheney added that he would hate to think that every time Mr. Rudzinski had an opportunity for an enforcement action that he'd be coming to the Board to get direction. Mr. Gaba said that he understands where Trustee Cheney is coming from, but that's not what's happening. Mr. Gaba stated that if it was just one or two cars, he thinks Mr. Rudzinski would go and do what he thought was best but what happened here was that Trustee Lindberg had twelve cars and they sat down with the mayor and went over the prevalent problem in the village. Mr. Gaba explained that with all these different people, the question was how you want to handle it by either going to Justice Court for all of them, commence civil actions, or have a mix of civil actions and Justice Court proceedings. Mr. Gaba said that the thought was that just issuing notice of violations and hauling the people that need to be hauled into Justice Court, that Justice Court will fix the problem, and don't need to go the civil route and commence Supreme Court actions, so the thought was to have the Village Board express that to Mr. Rudzinski in this particular situation, since Mr. Rudzinski was seeking direction.

Trustee Cheney stated that the Board does not need to authorize Mr. Rudzinski to do this, and the motion says the Board is authorizing this. Trustee McManus said that he has direction because it's in the law and the Board wants him to follow the law. Mr. Gaba said that it's the Board prerogative if they don't wish to adopt the resolution, they don't have to do that and that Mr. Rudzinski has his instructions one way or the other, but the thought was that the Board would say to go to Justice Court as opposed to pursue civil actions or something else. Trustee Cheney

stated that the resolution doesn't say that, although it may infer it, but it doesn't say anything about civil actions. Mr. Gaba confirmed that it doesn't, but it does pursue enforcement proceedings, but there was a backdrop to the motion so that Mr. Rudzinski would know what the Board's preference was, but again, legally it doesn't matter if the Board doesn't want to adopt the resolution, Mr. Rudzinski can still move forward. Trustee Cheney suggested that voting no might be the wrong message and that he prefers to see it withdrawn if others feel the same what that he does.

Trustee Lindberg stated that he is going to vote yes for it because it's a problem and he wants to be sure everyone gets a clear message that the Village is going to follow up. Mayor Newhard said that he agrees with Trustee Lindberg and thinks that it is a clear message that is important. Mayor Newhard stated that he hears what Trustee Cheney is saying on a technical level and also an administrative level, but this is clear message to Mr. Rudzinski and a clear message to the public. Trustee Cheney said that his understanding is that the Village has not been pursuing these for quite a while and if it was just done when Mr. Rudzinski was advised, the Board probably wouldn't be here discussing this.

Mr. Gaba said that if it makes any difference to the Board, he can assure that Mr. Rudzinski won't be coming to the Board asking for resolutions for every violation or even on regular occasions in the Village, and that normally he'll undertake as he's sees but this was just this one off where there was a prevalent problem and he wanted information from the Board.

Mayor Newhard said that it's not that Mr. Rudzinski hasn't been doing his work because he has a large file on just one of the issues he's dealing with.

Trustee McManus said that Mr. Rudzinski should do his job and follow the laws that are on the books without coming to the Board. Trustee Lindberg said that Mr. Rudzinski didn't come to the Board because there were several meetings with the mayor, himself, Mr. Rudzinski, Mr. Moser, and Mr. Gaba, and Mr. Rudzinski didn't come to the Board for permission to do this. Trustee Lindberg said that there was a meeting, and it was decided that the motion would be helpful particularly if the Village has to go to enforcement proceedings, which by Code, the Village Board, Village Attorney, and Village Clerk would need to be informed, so it's not that Mr. Rudzinski came to the Board for permission to do this. Trustee McManus asked why then the Board is giving him permission to do it. Trustee Lindberg said that in his layman's terms that it is getting put on the front burner, that it's an issue in the village that is trying to get fixed, and the Board is getting informed. Trustee McManus said that there are lots of issues in the Village that the Code Enforcement Officer is empowered to correct and if he has to run it by somebody every time he wants to do it then there is no reason for those laws to be on the books because it just comes up and somebody tells him, ok. Trustee McManus stated that if Mr. Rudzinski is really the Code Enforcement Officer and he is really willing to go out and enforce the codes as they're written, he would go and issue to the homeowner or property owner a notice to remedy the

situation that their abandoned vehicle is in violation of the Village Code and if that doesn't work the first time, go back a second time and if that doesn't work then say that they need to be taken into Village Court. Trustee McManus said that to go initially to tell people that they are in violation he feels Mr. Rudzinski isn't doing his job the way it should be done.

Facility Use – Memorial Park Pavilion, Warwick Quilt Guild

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to grant permission to Warwick Valley Quilt Guild to use the Memorial Park pavilion to hold meetings on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and Tuesday June 29, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All activities must be in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders, NYS Regional Phased Reopening Plan, and the Orange County and NYS Departments of Health. 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 Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Memorial Park Pavilion, Warwick Art League

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Art League to use the Memorial Park pavilion on Wednesday's from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from May 19, 2021 to October 27, 2021 for their weekly painting and drawing sessions, including use of existing picnic tables. All activities must be in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders, NYS Regional Phased Reopening Plan, and the Orange County and NYS Departments of Health. 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 Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Memorial Park Pavilion, Girl Scout Troop 43

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to grant permission to Girl Scout Troop 43 to use the Memorial Park pavilion on hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., including use of existing picnic tables. All

activities must be in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders, NYS Regional Phased Reopening Plan, and the Orange County and NYS Departments of Health. 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 Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Budget Modification

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to approve the budget modification and transfer request as per the Village Treasurer's letter dated May 13, 2021.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

2021 Summer Recreation Staff and Salaries

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to approve the 2021 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 Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Warwick Merchants Guild – Annual Sidewalk Sale

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Merchants Guild to hold their annual Sidewalk Sale on Main Street and Railroad Avenue on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 8:00 a.m. and breakdown complete by 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 11, 2021 from

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 8:00 a.m. and breakdown to be complete by 4:00 p.m. Proof of proper insurance has been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Warwick Merchants Guild – Annual Sidewalk Sale - Closure of Parking Spaces

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Merchants Guild to close two parking spaces on Oakland Avenue in front of Railroad Green on Saturday, July 10, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and to close the parking spaces on Main Street from Warwick Resource Group to Eddies Roadhouse & WVT to Fizzy Lifting Candy Shop on Saturday, July 10, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 11, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and for the benefit of the annual sidewalk sale. Pickup and return of ‘No Parking’ meter bags to be coordinated with the Village of Warwick, DPW Clerk.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Warwick Merchants Guild – Annual Sidewalk Sale – Road Closure

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to close Railroad Avenue and place ‘No Parking’ meter bags on the meters on Saturday, July 10, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 11, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and for the benefit of the Warwick Merchants Guild annual Sidewalk Sale. Pickup and return of ‘No Parking’ meter bags to be coordinated with the Village of Warwick, DPW Clerk.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

2021 Village of Warwick Summer Concert Series

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to approve the opening concert of the 2021 Village of Warwick Summer Concert Series featuring Stoneflower on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Stanley-Deming Park.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Vacation Carry Over – Raina Abramson

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to grant permission to Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, to carry over 4.67 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

WVCSD Class of 2021 – Car Parade

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Central School District to hold a car parade for the Warwick Valley High School Class of 2021 on Saturday, June 5, 2021. The procession will begin at the Warwick Valley High School at 10:00 a.m. and end at the Park Avenue Elementary School with the complete route detailed in their letter dated May 11, 2021. The Warwick Police Department have been notified and approved the route. All activities must be in accordance with Governor Cuomo’s Executive Orders, NYS Regional Phased Reopening Plan, and NYS and Orange County Departments of Health. Proof of proper insurance has been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

DASNY SAM Grant – Construction of Parking Lot in Veterans Memorial Park

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to approve and accept DASNY SAM Grant #12753 - \$50,000 for Construction of a Parking Lot in the Village's Veterans' Memorial Park - and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Grant Disbursement Agreement and all documents necessary to carry out the terms thereof.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Announcement

Mayor Newhard read a portion of a letter from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) informing the Village of Warwick that the Inflow and Infiltration Study project has been selected to receive up to \$30,000 from the Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Program. Mayor Newhard explain that it is an engineering planning grant that is focusing on infiltration into the Village's system.

Trustee Cheney stated that the Village is still trying to chase down where the water is coming from that is entering the system that's not just sewage that belongs in the system, so the Village needs to get that out as much as possible to not have it create a burden on the treatment plant.

Amend Outdoor Dining

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to amend the outdoor dining to leave Spring Street and Railroad Avenue open and not open for Sunday dining and amend the start time from 4:30 to 5:30 on Friday and Saturday. And to allow the restaurants to use the sidewalk in front of their premises and direct pedestrians to the cordoned off parking spots.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard and the Village Board discussed the outdoor dining program in order to make it streamlined, safer, to find the detour that would have the least impact, to push back the start time, make safe environments in the parking spots along Spring Street and Railroad Avenue for pedestrians to walk, with tables on the sidewalks, and to reopen Spring Street and Railroad Avenue to thru traffic.

Reports - Suspended to Streamline Meeting due to COVID-19

Final Comments from the Floor – No comments were made.

Final Comments from the Board

Trustee Cheney said that the work at the wastewater treatment plant ultraviolet treatment component is now in operation as of last Tuesday and the training by the equipment manufacturer is going to occur this Wednesday for the Village's contract operator, JCO. Trustee Cheney stated that this was a New York State DEC requirement to protect fish in the stream by replacing the Village's previous practice of chlorination and dichlorination because the chlorine residual could be harmful to the fish. Trustee Cheney added that the UV will kill the bacteria in the effluent without harming the fish. He said that it was a step that the Village needed to take because the DEC required it, is something that will live on in the new plant, and it is an investment of a component that is going to be in the new plant.

Trustee Lindberg gave a reminder of the Memorial Day parade on May 31, 2021.

Trustee McManus gave a reminder that the School Board Elections are tomorrow, seven people running for three seats, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and please exercise your right to vote. He stated that voting is at the Dorothy Wilson Center, Middle School, Pine Island, and Kings school.

Mayor Newhard stated that last meeting the Board received a letter from Mr. Garritano about a memorial garden and that Mike Moser and his men have opened the earth, put blocks around it, and it is ready for planting. Mayor Newhard thanked Mr. Moser for doing that so quickly. Trustee McManus added that planting is planned for Saturday morning.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Bachman Aye

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Raina M. Abramson, Village Clerk