

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF WARWICK  
DECEMBER 12, 2022  
WORK SESSION**

**9458**

A Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Bill Lindberg, Carly Foster, and Tom McKnight. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba.

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

Mayor Newhard explained that this meeting is a work session to examine the Village of Warwick's Developer's Fees but before the Board goes into executive session for that discussion there is a motion to make.

**Motion**

**NY Bridge Program – Proposals for Professional Transportation Engineering Services**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to seek proposals for professional transportation engineering services to assist the Village to apply for a NY Bridge program grant and provide design services for the Wheeler Avenue and Memorial Park Drive culverts.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye      Trustee Foster Aye      Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye      Mayor Newhard Aye

**Discussion**

Trustee Cheney explained that the Village applied two years ago to the Bridge NY Program and was unsuccessful in the application. The new program cycle just started, and the Village would like to apply again but this time with a professional who has experience with other Bridge NY grants for other clients. Trustee Cheney said that he spoke with one firm who feels it would cost approximately \$750 for each grant.

Trustee Cheney said that the application is due January 20, 2023 and expects the RFP to go out today without advertisement but emailed to a list of approximately fifteen firms in this region that are on a preapproved State list and receive the RFPs at the end of the week.

Trustee Foster inquired about adding other transportation funding opportunities. Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba said that the Village can discuss with the firm about other professional services.

Trustee McKnight asked what was wrong with the current culverts. Trustee Cheney said that both are very old with deteriorating concrete on the Wheeler Avenue culvert and since the Memorial Park Drive culvert is built with rail irons it needs to be done correctly.

Trustee McKnight said that there's a Climate Smart Communities action called culverts and dams which the Village can earn significant points. Trustee McKnight asked Trustee Cheney to share the information with the firm to keep it in mind since it's probably work they will be doing anyway.

The Village Board discussed other culverts throughout the village, identifying which ones are owned by the County and the Town.

## **Discussion**

### **1. Funding Related Advocacy**

Trustee Foster explained that after reviewing the NYSDOT transportation related resources received after the last meeting, she reviewed a checklist of complete streets that refers to an IPP which is the plan used to develop their project maintenance plan. Trustee Foster said that the checklist says that they should be looking for opportunities to implement complete streets concepts while they're doing the maintenance process, documenting why there are or are not opportunities. Trustee Foster asked the NYSDOT to share the document and to shed light on why the opportunity for increased pedestrian and bicycle amenities on Galloway given the context, were not considered.

Trustee Foster said that she was also thinking about the lost opportunity and the potential economies of scale. Trustee Foster suggested if the NYSDOT is going to repave the road but not include a crosswalk at Hawthorn or the walkability and bike ability of Galloway, it would make sense to reach out to Senator Skoufis and create a letter of talking points that he could leverage to have conversations with the NYSDOT. Trustee Foster said that considering all the funding coming out from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the IRA that's purpose is to help reduce carbon emissions, so increasing walkability is perfectly in alignment.

Trustee Foster stated that she reached out to NYCOM to demystify the funding that is available. NYCOM expressed willingness to speak with the Village about what funding sources might be appropriate and work on advocacy planning on some of the Village's top priority projects. Trustee Foster added that with the Environmental Bond Act, they are convening an interagency

working group to discuss what they're going to fund through the 4.2-billion-dollar bond act that is supposed to include some stakeholder engagement. Trustee Foster asked NYCOM for more information about that along with the purchase of development rights to protect watersheds, which is also something the Village should inquire about and ask Senator Skoufis about.

Mayor Newhard said that while discussing the Route 94 repaving project during a Chamber of Commerce meeting, someone inquired about the infrastructure underneath the road. Mayor Newhard said that it's a reality that the Village has some of the oldest pipes in the Village under the roads that are being repaved.

Trustee Cheney said that it's a risk that they take and believes their attitude is that if you know you need to do something, do it before the repaving and if anything comes up after the fact, then it's after the fact. Trustee Cheney stated that the Village has been looking at doing the Campbell loop connection and if the Village wants to seriously do it, it must be done before it's repaved.

2. Developer Fees.

**Executive Session**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to enter into Executive Session to seek the confidential advice of counsel.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

**Adjournment**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to exit executive session and resume and adjourn the work session at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye