

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF WARWICK  
JUNE 5, 2023, 6:00 P.M.  
WORK SESSION**

**9662**

A Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Mary Collura, and Tom McKnight. Also, present was Village Deputy Jennifer Mante. Others present: Jordon Davis, David Dworkin, Paul Woods, and Patrick Gallagher.

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

**Discussion**

1. Safe Streets for All Funding Opportunity.

Trustee Foster summarized previous discussions on the United States DOT Federally funded grant, Safe Streets for All.

Discussion ensued regarding Village infrastructure.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the obstacles, solutions, and objectives related to the Safe Streets for All grant using the outline below.

- Requirements of the grant
- Action plan outline, progress, and details
- Key statistics of interest for the board
- Overall proposed scope (relationship to Raise grant scope)

Scope detail discussions –

- Action plan improvements and partnership with the Town and other Villages
  - Status on coordination with the Town
- Dial-a-bus
  - Branding coordination and bus stop creations
  - Coordination needed
- Locations of signage / demonstration projects
  - South Street near Bank Street
  - Main Street
  - Forester
  - West St
  - South Street Extension
  - Galloway

- Oakland
  - Maple
  - Colonial
- Locations for crosswalk improvements
  - Forester at Church
  - South Street near Bank Street
  - Stanley Deming Park
  - Memorial Park
- Design for widening MacFarland and bike lane connection to Stanley Deming
- Sidewalk and bike lane improvements in missing areas:
  - Forester fixes
- Increased intensity of the outreach campaign (slow down Warwick)
- Sidewalk accessibility upgrades
  - Core CBD
  - Costing help
- Status of light at Forester and Colonial
  - Possible design request

Discussion continued regarding implementation of grant money and the Village's responsibility for fulfilling its monetary contribution if grant money were to be received.

The Board concluded that hiring a town-wide transportation planner would be the best course of action for the planning process.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding implementation, sidewalks, and time restraints.

Next step tasks were delegated amongst the Trustees.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

#### **Patrick Gallagher:**

Mr. Gallagher stated to keep in mind that the sidewalks were the responsibility of the homeowner, yet it was the Village owned trees causing damage to the sidewalks.

Mr. Gallagher suggested doing inexpensive things now to combat speeding, such as street stencils in alternating colors.

Mr. Gallagher said the left turn going into Jones Chemical was a major hazard and suggested a 'high density residential area' sign embedded with a radar flashing 25 mph would help, emphasizing the danger senior citizens faced near Village Cove. Mr. Gallagher said he did not want to take anything away from the importance of what

the Board was trying to do but stressed that inexpensive and immediate action should be taken with the money that was available now to help change the culture.

Mr. Gallagher volunteered to get residents to sign a petition for Jones Chemical to purchase the sign and present it to Jones Chemical. Mr. Gallagher said it could be a permanent sign that could be made to look nice and suggested a flower box under it. Mr. Gallagher again emphasized the importance of immediate action.

Trustee Foster said they were talking about Safe Streets for All during this work session, and this topic was about Slow Down Warwick, but appreciated the feedback.

Mayor Newhard asked Mr. Gallagher to email his idea about Jones Chemical.

Mr. Gallagher said they have the signs in Vernon, but lack the imbedded radar, which makes a big difference.

Mayor Newhard asked for a picture of the sign.

Mr. Gallagher said he would send it to the Mayor directly.

Mr. Gallagher stated that up West Street, cop cars, school vehicles, DPW vehicles, Village vehicles and Town vehicles all drive the average of 40 mph and suggested sending out reminder emails on a regular basis. Mr. Gallagher said the issue has been going on for over 30 years and so far, nothing has changed.

**David Dworkin:**

Mr. Dworkin stated that he was a senior representative who bikes towards to the school and Town. Mr. Dworkin thanked the Board and believed the artwork might work and suggested speedbumps. Mr. Dworkin said the speeding starts around 3:00 to 3:30 and suggested hidden cameras but was not sure if they were cost-effective. Mr. Dworkin stated his main concern was West Street due to the kids walking from school.

Trustee Foster stated that the suggestion of speed cameras had some legal issues but were permitted in certain areas of New York City.

Trustee Cheney added that it requires an act from a State Legislature to allow any municipality to have a camera and stated that New York State doesn't like to wrest control of means by which it fines and taxes its residents to the local level.

Trustee Foster said there was some good data coming out of New York City and she was hopeful that sometime in the future it would be easier to implement. Trustee Foster added that as for speedbumps, there was a bunch of issues with insurance and liability.

Trustee McKnight stated to Mr. Gallagher that the signs with the radars are around \$3,100.00 and that the Village does own one and will purchase another.

Mr. Gallagher said the sign he was thinking about would probably be more expensive than what the Village owns now because it was much larger and a little more complicated. Mr. Gallagher said the location he suggested would be very effective, visible, and cover many people as they come in east to the Village.

**Paul Woods:**

Mr. Woods had a huge concern about trucks entering and exiting Jones Chemical and wanted to know if the data that was collected was public information.

Trustee McKnight said that it was and that he planned on making it public.

Mr. Woods suggested getting the school children engaged with the data and making the data public for everyone.

Trustee Foster said that the data was put into Google Spreadsheets and that it could be made open.

Mr. Woods asked if Orange County had open data like NYC because it was such a great resource and suggested educators get involved and the possibility of the topic being a senior project.

A discussion amongst the Board ensued discussing if the data was for public knowledge.

Trustee Foster stated the speeding was the Village's data but did not think she could share the crash data due to the names of the victims in the reports.

**Adjournment**

A **MOTION** was by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to adjourn the work session at approximately 7:30 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

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Jennifer Mante, Deputy Village Clerk