

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
MARCH 26, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING**

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: William Lindberg, George McManus and Barry Cheney participated via Zoom Videoconference. Trustee Eileen Patterson was absent. Also, present was: Village Clerk, Raina Abramson. Others present; Warwick Town Supervisor, Michael Sweeton (via Zoom Videoconference) and Kathy Gerstner. Approximately seven people were in attendance.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the following statement:

In consideration of the current COVID-19 health crises and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1, today's Special Meeting held on March 26, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. will be conducted in the following manner: Members of the Village Board will attend the meeting at Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY or via Zoom Video Conferencing; the public may listen to and view the meeting live at the above date and time on the Village of Warwick's Facebook page.

The Clerk held the roll call.

Mayor Newhard welcomed Town Supervisor, Michael Sweeton, and the Trustees to the meeting. The mayor also announced that today's meeting is a special meeting for a few resolutions that are important to help the public. The resolutions are about amending the Village's penalty assessments so that at this time the Village will not impose penalties for water and sewer utilities.

Motions

RESOLUTION AMENDING SCHEDULE OF FEES

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick maintains a schedule of fees which includes a section entitled "Penalty Assessments" which imposes a penalty on utility payments made more than 30 days after the bill date in the amount of 5% of the total bill on payments received 1 to 30

days after the due date and an additional 3% of the total bill on payments received 31 to 60 or more days after the due date; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the current health crises and economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 virus, the Village wishes to waive the penalties for late payments of the said utility bills beginning April 1, 2020 and continuing until further action of the Village Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That effective immediately the Schedule of Fees is amended to suspend the aforesaid provision entitled "Penalty Assessments", and effective April 1, 2020 the penalty imposed under the aforesaid provision for failure to make utility payments within 30 days of the bill date is hereby waived and shall not be imposed again until such time as the Village Board enacts a resolution reinstating the said penalties; and

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting	Aye
William Lindberg, Trustee, voting	Aye
George McManus, Trustee, voting	Aye
Eileen Patterson, Trustee, voting	Absent
Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting	Aye

**RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE PRACTICE OF
TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR FAILURE TO PAY UTILITY BILLS**

WHEREAS, Village of Warwick Village Code §141-40 provides that if a utility bill for water service remains unpaid for a period of 60 days from the invoice date, water service shall be discontinued until such bill, together with penalties and charges, is paid in full; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the current health crises and economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 virus, the Village Board wishes to temporarily suspend the practice of termination of water service for failure to pay utility bills when due, including issuance of notices by the Village of potential termination of water service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That effective immediately the Village of Warwick shall suspend the practice of termination of water service for failure to pay utility bills when due, including issuance of notices by the Village of potential termination of water service;
2. That the said suspension of the practice of termination of water service for nonpayment to utility bills is temporary, and may be reinstated at any time by further resolution of the Village Board; and
3. The temporary suspension of the practice of termination of water service for failure to pay utility bills shall not in any way signify any suspension or waiver of the obligation to pay utility bills when due.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting	Aye
William Lindberg, Trustee, voting	Aye
George McManus, Trustee, voting	Aye
Eileen Patterson, Trustee, voting	Absent
Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting	Aye

Village of Warwick Meetings – Videoconference / Teleconference / Zoom / Facebook Live

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to direct that until further directive of the Village Board, all meetings of boards of the Village of Warwick shall be held via videoconference or teleconference by either Zoom or Facebook Live to Live Stream, and that notices of said meetings shall state that the meeting shall be held in the chosen format as well as providing information for how members of the public can listen to the meeting.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Patterson Absent

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Final Comments

Mayor Newhard addressed the Village residents to say what a great job they are doing overall - the Village's small businesses and restaurants. Mayor Newhard stated that this is a long haul and like running a marathon. The mayor commended the residents of the Village of Warwick for all

that they are doing, the volunteerism, the grass-roots activities that are happening; they are all good and they are all meaningful and they are all helpful. Mayor Newhard reiterated that we will all get through this together.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 10:55 a.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Lindberg Aye Trustee Patterson Absent

Trustee McManus Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Raina M. Abramson
Village Clerk