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## VILLAGE OF WARWICK

INCORPORATED 1867

### **Village of Warwick Village Board Meeting – January 4, 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](http://www.villageofwarwick.org)

#### **To Comment During Privilege of the Floor Only:**

**VIA EMAIL OR MAIL** - Comments may be sent to the Village Board prior to the Village Board Meeting via email to: [clerk@villageofwarwick.org](mailto:clerk@villageofwarwick.org) or via mail: Village of Warwick, Attn: Village Clerk, P.O. Box 369, Warwick, NY 10990. Please indicate in your correspondence that you wish to have your comments read during privilege of the floor.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF WARWICK  
January 4, 2021**

**8710**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, January 4, 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 Deputy Clerk, Maryann Benedict. 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 and comment during privilege of the floor 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 Deputy Clerk held the roll call.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: December 21, 2020.

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 McManus, and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims #21001135 – 21001221 in the amount of \$206,962.76.

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**

The Village of Warwick will start picking up Christmas Trees on January 4<sup>th</sup> for approximately two weeks. Trees must be placed by the curb to ensure removal. Trees may also be dropped off until January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Town of Warwick Chip Site on Public Works Drive.

**Correspondence**

1. Letter from Orange County Department of Health regarding Jurisdiction and Approval of Plans.

**Privilege of the Floor**

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Mayor Newhard read the following email from Raymond and Lugene Maher that was submitted prior to the Village Board meeting:

We attended the Work Session held on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Village View subdivision application.

While we expected the work session to provide an accurate and complete overview of the development, we were extremely disappointed by the blatant display of bias in favor of the developer and "Plan B". The work session failed to provide the facts in a fair and balanced manner. Rather, the discussion and overview left out important safety, conservation, and infrastructure deficiencies with "Plan B" and failed to highlight a single, positive attribute of 'Plan A', of which there are several. The Work Session left everyone questioning what the real purpose and intent of the meeting was because it certainly appeared that it was meant to produce a particular outcome in favor of 'Plan B' for reasons that may serve the Village Board, the Village Planning Board, and most certainly the developer.

**Discussion**

Mayor Newhard stated he felt the work session had a balanced representation. The work session was a moment when the Board of Trustees had the ability to have a discussion with, Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba, Village Engineers, Lehman & Getz, and the Chairman of the Planning Board, James Patterson. Mayor Newhard felt the overview did not come off as bias. Mayor Newhard stated that if the Maher's would like to submit information to the Village Board as to why Plan A is significantly better to please share that information to the Board of Trustees for review.

**Resolution Revising Village Employee Handbook Section 7.5 – Health Insurance**

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Village Board to periodically review and revise the Employee Handbook of the Village of Warwick to update the policies and procedures set forth therein in order to better serve the needs of Village, its employees and the community; and

WHEREAS the Village Board has before it a proposal to make certain revisions to the Employee Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed and considered the said revisions, and finds them to be necessary and proper at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That Section 7.5, “Health Insurance” of the Employee Handbook of the Village of Warwick is hereby amended under subsection “Medicare Reimbursement” to read as follows:

“Medicare Part B Reimbursement is in accordance with NYSHIP rules as stated in the NYSHIP Manual for Participating Agencies and is only applicable to NYSHIP enrollees and their dependents”.

2. That the aforesaid revision to the Employee Handbook shall be effective April 1, 2021.

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

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

William Lindberg, Trustee, voting Aye

George McManus, Trustee, voting Aye

Corey Bachman, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

**Employee Training – Sadie Becker & Denise Bulnes**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to Account Clerk, Sadie Becker, and Deputy Treasurer, Denise Bulnes, to register for an online Introduction to Governmental Accounting class offered by the Office of the State Comptroller on January 12-14, 2021 at a cost of \$85.00 per person. This training is a budgeted item supported from account A1325.4750.

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

**New York State Retirement Reporting - Trustee Cheney**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to report 12.34 days worked per month to New York State Retirement for retirement reporting purposes for Village Trustee, Barry Cheney for the term of office beginning September 18, 2020 through April 1, 2024.

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

**New York State Retirement Reporting - Trustee Bachman**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to report 2.64 days worked per month to New York State Retirement for retirement reporting purposes for Village Trustee, Corey Bachman for the term of office beginning September 21, 2020 through April 1, 2024.

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 – Railroad Green, Warwick Valley Garden Tour**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Gardeners to hold their Garden Tour ticket sale event on Railroad Green on Saturday, July 10, 2021 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., with a rain date of July 11, 2021 pending Governor Cuomo’s Executive Orders, NYS Regional Phased Reopening Plan, and NYS Department of Health. Completed park permit, security deposit, and proof of proper insurance 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 – Railroad Green, Warwick Valley Garden Tour**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Gardeners to use Railroad Green on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for pre-tour ticket sales for the Garden Tour event pending Governor Cuomo’s Executive Orders, NYS Regional Phased Reopening Plan, and NYS Department of Health. Completed park permit, security deposit, and proof of proper insurance 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

**Village of Warwick General Election - Wednesday, March 16, 2021**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to hold the General Village Election at the Goodwill Hook & Ladder Company, 25 Church Street Extension, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 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 Nay Mayor Newhard Aye

**Discussion**

Trustee McManus stated that polls should open at 6:00 a.m.

**Dental/Optical Allowance – FY 2019-20 Carry Over Union Employees**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Warwick and International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL-CIO, Local 445 to allow union Village employees to carry over any remaining dental/optical allowance from the 2019-2020 fiscal year into the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

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

**Dental/Optical Allowance – FY 2019-20 Carry Over Non-Union Employees**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to allow non-union Village employees to carry over any remaining dental/optical allowance from the 2019-2020 fiscal year into the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

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

**Final Comments from the Board**

Trustee Lindberg stated that he was glad that the Village of Warwick was able to continue the Apple Drop this year for the fifth year in a row and it was possible to continue the tradition.

Mayor Newhard thanked the Warwick Valley School District, Dan Cecconi and the Media Department who helped with the Christmas Eve Sing-a-Long and the Apple Drop celebration.

Mayor Newhard also thanked the Village of Warwick DPW, Town Supervisor, Michael Sweeton, Pastor Pearce, and Pastor Jennifer Morrow who all helped make the Apple Drop possible.

**Adjournment**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 7:46 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

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Maryann Benedict  
Deputy Village Clerk