

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF WARWICK  
March 21, 2022**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Corey Bachman, William Lindberg, and George McManus. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, Village Attorney, Steven Gaba, and DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. Others present: Lugene and Raymond Maher, Tom McKnight, Carly Foster, and Matthew Sullivan.

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

**Acceptance of Reports**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – February 2022: Clerk’s Office, Justice Department, Building Department and DPW.

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 in the amount of \$164,600.23.

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**

1. Village of Warwick Brush Pile.

DWP Supervisor, Mike Moser, stated that The Village of Warwick will again have the Brush Disposal Program. Mike Moser continued by saying that a valid picture ID showing Village Residency would be required and only Village of Warwick Residents would be allowed to dispose brush at the disposal site. Mike Moser said the disposal area would be located at the

Village of Warwick Dept of Public Works site in Memorial Park and that no commercial operators would be permitted. Mike Moser stated that the brush could not exceed 6" in diameter and that paper bagged leaves would be accepted, but no grass clippings would be allowed. Mike Moser went over the hours of operation and stated that the site would be closed all holidays and Applefest Sunday.

### **Correspondence**

1. Letter from Village of Warwick Planning Board member, Tom McKnight, announcing his resignation effective March 31, 2022
2. Letter from Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals member, T. Scot Brown, announcing his resignation effective March 16, 2022.

Mayor Newhard stated that the intention during reorg was for Scot Brown to move over to the Planning Board.

### **Discussion**

1. Unpaid water and sewer bills, relevy, and installment plans.

Mayor Newhard stated that he wanted to discuss with the Board about those who were in arrears regarding their water and sewer bills and at what point should authorization of installment plans occur. Mayor Newhard asked the Board their thoughts on how many quarters should be allowed before letters were sent out and installment plans created.

Trustee Lindberg asked how many people were in arrears for one quarter versus two quarters. Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, answered by saying about fifteen people per cycle have bills over \$100 and how they varied from \$110 to a few thousand dollars. Ms. Abramson said that some have come forward to request the differed payment agreement but stated that she was looking for guidance as to what were the parameters for relevy.

Trustee Cheney asked if the question was for relevy or for the installment plans. Ms. Abramson answered by saying that it was for both and how anyone could request an installment plan based on COVID. Village Attorney, Steven Gaba interjected by stating that that applied up to the beginning of July, but that the way it was set up currently was that if you wanted to relevy, or do anything, you would have to send out a notice of relevy and that they would have the right to enter into the installment plans for both. Mr. Gaba asked in regard to offering the installment plan or taking action to collect, did the Board want to let it go one cycle or go more than one cycle.

Trustee McManus said that if they were already in arrears from last billing cycle then the options are either pay the bill, pay in an installment plan, or don't have water. Trustee McManus stated that we were not a bank and that we shouldn't finance, except the State law said we had to for COVID, other than that there should be no installment plans, if you use a product, you pay for it.

Trustee McManus said that if they were already in arrears, then it should be done immediately.

Trustee Lindberg asked what the time period was to be considered in arrears. Ms. Abramson answered by saying that bills must be paid within thirty days of the billing cycle to be considered on time, then a 5% penalty is applied after sixty days, an additional 3% penalty is applied after ninety days, then the Village sends a door knocker out. Ms. Abramson said that it was a very different time due to COVID, when the previous Water Billing Clerk handed in her relevys around this time of year for tax season, it was mostly properties that were in foreclosure. The Water Billing Clerk would send those relevys to the Clerk's Office and then to the Board for approval, and that they were not large amounts. Ms. Abramson said that in this case because two years went by without charging penalties on accounts and not shutting off water, there were about fifteen residents that want to enter into DPAs. Ms. Abramson continued by saying that there were probably fifteen per cycle right now that have not paid, have not responded, we don't have a phone number for, and that cards had been sent. Ms. Abramson emphasized that the Clerk's Office was at the point where if relevy letters were not sent for the 30 days' notice by April 1<sup>st</sup>, then we wouldn't be able to relevy them at this point, and the deadline was May 1<sup>st</sup> for the Clerk's Office to send the taxes over to the county. Ms. Abramson said that she was looking for guidance as to what to do with these accounts and what the Board would consider parameters for relevy, including next year.

Trustee Cheney asked for clarification regarding relevys and if they could only be applied after the ninety days. Ms. Abramson responded that yes, the full billing cycle would have to be over, a door knocker had been sent and they were ready to be shut off. Ms. Abramson mentioned as an example that there were still some outstanding payments from the November 1<sup>st</sup> bill.

Trustee Lindberg agreed with Trustee McManus's stance, stating that when he gets a credit card bill, he has to pay it as he already bought the product.

Trustee Bachman asked if they only had thirty days to pay before. Ms. Abramson answered by saying that because of COVID and the Village Board extending the deferred payment agreements due to COVID until June 30<sup>th</sup>, we must give them 30 days' notice to relevy them, but within that same notice we could give them the option to also enter into a deferred payment agreement. Ms. Abramson said that Mr. Gaba had a letter prepared,

she just needed the parameters of who to send them to and emphasized that they must go out before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Newhard agreed with Trustees Lindberg and McManus and felt the right thing to do was to start with one quarter, see how it goes, and how it could be reexamined if it becomes too much of a burden or if it's capturing people who intended to pay. Ms. Abramson asked for clarification of one quarter and any dollar amount. Mayor Newhard responded with yes. Ms. Abramson said that she would go back one cycle, as the current billing cycle still had time to pay.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

**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. Please limit your comments to **three (3) minutes**.

Matthew Sullivan:

Matthew Sullivan wanted a timeline and cost of the comprehensive plans. Mayor Newhard stated that there was a list of capital projects and they were trying to figure out a timeline for those, but the potential input of federal and state funds would change that. Mayor Newhard said they already had the engineering study so that gives some guidance. Mayor Newhard continued by saying that projects that are shovel ready were starting, but that the projects needed to be completed in phases or else the water system would need to be shut down. Mr. Sullivan continued to ask for a timeline. Mayor Newhard said that the wastewater treatment plant had put a tax on the residents and that gathering twelve million dollars from seven thousand residents was not an easy thing to do. Mr. Sullivan said he understood but wanted to know what the schedule was going to look like. Trustee Cheney said there were a number of reports that had been done over the course of the last four or five years that pretty much laid out the needs of the system and how to address it. Mr. Sullivan said we seemed to be treading water and that there doesn't seem to be a plan on getting it done. Mayor Newhard said that we have well #3, which was being done and we have the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Sullivan interrupted saying he did not need to know the details. Mayor Newhard rebutted by saying that those are important pieces, and that you cannot do everything at once.

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board why money was being spent on nonprofits and had heard someone mention the amount given to nonprofits would have to increase due to inflation. Mr. Sullivan said that residents were suffering from inflation and asked if the Village was

going to do the same for them. Mr. Sullivan wondered why funding was given to non-profits when there were needs such as infrastructure. Mr. Sullivan wanted to know the status of the pump track. Mayor Newhard said the skate park already had plans in place, and that the pump track was on hold because a park committee with a landscape designer was being put together to take a look at the original master plan, which was too ambitious and too expensive, so the idea was to reel it in and take a look at the overall picture of the park. Mr. Sullivan asked if the Mayor was aware that there was a \$300,000 skatepark going in at Greenwood Lake and how he believed they raised \$200,000 out of \$300,000. Mr. Sullivan said there were already people from Monroe that are coming to use that one, and if there is another \$300,000. Mayor Newhard said that that was the pump track, the skatepark is different, and that they were not funding the skatepark, that the funds were being raised privately. Trustee Cheney said that Greenwood Lake was also privately funded. Mr. Sullivan said that he knew, and that it brought up another level of maintenance and that if it were not maintained properly and someone got hurt, that's on the Village. Mr. Sullivan concluded by saying that no one was using helmets at the skatepark and how it would impact insurance.

**TAM Enterprises, Inc. Payment #10 – Orchard Street Pump Station**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to approve payment #10 in the amount of \$8,995.31 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the vertical spiral screen at the Orchard Street Pump Station for work that includes installation of the screen, completing electrical work, and related work per the recommendation of Village Engineer, David Getz. Funds are appropriated in budget code G.8120.4950 in the 2021-22 budget.

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

**Robert Drive Valve Vault Project Bid Award – TAM Enterprises**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to accept the bid from TAM Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$69,000 to complete the Robert Drive Valve Vault Project as per the recommendation of Village Engineer, David Getz.

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

**Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer - James Quackenbush**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to hire James Quackenbush to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works laborer at a salary of \$15.00 per hour for up to 20 hours per week for 12 weeks with a start date of May 1, 2022, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser.

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 APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF A LAWSUIT**

WHEREAS, Village View Estates, LLC, (hereinafter "Village View") owns a parcel of approximately 20.3 acres located at the intersection of Locust Street and Woodside Drive in the Village of Warwick, which is identified on the tax map as Section 201, Block 1, Lots 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 2; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board granted a special use permit for density bonus lots to Village View and the Village Planning Board granted subdivision approval for creation of 33 lots improved by 42 dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, a lawsuit was brought by Raymond Maher, individually, Lugene Maher, individually, Raymond Maher and Lugene Maher as trustees of the Lugene Maher Irrevocable Trust and Raymond Maher and Lugene Maher as trustees of the Raymond Maher Irrevocable Trust (hereinafter collectively "Maher") in New York State Supreme Court, Orange County, (Index No.: EF006490-2021) seeking to annul the said land use approvals; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the said lawsuit have prepared a proposed Stipulation of Settlement under which the said lawsuit will be discontinued and the said subdivision will be modified to consist of only 28 lots improved by 28 dwelling units, a copy of which has been submitted to the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed Stipulation of Settlement Village View will remain legally obligated to replace the Robin Brae pump station and abide by its other obligations under the Developer's Agreement previously approved in regard to the subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board hereby approves the proposed Stipulation of Settlement; and
3. That the Mayor is authorized to sign the Stipulation of Settlement and any and all documents necessary to carry out the terms thereof.

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

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

### **Discussion**

Mayor Newhard referred to Village Attorney, Steven Gaba, to give background and stipulation information for this resolution. Mr. Gaba explained that the resolution settled the Maher vs. Village View Estates and Village of Warwick lawsuit. Mr. Gaba said that the lawsuit challenged the Boards grant of bonus density lots under special use permit for the Village View Subdivision, which would have allowed forty-two units all together on thirty-three lots, mostly single-family homes with some townhouses. Mr. Gaba continued saying that the lawsuit also challenged the Planning Boards grant of subdivision approval for that subdivision with the forty-two units as litigation. Mr. Gaba said the parties discussion led to a proposal from Village View to scale the development back to twenty-eight single-family homes on twenty-eight lots while keeping the configuration of roads the same as in the forty-two unit configuration of the subdivision, and further they will stand by the developers agreement in which they undertake the replacement of the Robin Brae Pump Station.

Trustee Cheney stated a little history about how this project started around 2005 and received Planning Board approval for a twenty-eight lot subdivision, but before construction began there was an economic downturn and the developers decided to put a pause on the project. Trustee Cheney continued saying that when the economy improved the developer looked to start the project and applied to the Village Board for a special permit requesting a density bonus of fourteen lots. Trustee Cheney said that this settlement was costing the Village \$700,000 in density bonus fees, ten units of smaller less expensive homes, possibly a three-acre parcel that would have been used to site a new water storage tank as part of the consolidation project, and the expenses incurred in the lawsuit. Trustee Cheney understood that the developers desired to proceed with the project and avoid a protracted court proceeding. Trustee Cheney did not believe settling into subsequent smaller projects was in the overall best interest of the Village, but with the other two parties in agreement it did not make sense for the Village not to join in the settlement.

Mayor Newhard added the developer felt it was unsustainable because he could not afford the \$50,000 per unit. Trustee Cheney interjected that lots in the Village were going for \$100,000. Mayor Newhard said it wasn't about the lots, it was about building something where he could make a profit and that the statement was from the developer.

**Facility Use Request – Railroad Green, Warwick Valley Gardeners**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Gardeners to use Railroad Green on Friday, July 8, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for pre-tour ticket sales for the Garden Tour event. All activities must be in accordance with NYS and Orange County Departments 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 Request – Railroad Green, Warwick Valley Gardeners**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Gardeners to hold their Garden Tour ticket sale event on Railroad Green on Saturday, July 9, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., with a rain date of July 10, 2022. Event is in coordination with the Merchants Guild in anticipation of the Annual Sidewalk Sale Event. All activities must be in accordance with NYS and Orange



County Departments 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

**Warwick Valley Gardeners – Garden Tour – Closure of Parking Spaces**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to place ‘no parking’ meter covers on parking meter numbers 43 – 46 (northbound side of Main Street) and 103, 109-11 (southbound side of Main Street) from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2022, with a rain date of Sunday, Sunday, July 10, 2022, for the benefit of the Warwick Valley Gardeners Garden Tour ticket sale as per their letter dated February 24, 2022.

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 wanted to know who was putting the ‘no parking’ meter covers on the parking meters. Trustee Lindberg answered by saying that the organization was. Trustee McManus expressed that he thought DPW should be the ones to place the covers so that they do not go unaccounted for. Mayor Newhard said that the meter covers were all numbered and when they leave, they come back. The DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser, assured the Board that they must be signed out and signed back in. Trustee McManus expressed that he still wanted DPW to cover the meters. Mayor Newhard stated that it would be three hours of overtime to put on meter covers. Trustee McManus still thought DPW should put them on. Trustee Lindberg said that the letter from the Warwick Valley Gardeners stated that the organization would pick them up on July 7<sup>th</sup> and put them up very late on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Cheney asked Mr. Moser if he noticed any abuse in regard to the meters. Mr. Moser responded that the Garden Club was not abusing the meter bags, contractors have abused the bags. Trustee Cheney said that contractors can buy the bags themselves. Mr. Moser agreed. Trustee McManus stated that those vehicles with unnumbered bags on a meter should be ticketed by the police as soon as it’s seen. Trustee McManus continued to insist that DPW place and remove bags on the meters and not the

organizations regardless of overtime. Mr. Moser reminded Trustee McManus that it would be three hours of overtime for all parking requests by multiple organizations throughout the year. Trustee McManus said he was fine with that. Trustee Lindberg said those who take advantage of the bags such as the contractors are noticed, and the parking attendant does notify the police. Trustee Lindberg continued by saying that Cathy Schweizer, the DPW Clerk, had a list of all the bags and was aware of those who take advantage, and it is reported.

**Facility Use Request – Memorial Park, Warwick Wascals Senior Softball**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Wascals Senior Softball team to use Brown Field, or the Over 35 field, in Memorial Park from April 13, 2022 through October 23, 2022 with games on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in coordination with the Warwick Little League. All events must be in coordination with the other activities taking place in the park such as Warwick Youth Football and Highlander Rugby. Activities must be in accordance with NYS and Orange County Departments of Health. Completed park permit, proof of proper insurance, and security deposit 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

**Budget Modification**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to approve the budget modification and transfer request as per the Village Treasurer's letters dated March 17, 2022.

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 – Chase Parking Lot, The Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce –  
Operation Clean Sweep**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bachman, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to grant permission to The Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold Operation Clean Sweep on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., including permission to use the far end of the Chase Bank Parking Lot for a shredding event and other collection stations. All activities must be in accordance with NYS and Orange County Departments of Health. Completed park permit, proof of proper insurance, and security deposit have been received.

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

**Road Closure, Park Avenue Elementary School – Someone Special Warrior Event**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to grant permission to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of Friday, April 22, 2022, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School Someone Special Warrior Event.

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

**Road Closure, Park Avenue Elementary School – Family Picnic**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to grant permission to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Friday, June 3, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. through 8:30 p.m., with a rain date of, Thursday, June 9, 2022, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School Family Picnic.

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

**Road Closure, Park Avenue Elementary School – Fourth Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Celebration**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to grant permission to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Thursday, June 16, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. through 8:30 p.m., with a rain date of, Friday, June 17, 2022, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School Fourth Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Celebration.

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

**Road Closure, Park Avenue Elementary School – Sports Day**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:15 p.m., with a rain date of, Wednesday, June 22, 2022, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School Sports Day.

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, Memorial Park - Warwick Adult Kickball League**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee Bachman, and carried to grant permission to Warwick Adult Kickball League to use the football field, and Over 35 field in Veterans Memorial Park from May 13, 2022, through July 23, 2022, on Friday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., except during the Fireman's Carnival. Permission includes use of Memorial Park Football/Over 35 Field Lights. All events must be in coordination with the other activities taking place in the park such as Warwick Little League, Warwick Youth Football, Highlander Rugby, and Warwick Wascals. Activities must be in accordance with NYS and Orange County Departments of Health. Completed park permit, proof of proper insurance, Memorial Park Football/Over 35 Field Light fee, and security deposit 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

## **Reports**

### **Trustee Cheney's Report:**

Trustee Cheney wanted to share information on the Bank Street Bridge project. Trustee Cheney wanted it clear that the Bank Street Bridge was owned by Orange County and that it was entirely their project. Trustee Cheney said that the project got started last year but ran into some issues with Orange and Rockland, so the project had to be carried over into this year. Trustee Cheney said that mobilization of the Bank Street Bridge would begin on April 4<sup>th</sup> and the crane pick day would be on or around the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. Trustee Cheney continued to say that the project was expected to wrap up and demobilize on or around May 18<sup>th</sup>, and that it was a fairly quick turnaround. Trustee Cheney stated that once the project begins, Bank Street would be closed of all traffic including pedestrian traffic for the duration of the project. Trustee Cheney said that on the day of the pick, a significant portion of the South Street Parking Lot would be blocked off for that morning, and that they expected to be out of there by 2 p.m. with everything back up and running. Mayor Newhard suggested to reach out to the Chamber and the merchants. Trustee Cheney said that they were making provisions for the businesses during the project other than the day of the pick, but during the pick and installation of the slabs it was going to require there be some impediments to the nearby properties. Mayor Newhard stated that Orange County was great to work with in regards to this project, and that they reached out to the Village and had long discussions on the design aspect of the bridge. Mayor Newhard stated that the preference would have been to have kept the iron railing but was informed that it did not fit into DOT criteria, instead it would be saved for maybe one of the parks or elsewhere. Mayor Newhard said the bridge will be very beautiful and there will be lighting, and that the Architectural Review Board had a lot of input on the project. Mayor Newhard expressed that it will be very nice and great to have the street open again.

**Trustee Lindberg's Report:** No report at this time.

**Trustee Bachman's Report:** No report at this time.

### **Trustee McManus' Report:**

Trustee McManus wanted to thank and acknowledge the retirement of Ms. Rosemary Cooper, the director of the library for 20 years. Trustee McManus stated that Ms. Lisa Laico is taking over that position, and how she's been at the library for about fifteen years. Trustee McManus wished Ms. Cooper good luck in her endeavors and best wishes for Ms. Laico and her continued success at the library. Mayor Newhard said that Ms. Cooper had been an incredible dynamic director and the catalyst behind building the new library, and that when she came into Town it

was one of her goals and she accomplished it, even though there was somewhat of an economic recession at that point. Mayor Newhard said that the library is a testament to our community and that it was definitely a collaborated effort, and that it really spoke volumes about Warwick.

**Mayor Newhards' Report:**

Mayor Newhard said that tonight was the last meeting of two friends, Trustee McManus and Trustee Lindberg, and that they had been doing this with their heart and soul for a long time. Mayor Newhard stated that one of the greatest aspects to our community is that the Village is a tree city, and has this remarkable arboretum, and as a nice tribute to say thank you two trees would be planted this coming Arbor Day. Mayor Newhard invited Trustee McManus and Trustee Lindberg to the ceremony which would include, the Mayor believed, second graders from Park Avenue School. Mayor Newhard suggested the two Trustees choose which tree they preferred, and that the plaque would read, 'To honor the service of William Lindberg Trustee 2010 to 2022.' and 'To honor the service of George McManus Trustee 2003 to 2022.' Mayor Newhard said it was a remarkable legacy and he knew that these trees were something that would last forever and be a reminder of that work. Trustee McManus and Trustee Lindberg thanked Mayor Newhard.

**Adjournment**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 8:15 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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Raina Abramson, Village Clerk