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**Village of Warwick
Village Board Meeting – October 19, 2020
Minutes**

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
October 19, 2020**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY via Zoom Videoconference. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, William Lindberg, Corey Bachman, and George McManus. Also, present was Village Clerk Raina Abramson, Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba, and DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. Others present via Zoom Videoconference: Joseph Irace. In consideration of the current COVID-19 health crises and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 the public was able view the meeting and comment during privilege of the floor at the above date and time via Facebook Live on the Village's FB page <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofWarwick>.

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 Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried for the Acceptance of Reports, September 2020: Clerk's Office & Tax Collection Summary, Justice, Building, Planning Board & ZBA.

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 #21000701 – 21000790 in the amount of \$251,634.92.

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

1. Police Report - *Suspended to Streamline Meeting due to COVID-19*

Correspondence

1. Letter from Law Office of Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone, LLP regarding Village View Estates dated October 5, 2020 – Petition for Annexation and Application for Special use Permit.
2. Letter from Lugene & Raymod Maher regarding the Village View Cluster Subdivision.

Announcement

1. Overnight Parking -

Please take notice that the on-street parking within the Village of Warwick is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st through April 1st.

2. Mayor's Appointments - ZBA Member & Planning Board Member & Alternate.

Mayor Newhard announced the following appointments:

Dylan Giebler - Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Bryan S. Barber - Planning Board Alternate
Thomas H. McKnight - Planning Board Member

Mayor Newhard thanked the new members for serving their community.

Discussion

1. Corinthian Equestrian Center

Mayor Newhard explained that Corinthian Equestrian Center was unable to obtain the required insurance to cover the Headless Horseman event on Main Street and downtown for the 2020 Halloween season. Mayor Newhard also stated that maybe next year the event can happen if Corinthian partners with another organization.

2. Stanley-Deming Park Closure

Mayor Newhard stated he and Trustee McManus had a meeting with Town of Warwick Police Lieutenant, John Rader, who expressed that the Village should probably keep Stanley-Deming Park closed at this time due to the difficulty of monitoring. Mayor Newhard also stated that he spoke with Village of Warwick Recreation Director, Ron Introini, to see if the recreation staff would be able to take on a rotating schedule to manage the overseeing of the park, however Mr.

Introini said that it would be a stretch and very difficult because most of the counselors are high school students or college students on specific schedules.

Trustee Lindberg stated that driving past the Stanley-Deming basketball court, playground, and Park Avenue Elementary School many children and adults are not wearing masks. Trustee Lindberg also stated that there is a lot of close contact at the park either on purpose or accidentally with the slides etc. Trustee Lindberg explained that after speaking with Mayor Newhard, some of the alternatives would be to have the park open only during certain hours, possibly 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., calculate per square foot the number of people allowed in the park, and speak with the Recreation Director to place monitors or Parking Enforcement Officer, Milissa Hyde, to oversee traffic in and out of the park. Trustee Lindberg also recommended keeping the park closed if the Village is unable to have monitors because he stated that there is too much of a chance with too many people in the park.

Mayor Newhard stated that he explained in many of the announcements that the park is closed due to mask wearing not being fully followed by the public but also due to the intensity of use. Mayor Newhard stated that the ability to socially distance at the park was becoming impossible. Mayor Newhard also expressed that there is a rising number of COVID-19 cases in Orange County and in our community.

Mayor Newhard suggested another alternative was to reach out to Warwick Playground Dreams to see if they have volunteers who would be willing to monitor the park. Mayor Newhard explained that Stanley-Deming is a wonderful playground and park and that he hates to see it closed. He also stated that the Village received a lot of requests that the park be focused solely, for the time being, on village and town residents or school district residents, which is only able to be accomplished with monitors to check ID.

Trustee Cheney inquired if it is allowable for the village to restrict the park to certain residents.

Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba, inquired if the village utilized any Federal or State money for the park. Mayor Newhard stated that yes, the village has used State funds for the park. Mr. Gaba stated that he didn't believe the village could then restrict usage of the park to town residents. Mr. Gaba added that if you had a park that was solely funded by local taxes, then the village could restrict use of the park to local residents, however if the village used State or Federal money then there is an obligation to hold the park open as a public park.

Mr. Gaba also stated that given the circumstance of the pandemic, and partial reopening solely due to COVID-19 while Orange County remains a hotspot, perhaps something could be done particularly if it was done in conjunction with a declaration of a local state of emergency, but that aside, Mr. Gaba still questioned whether you could limit the use of Stanley-Deming Park to village and/or town residents.

Trustee Cheney stated that he believed that the Town of Warwick restricted this year's issuance of permits for the Town Beach in Greenwood Lake to only Town of Warwick residents.

Stephen Gaba explained that the general rule is that if State or Federal money is accepted to build or maintain a municipal park, then the municipality cannot limit use of the park to residents. Mr. Gaba stated that some municipalities charge increased usage fees to out of town/village residents.

Trustee Cheney asked Mayor Newhard if he received any indication that monitors might be available on the weekends. Mayor Newhard said that there was an indication that it might be a possibility. Trustee Cheney stated that with limited hours, plus restrictions to the number of children and adults that can enter the park, the Village might be able to set up a means by which the park could be opened, but restricted at a level the Village feels is a safe use of the playground area. Trustee Cheney expressed that opening the park, even just for a few weekends before the weather turns cold, would benefit the residents.

Trustee McManus stated that he was comfortable leaving the park closed at this time and hopefully reopening in the Spring.

Trustee Bachman stated that he agrees that keeping the park closed for the time being is necessary if the Village is unable to obtain an adequate number of monitors. Trustee Bachman also stated that opening the park during the weekends would be something to explore if monitors are available.

Mayor Newhard said that what he was hearing from the Board was that if the Village could open the park for limited hours on the weekends with a monitor, then it may be a possibility, with no residential limit.

Trustee Cheney stated that he would like to pursue the possibility of restricting the park to Town of Warwick residents. Mr. Stephen Gaba said that he would look further into the matter.

The Village Board agreed to re-open the Stanley-Deming basketball courts.

3. Warwick Fire Department Tree Lighting

Trustee Lindberg explained that the Warwick Fire Department hosts the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, however the evergreen tree has now outgrown the ladder truck because the extension ladder, which is 95 feet, must go underneath the cable wires on the street, making the job of taking the lights on and off very difficult. Trustee Lindberg said that after speaking with DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser and Melissa Stevens, the Town does have a 75 foot bucket truck that

they share with two other towns and Trustee Lindberg believes the fire department does have permission to use that truck for the lights.

Trustee Lindberg also expressed concern that there is a greater number of children and adults taking part in the tree lighting ceremony the Friday after Thanksgiving. Trustee Lindberg stated that he believes that the Fire Department wishes to continue the ceremony and that they have had discussions with the Historical Society that if the bucket truck works then the existing tree will be used for the next few years. Trustee Lindberg added that plan B, down the road, would be to plant another tree closer to Church Street that can be accessed with a ladder truck.

Trustee Lindberg stated that the big concern now is the 300-500 people that will gather for the ceremony. He stated that the ceremony can also be held virtually because the Historical Society has given permission to the Mistral Singers to use the church and that Santa will still ride the firetruck but probably will not stop and candy will probably be placed in baskets for children to grab.

Trustee Lindberg explained how this ceremony is a wonderful tradition that has been done for many years, however things are different this year.

Mayor Newhard stated that the in-person Christmas Eve sing-along will most likely be cancelled due to COVID-19 and may have to go virtual as well.

Privilege of the Floor

Please limit your comments to **five (5)** minutes. If reading a document, please submit a copy to the Clerk. Please note all remarks must be addressed to the Board as a body and not to individual Board members. Please state your name clearly before speaking. These rules are taken from the Handbook for Village Officials – New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials.

Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, stated that there were a few comments through Facebook live regarding Stanley-Deming Park and the tree lighting, however there were no questions.

Motions

Temporary Closure of Main Street – Expanded Outdoor Dining

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to submit to the New York State Department of Transportation the proposed application for a COVID-19 Recovery Temporary Use Permit allowing temporary closure of a portion of Main Street (Route 94) to permit outdoor dining, and upon approval of the application by the DOT, to close the

roadway on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through November 28, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. pending further extension of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.38 covering those dates.

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

Discussion

Mayor Newhard explained that the colder part of the year is coming and that he reached out to the restaurants who are willing to tough it out because the customers are still coming, however in some cases restaurants need to make investments in heaters. Mayor Newhard stated that Code Enforcement Officer, Boris Rudzinski, has been watching very carefully that those heaters are within the village's guidelines for public spaces. Mayor Newhard felt overall the activity is weather permitting.

Trustee Cheney stated that he felt it was a good idea to extend outdoor dining into November and if the restaurants could get in some nice days and are able to continue to attract customers, then this kind of support for their businesses is warranted.

Trustee McManus asked if the extended dates would conflict with the Home for the Holidays event. Mayor Newhard stated that Home for the Holidays will take place this year only as an extended long holiday activity without an opening weekend like they have had in the past so not to draw crowds. Trustee McManus expressed concern that even without an actual opening date, the weekend after Thanksgiving is very busy on Main Street with a lot of pedestrians. Mayor Newhard said that Home for the Holidays usually begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving and there will not be outdoor dining on Sunday, November 29th.

Warwick Feed & Grain (15 Elm Street) – Petition for Zone Change

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to acknowledge receipt of the petition of Warwick Feed & Grain for a Zoning Change and to refer the petition to the Village's Attorney and the Village's Engineering Consultant for review and comment.

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

Discussion

Joe Irace, of Irace Architecture P.C., provided a summary regarding the petition for a zone change to the Warwick Feed and Grain Building located at 15 Elm Street. Mr. Irace stated that the goal was to convert the existing tower into an office on the first floor and a residence above. Mr. Irace said he received a building permit to renovate the building but has still not received approval to occupy the building because a zone change is required. Mr. Irace explained that he is seeking a zone change to go from an industrial zone to a general business zone, in order to have the ability to develop the site one day and to legally live in the building for now. Mr. Irace said at this point, he is no longer looking to develop the rest of the site or to subdivide, his goal is to occupy the building. Mr. Irace added that in the future he would consider doing something else with the land.

Mayor Newhard stated that the old grain elevator building looked spectacular and commended Mr. Irace on his gift as an architect.

Trustee Cheney stated that he too felt Mr. Irace was doing a great job on the property and that it was nice to see the structure restored. Trustee Cheney asked Mr. Irace if he considered going to the Zoning Board of Appeals to obtain a variance to allow him to inhabit the space for residential purposes. Mr. Irace said that he did not go to the ZBA, but that it sounds like it could be an option. Mr. Irace explained that he would also like in the future, have the option to develop the rest of the site with something besides an industrial application. Mr. Irace stated that he believed it would be an easier path if the whole project was zoned commercial, however if that is something that is not in the cards or will take a long time or being too costly, he could go to the ZBA.

Trustee Cheney said that in his opinion, he felt it would be quicker through the Zoning Board of Appeals, which would not preclude Mr. Irace from coming back at a future point in time.

Trustee McManus asked Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba, if accepting the application would put a time limit on the application. Mr. Gaba stated that the Board is under no obligation to process requests for a zoning change.

Mr. Gaba explained that the anticipated procedure would be that by the next meeting or meeting after that, the Village Board will have a report from himself and Village Engineer, Dave Getz, stating that the change that needs to be made in the Village's zoning code in order to authorize the request. Mr. Gaba explained that if the Board is willing to move forward at that time, then

they will direct Mr. Gaba to prepare a local law to enact the requested zoning change and Mr. Getz will assist in conducting SEQRA review. Mr. Gaba said that the Village of Warwick Planning Board will be an involved agency because the applicant will have to get site plan approval for the project to go forward, which will involve additional agencies, therefore notice of intent to be lead agency will have to be circulated, which could take thirty days. Mr. Gaba said that then the Village will post notice of a public hearing, with Mr. Gaba preparing the draft local law, and once the public hearing is opened and closed then Village Board will then be in the position to enact the local law affecting the zoning change. Mr. Gaba explained that the process could take three to four months assuming the Village Board is willing to move forward.

Mayor Newhard stated that Mr. Irace may be unable to occupy the building by December due to the process as far as the zone change, but that it may be possible to parallel the zone change process with a request to the ZBA to be able to occupy the building earlier. Mr. Irace agreed and said that he would apply for a variance with the ZBA.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 135 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC – AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick has before it a proposed local law entitled: "A local law to repeal and re-enact Village Code Chapter 135, 'Vehicles and Traffic' to add certain traffic safety regulations and provisions for traffic control devices."; and

WHEREAS, in order to consider adoption of the proposed local law it is necessary to first introduce it and hold a public hearing upon it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the movant of this resolution does hereby introduce the attached proposed local law; and
2. That a public hearing on the said local law is hereby set for November 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.; and
3. That the Village Clerk shall publish and post notice of the public hearing.

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

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting _____

William Lindberg, Trustee, voting _____

George McManus, Trustee, voting _____

Corey Bachman, Trustee, voting _____

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting _____

Discussion

Trustee Cheney noted minor changes to be made to the draft local law. Trustee Cheney also stated that one of the drafts included a statement, 'usage fees established by the Village Board shall be charged to the user on an hourly rate based on the time connected to the charging station' which was not in the proposed local law. Trustee Cheney inquired if this would be included in another section of the code. Village Attorney, Stephen Gaba, stated that the fee provision will be included in a resolution that will be prepared in time to adopt the local law, amending the schedule of fees. Mayor Newhard noted a change to be made to article eight, number three.

Trustee Cheney thanked Trustee Lindberg for all the hard work that went into amending Chapter 135 of the Village Code and thanked DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser, as well. Mayor Newhard reiterated Trustee Cheney's words in thanking Trustee Lindberg.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the movant of this resolution does hereby introduce the attached proposed local law and is amended to include the following changes:

a. Section 135-12, 'Stop intersections designated', remove,

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection
Coe Street	North	Cowdrey Street

b. Section 135-12, 'Stop intersections designated', add,

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection
Coe Circle	North	Cowdrey Street

c. Section 135-19.3(A) 'Parking for handicap; penalties for offenses', remove,

Name of Street	Side	Location
Chase Parking Lot		Spot No. 36
Parkway	East	From a point 48 feet south of the curbline of South Street to a point 71 feet south thereof.
Parkway	East	From a point 194 feet south of the curbline of South Street to a point 210 feet south thereof.

d. Section 135-19.3(A) 'Parking for handicap; penalties for offenses', add,

Name of Street	Side	Location
Parkway	South	From a point 48 feet east of the curbline of South

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 Lions Club – Ring Bells for the Salvation Army

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Lions Club to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the business location 33-37 Main Street on the following dates and times: December 12, 2020 and December 13, 2020 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and December 19, 2020 and December 20, 2020 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Proof of proper insurance has 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

Purchase of (2) Pick-Up Trucks – Village DPW Road Crew

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to purchase (2) Ford Pick-Up Trucks from Leo Kaytes Ford for the Department of Public Works Road Crew; (1) 2021 Ford F250 4x4 in the amount of \$32,163.32 and (1) 2021 Ford F350 4x4 in the amount of \$33,621.32, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. The purchases are budgeted items for FY 2020-21 under budget code A.5110.2350.

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

Purchase of a Pick-Up Truck – Village Water Department

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Lindberg, and carried to purchase from Leo Kaytes Ford (1) 2021 Ford F350 cab and chassis with Redding SL Steel Service Body for the Village of Warwick Water Department in the amount of \$45,839.20, per the

recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. The purchase is a budgeted item for FY 2020-21 under budget code F.8340.2350.

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

Halloween Curfew

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lindberg, seconded by Trustee McManus, and carried to impose a Halloween curfew for all persons under the age of 18 unless accompanied by a parent or guardian on all Village streets and parks and other public areas in the Village of Warwick between the hours of 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30 to 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020 and again on Saturday, October 31, from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

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: *Suspended to Streamline Meeting due to COVID-19*

Final Comments from the Floor –

Village Clerk, Raina Abramson, stated that there were quite a few Facebook comments such as someone asking if there is really a need for the curfew and that they recall that Florida's curfew is 9:00 p.m., so why can't the Village's be at least 9:00 p.m. Ms. Abramson also stated that there were positive comments about Joe Irace's Warwick Feed and Grain building and that there were about twenty-five comments total.

Mayor Newhard responded that the Village of Warwick's curfew has worked very well and that it is talking about children under the age of 18. Mayor Newhard also stated that the Village is asking people at this point in time to plan their Halloween activities to limit them to shorter periods of time with their children and to use their own neighborhoods instead of everyone going to specific neighborhoods or specific areas of the Village. Mayor Newhard expressed the desire for everyone to use the entire Village since there are many neighborhoods that do not get trick-

or-treaters, who would love children to knock on their door and to be participating. Mayor Newhard explained that the plan is to try to distance the community for this activity so that it can be safe. Mayor Newhard also suggested even having a party with a group of friends and call it a day and that we all love Halloween, but that this is a different year.

Trustee Cheney added that if you're out trick-or-treating to please be respectful of houses that don't have their front porch light on that look like they are not inviting trick-or-treaters because there will be some people that may not feel comfortable interacting with people that they don't know.

Mayor Newhard stated that the Village has made specific precautions such as not having the Halloween parade which draws a lot of people together, with the parade leading to specific neighborhoods, and that the Village is in hope that the trick-or-treating will not be as dense as it has been in the past. Mayor Newhard explained that the Village is not closing off streets for mass trick-or-treating and asked that people be very careful, use the sidewalks, and to have parental supervision.

Final Comments from the Board

Mayor Newhard stated that this past Sunday, the Warwick Lions had a ceremony to celebrate two of their members who received the Robert J. Uplinger award; Garrett Durland and Pam Starrer. Mayor Newhard said that both candidates are both remarkable for all the activities that they do to create a better and stronger, finer Warwick. Mayor Newhard thanked the Lions Club for the activities that they do for the community, and announced that two Village Board Members, George McManus and Corey Bachman are Lions Club Members as well. Trustee McManus made the correction that Garrett Durland is not a member of the Lions Club, however he has done amazing things in the community and that the award was well deserved. Trustee McManus stated that the Lions appreciate and recognize Mr. Garrett as a member of the community.

Mayor Newhard included that this Saturday the Rotary's Halloween Scavenger Hunt will be taking place and that more information can be found on the Rotary's Facebook page.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McManus, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 8:30 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

Raina M. Abramson, Village Clerk