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VILLAGE OF WARWICK
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**Village of Warwick
Village Board Meeting – January 19, 2021
Minutes**

Pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.1, Village of Warwick meetings will be conducted virtually through Zoom Videoconference until further notice.

To View the Meeting:

FACEBOOK LIVE - The public may view the meeting live by going to the Village of Warwick’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofWarwick>

VILLAGE’S WEBSITE – The public may view the meeting a day or so after its completion by going to the village’s website: www.villageofwarwick.org

To Comment During Privilege of the Floor Only:

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JANUARY 19, 2021**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, January 19, 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 and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba. DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser was absent. Others present via Zoom Videoconference: Carla Castillo. 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 at the above date and time via Facebook Live on the Village's FB page <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofWarwick>.

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

Mayor Newhard stated that it was an uneasy week in our community due to protests on the sidewalks of our Village and recently there was some graffiti that was connected to two white supremacy organizations. Mayor Newhard stated that Adam Powers and a staff member from Fizzy Lifting removed the graffiti that day and the DPW staff painted over it completely. After conversations with the Chief of Police and Lieutenant Radar it was decided the idea of having extra patrols over the next three days would be the right thing.

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: January 4, 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

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried for the Acceptance of Reports, December 2020: Clerk's Office, Justice, and Building.

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 #21001222 – 21001302 in the amount of \$252,471.39.

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

Police Report - **Suspended to Streamline Meeting due to COVID-19**

Presentation

1. Carla Castillo from Hudson Valley Regional Council on converting the Village of Warwick streetlights to LED technology.

Carla Castillo provided a background on the Hudson Valley Regional Council, explained the streetlighting cost analysis and comparison of the benefits of the conversion of streetlights to LEDs through the municipal ownership model versus the utility ownership model, provided a review of the light pollution issues, how to choose the right lights for the village, and concluded with the next steps and some background information. Ms. Castillo recommended that village first obtain a conceptual cost estimate from both Real Term and NYBA for maintenance. Then, consider conducting a basic field audit to get a sense of the condition of the streetlights that are in the village through spot checks. Next, conduct a billing audit that would be managed by a billing audit company that reviews bills from the past six years to find cost savings or on a rare case, they may discover that the village was being undercharged. Once the search has been completed with the conversion company, it is recommended to review the tariff for service classification six to understand all of the different scenarios under which the village may incur certain charges per the tariff. Ms. Castillo can then assist the village by plugging in the conceptual cost estimate from the lighting conversion company into a spreadsheet to determine the cashflow over the course of a twenty-year period so the village can understand the full benefit of converting through the municipal ownership model, which would be the decision point for the village. Ms. Castillo stated that this is where the village can determine, given the program offerings from NYBA, Real Term, or another company, if it is worthwhile.

Discussion

1. Stanley-Deming Park

Mayor Newhard stated that the village received one request to reopen the playground equipment at Stanley-Deming Park. Mayor Newhard stated that when the park was open, the playground was getting sanitized every morning with a vapor driven sanitizer which may be difficult to do with the cold weather. The Village Board agreed to keep the playground closed for the time being due to COVID-19 and once it is decided to reopen the park, possibly have a monitor to control the intensity of use.

Trustee Lindberg discussed the concern of mask wearing at the basketball court and skatepark. Trustee McManus stated that he doesn't understand why the village wouldn't close the basketball court and skatepark if they closed one park because people weren't wearing masks and it was overcrowded, and people are still using the basketball court and skatepark and they're not wearing masks, the village should do the same thing. Trustee McManus stated that the village is responsible, as officials, as much as they can to help stop the spread of the disease and they are allowing the park to be open where people are not wearing masks. Much discussion ensued.

Skatepark and Basketball Courts

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus to close the basketball courts and skatepark.

The vote on the foregoing **motion** was as follows: **FAILED/NO SECOND**

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Lindberg ___ Trustee Bachman ___

Trustee McManus ___ Mayor Newhard ___

The Village Board agreed to look at the matter very closely and to create a significant campaign encouraging masks and social distancing at the basketball courts and skatepark, give it a two-week trial, seek the guidance of the County Health Department relative to these types of activities and the necessary requirements and monitoring, and to revisit the matter at the next Village Board meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

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No comments were submitted.

Motions

Vacation Carry Over – Robert Helt

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to grant permission to Village Employee, Robert Helt, to carry over four (4) 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

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM "LIGHT INDUSTRIAL" ("LI") TO "CENTRAL BUSINESS" ("CB")

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick has before it a proposed local law entitled: "A local law to amend Village Code Chapter 145 entitled 'Zoning' by revising the Village's Zoning Districts Map to change the zoning designation of certain real property from 'Light Industrial' ('LI') to 'Central Business' ('CB')"; and

WHEREAS, in order to consider adoption of the proposed local law it is necessary to first introduce it and hold a public hearing upon it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the movant of this resolution does hereby introduce the attached proposed local law;
2. That a public hearing on the said local law is hereby set for February 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.;
3. That the Village Clerk shall publish and post notice of the public hearing;

4. Pursuant to Village Code §145-170, the Village Clerk shall transmit to the Village Planning Board a copy of the proposed local law for review and a report; and

5. Pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m, the Village Clerk shall transmit to the County Planning Department copies of the proposed local law, the SEQRA EAF and the site plan application filed by the owner of the subject property.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

William Lindberg, Trustee, voting Aye

Corey Bachman, Trustee, voting Aye

George McManus, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Village Treasurer – Appointment of Sadie Becker

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to appoint Sadie Becker to the position of Village Treasurer effective January 22, 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

Adoption of Revised Procurement Policy

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to adopt the revised Village of Warwick Procurement Policy effective January 19, 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

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "PROCUREMENT: BEST VALUE BID AWARDS"

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick has before it a proposed local law entitled: "A local law to amend the Village Code by enacting a new Chapter 100 entitled 'Procurement: Best Value Bid Awards.'"; and

WHEREAS, in order to consider adoption of the proposed local law it is necessary to first introduce it and hold a public hearing upon it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the movant of this resolution does hereby introduce the attached proposed local law; and
2. That a public hearing on the said local law is hereby set for February 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.; and
3. That the Village Clerk shall publish and post notice of the public hearing.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

William Lindberg, Trustee, voting Aye

Corey Bachman, Trustee, voting Aye

George McManus, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Village Election – Machine Operators

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to appoint Michael J. Batz, Sr. and Elizabeth Doty as Machine Operators and Ralph Boone and Laurence Hoard as Alternate Machine Operators for the upcoming Village Election on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Village Election – Election Inspectors

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to appoint Marjory Warren, Vanessa Mann, Victoria Hague, and Janet Folino as Election Inspectors and Thomas King and Mary-Ann Smith as an Alternate Election Inspectors for the upcoming Village Election on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Reports: *Suspended to Streamline Meeting due to COVID-19*

Final Comments from the Floor – no comments were made.

Final Comments from the Board – no comments were made.

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending, or current litigation.

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

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Cheney to exit Executive Session, resume the regular meeting, and adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 9:00 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