Please note, although the Village Clerk is the Chief Election Officer, it is NOT the Clerk's responsibility to answer questions from, or give advice to, individuals running for office.

Individuals/Candidates should consult their own attorney & visit the NYS Board of Elections website.

- NYS Board of Elections: <u>http://www.elections.ny.gov/RunningOffice.html</u>
- Orange County Board of Elections: <u>https://www.orangecountygov.com/1022/Running-for-Office</u>

To review the Annual Village Elections Calendar of Dates, including the March 19, 2024 Village General Election, please visit: <u>https://www.nycom.org/115-news/1805-annual-village-elections-calendar-of-dates</u>

Independent Nominating Petitions, and other required filing documents, are available using the following the links below or at the Village of Warwick Clerk's Office, located at 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. These forms are also available on the NYS Board of Elections & Orange County Board of Elections websites.

Independent Nominating Petition:

https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/law/VillageIndependentPetition2017.pdf

Cover Page:

https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/law/CoverSheetDesignatingIndependentCom bined.pdf

Certificate of Acceptance: <u>https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/law/CertificateOfAcceptance6-146_Cand.pdf</u>

Certificate of Declination:

https://www.orangecountygov.com/DocumentCenter/View/13072/Certificate-Of-Declination-PDF

Filing Campaign Receipts:

https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/finance/cf05.pdf

An independent nominating petition may be signed by Village Residents, who are
registered to vote provided that the signer has not signed a petition for anyone else
running for that particular office. The signer may not sign any more petitions
designating a greater number of candidates for public office or party position than the
number of persons to be elected at that election.

- Independent Party Names:
 - Candidates must choose a name for the independent body making the nomination or circulating the designating petition. **CANNOT Use**:
 - Any existing party name
 - American, United States, New York State, Empire State, Independent or Independence.
 - Cannot create confusion with other names
 - In accordance with the Orange County Board of Elections, Independent Party Names cannot be longer than 15 spaces.
 - The first to file may use the selected name. Exception: Established Independent Body and would cause confusion among voters.
- Emblems are no longer allowed on ballots; therefore, emblems may be left off independent nominating petitions.
- In villages with populations of 5,000 or more, at least 100 registered voters must sign the independent nominating petition.
- All filings should be submitted to the Village of Warwick, Clerk's Office, 77 Main Street, P.O. Box 369, Warwick NY 10990.