

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees, Barry Cheney, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura. Also, present was Deputy Village Clerk, Jennifer Mante. Absent was Trustee Carly Foster. Others present, Bob Krahulik, Brian Singer, and Kristina Hoti.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
A moment of silence was made for Trustee Foster's father.
The Deputy Village Clerk held the roll call.

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: September 23, 2024

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$427,332.57.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Presentations

1. Barton & Loguidice – Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress.

Karen Clark from Barton & Loguidice provided an update on the wastewater treatment plant progress. The discussion included:

- the start date for the project, indicating that work would commence after the bid was awarded. The exact start date was not specified.
- confirmation that no changes were planned for the Orchard Street pump station, as it was in good shape.
- there were no planned SCADA or electrical work changes at the Orchard Street station. The controls at the station would remain as they were.
- that the budget was slightly over the initial estimate, around 15% higher. Ms. Clark suggested updating the budget estimate closer to the bid submission for review.
- the next checkpoint for the project, with Ms. Clark suggesting it should be when the final plans are submitted for review.

Announcements

1. All Things Halloween in the Village of Warwick.

Trustee Collura announced various Halloween events in the Village of Warwick, including a costume parade, the Scare the Mayor Contest, a Halloween house self-guided tour, as well as the Halloween curfew and road closures.

2. Village of Warwick Fall Leaf Pickup.

Trustee Cheney announced that the Village of Warwick will begin picking up leaves on November 1st, with leaves needing to be placed at the curb prior to December 9th for final pickup.

Discussions

1. Schedule of Fees Parking Fines/Violations.

Trustee Cheney discussed the need to update the schedule of fees for parking fines and violations. He noted that parking fines have not been updated in many years and did not reflect the severity of offenses. The new structure aims to address this issue.

Trustee Cheney went into detail regarding the Village's new traffic enforcement system where the Traffic Enforcement Officer will use handheld devices to scan registrations and

issue tickets. This system will streamline the process and improve accuracy. The new system would specify various parking violations that were not previously detailed on tickets as well as take photographs of violations, which will be included on the ticket. This evidence will help in court proceedings and reduce disputes.

A discussion ensued regarding the increased fines for electric vehicles parked in charging spots after charging is complete. The proposed fine is significantly higher than other parking violations to ensure these spots are available for other users. Trustee McKnight believed the suggested fine was too high given the offence.

The Board didn't have any major objections to the proposed changes and Mayor Newhard called for the topic to be on the next agenda.

2. 2024 NY Forward Revitalization Initiative Grant.

Mayor Newhard provided an update on the progress of the New York Forward Revitalization Initiative Grant, including the formation of a task force, community outreach efforts, and collaboration with Millennium Strategies for the grant application.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The public may speak only during the meeting's Public Comment period and at any other time a majority of the Board allows. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer, step to the front of the room/microphone, give their name, residency, and organization, if any. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes (this time limit may be changed to accommodate the number of speakers) and may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker. Board members may, with the permission of the mayor, interrupt a speaker during their remarks, but only for the purpose of clarification or information. The Village Board is not required to accept or respond to questions from the public at meetings but may request that inquiries be submitted in writing to be responded to at a later date. All remarks must be addressed to the Board as a body and not to individual Board members. Interested parties or their representatives may also address the Board by written communications.

Bob Krahulik provided the Board with an update on the vandalized political sign on Main Street. He also gave his opinion on the parking fee topic the Board had discussed. Mr. Krahulik spoke of an issue with reserved parking spaces in the Chase Bank parking lot where people who paid for a permitted spot would find another car parked in their spot at the end of the day or night. As a result, they would park elsewhere and receive a ticket. It was recommended to add a code provision to forgive such tickets.

Mr. Krahulik agreed with the higher fine amount for electric vehicles overstaying at charging stations. Unlike metered spots on Main Street, there are only four charging spots, and electric vehicles need to charge to leave the Village. He shared a personal experience where he saw cars abusing the charging spots by staying all day, and he would publicly shame them on Facebook. He believes a financial incentive is necessary to prevent such abuse.

Switching topics, Bob Krahulik, attorney for property owner, Brian Singer, explained the reasoning behind the zone change request for 4 Overlook Drive and 1 Galloway Heights Road. There was a discussion regarding a house, currently zoned for residential purposes but historically used as professional office space, enjoying a pre-existing non-conforming use. The current zoning does not allow the existing parking lot to be compliant. A zoning change would enable the property to meet the necessary requirements and support economic growth.

Moving on to the requested zone change for 42 Orchard Street, Mr. Krahulik discussed the need to change the zoning classification for a portion of the Warwick car wash property to bring it into compliance. By obtaining a zone change, this would allow the filing of a subdivision map and recording a deed to attach the parcel to the rest of the car wash. Currently, traffic around the back of the building, although covered by a lease agreement with property owner, Vanessa Man, enters the residential district, which is technically a commercial use.

Vacation Carryover - Michael Finelli

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Michael Finelli, to carry over 5 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Bid Award, Well #3 Treatment Plant Project – Joseph Warren Electrical, LLC

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Joseph Warren Electrical, LLC for the electrical contract of the Well #3 Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$99,800 as per

the recommendation of Village Engineer, Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. Funds are appropriated in budget code F.8330.2350 Purification - Equip/Machinery in the FY24-25 budget. The award of bid was previously approved at the August 5, 2024, Village Board Meeting.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Bid Award, Well #3 Treatment Plant Project – TAM Enterprises

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the general contract of the Well #3 Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$1,196,000 as per the recommendation of Village Engineer, Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. Funds are appropriated in budget code F.8330.2350 Purification - Equip/Machinery in the FY24-25 budget. The award of bid was previously approved at the August 5, 2024, Village Board Meeting.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Payment #2 Jorrey Excavating, Inc. – South Street Sidewalk Phase 3

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to approve payment #2 in the amount of \$185,599.59 to Jorrey Excavating, Inc. for the South Street Sidewalk ADA Improvements – Phase 3 project per the recommendation of Village Engineer, Keith Woodruff. Funds are appropriated in budget code A5110.4400. The contracted project work, including demobilization, was completed by the contractor on September 9, 2024.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise for Bid – Maple Avenue Booster Station Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to advertise and receive bids for the relocation of the Maple Avenue Booster Station project.

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney explained that as part of a larger DOT project starting next week, the Maple Ave. pump station in the middle of the island needs to be decommissioned

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
MUTUAL TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
VILLAGE OF WARWICK AND THE NEW YORK STATE
ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick (the "Village") has before it a Mutual Termination Agreement (the "Agreement") prepared by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (the "Corporation") to terminate the Grant Agreement dated September 12, 2024, for the NYS Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Replacement Funds DWSRF Project No. 19370 (the "Grant Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Village has not drawn any of the funding offered pursuant to the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the Corporation have mutually agreed to terminate the

Grant Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Warwick that the Mayor of the Village of Warwick is hereby authorized to enter into the Mutual Termination Agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to terminate the Grant Agreement dated September 12, 2024, for Project Number 19370.

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

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard explained that the EFC and the Department of Health requested the authorization of a bond agreement, which the state will pay off. This change affects the method of receiving funds but not the amount.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING NYS DOT
LAND ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (“DOT”) is undertaking a highway improvement project in the Village of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, the DOT has commenced eminent domain proceedings (Proceeding 15373, PIN 8002.24.201, S.H. 9318, Map 2, Parcel 2) to acquire certain small portions of Oakland Avenue, Main Street and on Maple Avenue identified as Map 2 Parcel 2 on the Appropriation Map from the Village; and

WHEREAS, in regard to the said proceedings, DOT has made an Offer of Settlement to the Village of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$8,950); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the proposed taking is for a public purpose and that the Offer of Settlement constitutes fair and adequate compensation for DOT’s acquisition of title to the property at issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board accepts the Offer of Settlement received from the DOT in regard to the said portions of Oakland Avenue, Main Street and on Maple Avenue; and
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreements for the acquisition of title to the said property by DOT through eminent domain and any documents necessary to carry out their provisions and to secure payment for the Village.

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

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting	<u>Aye</u>
Carly Foster, Trustee, voting	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting	<u>Aye</u>
Mary Collura, Trustee, voting	<u>Aye</u>
Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting	<u>Aye</u>

Discussion

Mayor Newhard clarified that the portions involved are very small, such as the corner of Railroad Green where the planter is located. These areas are needed to ensure handicap accessibility and to allow the DOT project to move forward.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE
OF WARWICK AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE
NY FORWARD GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its residents and improving the community; and

WHEREAS, the NY Forward Grant program provides an opportunity for municipalities to secure funding for projects that promote economic development, community revitalization, and overall sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of this grant and supports the application process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick hereby supports the application for the NY Forward Grant and authorizes Mayor Newhard to submit the application on behalf of the Village.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Village Clerk are hereby authorized to take any necessary actions to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

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

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Seasonal Recreation Staff – FY 2024-25 Halloween, Christmas Eve, Easter

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to hire special event staff at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for the following events: 10-12 staff members for the Halloween Parade, 8-10 staff members for the Christmas Eve Service, and 10-12 staff members for the Easter Egg Hunt per the recommendation of Village of Warwick Recreation Director, Ron Introini.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Veterans Day Parade 2024

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to grant permission to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4662 to hold a Veterans Day Parade Monday, November 11, 2024, as per their facility use application and parade map received October 3, 2024. The parade lineup will take place on High Street at 10:30 a.m. with step-off beginning at 11:11 a.m. The parade will culminate with a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at approximately 12:00 p.m. The parade route has been approved by the Town of Warwick Police Department. Completed park permit, security deposit and proof of insurance have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Coin Toss, Knights of Columbus

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to the Knights of Columbus to hold a coin toss on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Forester Avenue, north of the intersection with Burt Street to benefit several programs such as Coats for Kids, Toys for Tots, Thanksgiving Dinner event, disaster relief and more. Completed facility use permit, proof of proper insurance, and security deposit have been received. The event to include safety cones and reflective safety vests for all participants. The Warwick Police Department have no objection to the location of the event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request – Home for the Holidays, Chamber of Commerce

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold the Home for the Holidays event and to allow the traditional horse & buggy rides to take place by Dun Dreaming Farms, Sean Geary, as previous years during the holidays in the Village of Warwick. The rides will be offered during the following dates: November 24, 29, 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22, 2024. The times for the rides will be approximately 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The route will be the same as in past years, starting on Railroad Avenue and continuing to Main Street, then onto South Street, ending back at Railroad Avenue. Completed park permit, security deposit, and proof of insurance from the Chamber of Commerce have been received. Approval pending proof of insurance from Dun Dreaming Farms, Sean Geary.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Chamber of Commerce - Home for the Holidays, WVCSD Ribbons on Meters

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to approve the implementation of free parking for the period of November 27, 2024, through January 1, 2025, per the request of the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce and to grant permission to the Warwick Valley High School FFA to hang ribbons on the meters after November 27, 2024, in coordination with the Village of Warwick DPW. Proof of insurance has been received from the Warwick Valley Central School District.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney clarified that the free parking initiative means people don't have to feed the meters, but they must still adhere to the maximum parking time limit of two or three hours, depending on the location.

Mayor Newhard suggested looking at the cards to make sure the time limit is clearly stated as well as fixing any of the plexiglass shields that have fogged up.

Chamber of Commerce - Home for the Holidays, Santa

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce to have Santa visit the sleigh on Railroad Green on Sunday, November 24, 2024 & Sunday, December 15, 2024, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Village of Warwick DPW to install the sleigh on Railroad Green. Completed park permit, security deposit and proof of insurance have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Chamber of Commerce - Home for the Holidays, WVSD Organizations and Non-Profit Groups

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce to have non-profit groups, including Warwick Valley School District organizations, sell items such as hot chocolate, warm cider, and snacks on Railroad Green on the following dates: November 24, 29, 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22, 2024, during the Home for the Holidays event. Request includes use of electricity. Completed park permit, security deposit, proof of insurance, including insurance from the Warwick Valley Central School District, have been received. Pending proper insurance requirements from additional non-profit groups that participate in this event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE
NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick recognizes the importance of maintaining an efficient and effective justice system; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Unified Court System offers the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) to provide financial support to local justice courts for improvements and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick Court seeks to enhance its operations and services to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has identified potential projects and improvements that could be funded through the JCAP grant; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-25 grant cycle presents an opportunity for the Village of Warwick Court to secure funding to support these initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick authorizes the Village of Warwick Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Justice Court is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents related to this application and to take any actions necessary to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

Trustee Collura presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by

Trustee McKnight,

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Halloween Parade 2024

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight, and carried to grant permission to the Village of Warwick Recreation Department to hold a Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31, 2024. The lineup will be at 4:30 p.m. on High Street. The parade will start at 5:00 p.m. and proceed down Main Street to Railroad Avenue, ending on Railroad Green for a Costume Contest. The Warwick Police have been notified and will assist with the event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight recalled a previous conversation last year about the high foot traffic in residential neighborhoods after the parade and the significant candy costs incurred due to the large number of trick-or-treaters. He asked if the Mayor had reached out to NYCOM regarding candy donations to these areas.

Mayor Newhard replied that it was still in the early stages, but the Lions and Rotary Clubs may be taking up this cause as an initiative.

Trustee Cheney added that if you are friends with anyone in that area to bring them a bag of candy.

Trustee Collura, who lives on one of the highly trafficked streets, stated that each house spends at least \$200.00 and gets about 1,300 trick-or-treaters.

Mayor Newhard, speaking about the general area, stated that it's a safe environment that parents and kids feel comfortable and are grateful for.

Road Closures – Halloween 2024

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to close Oakland Court, Welling Avenue, Orchard Street, and Linden Place on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and to close High Street from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2024, for parade lineup.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Halloween Curfew 2024

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney, 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 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, to 6:00 a.m., Thursday, October 31, 2024, and again on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday, November 1, 2024.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise for Proposals – IT Services, Accountant, and Counsel to the Village Board

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to advertise and request proposals for the following professional services for FY2025-26: IT Services, Accountant, and Counsel to the Village Board.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES PLEDGE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, and that every community must do its part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that supporting housing production of all kinds in its community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping its community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Warwick, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, under which it will endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamline permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing;
2. Adopt policies that affirmatively further fair housing;
3. Incorporate regional housing needs into planning decisions;
4. Increase development capacity for residential uses;
5. Enact policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Trustee McKnight presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Collura,

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye
Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Absent
Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye
Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye
Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

The Board highlighted the Village's success in providing almost 500 units of affordable senior housing and a diverse mix of housing types that accommodate various income levels. They noted that the Village has a clear path for permitting multifamily housing, with several projects already approved by the Planning Board.

Satisfaction was expressed with past efforts but acknowledged the need for minor adjustments. They also mentioned the state's narrow time frame for evaluating housing efforts, which seemed unfair due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the Village's housing percentage is based on downstate numbers because it falls within the Metropolitan Transit Authority circle, adding to the challenges.

Mayor Newhard emphasized the significant work done in providing supportive senior housing and identified young families as the current group in need.

Request for Zone Change – 42 Orchard Street

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to acknowledge receipt of a Petition in connection with a proposed change in zoning classification for a portion of the premises located at 42 Orchard Street in the Village of Warwick, to set an escrow at \$2,000, and refer the Petition to the Village Attorney and Village's Engineering Consultant for review and comment.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Request for Zone Change – 4 Overlook Drive and 1 Galloway Heights Road

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura, and carried to acknowledge receipt of a petition for a change in zoning classification for premises located at 4 Overlook Drive and 1 Galloway Heights Road and to refer the petition to the Village's Attorney and the Village's Engineering Consultant for review and comment. Escrow in the amount of \$2,000 has been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

Kristina Hoti, a Village resident raised concerns about a political sign on Galloway Road that they considered hate speech, urging the Board to take action for its removal. Mayor Newhard said they were aware of the issue and that he contacted the New York Council of Mayors; given the sensitive topic of free speech and was waiting for guidance on how to proceed.

Ms. Hoti Thanked the Board for everything they do for the Village.

Final Comments from the Board

Mayor Newhard congratulated the Chamber of Commerce, the Applefest committee, and the Community Center for organizing a successful Applefest. He also thanked the Department of Public Works, emergency services, police from around Orange County, and EMS for their support. The event was well-received, with perfect weather and positive moods. The cleanup was notably efficient, prompting several appreciative emails.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney, and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Jennifer Mante, Deputy Village Clerk