

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JANUARY 13, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.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 Attorneys Benjamin Gailey and Isabelle Hayes; Village of Warwick Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Boris Rudzinski; and Village Engineer Keith Woodruff of Engineering and Surveying Properties, P.C. Others present, Colleen Daly, Gail Hoffer-Loibl, Greg Galluccio, Stephanie Kowalsky, and others; approximately five people were in attendance.

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

Mayor Newhard opened the meeting by explaining that following the single agenda motion, the Board would enter Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding the Battery Energy Storage System fire. He emphasized the importance of transparency and proper public notice. The Mayor clarified that an upcoming meeting with Orange and Rockland would be an internal discussion involving select Village officials, legal counsel, and the Village engineer, rather than a public meeting as previously anticipated. He noted this meeting would be the first in a series, with future public meetings expected.

WEX Bank Fleet Fuel Card Services

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to authorize the Village Treasurer to enter into an agreement with WEX Bank for fleet fuel card services as part of the State of New York Fleet Card Program (Contract No. PS67946), assigning cards to each Village of Warwick vehicle, per the request of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser.

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

Mayor Newhard explained that the need for fleet fuel cards arose following a failure of the Town's fuel pump system. While the Village typically contracts with the Town for fuel, the Village does not currently participate in the Town's fleet card program. As a result, the Village was temporarily without access to fuel. The Town was able to lend the Village a card, but the Mayor noted that establishing the Village's own fleet fuel card access would serve as an important backup should a similar situation occur in the future.

He further emphasized that use of the cards would be subject to strict controls and oversight by the DPW Supervisor.

Trustee Cheney added that a key benefit of participating in the State Fleet Card Program is that purchases made with the card are exempt from sales tax, consistent with the Village's current fuel purchasing arrangement through the Town.

Mayor Newhard stated that the Board would then enter into Executive Session and noted that there would be no further business or motions when the Board returned to open session.

The Mayor acknowledged that public comment was not listed on the agenda but offered the opportunity for any questions from those present prior to entering Executive Session. He also stated that the Village would make every effort to relay as much information as possible to the public regarding discussions with Orange and Rockland, as appropriate.

Public Comment

Unknown speaker inquired how the Village will relay information discussed with Orange & Rockland.

Mayor Newhard explained that they will try to relay as much as they possibly can. Trustee Cheney added that it's not off the table that Orange & Rockland will not come to a future meeting, which Mayor Newhard stated that they offered to do that.

Colleen Daly asked whether Section 3 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form had been located.

Trustee McKnight responded that the form was completed in 2019–2020, when records were maintained in paper format. He explained that staff are currently reviewing archived boxes from that period, noting that records are now maintained digitally on the Village website, which provides improved accessibility.

Mayor Newhard asked if anyone else would like to make a comment and then stated that Code Enforcement Officer, Boris Rudzinski and Village Engineer, Keith Woodruff will be present in the executive session.

Executive Session

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

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 Michael Newhard; Trustees Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura; Village Attorneys Benjamin Gailey and Isabelle Hayes; Village of Warwick Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Boris Rudzinski; and Village Engineer Keith Woodruff of Engineering and Surveying Properties, P.C.

Exit Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to exit Executive Session at approximately 11:24 a.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

Adjourn the Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 11:24 a.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