

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
MARCH 18, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
WORK SESSION**

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A Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura. Also, present was Deputy Village Clerk, Jennifer Mante and Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba. Others present: Carl Short.

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

Discussion

1. Draft Code of Ethics.

Village Attorney Stephen Gaba provided an overview of the discussions surrounding the draft ethics code during previous meetings and work sessions. He noted that the substantive change discussed was making the ethics code applicable to candidates for elected Village positions. Mr. Gaba highlighted that the primary change appeared to be requiring candidates to submit a standard disclosure form, noting that most would comply, but it may not be strictly enforceable.

The Trustees discussed the requirements held by the county.

Trustee Cheney confirmed that his suggested addition of restricting gifts with an aggregate value of \$75 to a 12-month consecutive period had been added to the language.

Also discussed was the composition of the Village Ethics Board, including the decision to use staggered terms for members. Stephen Gaba provided examples on how ethics boards typically operate.

The Board opted to omit section O from the draft, which pertained to equal treatment. This decision stemmed from the recognition that such matters were deemed behavioral issues rather than ethical concerns.

2. Draft Short-Term Rental Code.

The Board engaged in a thorough discussion regarding regulations concerning short-term rentals. Several key points emerged from the discussion, including the consideration of whether properties should be mandated to be owner-occupied, particularly in residential zones, and the implications of this requirement for corporate owners.

Additionally, there was deliberation on establishing a response time requirement for owners or agents to address issues, with suggested intervals ranging from 15 to 30 minutes.

Furthermore, the Trustees explored the differentiation between residential and commercial zones, such as the central business district, and how this differentiation would influence regulatory measures.

Parking restrictions were also deliberated upon, including how to mitigate issues related to excessive parking during rental events.

Another topic of discussion was the possibility of implementing permits or additional regulations for large gatherings or parties hosted at rental properties, along with considerations for enforcement mechanisms.

The Board also deliberated on disclosure requirements for LLC or corporate owners applying for short-term rental permits and discussed the potential disqualification of owners from obtaining new permits if they have outstanding violations on other properties.

Lastly, the Board requested the attorney to conduct further research on the equal protection and zoning implications associated with implementing different rules in various zones.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster, and carried to exit the regular meeting at approximately 7:25 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