

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
AUGUST 8, 2025**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Friday, August 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: Barry Cheney and Mary Collura. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson. Absent were Trustees: Carly Foster and Thomas McKnight.

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 Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: July 28, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$237,580.27.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

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.

No Comments.

Well #3 Change Order No. 1 – Joseph Warrant Electrical LLC

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the No-Cost Change Order No. 1 for the Well #3 Water Treatment Plant Electrical Contract with Joseph Warren Electrical LLC, to allow additional time to complete this project due to factors related to Orange and Rockland, as well as the insertion valve, as recommended by Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Vacation Carry Over – Arthur Wendel

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Arthur Wendel, 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 Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

WITHDRAWN - Purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to withdraw the motion to approve the purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader from H.O. Penn, in the amount of \$130,000 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: **APPROVED TO WITHDRAW**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise to Receive Bids – Compact Wheel Loader

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to advertise and receive bids to purchase a small wheel loader.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Safe Streets 4 All – Creighton Manning Engineering & Surveying

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to accept the proposal from Creighton Manning Engineering & Surveying to provide transportation planning services for two transportation safety initiatives under the Safe Streets 4 All Grant: (1) Townwide Transportation Safety Action Plan and (2) Slow Down Warwick Demonstration Projects, at a total cost not to exceed \$239,260.00. Funds are appropriated in budget code H-8097-2000.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Budget Modification

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the attached budget modification request as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated July 30, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Vacation Carry Over – Jennifer Mante

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Jennifer Mante, 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 Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Return of Village Board Escrow – Warwick LLC, 8 Forester Avenue

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to return the Village Board escrow balance of \$1,080.00 to Warwick, LLC for the Special Use Permit Application, which was granted on January 1, 2024, for the project located at 8 Forester Avenue. All invoices have been paid.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – Park Avenue, May 15, 2026 / Rain Date, May 15, 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of Friday, May 15, 2026, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School's Student and Parent Warrior Dash Event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – Park Avenue, June 4, 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School's Family Picnic School Event.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – Park Avenue, June 12, 2026 / Rain Date June 15, 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to close Park Avenue between Galloway Road and Burt Street on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a rain date of Monday, June 15, 2026, for the benefit of the Park Avenue Elementary School's Park-A-Palooza Sports Student/Teacher Sports Day.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise – Seasonal Laborer / Brush Pile Attendant

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to advertise for the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer to perform the duties of Brush Pile Attendant at Veterans Memorial Park for the remainder of the 2025 brush disposal season through November 2025 during designated brush pile operation dates and times. Start date to be determined by the DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. The rate of pay to be in accordance with the FY25-26 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise & Receive Bids for Electrical Power Supply

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to advertise and receive bids for Electrical Power Supply for the Village of Warwick for the period of November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

No comments.

Final Comments from the Board

Trustee Collura announced that the Warwick Merchants Collective would be hosting the 24th Annual Ladies Night Out on August 21 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event would feature shopping, in-store activities, and specials at participating merchants and restaurants in the Village of Warwick, and the Queen would be announced.

Trustee Collura announced a new project in collaboration with recent SYLA (Student Youth Leadership Academy) graduate Eva Defreese, who is organizing a Wildcat spirit wear clothing drive. Gently used or unneeded Wildcat T-shirts and other Warwick-branded items would be collected until the beginning of September. Drop-off locations include Warwick Town Hall, Warwick Valley Community Center, Café à la Mode, and the Tourism Center at the Warwick Valley Chamber, located at 75 Main Street. Trustee Collura expressed her enthusiasm for the project, noting Eva's efforts in organizing it and the positive feedback received so far.

Mayor Newhard suggested reaching out to the school district regarding the Wildcat spirit wear clothing drive.

Trustee Collura stated that she had emailed Dr. Leach and was waiting for a response, and she would also post the information on the Village's Facebook page. She noted that the number of

drop-off locations continued to grow due to generous community support, with a new box planned for the Little League.

Trustee Cheney pointed out that Little League activities would largely pause until after September 1, but fall ball would soon begin, bringing more activity. He suggested contacting youth football, which had already started practicing on August 1, as it could reach families with children who had outgrown their spirit wear.

Trustee Collura added that she was meeting with Eva the following day and that there had been discussion about making the drive a year-round initiative.

Trustee Collura shared the backstory of the Wildcat spirit wear clothing drive, explaining that the idea arose during a lunchtime conversation with young people about bullying, particularly bullying related to clothing. She noted that while the school district holds spirit days, Wildcat Fridays, and other school pride events, some students do not have Wildcat T-shirts for various reasons. She felt the initiative would help bridge that gap and benefit many students. In discussing the project with others, she found it often sparked memories of their own school experiences, such as not having certain clothing items. She shared her own experience of wearing hand-me-downs from a decade earlier, noting with humor that those vintage items would now be highly valued.

Mayor Newhard asked how the collected Wildcat spirit wear items would be distributed, noting that while the pickup process was clear, he wanted to know the plan for distribution.

Trustee Collura responded that the distribution plan was still being developed. She was attempting to contact Four Seasons Kids, which works with Backpack Snack Attack to provide back-to-school items for students. If that option did not work out, she suggested utilizing one of Warwick's three thrift shops by setting up a table during their open hours to create a small "shop" for pickup. Alternatively, they could set up in another location and advertise the pickup site. She noted that she had a meeting scheduled with Eva the following day to finalize those details.

Trustee Cheney reminded residents that road construction work in the area was ongoing and would continue for some time. He asked for the public's patience and urged everyone to be mindful of lane closures, street closures, and detours. He emphasized the importance of driving carefully in work zones so that construction crews could feel safe while doing their jobs.

Mayor Newhard noted that the Ball Road cover project had been delayed due to various issues encountered at the work site, but progress was being made. He anticipated that the project would likely be completed within the next two weeks.

Trustee Collura asked if there was an expected start date for work on Main Street.

Trustee Cheney explained that drainage improvements at the West Street intersection were supposed to be completed within a one-to-two-month timeframe, with the actual work estimated to take about a week, but the project had not yet started.

Trustee Collura noted her concern about the timing, especially with increased traffic during the fall season, especially during Applefest.

Mayor Newhard stated that the roundabout project was beginning but would not affect traffic this year, and the culvert work on Route 94 near ShopRite was nearly complete.

Trustee Cheney highlighted the safety benefits of roundabouts, including reduced speeds and fewer severe accidents compared to traditional intersections.

Trustee Collura shared that she had initially been apprehensive to roundabouts but changed her view after visiting Ireland, where traffic flowed more smoothly, and collisions were less severe. She also observed that roundabouts there often featured attractive landscaping or art installations and suggested incorporating similar enhancements locally.

Trustee Cheney noted that such decisions would be up to the state, while Mayor Newhard added that there were limitations due to sight distance and usability.

Trustee Collura expressed concern about the space becoming unsightly if left unattended, and Mayor Newhard said that Supervisor Jesse Dwyer was aware of the concern and it was being addressed.

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

In Executive Session: Mayor Newhard, Trustee Cheney, and Trustee Collura.

Exit Executive Session and Adjourn Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to exit Executive Session and adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Raina M. Abramson, Village Clerk