

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor Michael Newhard; Trustees Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura; Village Clerk Raina Abramson; Village Attorney Isabelle Hayes. Absent was Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey. Others present, T-Mobile Attorney Michael Sheraton, T-Mobile Representative Brian Martin, and Stephanie Kowalsky.

Mayor Newhard called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Village Clerk held the roll call.

Mayor Newhard provided an update on activities related to the battery energy storage system fire, noting that, as with the prior two meetings, he would continue to keep the Board and the public informed. He stated that the information being shared reflected the most recent developments.

The responsibility of an elected official is to recognize the issues affecting our community and pursue solutions wherever possible.

On December 19, 2025, the Village of Warwick experienced a fire involving a battery energy storage system. The incident required a coordinated response from our EMS, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Orange County Hazardous Materials Team. It raised serious concerns about public safety and regulatory oversight.

Just weeks later, I attended the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Legislative Conference in Albany. There, Warwick's experience was brought directly to State leadership. As Chairman of NYCOM's Energy, Environment and Technology Policy Committee, I addressed municipal officials from across New York and provided a detailed account of the December 19th incident and its impact on our community. The discussion focused on the need for stronger safety oversight as Battery Energy Storage Systems continue to expand statewide.

I also met with Dr. William Acker, Executive Director of the New York Battery and Energy Storage Technology Consortium (NY-BEST), to directly raise safety concerns with industry leadership.

During a reception at the Governor's Mansion, I had the opportunity to speak briefly with Governor Kathy Hochul and inform her personally about the Warwick fire and its effect on our community. Following that conversation, I began discussions with members of her Mid-Hudson Regional staff regarding public safety concerns related to battery storage.

On Lobby Day, I met with Assemblyman Karl Brabenec and Senator James Skoufis, our State representatives. Both were already familiar with Warwick's situation and expressed a willingness

to assist. Senator Skoufis offered to collaborate on legislation specifically focused on strengthening public safety protections.

In a matter of weeks, Warwick’s concerns were elevated from a local emergency response to discussions with municipal leaders, industry representatives, State legislators, and the Governor’s office. As New York continues its energy transition, public safety must remain paramount.

In a brief three days, Warwick’s public safety concerns were firmly placed on the State’s agenda. Addressing the energy crisis cannot come at the expense of community safety. There is significant work ahead, and we will not hesitate to make our voices heard.

Update, Board Actions and Activities Following the 28 Church St. Battery Energy Storage Site Fire:

- March 9 – 11, 2026: The Village of Warwick’s consulting engineer, LaBella Associates, D.P.C., will conduct a comprehensive Environmental Investigation at the 28 Church Street Battery Energy Storage System site. The investigation will include a geophysical survey, soil sampling and analysis, and groundwater sampling and analysis. Upon completion, LaBella Associates will prepare and submit a formal Sampling and Analysis Report to the Village of Warwick for review.
- The Village of Warwick’s “28 Church Street – West Warwick 3” Battery Energy Storage Site Fire: Information & Updates webpage, available at www.villageofwarwickny.gov has been updated to include Planning Board review documents, including the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF), Parts 1, 2, and 3. Additional documents will be added as they are reviewed by Village counsel.

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried for the acceptance of Minutes: February 2, 2026, and February 10, 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

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – January 2026: Clerk’s Office, Treasurer’s Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, Justice Department, Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Building Department and December 2025 Building Department Reports. 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 Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

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 \$347,169.44.

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

1. Police Report.

No report.

2. **Public Hearing on T-Mobile Northeast, LLC’s (“T-Mobile”) Special Use Permit application to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 15 Maple Avenue, on the rooftop of St. Anthony Community Hospital. To view the application and related documents:**

[https://villageofwarwickny.gov/t-mobile special use permit 15 maple ave/](https://villageofwarwickny.gov/t-mobile-special-use-permit-15-maple-ave/)

The Village Clerk read the public hearing notice.

NOTICE OF HEARING
VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
T-MOBILE SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (“T-Mobile”) has filed a special use permit application with the Village of Warwick Board of Trustees (the “Village Board”) requesting municipal approval to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility located at 15 Maple Avenue, on the rooftop of St. Anthony’s hospital, in the Village of Warwick, Orange County, New York (Tax Map Parcel Nos. 207-1-2, 3 & 4.2). The modification includes the collocation, removal and replacement of equipment without creating a substantial change to the existing facility.

PUBLIC NOTICE is further hereby given that the Village Board will hold a public hearing on T-Mobile’s application on February 17, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, New York 10990, to consider and hear public comment on the proposed facility. The plans describing the project are on file in the Village Clerk’s office and are available [HERE](#) for review. All persons interested will be heard by the Village Board at the public hearing. The Village of Warwick will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
RAINA ABRAMSON, VILLAGE CLERK
Dated: January 23, 2026

T-Mobile Attorney Michael Sheraton stated that, in addition to the co-location or eligible facilities request at the existing facility located at 15 Maple Avenue, the applicant was also seeking renewal of the Special Use Permit. He explained that the proposed improvements to the facility would enhance wireless service in the area. Mr. Sheraton noted that, at the previous meeting, the Board had requested that someone with a radio frequency background be present to address questions. He introduced Brian Martin of Peercon, who was in attendance to speak about the facility and respond to any technical questions.

Mr. Martin noted that the evaluation factored in existing wireless carriers currently operating on the rooftop, including Verizon and AT and T, to ensure that cumulative exposure levels were considered. He explained that the analysis compared projected levels to the Federal Communications Commission’s general public exposure limits, which apply to individuals who are unaware of the presence of antennas, as well as the more conservative occupational limits, which apply to individuals working in close proximity to the equipment and who are aware of the radio frequency environment. He stated that the general public limit is five times more restrictive than the occupational limit.

According to the findings, the far field exposure level at ground level was calculated at 25.04 percent of the Federal Communications Commission's maximum permissible exposure limit for the general public, occurring at a distance of approximately 370 feet from the site. He stated that this level was significantly below the allowable threshold.

With respect to rooftop exposure, Mr. Martin explained that because the rooftop is not readily accessible to the general public, occupational limits were applied. He reported that nearly the entire rooftop fell within acceptable occupational exposure levels, with any exceedances occurring only directly in front of the antennas. He stated that the Federal Communications Commission recommends posting appropriate signage at access points and on the antennas to inform individuals of the radio frequency environment and allow them to take necessary precautions. He noted that signage appeared to already be in place and that the submitted report also identified recommended locations for additional signage if needed.

Trustee Cheney asked whether the evaluation was based on actual field measurements taken at the site or if it was generated through computer modeling.

Mr. Martin responded that the figures were calculated rather than based on field measurements. He explained that the analysis assumed the antennas operating at maximum power and incorporated the signal gain provided by the antennas, along with distance and height from the site, to determine projected exposure levels. He stated that the methodology was intentionally conservative and that, in practice, the antennas would not operate at maximum power continuously, meaning actual exposure levels would typically be lower.

Stephanie Kowalsky asked, since higher exposure levels were identified directly in front of the antennas and signage was recommended in those areas, whether there were any similar concerns directly underneath the antennas inside the building.

Mr. Martin responded that the antennas function similarly to a flashlight, projecting a cone-shaped signal in the direction they are pointed. He explained that the antennas at this site are oriented away from the building, meaning that the majority of the radio frequency energy is directed outward rather than downward into the structure. He added that very little signal would travel directly beneath the antennas and that any minimal signal that might pass downward would be further reduced by the building materials, including the roof and walls, which would significantly degrade the signal.

Ms. Kowalsky asked whether the calculations reflected only T-Mobile's equipment or whether they accounted for all three carriers operating on the rooftop at maximum capacity.

Mr. Martin confirmed that the calculations accounted for all three carriers operating at maximum power.

Mr. Sheraton added that Federal Communications Commission regulations require that all carriers operating at the site be included in the exposure analysis.

Village Attorney Isabelle Hayes stated that she wanted to clarify that, although the applicant referred to the request as a renewal of a Special Use Permit, the Board was processing it as a new application due to the prior permit having expired.

Mr. Sheraton acknowledged the clarification.

There were no further comments.

Close Public Hearing – T-Mobile Special Use Permit Application

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to close the Public Hearing on the T-Mobile Special Use Permit Application.

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

Announcements

1. Village of Warwick Mayor Michael J. Newhard has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officers (NYCOM).
2. Call to Artists – The Village of Warwick is seeking candidates for its next Artist in Residence. Applications are due March 12, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

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 #6 – TAM Enterprises, Inc. – Maple Avenue Booster Station Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to approve payment #6 in the amount of \$321,434.73 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. for the Relocation of the Maple Avenue Booster Station Project as per the recommendation of Village Engineer, Barton & Loguidice. Funds are appropriated in budget code H8320.2000.

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

Payment #4 – Joseph Warren Electrical – Well #3 Treatment Plant Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to approve payment #4 in the amount of \$19,130.15 to Joseph Warren Electrical 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 Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Vacation Carryover – Christopher Bennett

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Christopher Bennett, 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

Engineering & Surveying Properties - Clearwell Pump Replacement, 20 Water Lane

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to accept the proposal from Engineering & Surveying Properties to provide engineering services for the bidding and construction oversight of the Clearwell Pump Replacement located at 20 Water Lane with a not-to-exceed cost of \$13,000 without prior written authorization from the Village of Warwick Board of Trustees and authorize the mayor to sign the same. Funds are appropriated in G.1440.4700.

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

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXPENDITURE FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND - WITHDRAWN

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees previously established the Equipment Reserve Fund in order to accumulate monies to finance the cost of acquisition of vehicles and equipment. At the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of a Combination Sewer Jet/Vac-Con Truck from Pierce Equipment in the amount of \$480,147.00 to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the withdrawal and expenditure of \$480,147.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of a Combination Sewer Jet/Vac-Con Truck from Pierce Equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

_____ presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by _____,

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting _____

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting _____

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting _____

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting _____

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting _____

Sewer Jet Hydro Excavator

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to obtain bids for the purchase of a combination sewer jet hydro excavator.

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

Convergent Energy Decommissioning Security Letter of Credit – 28 Church Street Battery Facility

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to accept the Decommissioning Security Letter of Credit from Convergent Energy and Power LP for the

Battery Energy Storage Site facility located at 28 Church Street per the recommendation of Village Attorney, Benjamin Gailey, and authorize the mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit Number 40001994.

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

Discussion

Village Attorney Hayes stated that she was not fully familiar with the specific details of the letter of credit. She noted that she had briefly discussed the matter prior to the meeting and understood that the Village would need both the original letter of credit and the amended version, but she indicated that she did not have detailed knowledge of its specific provisions.

Trustee Cheney asked whether the proposed letter of credit would replace a bond that had previously been in place.

Village Attorney Hayes responded that it was an amendment to the original letter of credit. She explained that the original document would remain in effect and on file, along with the amended version.

Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park – Warwick Youth Football and Cheerleading

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to Warwick Youth Football and Cheerleading to use the Veterans Memorial Park Football/Rugby Field and the area between the Daniel Prial Field and parking lot for practices and games from March 15, 2026, to November 30, 2026. Request includes use of field lights for the season and in the event of rain, use of the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion for the cheer teams. It is the responsibility of Warwick Youth Football and Cheerleading to ensure that parking is in the designated parking lot and not on the grass on the entrance roads. All events must be in coordination with the other sports activities taking place in the park. Completed facility use permit, proof of insurance, security deposit and Memorial Park Football/Over 35 Field light fee have been received.

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

Facility Use – South Street Parking Lot – Warwick Valley Farmers’ Market

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to The Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold the Warwick Valley Farmers’ Market in the South Street parking lot on Sundays from April 26, 2026, through November 22, 2026, with the exclusion of Applefest Sunday. The parking lot will be used from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the event open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Farmers’ Market is responsible for paying the calculated daily rate for electricity on Sundays and half the total cost of the portable toilets. Department of Public Works to post ‘no parking’ signage in the South Street Parking Lot that includes Sunday, April 26, 2026. Completed facility use permit has been received. Approval is contingent on receipt of proper insurance and security deposit.

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

Facility Use – Railroad Avenue – Summerfest Sidewalk Sale

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Merchants Collective to hold their annual Summerfest Sidewalk Sale on Railroad Avenue and Main Street on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 8:00 a.m. and breakdown complete by 6:00 p.m. Completed facility use permit has been received. The event is being held in coordination with the Warwick Valley Gardeners Garden Tour Ticket Sale event. Approval is contingent on receipt of proper insurance and security deposit.

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

‘No Parking’ Meter Covers – Main Street – Summerfest Sidewalk Sale

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Merchants Collective to place ‘No Parking’ meter bags on the meters on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. along Main Street as follows: Eddies Roadhouse to Bank Street, G’s Restaurant to Fetch Bar and Grill, Bertoni Gallery to Etched in Time, B Free to Café Dolce, Akins Pharmacy to WVT for the benefit of the Warwick Merchants Collective Summerfest Sidewalk Sale. Pickup and return of ‘No Parking’ meter bags to be coordinated with the Village of Warwick’s Planning Department. Approval is contingent upon the Warwick Merchants Collective receiving all required approvals from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for use of Route 94/Main Street and providing proof of such approval to the Village of Warwick prior to the 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

‘No Parking’ Meter Covers – Railroad Avenue – Summerfest Sidewalk Sale

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to place ‘No Parking’ meter bags on the meters along Railroad Avenue on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Warwick Merchants Collective Summerfest Sidewalk Sale. Pickup and return of ‘No Parking’ meter bags to be coordinated with the Village of Warwick’s Planning Department.

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 – Railroad Avenue – Summerfest Sidewalk Sale

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to close Railroad Avenue on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Warwick Merchants Collective Summerfest Sidewalk Sale.

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

Facility Use Request – Railroad Green – Warwick Valley Gardeners

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Gardeners for activities related to their Garden Tour ticket sales, as follows: (1) Use of Railroad Green on Friday, July 10, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for pre-tour ticket sales (2) Use of Railroad Green on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, July 12, 2026, for ticket sales (3) Placement of eight (8) “No Parking” meter covers on parking meters #43–46 (northbound side of Main Street) and #108–111 (southbound side of Main Street) from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026, with a rain date of Sunday, July 12, 2026, for ticket sales the day of the event. The event is being held in coordination with the Merchants Guild Summerfest Annual Sidewalk Sale and will include the setup of pop-up tents. A 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 Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion – Warwick Valley Gardeners Plant Swap

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Gardeners to use the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, for a member plant swap from 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Request includes use of restrooms and pavilion lights. Completed park permit, security deposit, and 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 Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Stanley Deming Park – Spring/Fall Love Local Market

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to Wickham Works to hold a Spring Love Local Maker Market at Stanley Deming Park on Saturday, May 2, 2026, with a rain date of Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 7:00 a.m. and breakdown to be completed by 7:00 p.m. and to hold a Fall Love Local Maker Market at Stanley Deming Park on Saturday, September 26, 2026 and Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with setup to begin at 7:00 a.m. and breakdown to be completed by 7:00 p.m. Permission for both Spring and Fall events includes the setup of vendor tents, use of restrooms, placement of port-a-potties if needed, access to electricity in the bandshell and pavilion, and a DJ set up in the pavilion. Village of Warwick DPW to provide 4 large garbage bins, 4 recycling bins and up to 6 metal barricades and plastic fencing. The Town of Warwick Police, Fire, and EMS have been notified of the event. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, and security deposit have been received. The parking plan has been approved by DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser, including, as determined by the Supervisor, permission to set up a designated parking area on the lawn behind the basketball courts. Approval is pending receipt of proper insurance from participating vendors and permission from Park Avenue Elementary to use the school parking lot.

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

Temporary Pay Increase – Denise Bulnes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to authorize a temporary pay increase of \$10.00 per hour for Deputy Treasurer Denise Bulnes while she assumes the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer during the Treasurer’s approved leave, for a period of twelve (12) weeks from February 2, 2026, through April 27, 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

Intermunicipal Agreement – Adult-Use Cannabis Sales Tax Revenue

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Warwick and the Village of Warwick for the sharing of adult-use cannabis sales tax revenue, under which the Village shall receive eighteen percent (18%) of the sales tax revenue generated from adult-use cannabis establishments located within the Town of Warwick; the agreement shall continue in perpetuity unless terminated by mutual agreement in accordance with its terms; and to authorize the Mayor to sign the same.

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

Summer Concert Series Schedule

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the 2026 Village of Warwick Summer Concert Series Schedule per the attached calendar provided by the Village of Warwick Summer Concert Coordinators. Amendments to the schedule may be made at the discretion of the Mayor and Village Board Liaison to the Summer Concert Series.

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

Discussion

Trustee Collura commented that, although the proposed schedule included one Friday and one Sunday, the coordinators had conducted research and spoken with various individuals, and it was their opinion that consistent dates would be important to ensuring a successful season. She stated that Saturdays had historically been the regular day and that the plan was to return to that schedule to evaluate how it worked.

IIMC Municipal Clerks Educational Program – Raina Abramson

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to Village Clerk, Raina Abramson to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Region 1 Annual Meeting from Wednesday, March 18, 2026, through Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Avon Old Farms Hotel in Avon, Connecticut at a total cost of \$350 for registration and \$318 total for the hotel stay. Mileage reimbursement to apply. Funds are appropriated in FY2025-26 budget code A1410-4750.

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

Discussion

Trustee Cheney commented that the prior year was the first time Village Clerk Raina Abramson had attended the conference and noted that the information she brought back had been extensive and valuable. He stated that much of what she learned had been implemented and that the Village was better off as a result of her initiative in attending and applying that knowledge.

NYPF 2026 Annual Conference – Kristin Bialosky

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to authorize the Planning Board Secretary, Kristin Bialosky, to attend the New York Planning Federation (NYPF) 2026 Annual Conference, to be held April 19–21, 2026, at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, New York with a registration fee of \$250 which includes breakfast & lunch, and \$110 per night for the hotel stay. Reimbursement of mileage and two additional meals for dinner is authorized in accordance with Village policy. Funds have been appropriated under budget code A8020-4750.

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

NYS Solar Farm – Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic System – DPW Garage

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with NYS Solar Farm for the design and installation of a Roof-Mounted Photovoltaic System at the DPW Garage at a total Gross PV Cost of \$302,316.00. This project is funded in part by the Clean Energy Communities Program grant award from the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (“NYSERDA”). Funds are appropriated in budget code A-1640-4950.

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

RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION FOR
30 BRADY ROAD APPLICATION

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees received on February 12, 2026, the Village Planning Board’s Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency for review, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review ACT (SEQR), of the proposed site plan application and special use permit application submitted by Dennis and Alice Rutherford to demolish an existing single-family dwelling and replace it with a 4-unit multi-family dwelling at 30 Brady Road, Village of Warwick (SBL 218-1-4).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, as a SEQR Involved Agency, consents to the Village Planning Board serving as Lead Agency and coordinating SEQR review on this application and authorizes Mayor Newhard to sign such response form to the Village Planning Board.

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 Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Absent

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

30 Brady Road Site Plan Development and Special Use Permit – Referral to AHDRB

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried for the Board of Trustees to refer the 30 Brady Road Site Plan Development and Special Use Permit application, including the architectural renderings dated December 16, 2025, prepared by Base 10 Architecture, PLLC, to the Architectural and Historic District Review Board (AHDRB) for its review of the application, pursuant to Village Zoning Code § 145-161(A), in light of the general considerations and the specific standards for Special Use Permits as set forth in §§ 145-120 and 145-127 of the Village Zoning Code. The Village Board refers the application in this instance in order to commence its review of the Special Use Permit application for 30 Brady Road.

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

VILLAGE OF WARWICK RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026
VILLAGE VIEW ESTATES ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law, entitled “Village View Estates Annexation” was introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick on February 17, 2026, for the annexation of certain real property from the Town of Warwick to the Village of Warwick, identified as Town of Warwick Tax Map No. 43-1-4.2; and

WHEREAS, under General Municipal Law § 714, a public hearing is not required prior to adoption of this Local Law; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick adopted its Resolution, Findings and Order approving the proposed annexation, which annexation was also approved by the Town of Warwick Town Board, and there have been no material changes to the annexation area or relevant laws since said adoption.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law entitled “Village View Estates Annexation” of the Village of Warwick be and hereby is adopted, as Local Law No. 1 of 2026 of the Village of Warwick on February 17, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all consultant review fees and other expenses incurred by the Village with respect to the annexation petition shall be paid by petitioner.

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 Absent

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Absent

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING
APPLYING ZONING DESIGNATION TO
VILLAGE VIEW ESTATES ANNEXED PARCEL

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, titled “Applying Zoning Designation to Village View Estates Annexed Parcel,” be and it hereby is introduced by Trustee Collura,

before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick in the County of Orange and State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at the Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, New York 10990 at 7:30 P.M. on March 16, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk post and publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of Warwick of said public hearing at least ten (10) days prior thereto.

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

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

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

Appraisal Agreement – Industrial Appraisal Company

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to accept the proposal from Industrial Appraisal Company to provide an appraisal of the Village of Warwick Buildings/Structures, Machinery and Equipment for insurance valuation purposes with a cost not to exceed \$9,470 and authorize the mayor to sign the Appraisal Agreement dated January 27, 2025. Funds are appropriated in budget code A1910-4985.

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

Trustee Cheney’s Report: Trustee Cheney reminded the public that the region remained under a drought warning. He noted that there were signs of improvement at the reservoirs, with water levels beginning to recover. He stated that additional rain was anticipated later in the week and possibly into the following week, and that snow melt would also contribute to replenishing the reservoirs. He expressed hope that by spring the reservoirs would be fully restored, but encouraged residents to remain mindful of their water usage in the meantime.

Trustee Foster’s Report: No report.

Trustee Collura’s Report: Trustee Collura reported that the Warwick Cares Valentine event had been very successful. She stated that approximately 150 Valentines were created by community members and distributed throughout the community. She thanked Warwick Cares, the Warwick Prevention Coalition, and all of the volunteers who participated in organizing and supporting the event.

Trustee Collura stated that she also attended the Valentines for Veterans event at Sanfordville Elementary School. She described it as a meaningful community event and thanked the PTA and all those involved in organizing it.

Trustee McKnight’s Report: No report.

Mayor Newhard’s Report: No report.

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

Stephanie Kowalsky stated that her question regarding the environmental form had already been addressed, but asked whether there were any additional updates regarding potential fines related to the property.

Mayor Newhard responded that the matter was actively being pursued and stated that he hoped there would be progress in the near future. He indicated that he would continue to keep the public updated.

Ms. Kowalsky asked whether there was any update regarding the potential eviction that had previously been discussed and whether the property owner had taken any corrective action to address the issues.

Mayor Newhard responded that he was not aware of any corrective action having been taken. He clarified that the eviction process being discussed was not contingent upon correcting the issues, but rather was an eviction action in and of itself.

Ms. Kowalsky acknowledged the clarification and stated that she simply wanted to confirm her understanding.

Final Comments from the Board

No comments.

Adjournment

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye