

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JUNE 5, 2023**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Mary Collura, and Thomas McKnight. Also, present was Deputy Village Clerk Jennifer Mante and Chief Rader. Others present: Nicole Sisco, Ella Heller, Matt Sullivan, and Melissa Shaw-Smith.

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

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: April 17, May 1, May 8, May 11, and May 15, 2023.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$150,256.09.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Announcement

1. The Village of Warwick received the Comp Alliance Leadership Award at NYCOM's Annual Meeting and Training School.
2. The Village of Warwick has been awarded an Orange County Municipal Tourism Grant in the amount of \$4,999.00.
3. Notice of FY23-24 Tax Collection.

Discussion

1. Signage at the Warwick Valley Farmers' Market.

A discussion amongst the Board ensued regarding pedestrian signage, crosswalk signage and safety, and the current size of the Farmers' Market signs with a conclusion that a meeting with DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser, would occur to discuss what could be done in-house.

Trustee Collura stated that the Farmers' Market attendance was up 50% from last year, which was great, but concerning for safety reasons.

2. Slow Down Warwick campaign.

Trustee Foster summarized the suggestions that were discussed during the previous work session, such as using art pieces to encourage people to slow down.

Trustee Collura emphasized the importance of coming to a full stop at stop signs, watching for pedestrians, and overall general safety while operating a vehicle.

The Board agreed for Melissa Shaw-Smith from the Warwick Community Center to join the discussion.

Ms. Shaw-Smith made suggestions on how to get people to slow down, such as artwork, thoughtful signage, and community involvement and emphasized engaging with youth to help spread the word.

A discussion ensued regarding Ms. Shaw-Smith's suggestions.

The Board concluded that a good foundation was set and a meeting with Ms. Shaw-Smith to discuss possible projects would occur in the near future.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The public may speak only during the meeting's Public Comment period and at any other time a majority of the Board allows. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer, step to the front of the room/microphone, give their name, residency, and organization, if any. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes (this time limit may be changed to accommodate the number of speakers) and may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker. Board members may, with the permission of the mayor, interrupt a speaker during their remarks,

but only for the purpose of clarification or information. The Village Board is not required to accept or respond to questions from the public at meetings but may request that inquiries be submitted in writing to be responded to at a later date. All remarks must be addressed to the Board as a body and not to individual Board members. Interested parties or their representatives may also address the Board by written communications.

Matt Sullivan:

Mr. Sullivan was happy the Board was speaking about public safety and asked the Board to consider animal safety as well. Mr. Sullivan spoke about crosswalk safety and the progress of sidewalks.

Trustee Foster explained that there was just a work session on that very topic.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Foster gave a summary of the work session meeting that had just taken place.

Trustee McKnight explained the process of applying for grant money and the balancing act that it takes.

Trustee Foster further explained the complicated issues with installing new sidewalks.

Motions

Request to Table Resolution

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura, and failed to table the Resolution Amending Schedule of Fees to Change Certain Sewer Fees.

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

Trustee Cheney Nay Trustee Foster Nay Trustee Collura Nay

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Nay

Discussion

Trustee McKnight was concerned that the water and sewer fee changes would penalize those building single family homes and not developers, as the fee was per tap and not per unit. Trustee McKnight stated he felt the Board should look at the overall building cost and fees first to see the big picture instead of moving forward with both sewer and water.

Trustee Foster asked Trustee McKnight whether he disagreed regarding the proposal to charge the applicant an amount equivalent to the Village's expenses incurred for the work.

Trustee McKnight said he did not necessarily disagree since the Village does incur some cost, however he thought it had to be looked at holistically.

Trustee Foster clarified Trustee McKnight's statement and inquired if he was asking the Board to take into consideration the cost to the Village, however, to also consider the cost impact to the applicant when all fees were added together.

Trustee McKnight stated that was correct and gave the example of the large increase of the sewer permit fee. Trustee McKnight stated his concern that the increases, along with already substantial building fees, would discourage smaller family homes and not deter larger multiunit developments.

A discussion amongst the Board ensued regarding costs to the Village for labor and equipment, a new fee structure for building permits, and the rise of construction costs.

Trustee McKnight said he thought the Board was looking at this in reverse and suggested the motion be rescinded, table the water and sewer, look at the building permit fee, and make the changes in that order. Trustee McKnight said the process should involve the Board taking ten scenarios and mapping out what the fees would be.

Trustee McKnight suggested another work session before making any decisions.

Trustee Cheney respectfully disagreed and said it was about all the residents in the Village absorbing the costs from the applicants who benefit directly and how it was the person applying for the application who should bear the costs and did not see any reason to delay.

Trustee Foster said that was her concern as well and did not think the Village should be subsidizing any kind of development. Trustee Foster said the intension of the exercise was to figure out the cost to the Village and charge rational costs, and she did not expect the water/sewer fees to change based on the premise of the activity, but she could see concern about someone getting caught in the middle of having the revised water/sewer fees before the Board adjusted the building fees.

Mayor Newhard agreed with the numbers, which he said were very carefully considered. Mayor Newhard said there may be wiggle room for the permit application fees in terms of scale.

Trustee Cheney explained that it was an application for a single tap per line in each case, and what brought the Board to this point was that the Village was charging on a per dwelling base for multiple residences and that's where the Village Attorney advised the Board that the Village could be challenged.

Trustee Collura said she recently had a conversation with someone outside of Warwick who was concerned about large sprawls of development of multi-unit dwellings occurring in surrounding areas and asked the Board if maybe they should think of safeguarding from future development sprawls.

Trustee Foster and Trustee Cheney both explained that part of the zoning code for the Comprehensive Plan was to help provide missing middle homes, such as multifamily, not giant apartment complexes, but townhomes.

Trustee Cheney added that by changing the per dwelling unit to per tap it would be more affordable for someone doing that kind of development.

Mayor Newhard asked for clarification of the difference between the permit application fee and the tap-in fee per tap.

Trustee Cheney answered that the tap in fee involved the Village's crew physically doing the work and explained the process and people involved. Trustee Cheney explained how the homeowner had the option to have their own contractor do the work, but the Village would have to inspect it, in which the inspection cost would apply.

Mayor Newhard asked about the permit application fee.

Trustee Cheney said it was to review their request, so they would need to show what they want, where they want it, and the Village makes sure it's reviewed properly.

Mayor Newhard asked who reviews it.

Trustee Cheney answered that multiple people do, often including the Village Engineer.

Trustee Foster pulled up a document from the working session and stated the amount of manpower that was behind an application as well as equipment.

Mayor Newhard asked where the Board was with the building permit overview.

Trustee Cheney thought it could be discussed at the next meeting and voted on for the following meeting and told Trustee McKnight that he would be happy to have his assistance.

Trustee McKnight reiterated his concerns about the high fees and the consequences, such as benefiting larger developers. Trustee McKnight asked the Board to keep in mind that tap-ins create an additional paying customer on Village services and didn't think the Village should necessarily look to recoup every dollar spent for that process.

Trustee Cheney asked if Trustee McKnight was suggesting the Board load those costs so that all residents had to pay.

Trustee McKnight replied no, but suggested some of the fees didn't need to be as high as they were and thought the resolution should be tabled for the time being.

Trustee Foster asked what the implications were for tabling the resolution.

Trustee Cheney replied that currently the Village's fees were structured in a way that the Village Attorney said they shouldn't be and if someone wanted to proceed with a project, they could bring a lawsuit against the Village.

Trustee Foster asked if that was at risk over the course of the next six weeks.

Trustee Cheney replied that three projects were going on currently that have gone through the planning stages; one was under construction, and he was unsure which stages the other two projects were in.

Trustee Foster asked for the timing that would be required if the resolution were to be tabled.

A discussion amongst the Board ensued regarding meeting schedules and the restructuring of the building fees process.

Mayor Newhard suggested the fees be accepted at the current meeting and in the future, the fees could be adjusted if the Board found it appropriate.

Trustee Foster said that she did not expect her perception of the fees to change except if there were concerns about equity when the Board gets to the building permits and it's looked at as a whole.

Mayor Newhard said he thought the information from the work session was loud and clear.

Resolution Amending Schedule of Fees to Change Certain Sewer Fees

WHEREAS, Village of Warwick Code §64-1 provides that a comprehensive schedule of fees, including sewer system operations, be approved by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Schedule of Fees contains a provision for sewer fees as follows,

Category	Sub-Category	Type of Fee	Amount	Notes	Code
Sewers		Permit	\$25.00		109-5
Sewers		Private Sewage Disposal Application	\$12.50		109-7
Sewers		Addition to Existing Private Sewage Disposal System	\$4.50		109-7
Sewers		Inspection Fee per unit	\$12.50		109-15C
Sewers		Tap-in Fee per unit	\$3000.00		109-15D
Sewers		Service Line in Excess of 12 feet, per linear foot	\$35.00		109-15D
	Sewer Rates Village Residents	Minimum Service Charge, for each 3-month period	\$12.25	*The fee shall be waived for sewer rates in regard to water provided to the 49 metered outdoor	109-43

				spigots located on the Homestead Village property. *Adopted and effective 9/21/2020	
	Sewer Rates Outside Village	Minimum Service Charge, for each 3- month period	\$15.00		109-43

; and

WHEREAS, in order to amend the Village's Schedule of Fees to change the sewer fees it is necessary for the Village Board to adopt a resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village's Schedule of Fees is hereby amended as follows:

In the Schedule of Fees, under heading “Sewers” the fees shall be revised to appear as follows:

Category	Sub-Category	Type of Fee	Amount	Notes	Code
Sewers		Permit Application Fee	\$1,200.00		109-5
Sewers		Private Sewage Disposal Application	\$1,000.00		109-7
Sewers		Addition to Existing Private Sewage Disposal System	\$1,000.00		109-7
Sewers		Inspection Fee per tap	\$1,000.00		109-15C
Sewers		Tap-in Fee per tap	\$7,000.00		109-15D

Sewers		Service Line in Excess of 12 feet, per linear foot	\$150.00		109-15D
Sewer Rates	Village Residents	Base Fee, per quarter	\$12.25	*The fee shall be waived for sewer rates in regard to water provided to the 49 metered outdoor spigots located on the Homestead Village property. *Adopted and effective 9/21/2020	109-43
Sewer Rates	Outside Village	Base Fee, per quarter	\$15.00		109-43

Trustee Cheney presented the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried.

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Nay

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Resolution Amending Schedule of Fees to Change Certain Water Fees

WHEREAS, Village of Warwick Code §64-1 provides that a comprehensive schedule of fees, including water system operations, be approved by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Schedule of Fees contains a provision for water fees as follows,

Category	Sub-Category	Type of Fee	Amount	Code
Water		Water Service Application Fee per unit	\$3000.00	141-6
Water	Cost of service pipes	¾" service	\$3,000.00	141-33
Water	Cost of service pipes	1-inch or over Service or through frozen ground or unusual obstacles	Actual Cost to Village, including inspection	141-33
Water	Meter installation charges, based on size of meter	5/8"x3/4" with generator register with connections	\$500.00	141-36
Water	Meter Installation charges, based on size of meter	3/4" with generator with connections	\$550.00	141-36
Water	Meter Installation charges, based on size of meter	1" with generator with connections	\$650.00	141-36
Water	Other Fees	Initial Bill Fee	\$24.50	
Water	Minimum Service	Village Users	\$12.25	141-32A&B

	Charge, per quarter			
Water	Minimum Service Charge, per quarter	Outside Village Users	\$15.00	141-32C&D

; and

WHEREAS, in order to amend the Village's Schedule of Fees to change the water fees it is necessary for the Village Board to adopt a resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village's Schedule of Fees is hereby amended as follows:

In the Schedule of Fees, under heading “Water” the fees shall be revised to appear as follows:

Category	Sub-Category	Type of Fee	Amount	Code
Water		Water Service Application Fee per tap	\$1,600.00	141-6
Water	Cost of service pipes and tap	Up to and including 1” service	\$9,000.00	141-33
Water	Cost of service pipes	Over 1-inch Service or through frozen ground or unusual obstacles	Actual Cost to Village	141-33
Water	Other Fees	New Account Fee	\$50.00	
Water	Village Residents	Base Fee, per quarter	\$12.25	141-32A&B
Water	Outside Village	Base Fee, per quarter	\$15.00	141-32C&D

In the Schedule of Fees, under heading “Water” the following fees shall be deleted:

Water	Meter installation charges, based on size of meter	5/8"x3/4" with generator register with connections	\$500.00	141-36
Water	Meter Installation charges, based on size of meter	3/4" with generator with connections	\$550.00	141-36
Water	Meter Installation charges, based on size of meter	1" with generator with connections	\$650.00	141-36

In the Schedule of Fees, under heading "Water" the following fees shall be added:

Water	Meter Installation charges	Up to and including 1"	\$1,200.00	141-36
Water		Inspection Fee per tap	\$1,200.00	

Trustee Cheney presented the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried.

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Nay

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight stated all his concerns from the previous resolution applied to this resolution.

Trustee Foster thought that amending the fees later, if necessary, made sense and by avoiding the delay the Board avoids the low chance of moving forward with any action against the Village. Trustee Foster asked if there were any single-family residence in the pipeline in the near term.

Mayor Newhard said he knew of a proposed three-family rental unit that would be coming before the Board for a special use permit.

Trustee Foster asked how many taps they would have.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Cheney did not know.

Trustee Foster said they could benefit from this and confirmed that they were not at the phase where they would pay the fees.

South Street Sidewalk Replacement Project Bid Award - TAM Enterprises, Inc.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to accept the bid from TAM Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$128,814.18 for the South Street Sidewalk Replacement Project as part of the 2022 CDBG grant project for the South Street Sidewalk ADA Improvements between Second and Third Street as per the recommendation of Village Engineer, Jane Samuelson of Engineering & Surveying Properties.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Engineering Services - Barton & Loguidice

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to accept the proposal for engineering services from Barton & Loguidice dated May 26, 2023, for Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant Application Services and authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Master Services Agreement with Barton & Loguidice for a lump sum cost of \$4,100.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Foster said that last year when they worked on the grant application the schedule ended up being bumped up and the Board didn't get the chance to perform a review. Trustee Foster asked if there could be a conversation about when the draft would be received.

Trustee Cheney said they have a new person on board who was very familiar with the process and explained how the application was scored, which didn't put the Village high enough to be awarded anything from the previous attempts. Trustee Cheney didn't think the Village's score was going to change much but explained that there was a larger pot of money to work with this year due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the New York Environmental Bond Act and they would be reaching farther down the list.

Mayor Newhard said he wanted to see the draft language because a lot of the time it's how it's framed and believed that the Village's approach with grants recently had been to clearly state what the Village's needs were and how it affected a great deal of people.

A discussion ensued involving the #3 treatment center receiving funding through another source, leaving the main storage tanks to be funded.

Vacation Carry Over - Jason Makuch

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Jason Makuch, to carry over 4.5 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Veterans Memorial Park, Warwick Fire Department 2023 Carnival

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Fire Department to use Veterans Memorial Park to hold their annual carnival per their letter dated April 18, 2023. Set up to begin on Sunday, June 18, 2023, and breakdown will be completed by Monday, June 26, 2023. The carnival will be open to the public from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2023, through Friday, June 23, 2023, and from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023, with a rain date of Sunday, June 25, 2023. Request includes use of alcohol in the park. Completed park permit, insurance and Host Liquor Liability have been received. Approval is pending NYMIR's confirmation of acceptable insurance coverage.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW, RENEW and AMEND, and/or EXECUTE A NEW 3- YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025, AND 2026 (AND SUCCESSIVE THREE-YEAR QUALIFICATION PERIODS), PURSUANT TO TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, THE CRANSTON GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, AND SUBTITLE B OF TITLE IV OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1987, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, as amended, and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended to make grants to states and other units of general local government to help finance Community Development and Affordable Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 99-h of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York grants to any municipal corporation the power, either individually or jointly with one or more other municipal corporations, to apply for, accept, and expend funds made available through the State, pursuant to the provision of any Federal law which is not inconsistent with the statutes or condition of this State, in order to administer, conduct or participate with the Federal Government in programs relating to the general welfare of the inhabitants of such municipal corporation; and;

WHEREAS, a number of municipalities have requested participation and the County of Orange had determined that it is desirable and in the public interest that it make application for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds as an Urban County; and

WHEREAS, participation by the County of Orange as an Urban County in the Community Development, HOME, and ESG Programs requires that municipalities and the County of Orange cooperate to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community housing and development activities that benefit low and moderate income people; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick agrees to participate in eligible activities to be conducted under the Orange County Urban County Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized to renew, renew and amend, and/or execute a Cooperation Agreement and send notice of this election to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at the New York Field Office; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the Village of Warwick; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Municipality that the Mayor is authorized to renew, renew and amend, and/or execute the Urban County CDBG Cooperation Agreement with the County of Orange to participate in the Orange County Urban County Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended for the program years commencing Federal Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026 (and successive three-year qualification periods); and

Trustee Foster presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by

Trustee Collura and carried.

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

Matt Sullivan:

Mr. Sullivan said he supported every family and individual who aligned with the Pride march. Mr. Sullivan inquired about the specifics of the parade.

Mayor Newhard detailed the route and stated that the parade would start at the Community Center and end at Memorial Park.

Mr. Sullivan said he knew the pavilion was remote in the back of the park with little league fields. Mr. Sullivan said that Pride was about sexual orientation, which had a lot to do with sex education, which traditionally had been the responsibility, the right, and the obligation of the parents. Mr. Sullivan explained the sex education curriculum in school, which he didn't agree with, and said it should be the primary responsibility of the parents. Mr. Sullivan said he wasn't sure what would be in the parade, but had seen what there was in the past, and thought it was under the title of sex education. Mr. Sullivan did not think it was the responsibility or the right of the public to participate in sex education and thought it should be done specifically by the parents or under the parents' control. Mr. Sullivan said that anything that is public comes under the display of public sex education and didn't support that kind of open parading. Mr. Sullivan said that he knew it was switched from the children's park, which he thought was terrific because he didn't think it was an appropriate venue to have any kind of activities that could include very young children. Mr. Sullivan said some would even say parts are a bit obscene and specified one of the previous drag queen

demonstrations. Mr. Sullivan asked if there were any obscenity laws in the Village or if anything goes.

Mayor Newhard responded that there were obscenity laws on some level.

Mr. Sullivan interjected that a lot of people in the Pride movement don't agree with what happens during these demonstrations. Mr. Sullivan wanted to show the Board a photograph.

The Board did not think that was necessary.

Mr. Sullivan said that if it wasn't necessary for adults and the people making the decisions, maybe it was not appropriate for children and asked the Board if they agreed.

Trustee Foster said that it was her understanding that there was not a full drag show planned for this event.

Mr. Sullivan said he wasn't saying there was a full drag show but drag characters, and asked if the Board was certain there would not be any drag characters or obscene displays at the event.

Trustee Foster said she believed there would be drag characters at the event.

Mr. Sullivan said he could show the Board a drag character they had at a previous event and asked if that was something the Board didn't want to see or want to have at the show.

Trustee Foster answered that it wasn't that the Board didn't want to see it, it just wasn't necessary.

Mr. Sullivan asked if Trustee Foster knew what it looked like.

Trustee Foster said she did.

Mr. Sullivan described the photo as a more of a clownish representation of women and didn't think that it was our right to allow that to go on in the public. Mr. Sullivan thought that it was too late to audit or stop it but thought that a close look should be taken at what goes on there this year and take pictures of what's actually happening so we know what we're putting in little minds and asked the Board if that was unreasonable.

Mayor Newhard asked Mr. Sullivan if he was requesting that the Board censure.

Mr. Sullivan said that if we had nude people walking down Village streets would that be censored and would they be arrested for obscenity.

Trustee Foster thanked Mr. Sullivan for his comments.

Mr. Sullivan asked Trustee Foster if she was mayor.

Mayor Newhard responded that Trustee Foster was a trustee and that she thanked you for your comments, and the Mayor thanked Mr. Sullivan for his comments as well.

Trustee Foster added that as Trustees we are allowed to speak.

Nicole Sisco:

Ms. Sisco stated she was a Village resident and that her ten-year-old daughter was present. Ms. Sisco said she was happy that she lived in 2023 in the proud Village of Warwick where people were allowed to love whomever they wanted. Ms. Sisco said that she was a sexual being and a heterosexual woman and that she had sex to have her child and explained that she was okay talking about sex. Ms. Sisco stated that as a heterosexual woman she didn't have to talk about sex and neither do homosexual people, concluding that the whole concept about the event being about public sexual education was wrong. Ms. Sisco said that we lived in a community where we accepted and loved all people and how we coexisted peacefully, and that is why she resided here; so that we can be proud of our neighbors. Ms. Sisco stated that if you felt strongly about 'putting little minds' in jeopardy, referring to Mr. Sullivan's statement, don't put your kids there. Ms. Sisco said not to worry about those little minds because other parents would be there happily celebrating with their children and opening their little minds to diversity. Ms. Sisco thought the children's park was a wonderful place to have the event and to expose children of all different people to the melting pot of the Village. Ms. Sisco said she was proud to be a part of the Warwick community because of things like the Pride Parade. Ms. Sisco brought up the recent Fireman's Parade and stated that if she didn't like fireman, then she wouldn't go to a fireman's parade and if she didn't agree with the 'sexual parade' she wouldn't bring her 'little minded' child. Ms. Sisco disagreed that the idea that the event was obscene and emphasized that it was not and stated that she would be proud for the event to remain at Stanley Deming. Ms. Sisco wanted her child to see two gay parents and how that was okay because they were still wonderful parents.

Ms. Sisco brought up drag performances and said she wasn't sure if she liked the character description stated by Mr. Sullivan and said that if someone wanted to dress up and perform, then that was wonderful and to let people celebrate them in Warwick.

Ms. Sisco said she was not upset about the Jehovah's Witnesses that were in town asking people to convert religions because we celebrate diversity, just like we're going to celebrate Juneteenth and go to the Fireman's Carnival; that was why she chose to live here with her family, to celebrate diversity. Ms. Sisco stated that if someone wanted to see a person in drag, great, do it, if someone didn't, don't go. Ms. Sisco thanked the Board and restated that she was happy to live and work in Warwick where diverse people were celebrated and that she can celebrate with her child, whom she had brought along to the meeting so she could be a part of the community and see what was happening for Pride in Warwick.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Foster thanked Ms. Sisco.

Mayor Newhard asked Ms. Shaw-Smith if she would like to speak on the matter, as she was the representative for the Community Center.

Melissa Shaw-Smith:

Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that she had been working with the Community Center to create a comprehensive program of inclusion for young people in Warwick who identified as straight and gay and for them to come together to support each other, to include each other, and to create safe spaces in the community. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained the higher statistics of suicide rates and drugs and alcohol abuse among children who did not follow what society considers normal development. Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that it was up to us as a community to make sure we have spaces for these young people where they can come and not be judged and can socialize. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that for the last five plus years she had been doing programming with the Community Center which involved: hands on making, coming together, hanging out, listening to music, talking, and having a good time. Ms. Shaw-Smith also explained how the Center works towards events such as Earth Day, the Summer Arts Festival, and Pride.

Ms. Shaw-Smith disclosed that in 2017, Danielle Sinise, was the first person to come forward with the idea for a Pride event in Warwick. Ms. Shaw-Smith said she was asked to take over once Ms. Sinise decided to step back from the roll. Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that she was happy to step in, and although she did not

represent the LGBTQ community she was a fierce ally. Ms. Sinise stayed involved for the first year so that Ms. Shaw-Smith could learn what planning the event entailed.

Ms. Shaw-Smith explained the success of the Pride events from 2017 through 2019 and how in 2019, the first drag show occurred. Ms. Shaw-Smith disclosed how she had grown up in Ireland and was introduced to pantomime at an early age. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that pantomime was a centuries old art form of theatre, that went back to the days of the early Greeks as well as Shakespeare, where men dress up as women and how it was a very ancient tradition. Ms. Shaw-Smith continued by saying that as a child pantomime was the biggest treat at the ages of 4, 5, and 6 during Christmastime, and how those characters of the Community Center were a form of a very long tradition; they were enjoyed by the crowd, which included young children, teenagers, their families, and allies.

Ms. Shaw-Smith explained how that in 2020 the event had been cancelled due to the pandemic and in 2021 it was decided to have the event outside at Stanley Deming Park, in which the same drag queens from the previous year were invited back. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained the stipulations that the performers were instructed, which was, as always, that this was a family-friendly event and that it was promised that the performance would reflect that. Ms. Shaw-Smith added that she had emails to attest to that agreement. Ms. Shaw-Smith said that, unfortunately, halfway through the act there was a surprise guest performer who showed up in attire that was not suitable and was more for adults. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that the unpleasant surprise was way beyond their control to pull an act at that point but added that performance was not the majority of the act. Ms. Shaw-Smith said they told the performers they would not be invited to participate again because that was not the agreement and they had damaged her trust and the organizations reputation in the community, and as people can see, it has had knock-on effects.

Ms. Shaw-Smith said there is now a much larger LGBTQ community than a few years ago and how wonderful that was. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained how this year included a private fundraiser to raise funds for the Pride show and how they had raised enough funds to hire a brass band, which would be part of the parade. Ms. Shaw-Smith disclosed that the parade would include: kids marching with banners, people waving flags, people singing, possibly dancing, people following the brass band, as well as the possible reading of an LGBTQ proclamation from the Orange Country Governor's office.

Ms. Shaw-Smith said the event was organized by Chuck Ragsdale, who was currently at Broadway at Baird's. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that Mr. Ragsdale

was a Broadway performer, along with his partner and how lucky the community was to have them; as well as the pair having some incredible contacts who have preformed at Broadway at Baird's, and they would be performing as part of the Pride show. Ms. Shaw-Smith added that performance would also include the Acting Out Playhouse and the Warwick Center for the Performing Arts Broadway collective students. Ms. Shaw-Smith confirmed that the host would be wearing a dress, how he's a very funny guy, has a beautiful voice, and how the entertainment would be suitable for everybody. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that this was how we express joy and support for all the members of the community and that everyone was invited, not just LGBTQ+ people; everyone come out and show your support. Ms. Shaw-Smith liked to think that this was an open-minded community and was not trying to involve anybody who had no interest or negative feelings toward the event.

Ms. Shaw-Smith explained the process that, along with the Director of the Community Center, Karan Thomas, led to change the venue of the Pride event. Ms. Shaw-Smith said that she had been working with Ms. Thomas and with children for years and when an event is organized the number one priority is safety and that they always have a plan B for instances such as inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. Ms. Shaw-Smith disclosed that it was brought to her attention this year, and never before, that on a national level there had been a conversation about disruptors at Pride events, of which, she could not ignore and needed to take seriously. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that a meeting was held with Ms. Thomas, Mayor Newhard, and Chief Rader expressing the concern. Ms. Shaw-Smith said the question in the meeting that was asked was if anyone had heard of any specific threat and the answer was no, but by that time there had been a lot of chatter on Facebook from a very small but vocal minority somewhere in the community who were talking about coming out and protesting the idea of a drag show in a playground. Ms. Shaw-Smith acknowledged that there was a playground nearby, but that there would be no intention of a repeat performance of any kind that involved anything that was not suitable for children.

Ms. Shaw-Smith said that once concerns for safety were brought up with Chief Rader, Chief Rader had told her it was now his job to make sure the event had security. Ms. Shaw-Smith explained that at that point the organizers were also aware the parade would be considerable larger because of all the attention the event had received due to the realization that there was a threat to members of the community and people wanted to come out to show support and be part of the Pride event. Ms. Shaw-Smith thought there would be a significantly larger number of participants than seen in previous years.

Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that she and Ms. Thomson thought about having the parade return to the Community Center, but concluded it was not an ideal location for a show because there was not enough space inside the Community Center; which would mean having wires and so forth extending to the outside, which was not the safest thing. Ms. Shaw-Smith said there was a suggestion to consider Memorial Park, and it was decided that the pavilion in Memorial Park was a very good venue for the event as it was large, covered, had power, and was in a beautiful location. Ms. Shaw-Smith said that at the end of the parade the first thing that everyone would want to do was to get into the shade, have an ice pop, and a drink of water; she was confident those things could be provided at the pavilion. Ms. Shaw-Smith said that the parking situation was also a plus, as people could leave a car and exit at the end of the parade.

Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that she and Ms. Thompson, after some discussion, felt the new venue would be the safest place, as it would be easier to monitor for everyone involved. Ms. Shaw-Smith said the decision needed to be made quickly, because if they were going to change the location then people would need to know as soon as possible; as planning had been going on for months, the press was already out there, posters were up, social media, as well needing to contact their insurance carrier to change venues.

Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that at the end of the day, their first and foremost consideration was safety for everybody involved, to maintain the integrity of the event, and make sure that everyone there was having a goodtime and this was how to do it.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Collura thanked Ms. Shaw-Smith.

Rescind Motion – Warwick Pride Celebration - Stanley Deming Park, The Warwick Valley Community Center - Change of Venue

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to rescind the motion approved on May 1, 2023, granting permission to The Warwick Community Center to use Stanley-Deming Park for a Warwick Pride Celebration event on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Event set-up to begin at 10:00 a.m., with the event taking place between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Clean-up to be complete by 6:30 p.m. Request includes use of the restrooms, electricity, bandshell and pavilion and lawn area in between, the set-up of tents, permission to hang a banner on the South Street side of Stanley-Deming from May 29, 2023 through June 12, 2023 and use of the lawn area to the left of the basketball courts in coordination with the Village of Warwick DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser, for overflow parking. DPW to provide 4 (four) garbage cans, 200 (two hundred) chairs, and 4 (four) large tables. Approval is contingent upon proof of permission

from the Warwick Valley Central School District to use the Park Avenue School for parking.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight did not follow the safety concern from moving the event from one park to another and asked Chief Rader if he could elaborate. Additionally, Trustee McKnight asked if besides the parade, would there have originally been police presents at the event at Stanley Deming.

Chief Rader said that prior to the security concerns being brought to his attention, probably not.

Trustee McKnight asked if there would be now due to the security concerns.

Chief Rader said there would now be a presence at either park.

Trustee McKnight said he understood that the shade was better at the pavilion but was concerned about moving the venue to be out of sight, because that wasn't what the Pride event and parade was about. Trustee McKnight said he would be there for the parade and whole event and was supportive of whichever venue the organizers felt was most appropriate but wanted to make sure the reason for moving the event was not because some small vocal minority wanted the parade and event out of sight, out of mind.

Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that was the last thing on the organizers' list of considerations, and how it wasn't even on her list of considerations. Ms. Shaw-Smith said she hoped those people would come down and stand at the back and face their fears because they would be pleasantly surprised. Ms. Shaw-Smith said that the decision came down to several factors and everything evolved very fast and how it was a combination of things. Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that the priority was safety first and foremost and the fact that there was a vulnerable population of young people in the area and was worried about subjecting that vulnerable population to protesters standing on the sidelines. Ms. Shaw-Smith said it was explained to her that protesters would not be able to be moved off if the event stayed in Stanley Deming Park and explained that she had screenshots of people who stated they were going to show up to the event. Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that as a parent of a child who identifies as part of that community, she would not want her child to contend with people yelling unpleasant things at them while they were supposed to be

having a good time. Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that those people were charging rhinos who were looking for a target and how she'd rather sidestep them and let them charge on. Ms. Shaw-Smith said she was not getting into arguments with those people as you could not win, they have their own agendas, and nothing was going to sway them.

Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that the pressing part was now a greater number of attendees expected at the event and was worried attendees would be jammed up against the fences in Stanley Deming Park with the protesters. Ms. Shaw-Smith was concerned if the protesters could even be kept on the other side of the fence, as there was no guarantee, and they could presumably come into the park to protest. Ms. Shaw-Smith stated that she spoke to parents who were themselves LGBTQ or had children who were LGBTQ and they told her they would much prefer the event to be in Memorial Park, otherwise they would feel better leaving their children at home.

Ms. Shaw-Smith said that there was a time and place for protest and there was a time and place to stand up to protestors, but did not think this was it. Ms. Shaw-Smith thought the best form of protest was to turn to your neighbor and tell them to come out and be with us on Main Street and show these folks that we're not hiding from anybody, that we will be walking down Main Street, and we will be loud and proud.

Trustee McKnight appreciated her comments and stated that protestors may show up anyway, and as someone in the crowd had already mentioned, this was a diverse community and we should welcome everybody and perhaps it's an opportunity for those protestors to engage in productive dialog, maybe they have questions, or it could be constructive. Trustee McKnight said he wanted to make sure this was not contemplated because the organizers felt compelled to change the venue, because as far as he was concerned, the original plan was great, but as organizers if they felt the other plan was better, he would be supportive. Trustee McKnight stated that he just wanted to understand the context.

Ms. Shaw-Smith said it goes back to her original stance that you always need a plan B, and how in this instance, they had a week to do it, which was not a lot with an event of this type of scale. Ms. Shaw-Smith restated how they were not trying to hide anything or anybody and that was why they were walking down Main Street, why they were in a public park, and why they would go to the ends of the Earth to make this a beautiful event for everybody who attends and how she felt really strongly about that.

Mayor Newhard said groups have used the pavilion and gave examples of National Night Out and the Hispanic Cultural Celebration, which the Mayor said were very successful events in that arena and stated how they were hardly hidden; they were very apparent, and very big and very wonderful.

Chief Rader suggested this should spark a bigger conversation with the Board when planning events and to consider what's going to be the safest all around. Chief Rader brought up the parking issues at Stanley Deming Park and how the parking was horrendous on a good day. Chief Rader explained how they get people from the Park Lane Apartments complaining that they don't have any parking spaces because they get grabbed up by parkgoers. Chief Rader thought this would spark everyone to work a lot more collaboratively together when looking at these events. Chief Rader said it was not just the parade route they were looking at anymore, it was also what the after festivities were going to be and what could be expected regarding safety and security, which was the top priority for everybody involved, including his department. Chief Rader stated he had to look at the safety of his department first, because if they were not safe, they could not protect anyone else. Chief Rader explained the challenges of last Friday's fireman's parade, such as the size of the parade, the amount of people participating, and the festivities after the parade. Chief Rader thought this could be the start of a bigger trend for future conversations and a lot more discussion before a final approval. Chief Rader said he appreciated Ms. Shaw-Smith's notion of always having a plan B as well as a C, D, E and so on. Chief Rader stated how this was a great effort between all parties at the eleventh hour to make this work in a safe and successful manner.

Trustee Foster listed the reasons previously stated why Veterans Memorial Park was a more appropriate location than Stanley Deming due to its bigger capacity for the expected larger amount of people, being less accessible from a vehicular perspective, having less entryways from a police perspective to stage, and having a larger capacity for parking.

Ms. Shaw-Smith agreed.

Chief Rader added that there was a larger crowd than originally expected, with or without protesters, if there were protests, so be it, but that's more people coming. Chief Rader said it was about the size of the area and there was a lot more ability in Memorial Park for these larger events.

Trustee Foster added and bathrooms, we'll have to figure that out.

Trustee Cheney stated that there were bathrooms by the pavilion.

Trustee Foster said there were only two stalls, maybe that was something to think about in the future.

Trustee Collura stated that even though it was not the volume that was expected here, the Hispanic Heritage event did not have any issues with the restrooms.

Trustee Foster said the comments that Trustee McKnight stated echoed her biggest concern about the movement of the celebration. Trustee Foster explained that the Board learned about it from social media and usually when there is a location move, it comes before the Board and the Board approves it, which usually is not an issue, but this was a very emotional situation for a lot of people. Trustee Foster said the Board received a lot of feedback from individuals and through emails as a Board regarding concerns if the move was a response to folks who were struggling to understand the purpose of Pride and that perhaps the Board had pushed Pride in a place that was out of the way. Trustee Foster explained that there were concerns about the effects that could have on the LGBTQ + community, particularly children. Trustee Foster directed her comment towards Mr. Sullivan's earlier statement about whether this was a sexual education thing, and she said it was not. Trustee Foster explained that children find themselves in the LGBTQ + community and how she had a very dear friend of hers, who she knew was gay, never spoke about it, and how he was terrified to come out. Trustee Foster recalled another child at her school who was clearly gay and had bricks thrown at him. Trustee Foster stated it was called a Day of Acceptance in the Village of Warwick for a reason, because the whole purpose was to tell those children, and people who have not felt accepted for who they are and how they identify, that they are worthy of acceptance.

Mr. Sullivan interjected that you told them in the past that obscenities are okay and what was demonstrated was out of step.

Trustee Foster said that she didn't say that was okay.

Mr. Sullivan said that by having it, you're demonstrating to those same children, but it sounded as if that was going to be under control.

Trustee Foster stated that as she understood that whole situation was not expected and wanted to get back to the purpose Pride.

Mr. Sullivan interjected to expect the unexpected.

Trustee Foster rebutted that sometimes people misbehave such as at bars, but we don't shut down the bar.

Mr. Sullivan stated that those people were hired to put this on, they were not an unruly bar goer.

Trustee Foster said they were not brought back, they were fired, and you don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. Trustee Foster stated that sometimes people misbehave and that's unacceptable and you address it, but you don't turn around and say we're not going to have our Day of Acceptance anymore or we're not going to allow men to dress like

women in our community out in public.

Trustee Foster steered back to her original concern regarding the venue change and how she was afraid that people would think the Board was trying to tuck them away and that she was very glad to hear that was not the intention at all and this was a much better, safer, and more appropriate venue for the volume of support that was expected to be seen from the community.

Trustee Collura commented that the Pride event had been happening for over ten years and at the time it was the first in the county and one of the things she loved about the Village of Warwick was that it was always ahead of the curb. Trustee Collura stated how the Village's Farmers Market would be celebrating thirty years next year, how the Village was the first to have the free Summer Concert Series, as well as the Too Good to Toss event. Trustee Collura explained how during the Village's Subsequential people were calling asking for advice on how they could do that in their own communities as well as how to achieve street closures for outdoor dining. Trustee Collura said the Village has always been a leader of these types of events and stated this was something she was proud of and wanted to continue to be supportive.

Trustee Cheney stated that he was pleased with the process that occurred to reach the point where it was reached tonight and stated that it was great to have backup plans. Trustee Cheney thought the new venue was going to serve attendees better than Stanley Deming would have.

Ms. Shaw-Smith agreed and stated that she thought it would be quite successful. Ms. Shaw-Smith then read a statement from the New York State Executive Chamber about representation of Warwick's Day of Acceptance.

'Greetings, happy Pride month. I'm writing today to inform you that your event, Warwick Day of Acceptance and Pride Parade, on June 11, 2023, has been recognized as an event of important cultural significance by the New York State Executive Chamber. We would appreciate the opportunity to have a member of our team attend your event, if time, weather, and staffing permit; to read or present a copy of a proclamation recognizing your events significance.'

Warwick Pride Celebration – Veterans Memorial Park, The Warwick Valley Community Center

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to The Warwick Community Center to use Veterans Memorial Park for a Warwick Pride Celebration event on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Event set-up to begin at 10:00 a.m., with the

event taking place between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Clean-up to be completed by 6:30 p.m. Request includes use of the Memorial Park Pavilion, restrooms, electricity, set-up of a pop-up tent, use of the McFarland Drive parking lot, use of the large grassy area to the right of the Over 35 Field and use of the adjacent parking lot. DPW to provide 4 (four) garbage cans, 100 (one hundred) chairs, and 4 (four) large tables. Completed facility use permit, security deposit, and proof of insurance have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney stated that Little League would not be playing the day of the event.

Rescind Motion – Warwick Pride Celebration – Parade, The Warwick Valley Community Center – Change of Parade Route

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to rescind the motion made on May 1, 2023, granting permission to the Warwick Community Center to hold the Warwick Pride Parade on Sunday, June 11, 2023. The parade will step off at 1:30 p.m., with lineup beginning at the Community Center per the letter received on April 20, 2023. The parade route will be as follows: Hamilton Avenue, Orchard Street, left onto Oakland Avenue/Main Street, proceed up Main Street, right on South Street, left on Park Way arriving at Stanley-Deming Park at approximately 2:30 p.m. for the Warwick Pride Celebration event. Completed facility use permit, security deposit and proof of insurance have been received. The Town of Warwick Police Department will assist with vehicle and pedestrian traffic control during the event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Warwick Pride Celebration – Parade, The Warwick Valley Community Center

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to The Warwick Community Center to hold the Warwick Pride Parade on Sunday, June 11, 2023. The parade will step off at 1:30 p.m., with lineup beginning at the Community Center per the letter received on June 1, 2023. The parade route will be as follows: Hamilton Avenue, Orchard Street, left onto Oakland Avenue/Main Street, proceed up Main Street, right on South Street, left on High Street, right onto Forester, arriving at Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion at approximately 2:30 p.m. for the Warwick Pride Celebration event. Completed facility use permit, security deposit and proof of insurance have been received. The parade route has been approved by the Town of Warwick Police Department. The Warwick Fire Department and EMS have been notified of the event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Final Comments from the Board

Trustee Collura announced that the Warwick Historical Society would have their 4th Grade Tours this week and reminded people to drive slowly and safely as there would be groups of kids walking around the Village near the historical sites.

Trustee Collura shared that she took a course to become a Youth Mental First Aider and explained that the course had two upcoming sessions that would take place at the Warwick Valley Community Center on Hamilton Avenue. Trustee Collura explained that you could register by emailing mhfawarwick@gmail.com, call the Community Center, or visit their website for more information. Trustee Collura said the course was fascinating and was excited about having a new skill and highly recommended it for anyone who was interested.

Trustee Foster explained that last week there was an open house for the Veterans Memorial Park draft master plan. Trustee Foster said she would post a video of the explanation of the plan, plus the draft plan and there would be online opportunities to provide feedback. Trustee Foster said there was a lot of engagement during the creation process and the entire process for the Memorial Park Master Plan could be found on the Village's website. Trustee Foster said the plan would go before the Board within the next month or so and the Board would hopefully adopt it.

Trustee McKnight thanked Trustee Foster and Mayor Newhard for the incredible amount of work they had done for the project and that he appreciated it.

Mayor Newhard stated that Trustee Foster had been the glue, as well as the catalyst.

Trustee Foster acknowledged the Stakeholder Advisory Board and how they had been great and wanted to provide them a certificate.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Collura agreed.

Trustee Cheney explained that the microfiltration plant in Memorial Park had two treatment trains, and how one of them, as a result of age, had to be replaced. Trustee Cheney said the replacement was completed last week and how it took longer than he wanted it to due to being at the mercy of the manufacturer. Trustee Cheney stated that both trains were now operating at full capacity.

Trustee Cheney noted that the 2022 Annual Water Quality report has been completed and how it should be up on the Village website by the end of the week. Trustee Cheney told those who wanted a paper copy could get one at Village Hall or by contacting the DPW office at 845-986-2031 extension 110.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 9:40 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Jennifer Mante, Deputy Village Clerk