

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
DECEMBER 15, 2025**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, December 15, 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, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura. Also, present was Village, Clerk Raina Abramson, Village Attorney, Isabelle Hayes, and Police, Chief John Rader. Absent was Village Attorney, Benjamin Gailey. Others present, Adira Foster, Alora Foster, and George Foster.

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: December 1, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

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 – November 2025: Clerk’s Office, Treasurer’s Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, Justice Department, Planning Department, Building Department, and Department of Public Works. 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 Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney commented on the Department of Public Works report, specifically the listed status of capital projects. He noted that for both Project No. 3 and the Maple Avenue Pump Station, the report showed a completion date of 2027. Trustee Cheney stated that this appeared to be carried over information and clarified that the correct anticipated completion date for both projects was 2026.

Trustee Foster asked when the anticipated 2026 completion date would occur.

Trustee Cheney responded that the anticipated completion was expected very early in January 2026. He explained that work on the Maple Avenue Pump Station involved a fully componentized building, with all components assembled inside, which was scheduled to be set onto the pad using a large crane on Thursday.

Trustee McKnight asked what system the Department of Public Works used for work orders and noted that he believed the two exported reports appeared to be empty.

Trustee Cheney responded that one export, showing open work orders, contained a single item, while the other export was empty. He explained that the empty report was intended to reflect closed work orders and believed it was blank because there were no work orders closed during that period. Trustee Cheney stated that he would follow up with DPW Supervisor Mike Finelli, who he indicated compiles the reports.

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$424,826.57.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

1. Police Report.

Police Chief Rader reported on two items. He stated that the Village experienced its first two snow events of the month, during which the Police Department responded to 21 motor vehicle accidents during the first storm and 14 accidents over the most recent weekend. He reminded residents to avoid unnecessary travel during snow events, allow extra travel time if driving was necessary, keep parked vehicles off the streets to allow the Department of Public Works full access for plowing operations, and noted that it was illegal to push or plow snow into the roadways.

Police Chief Rader also reported that the Police Benevolent Association's No Shave November initiative had concluded and raised approximately \$2,700, which would be

donated to breast cancer research. He publicly thanked all participants for contributing to the success of the initiative.

Announcements

1. 2026 Warwick's Winter Wiggle – Saturday, January 24, 2026, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Mountain Lake Park, 46 Bowen Road.

Trustee Foster announced the second annual Winter Wiggle, scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She stated that the event would be free and open to the community. The program would include square dancing with the Richard Stillman Band, which had performed the previous year, along with finger foods and refreshments donated by local restaurants. Arts and crafts activities would be provided with support from Wickham Works. Trustee Foster explained that the event would also feature mental health resources, a community showcase, and informational tables highlighting local nonprofit organizations, including participation from veterans' groups. She noted that the event was intentionally scheduled during the post-holiday winter period to encourage community connection. Trustee Foster added that the Town of Warwick would provide free municipal bus service, including Dial-A-Bus transportation, to and from the event to assist residents with transportation or mobility needs.

Trustee Foster stated that the Winter Wiggle was a collaborative effort involving Warwick Cares Mental Health Initiative, the Warwick Valley Community Center, the Warwick Prevention Coalition, with additional support from the Town of Warwick and the Village of Warwick.

Trustee Foster stated that a snow date was scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026, and that the event would take place during the same hours.

Trustee Foster added that additional space would be available for the event. She explained that the quiet room setup from the previous year had been addressed and that there would also be an overflow area available downstairs.

Correspondence

1. Resignation letter from Planning Board member, Kerry Boland, effective January 15, 2026.

Mayor Newhard publicly thanked Planning Board member Kerry Boland for her years of service on the Planning Board. He stated that she had done excellent work, was engaged and attentive, and was a strong advocate for environmental issues when they arose. Mayor Newhard noted that she would be missed, but added that she was not leaving the area and was pursuing other important priorities in her life. He expressed appreciation for her service and contributions to the Village.

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.

Payment #14 – TAM Enterprises, Inc. – Well #3 Water Treatment Plant Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve payment #14 in the amount of \$41,633.61 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the Well #3 Water 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 Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A VILLAGE OF WARWICK
BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY

WHEREAS, the Village Board has prepared for considered and adoption a Body-Worn Camera policy, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is satisfied with the said Body-Worn Camera policy and wishes to adopt it as an official and binding policy in the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Village Board hereby adopts the said Body-Worn Camera policy;
and
2. That said policy shall be effective immediately and filed with the Village Clerk.

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 Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney stated that he had reviewed the policy and identified several minor additions and edits. He noted that the only substantive change was in Section 9.0, Retention of Body-Worn Camera media, where the Mayor was added as an authorized official along with the Police Chief regarding matters related to media retention. Trustee

Cheney explained that the remaining changes were minor in nature. He also thanked Police Chief Rader, noting that the policy was based on the Town Police Department's policy and had been edited to conform to the Village's intended use of body-worn cameras for the parking enforcement officer.

Police Chief Rader thanked the Board and expressed his support for the initiative, stating that it promoted transparency and helped present an accurate account of incidents. He noted that the Police Department's body-worn camera program had been adopted in the summer of 2022 and had operated very successfully since its implementation.

Mayor Newhard thanked Police Chief Rader for the smooth activation of the body-worn camera program. He noted that the process proceeded without hesitation and expressed appreciation for how effectively it was implemented.

Vacation Carry Over – Cathy Schweizer

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Cathy Schweizer, to carry over 3 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use Request - Veteran's Memorial Park, Warwick Little League

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Warwick Little League to use Veterans' Memorial Park and Stanley Deming ballfields for the 2026 Little League season from March 1, 2026, through November 15, 2026, including use of The Daniel Prial Field lights, and to hold the Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, April 11, 2026, with a rain date of Saturday, April 18, 2026, and to use the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion and surrounding area to hold Picture Day on Saturday, April 18, 2026 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., including the use of electricity. Completed park permit has been received. Approval is pending security deposit, Danial Prial Field light fee, proof of insurance and NYMIR's confirmation of acceptable insurance coverage.

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

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Parade – Warwick Little League

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Little League to hold an Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 11, 2026, with a rain date of Saturday, April 18, 2026. The parade will step-off promptly at 10:00 a.m. with line up beginning at 9:30 a.m. on High Street. The parade route will be the same as the previous year starting on High Street, Main Street, Railroad Avenue, South Street, Parkway, Park Lane, and then crossing Forester Avenue into Memorial Park. The Warwick Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance Service will be contacted and asked to provide services for the event. Approval is pending proof of proper insurance.

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

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – High Street & Parking Space Closure – Main Street

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to close High Street on Saturday, April 11, 2026, with a rain date of Saturday, April 18, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. for the benefit of the Little League parade. Barriers to be provided by the Department of Public Works in coordination with the Warwick Police Department. The parking spaces on the east side of Main Street between High and Church Streets to be designated as "No Parking" to allow the area to be used for participant drop-off.

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

Trustee Cheney Abstain Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye 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 December 12, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Appointment – Planning Board Member, Vanessa Holland

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to appoint Alternate Planning Board Member, Vanessa Holland, to the position of Planning Board Member effective January 14, 2026, to fill a vacancy with a term ending April 3, 2028.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise – Alternate Planning Board Member

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to advertise for an Alternate Planning Board Member to fill a vacancy with a term ending April 6, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

AMENDED RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CONFIRMATION OF DEDICATION OF FOUR VILLAGE STREETS

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees previously accepted dedication of Village of Warwick streets named Beth Court, Laura Lane, Melissa Court and Rachel Drive 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of Trustees' resolution dated August 18, 2025 is hereby superseded and replaced by this resolution;
2. That the Board of Trustees confirms its prior acceptance of dedication and its ownership and responsibility of the streets named Beth Court, Laura Lane, Melissa Court and Rachel Drive, which are described as follows:
 - a. Beth Court, beginning at Laura Lane and ending at Laura Lane;
 - b. Laura Lane, beginning at Crescent Avenue and ending Crescent Avenue;
 - c. Melissa Court, beginning at Laura Lane and ending at Laura Lane;
 - d. Rachel Drive, beginning at Crescent Avenue and ending at Laura Lane; and
3. That the Board of Trustees accepts legal and maintenance responsibility for the roadways.

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 Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney explained that the resolution was important because the total number of Village road miles directly affected the amount of Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding the Village received. He stated that the issue was identified during work performed by interns on the Lead Service Line Inventory and that the Village was working to correct it. Trustee Cheney noted that this was the second attempt at adopting the resolution, as there were technical deficiencies with the original version that required it to be redone. He emphasized that timing was critical, as the resolution needed to be submitted by December 26 in order for the updated mileage to be included in the calculation of CHIPS funding for the upcoming year.

Mayor Newhard thanked DPW Clerk Cathy Schweizer and Village Clerk Raina Abramson for their administrative work related to the amended resolution. He also acknowledged the assistance of Isabelle Hayes from the Village's legal team and expressed appreciation for her involvement in the matter.

RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MCFARLAND TRUST

WHEREAS: The Village seeks to install a water treatment waste line and gas line to serve its Well #3 and to connect those lines to the existing sewer and gas mains located in Homestead Village Drive, and to install a driveway and gate. To do so, the Village must obtain an easement from the McFarland Trust, which owns property adjacent to the Well #3 property. An Easement Agreement between the parties has been finalized.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to approve the Easement Agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

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 Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HOMESTEAD VILLAGE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

WHEREAS: The Village seeks to connect a water treatment waste line and gas line to the existing sewer and gas mains located in Homestead Village Drive, in order to serve its Well #3. To do so, the Village must obtain permission from the Homestead Village Homeowners Association, Inc. (HVHA) to install, improve, repair and maintain the waste line, gas line, driveway and related improvements. A license agreement between the parties has been finalized.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to approve the License Agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

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 Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Mayor Newhard expressed his appreciation to Trustee Cheney for his work related to the easements and coordination with the McFarland Trust. He acknowledged that the process had been lengthy and complicated, involving several anomalies and incorrectly prepared maps, and commended Trustee Cheney for his persistence and dedication throughout the effort. Mayor Newhard thanked him for seeing the matter through.

Trustee Cheney's Report: Trustee Cheney reiterated the ongoing drought advisory issued by the State. He noted that Village water resources, including reservoirs, were depleted and asked residents to be mindful of their water use, conserve whenever possible, and use water judiciously.

Trustee Cheney reported that Orange & Rockland Utilities would be conducting tree trimming as part of its distribution vegetation maintenance program. He stated that the work would be performed by its contractor, Nelson Tree Services, and would include trimming along Maple Avenue, Colonial Avenue, Grand Street, Crescent Avenue, West Street, Howe Street, Welling Avenue, Galloway Road, South Street, South Street Extension, Southern Lane, Warwick Gardens Drive, Gordon Terrace, Forester Avenue, and associated side streets. He noted that the work was expected to begin on or about January 5 and continue for approximately six weeks within the Village of Warwick.

Mayor Newhard commented that the tree trimming work was important, noting that fallen limbs were a primary cause of power outages. He stated that the Village had partnered with Orange & Rockland on this program for many years and that, as a result, the Village had experienced fewer outages. Mayor Newhard thanked Trustee Cheney for the information.

Trustee Foster's Report: Trustee Foster provided an update on the Safe Streets for All project. She reported that a formal kickoff meeting had recently been held with the Town, involving all three mayors and both police chiefs, which she described as a strong and productive start.

She stated that the next phase would involve kicking off work with artists for the demonstration project portion of the initiative. Trustee Foster previewed a draft list of proposed demonstration locations, noting that a final list of ten locations would be selected. She explained that the original concept involved incorporating artist elements at each location, though that approach remained flexible. Proposed locations included two areas along South Street: a gateway location where South Street transitions into the Village and another location along the downhill portion of South Street and Ball Road, near the area where vehicles tend to increase speed as they descend. Additional proposed locations included a gateway area where Route 17A transitions into

Galloway and the intersection near Forester Avenue. Trustee Foster explained that proposed treatments in that area could include artificial roadway narrowing using flexible delineators and painted elements to slow traffic. She noted that the transition in speed limits in that area occurred quickly and that the roadway geometry currently allowed vehicles to maintain higher speeds than intended.

Trustee McKnight asked for clarification regarding the proposed demonstration locations, specifically whether the changes were intended for traffic entering the Village rather than vehicles coming from Park Avenue onto Forester Avenue.

Trustee Foster confirmed that the focus was on inbound traffic, explaining that the gateway treatments were all located at points where vehicles entered the Village from outside areas.

Trustee McKnight then asked whether the proposed roadway narrowing would be on the Church Street side of Forester Avenue.

Trustee Foster confirmed that it would be on the Church Street side, noting that the design would alter the roadway geometry so vehicles turning onto Forester Avenue could not maintain higher speeds.

Trustee McKnight confirmed that the opposite side would not be affected, acknowledging that it was commonly used for right turns.

Trustee Foster clarified that the proposed changes would not affect the side of Forester Avenue where vehicles come to a full stop before turning, noting that it was not a speed concern. She continued by outlining additional proposed Safe Streets for All demonstration locations. These included the entryway to Veterans Memorial Park Drive, which she noted was already identified in the Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan and would involve coordination between the transportation team and the Patriots Path team. She described that area as being at the bottom of a hill with no stop sign and significant pedestrian activity, and stated that alternative entry configurations would be explored as part of the demonstration project.

Trustee Foster also identified a proposed gateway treatment at Kings Highway to signal entry into the Village, explaining that while larger signage was initially considered, space constraints might instead require roadway markings. She noted a similar gateway concept was proposed for Maple Avenue. Trustee Foster explained that earlier ideas to include locations along Main Street were removed from consideration after the transportation planning firm advised that those areas already had planned traffic-calming measures, making additional interventions duplicative. She then described two proposed locations on West Street, including a gateway entering the Village and another location to be determined between West Street and Pond Hill, which she indicated could be discussed further at a future meeting. She stated that the final proposed location was

near Galloway and Park Avenue Elementary School. Trustee Foster summarized that the draft list included two locations on Galloway, two on South Street, two on Forester Avenue, one on Kings Highway, one on Maple Avenue, and two on West Street, totaling ten locations. She added that the list would be shared with Police Chief Rader so that any higher-priority areas identified by the Police Department could be considered as part of the planning process.

Mayor Newhard asked when the artwork associated with the Safe Streets for All demonstration projects would begin.

Trustee Foster responded that the artwork would not begin until warmer weather, likely in the spring. She explained that planning would occur in advance and that the project would need to go through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. She noted that additional locations on Forester Avenue and other areas had been considered, but the focus of the demonstration project was on traffic calming rather than creating new crosswalks where conditions did not warrant them. Trustee Foster explained that locations with already visible and functioning crosswalks were generally not prioritized unless there were speed-related concerns, such as at Galloway and Park Avenue. She added that proposed crosswalks near Campsite or McFarland Drive were not pursued because they would not address speeding issues and lacked appropriate pedestrian destinations. She stated that these considerations helped guide the selection of locations for the demonstration project.

Mayor Newhard commented that the project was interesting and referenced recent work completed in Sugar Loaf, noting that new sidewalks had been installed and that two speed humps were added along Sugar Loaf's main street.

Trustee Foster stated that the transportation planner was proposing the installation of a speed cushion on West Street, in the area between West Street and Pond Hill. She noted that the Board had previously raised concerns regarding liability and explained that the planner had provided additional information on modern speed cushion designs and their implementation. Trustee Foster added that the planner was considering using speed cushions in two locations, though she indicated that the final determination would depend on how the locations ultimately shaped up.

Trustee Collura's Report: Trustee Collura reported that the Merchants Collective would be hosting Pajama Shopping Day on Thursday, December 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with hours varying by business. She stated that participants were encouraged to wear pajamas to qualify for sales, treats, and surprises at participating businesses, which included Riley and Madden, Eddie's Roadhouse, Fizzy Lifting, Bfree, Style Council, Village Bungalow, Village Acorn Café Dolce, and 17 and Orchard.

Trustee Collura also offered a mental health check-in, noting that the holiday season could be a difficult time of year. She encouraged anyone who was struggling to reach out to her or other

Village officials for assistance and reminded residents that the 988 mental health crisis line was available as a resource.

Trustee McKnight's Report: Trustee McKnight reported on the deployment of additional speed signs acquired through a grant. He stated that two more signs had been received, bringing the total number deployed to five. He noted that three of the signs were currently reporting data, one was not responding, and one had last reported approximately 13 hours earlier. Trustee McKnight explained that staff would need to revisit the locations to troubleshoot connectivity issues. He stated that the additional signs would allow the Village to capture more traffic data and serve as a visual deterrent to speeding. He noted that the Department of Public Works had installed the signs the previous week and that they planned to allow additional time before further evaluation.

Trustee McKnight added that input might be sought from Police Chief Rader and that the transportation planner had also provided recommendations on potential placement.

Police Chief Rader stated that he supported the current placement of speed signs to cover both inbound and outbound lanes, noting that this approach provided greater effectiveness and value. He agreed that capturing data in both directions at the same time was preferable to rotating the signs between directions and stated that this strategy would be beneficial.

Trustee McKnight added that the signs had been placed in both directions on Forester Avenue, which helped identify traffic patterns. He noted that one sign on Locust was not responding and that another sign on Colonial Avenue in the outbound direction was also not responding. He stated that the issue might be related to the solar panels.

Police Chief Rader noted that the Police Department had experienced similar connectivity issues with speed signs on Forester Avenue for some time as well.

Trustee McKnight stated that one of the signs experiencing issues may have previously been located on Forester Avenue and relocated to the current location, suggesting that it could be an ongoing equipment problem. He noted that the signs were not very old and emphasized the need to get them functioning properly.

Trustee Foster added that Trustee McKnight had created a dashboard that allowed the Board to view speed sign data in real time. She noted that this replaced the previous process of manually downloading data and compiling spreadsheets, and stated that the new system presented the information in a much more effective and user-friendly format.

Trustee McKnight noted that he would share the dashboard with the police department.

Mayor Newhard's Report: Mayor Newhard presented his report and began by thanking the Department of Public Works for their extensive efforts during the recent snowstorm. He acknowledged the long hours worked over multiple days and nights, noting in particular the challenging conditions involved in clearing Main Street following storms. He emphasized that the Board greatly appreciated the hard and demanding work performed by the department.

Mayor Newhard then shared highlights from a busy Sunday that included attending Toys for Tots at the Kuiken Brothers and Chase parking lot, a menorah lighting, and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass. He described a memorable experience during the Toys for Tots event when local resident and conductor Alan Helt invited him to ride the train to Sugar Loaf. Mayor Newhard remarked on the beauty of the snow-covered landscape viewed from the train and expressed his gratitude for the experience. He noted that Mayor Harter of the Village of Florida and Alyssa Werner provided him with a ride home afterward and thanked Mr. Helt for the invitation. Mayor Newhard also thanked the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Collective, the Historical Society, and other community organizations for their continued efforts throughout the holiday season, stating that their collaboration and shared pride helped make the Village festive and special.

On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Newhard extended Hanukkah greetings to Jewish residents, noting it was the second night of Hanukkah, wished a Merry Christmas to Christian residents, and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Mayor Newhard also announced the upcoming tenth annual Apple Eve apple drop on Railroad Avenue and invited the public to attend the celebration welcoming the new year.

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

No comments.

Final Comments from the Board

No Comments.

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to enter into Executive Session for collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

In Executive Session: Mayor Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Mary Collura and Thomas McKnight and Village Attorney, Isabelle Hayes.

Exit Executive Session & Adjourn the 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 8:52 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Raina M. Abramson, Village Clerk