

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
AUGUST 18, 2025**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, and Thomas McKnight. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson and Village Attorney, Benjamin Gailey. Absent was Trustee: Mary Collura. Others present, William Frank.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The 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: August 8, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – July 2025: Clerk’s Office & Tax Collection Report, Treasurer’s Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, Justice Department, Planning Department, Building Department, Department of Public Works & June 2025 Department of Public Works report. All reports are on file in the Clerk’s Office.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$71,191.70.

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

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Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

1. Police Report.

No report.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Nicole Hixon, Village of Warwick Artist in Residence, 2025.

Mayor Newhard noted that Ms. Hixon created the live sculpture in Stanley Deming Park, where she spent the summer developing and maintaining the installation. The sculpture was well received by the community, with residents appreciating both the creative process and the way the piece evolved over time. The Mayor expressed gratitude for her participation, stating that the project provided meaningful exposure for Ms. Hixon and marked the beginning of the Village's artist-in-residence program.

2. Resignation letter from Department of Public Works Employee, Andrew D'Alessandro.

Mayor Newhard remarked that Mr. D'Alessandro would be greatly missed, noting his talent, leadership skills, and potential for growth within the Village. Although the Mayor had looked forward to his continued service, he acknowledged that Mr. D'Alessandro had found a promising opportunity elsewhere.

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.

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No comments.

Vacation Carry Over – Michael Moser

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Employee Training – Kristin Bialosky

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Planning Board Secretary, Kristin Bialosky, to attend the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation's Planning & Zoning Board Support Staff Meeting on Monday, September 29, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Orange County Emergency Services Center in Goshen, NY. The training is free to attend. Mileage reimbursement to apply.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

ZBA Counsel – William Frank, Esq.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to appoint William Frank, Esq. from Bluestein, Shapiro, Frank & Barrone, LLP, as Attorney to the Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals effective September 1, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

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Discussion

Mayor Newhard welcomed William Frank, Esq. as the new attorney for the Village of Warwick Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Frank expressed his appreciation for the appointment, stating that he looked forward to working with the ZBA and with Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey as needed. He noted that he had collaborated with Mr. Gailey in the past and made himself available to Board members for any questions, either immediately or in the future.

Seasonal DPW Laborer Extension – Matthew Hyland

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to extend the appointment approved on April 21, 2025, of Matthew Hyland to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer for an additional 18 weeks, 40 hours per week, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. Salary will be based on the FY25-26 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Seasonal DPW Laborer Extension – James Quackenbush

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to extend the appointment approved on April 7, 2025, of James Quackenbush to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer for an additional 12 weeks, 40 hours per week, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. Salary will be based on the FY25-26 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

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Seasonal DPW Laborer / Brush Pile Attendant – Thomas DeLuca

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to hire Thomas DeLuca to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer to perform duties of Brush Pile Attendant at Veterans Memorial Park for the period of September – November 2025 during designated brush pile operation dates and times. Start date September 6, 2025, end date November 30, 2025. Per the recommendation of the DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight inquired about the hourly starting wage for Department of Public Works employees.

Trustee Cheney was not sure of current hourly wage, but he raised a concern regarding staffing and its effect on parking enforcement. He explained that the Village's parking attendant was covering duties at the brush pile for eight hours, which reduced the time they could dedicate to parking enforcement because of the hourly limits tied to her position. He suggested assigning one of the seasonal employees to handle the brush pile duties for four hours each day over the next two weekends, with that employee receiving a day off during the week in exchange.

Mayor Newhard responded that he would discuss the matter with Department of Public Works Supervisor Mike Moser and saw no issue with exploring the proposed adjustment.

Trustee Cheney agreed that the matter was worth discussing further.

Trustee McKnight clarified that the new brush attendant hire would begin at the start of September. He confirmed that the parking attendant's coverage of the brush pile would therefore only be needed for a few more weeks.

Trustee Cheney asked for clarification on how many weekends the parking attendant had already covered at the brush pile, noting that the past weekend had been at least her second.

Mayor Newhard stated that the parking attendant could not exceed 20 hours per week. He

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explained that any hours worked at the brush pile must be subtracted from her other duties, which created a challenge since Saturdays are particularly busy for parking enforcement in the Village.

Payment Application #10 – TAM Enterprises, Well #3 Treatment Plant Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve payment #10 in the amount of \$25,408.70 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the Well #3 Treatment Plant Project as per the recommendation of Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. Funds are appropriated in budget code H.8330.2000.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Barton & Loguidice – Assist in Submission of WIIA Grant

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to accept the proposal from Barton & Loguidice to assist in the preparation and submission of a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant and associated supporting documents at a lump sum in the total amount of \$4,600. Additional work required beyond the initial fee will be billed according to Barton & Loguidice's current 2025 billing rates. Funds are appropriated in budget code F.1440.4950.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard asked the Board if there was clarity on which project was being submitted for consideration.

Trustee Cheney responded that the project being submitted was the reservoir tanks.

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Mayor Newhard asked whether the Board would work with the Village's grant writer on the reservoir tanks project.

Trustee Cheney agreed that coordination was possible and encouraged any interested Board members to review the previous submission to identify ways to strengthen it.

Trustee Foster asked if the Village had received a debrief on the prior application, noting that an engineer's input would be necessary for the technical components.

Trustee Cheney observed that many of the persuasive aspects were not strictly technical.

Mayor Newhard emphasized the importance of the narrative and how the project is framed, noting that engineers tend to focus more on technical details.

Purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader - WITHDRAWN

MOTION to approve the purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader from H.O. Penn, in the amount of \$130,000 as part of the NYS Bid/Sourcwell Purchasing Network Contract #020223 and #011723 per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. The purchase price reflects a trade-in allowance of \$15,000 for the existing Wacker Neuson 1150. Funds are appropriated in FY25-26 budget code A5110.2350.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Discussion

Mayor Newhard addressed questions regarding the proposed purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader, noting that the item had since been withdrawn. He explained that the purchase was being pursued through a New York State bid via a purchasing network that maintains a state contract, which exempts the Village from the need for a formal bidding process. The Mayor added that the Village had confirmed this with NYCOM (New York State Conference of Mayors). However, he acknowledged that Trustee Cheney had identified some issues during his review and invited him to share his findings with the Board.

Trustee Cheney explained that the purchase process for the CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader had not yet been presented in the correct format. He noted that contracts through

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Sourcewell and New York State are typically structured around a set percentage discount from the list price, with Sourcewell offering 23%. The most recent quote listed New York State instead of Sourcewell and reflected a 29% discount. Trustee Cheney emphasized that the missing step was verification that the list price being used was consistent across both Sourcewell and New York State contracts. Once that confirmation was obtained, he felt the Board could move forward with the purchase. He anticipated that the matter could be ready for approval at the next meeting. He added that the review process had uncovered new details but put the Village on the right path for effective use of the program. Trustee Cheney credited Mike Fanelli for his efforts in collecting information and coordinating with H.O. Penn, as well as Cathy Schweizer for her assistance.

Mayor Newhard asked for clarification on what documentation was still needed to proceed with the wheel loader purchase, specifically whether the required verification should come from Sourcewell or from New York State.

Trustee Cheney responded that he was uncertain whether New York State provides the list price directly, but confirmed that Sourcewell does. He had already reached out to Sourcewell by email to request the information and was awaiting a response. He explained that if the Sourcewell list price matched the figures provided in the H.O. Penn quote, then the purchase could proceed without issue. If the prices did not align, H.O. Penn would need to explain the discrepancy. Trustee Cheney added that it was possible New York State used a higher list price with a larger discount applied, which might or might not balance out, and emphasized the need to confirm these details.

Trustee McKnight observed that the list price should remain consistent and originate from H.O. Penn, though he suspected that few units were ever sold at the full list price. He suggested that the pricing arrangements through Sourcewell were likely different from those through New York State, with H.O. Penn probably selling more equipment under the state contract.

Trustee Cheney noted that Sourcewell operates on a national level, making it likely that their pricing structure differs from New York State's. He explained that this provided the Village with flexibility to choose between platforms and secure the most favorable pricing option.

Trustee McKnight stated that he supported waiting to confirm the pricing details before proceeding with the purchase. He noted that there was no immediate need.

Trustee Cheney acknowledged that the current equipment was near the end of its useful life but noted that H.O. Penn had provided a trade-in value of approximately \$15,000. He added that the quote received was valid for either 30 or 60 days, so the Village remained within the allowable time frame since the quote was issued that day.

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Trustee McKnight reiterated that H.O. Penn should be the party responsible for providing the official list price for the equipment.

Trustee Cheney clarified that H.O. Penn had already provided a list price, but the Board's objective was to validate it against the list price submitted to Sourcewell to ensure consistency.

Trustee McKnight summarized that Sourcewell offers 23% off list price while New York State offers 29% off list price. He stated that the key concern was confirming that both discounts were being applied to the same list price.

Mayor Newhard concluded the discussion by confirming that the motion regarding the wheel loader purchase would be withdrawn at this time.

Barbara Warren DBA Records Management – FY24-25 LGRMIF Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to hire Barbara Warren DBA Warren Records Management to complete the Records Inventory and Planning project for the Building & Planning Department, DPW, Water Department & Assessor's Office at a cost not to exceed \$15,800 per the recommendation of Village Clerk/Records Management Officer, Raina Abramson and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. The project is part of the 2024-25 NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant. Funds are appropriated in FY2025-26 budget code A1410.4950.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Village Clerk Raina Abramson provided an update on the records management project. She explained that the Village had previously gone out to bid while applying for a grant last year, with Caroline Gallego of Gallego Consulting completing the initial groundwork, including a full inventory. However, due to health issues, Ms. Gallego was unable to finish the project. Clerk Abramson noted that this occurred at a fortunate time, as the State Archives had not yet released the 2025–2026 grant awards and several projects had since been completed. She recreated the RFP and received four strong responses. She expressed enthusiasm about working with Barbara Warren, along with her

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husband Alden, who are well-regarded in the field and typically booked a year in advance. She felt fortunate that the Village would benefit from their expertise in advancing toward the goals of full digitization and disaster recovery planning. Clerk Abramson reported that they were scheduled to begin work with the Village on September 12.

NYSLRS Record of Activities - Village of Warwick Justice Jeanine Garritano Wadeson

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve the New York State Local Retirement System Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Village of Warwick Justice Jeanine Garritano Wadeson with a Record of Activities Result of 2.44 days per month.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Permit – Stanley Deming Park – Spirit Wear Shopping Day

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to Stephanie Kowalsky and daughter Eva DeFreese to host a Wildcat Spirit Wear “Shopping” Day in the pavilion at Stanley Deming Park on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 9:30 a.m. and breakdown to be completed by 2:30 p.m. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, and security deposit have been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

**RESOLUTION - VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CONFIRMATION OF DEDICATION OF FOUR VILLAGE STREETS**

WHEREAS: The Village recently discovered that the street inventory maintained by NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) does not list the Village streets named Beth Court,

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Laura Lane, Melissa Court and Rachel Drive. The Board of Trustees previously accepted dedication of these streets and acquired title to each street by deed, dated July 14, 1999, and recorded in the Orange County Clerk's office on September 29, 2008. DOT requires a Board resolution to add these streets to the DOT's street inventory used to determine CHIPS funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees confirms its prior acceptance of dedication and its ownership of the streets named Beth Court, Laura Lane, Melissa Court and Rachel Drive, and requests DOT to add these streets to DOT's street inventory for the Village of Warwick.

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 Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Absent

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard asked Trustee Cheney how he had uncovered the discrepancies.

Trustee Cheney explained that while working on the Lead Service Line Inventory project with the Water Billing Clerk and two engineering interns, he was reviewing developments built after 1986, the year the lead and copper rule took effect. As he highlighted the relevant streets, he noticed that certain developments he knew were built after 1986 were missing from the records. After checking with Cathy from DPW, it was confirmed that the omission was not an error in his notes but rather that the streets were not included in the printout at all. He stated that this needed to be corrected and added that the disappointing outcome was that the Village had not received CHIPS

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(Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding for those streets for many years.

The Board discussed whether the Village could request reimbursement from New York State for the years of missed CHIPS funding related to the omitted streets. While it was acknowledged that the state typically does not provide retroactive reimbursement, especially considering it was an oversight on the Village's part, the Board agreed that it would still be worthwhile to inquire about the possibility.

**RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVAL OF
U-AUDIT COST AND REVENUE REVIEW AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees identified an opportunity to recover gross receipts tax funds it may be owed by utility providers. The Board is desirous of utilizing U-Audit Associates' services to identify and collect refunds for underpayments of gross receipts tax payable to the Village. An agreement for such services has been received and reviewed by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the Cost and Revenue Review Agreement with U-Audit Associates, dated August 18, 2025, for the refund of underpaid gross receipts tax revenue, as presented.

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

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Absent

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

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EFC Project Finance Agreement – Lead Service Line Inventory Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve the EFC Project Finance Agreement for the Lead Pipe Inventory and authorize the mayor to sign that agreement.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey reported on the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) financing grant for the Lead Service Line project. He stated that the financing closing was scheduled for August 28, and as local counsel he was required to certify that the Board had taken specific actions, including approval of the EFC's project finance agreement. Mr. Gailey explained that the agreement was a lengthy, standard document and noted that Village Clerk Raina Abramson had confirmed the Board had not yet voted to approve it. He advised that the Board should take action that evening to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Newhard to sign.

Trustee McKnight asked Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey if he had reviewed the entire project finance agreement.

Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey responded that it would not be cost-effective for him to review the entire project finance agreement, noting that the document was standard.

Trustee Cheney added that the terms of the agreement were not subject to change.

Trustee Foster asked whether the Village had previously entered into an EFC finance agreement and if the terms had remained unchanged in past instances.

Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey confirmed that he had handled numerous EFC finance agreements in the past and explained that they follow a standard boilerplate format that does not change.

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Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

No comments.

Reports

Trustee Cheney's Report:

Trustee Cheney provided an update on the New York State Department of Transportation paving project affecting the Village and surrounding areas. Within the Village of Warwick, West Street will experience night-time lane closures for approximately one to two weeks. In the Town of Warwick, Route 17A near Homestead Village Drive will undergo daily lane closures lasting three to five weeks. Additional work will take place on Route 17A between South Street and Iron Forge Road, with pavement repair and resurfacing also requiring daily lane closures for three to five weeks. Trustee Cheney noted that traffic is already restricted to one lane with stoplight control near Jones Mechanical en route to Goshen, which often causes significant delays. He advised drivers to consider alternate routes when traveling toward Middletown and Goshen. Trustee Cheney also emphasized the importance of following posted detours and exercising caution in all work zones by obeying signage, instructions, and flaggers to ensure the safety of both motorists and workers.

Trustee Foster's Report:

Trustee Foster reported that the pump track was complete and thanked the Lions Club for all their hard work on the project. She also noted that the Warwick Skate Park was expected to be finished in October. Trustee Foster expressed excitement for the project and extended her thanks to the Kosuga Foundation, the Warwick Skatepark Initiative, and Bill Lindberg for their significant contributions.

Trustee Foster reported that installation of kayak launches had begun, with the Orchard Street location already completed. Two additional launches were planned within the Village, including one downtown, which would take more time, and another in Veterans Memorial Park. She described the progress as exciting developments for the community.

Trustee Foster also shared that she, Mayor Newhard, and Trustee Collura held a merchants' listening session the previous week, which generated excellent feedback from the Downtown Merchants Guild. Some suggestions could be acted upon immediately, while others could be incorporated into future funding applications.

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Trustee Foster further noted that the Village had selected a transportation safety consultant to support the “Slow Down Warwick” campaign and the Transportation Safety Action Plan. Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey was assisting with the contracting process, which was expected to conclude soon so the project could begin. Additionally, she reported that contracting was nearly complete with the consultant selected for the Patriots Path project, which would allow detailed planning to proceed.

Mayor Newhard reported that he had a conversation regarding the timing of SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) for the project. It was suggested that the review should take place once the project plan is developed rather than at the current stage. He noted that follow-up would be made with SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) to confirm this approach and help expedite the process.

Trustee Foster highlighted the success of the summer concert series, noting that a new team had taken on its organization. She praised their efforts in bringing in new musicians and offering a diverse range of music, and she commended the team for doing an excellent job.

Mayor Newhard agreed and praised the use of both Stanley Deming Park and Railroad Green as venues for the summer concert series. He noted that the selection of locations based on the needs of specific performances had been handled thoughtfully, with attention to both the existing audience and efforts to reach a broader audience.

Trustee Foster added that musicians had been reaching out with requests to perform at Stanley Deming Park during this year’s concert series.

Trustee Collura’s Report:

No report.

Trustee McKnight’s Report:

No report.

Mayor Newhard’s Report:

Mayor Newhard spoke about the progress of the skate park, describing it as a remarkable and ambitious project. He noted that the workers building it are skaters themselves, deeply passionate and fully engaged in the effort. He characterized their work as both a

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functional skate facility and a work of art, creating a unique landscape for the community. The Mayor encouraged everyone to visit the site, emphasizing that once complete, the skate park would be an outstanding resource for the Village and surrounding area. He also expressed gratitude for the funding that made the project possible.

Final Comments from the Board

No comments.

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to enter into Executive Session to seek confidential advice of counsel.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

In Executive Session: Mayor Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster and Thomas McKnight and Village Attorney, Benjamin Gailey.

Exit Closed Session and Adjourn Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to exit Executive Session and adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Absent

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye