

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JANUARY 20, 2026
AGENDA**

**LOCATION:
VILLAGE HALL
77 MAIN STREET, WARWICK, NY
TIME: 7:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call**

1. Introduction by Mayor Newhard and update on Battery Energy Storage Site at 28 Church Street.
2. Acceptance of Minutes: December 19, 2025, January 5, 2026, and January 13, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

3. Acceptance of Reports – December 2025: Clerk’s Office, Treasurer’s Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, Justice Department, Planning 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:

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

4. Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$ _____.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

5. Police Report.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Convergent Energy and Power dated January 13, 2026, regarding the West Warwick 3 Battery Energy Storage Site located at 28 Church Street.
2. Letter from John Peruso, Jr. commending Planning Board Secretary Kristin Bialosky on her outstanding service.
3. Letter from Airosmith Development dated December 30, 2025, regarding the Special Use Permit Renewal Application from AT&T for a Wireless Communication Facility for the existing wireless facility located on the rooftop of St. Anthony Community Hospital.
4. Letter from T-Mobile Northeast, LLC dated December 30, 2025, regarding the Special Use Permit Application for a Wireless Communication Facility for the existing wireless facility located on the rooftop of St. Anthony Community Hospital.
5. Letter from Village Engineer, Keith Woodruff, dated January 15, 2026, regarding the Special Use Permit Application from T-Mobile Northeast, LLC for a Wireless Communication Facility for the existing wireless facility located on the rooftop of St. Anthony Community Hospital.

Discussion

1. T-Mobile Special Use Permit Application for a Wireless Communication Facility.

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.

Motions

Trustee Cheney's Motions

1. **MOTION** to approve payment #15 in the amount of \$40,296.15 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:

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___
Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

2. **MOTION** to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Boris Rudzinski, to carry over 3 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___
Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

3. **MOTION** to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Robert Helt, to carry over 5 vacation days.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___
Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

4. **MOTION** to hire Vincent Liggio to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer at 40 hours per week, not to exceed 9 months per Civil Service Rules, with a start date of January 23, 2026, as per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. Salary will be based on the FY25-26 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___
Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

5. VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE SEPARATION OFFER

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Village and may be beneficial to employees to offer a voluntary separation incentive to full-time employees having twenty (20) or more years of full-time service with the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Village will offer a voluntary separation incentive payment of \$15,000.00 to full-time employees having at least twenty (20) years of full-time service with the Village, subject to the following terms:

An eligible employee must notify the Village Mayor on or before February 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM in writing of the employee's intent to leave Village service. The employee shall complete and sign the Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment Form and Waiver and deliver the completed Form to the Village Clerk's office by that date and time.

Employees who take advantage of this incentive shall be deemed either resigned or retired, as set forth by the employee on the Form, on the date set forth by the employee on the Form. The employee must separate from Village service on or before March 13, 2026.

The amount of the separation payment shall be subject to all usual and customary taxes and withholdings. Such payment shall not be used in the calculation of any retirement benefit calculated by the State Employees' Retirement System or other applicable retirement system.

The Village will make the voluntary separation payment within thirty (30) days after the employee's separation from Village service.

_____ presented the foregoing resolution which was
seconded by _____,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting _____

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting _____

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting _____

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting _____

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting _____

6. **MOTION** to advertise and receive bids for chemical delivery for the Village of Warwick Water and Sewer Plant, to include delivery to the Water Plant, Well #2, Well #3, and the Micro Filtration Plant. Bids will be for FY June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

7. **MOTION** to advertise and receive bids for the pickup and delivery of a 30-yard refuse container at 24 Memorial Drive on an as needed basis and pickup and delivery of a 2-yard container once per week at the Village of Warwick wastewater treatment plant, 104 River Street Bids. Bids will be for FY June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

8. **MOTION** to advertise and receive bids for On-Call Electrical Contractors. Bids will be for the period of June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2028.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

9. **MOTION** to advertise and receive bids for an On-Call HVAC/Plumbing Contractor. Bids will be for the period of June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2028.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

10. **MOTION** to advertise and receive bids for Natural Gas Supply for the Village of Warwick for the period of June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2028.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

Trustee Foster’s Motions

11. RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – WHEELER AVE ADA
SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS: The Village was awarded a 2025 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program award in the amount of \$148,420 for the reconstruction of the sidewalk on Wheeler Avenue to improve ADA accessibility to Village Hall. Proposed improvements include ADA accessible curb drops at intersections, ramps at driveway crossings and a sidewalk with a smooth surface that is easier to traverse than the existing sidewalk. An ADA designated parking space will be added to the Municipal Parking lot at the corner of Wheeler Avenue and Spring Street. The proposed improvements will benefit members of the community with mobility issues, including the elderly and disabled, thereby furthering the Village’s goal to provide more accessible routes to this vital community building.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor Newhard to sign the CDBG Municipal Agreement.

_____ presented the foregoing resolution which was
seconded by _____,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting _____

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting _____

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting _____

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting _____

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting _____

12. **MOTION** to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for Repayment of Water and Sewer Charges with the property owner at 58 McEwen Street, Warwick NY in the amount of \$501.25 to be paid in twelve quarterly installments of \$41.77 and authorize the Mayor to sign the same.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

13. **MOTION** to grant permission to Warwick Community Bandwagon, Inc. to hold the 4th Annual Mental Health Month Awareness Celebration at Railroad Green on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 17, 2026. Set up to begin at 10:00 a.m. with breakdown to be completed by 5:00 p.m. Request includes use of speakers and electricity, the setup of tents, the placement of portable toilets, and the use of Village-owned tables and chairs. Request also includes “No Parking” meter bags to be placed on the parking spaces along Railroad Avenue. Completed facility use permit and proof of insurance have been received. Approval is pending receipt of security deposit.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

14. **MOTION** to close Railroad Avenue from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Mental Health Month Awareness Celebration on Saturday, May 16, 2026, with a rain date of Sunday, May 17, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

Trustee McKnight's Motions

15. **MOTION** to accept the proposal from LaBella Associates, D.P.C. dated January 15, 2026 to conduct an Environmental Investigation at the energy storage developer Convergent Energy & Power's Church Street Battery Storage Facility at 28 Church Street with a total estimated project cost of \$24,600 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___

Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

16. **RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grants Program provides funding to municipalities to promote efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance the delivery of local government services; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick ("VILLAGE") recognizes the need to explore innovative shared service opportunities to improve municipal operations and achieve cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE, in partnership with the Town of Warwick and the Village of Florida, and the Village of Greenwood Lake seeks to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study to determine the viability of establishing a shared Police Department to serve all participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed study will involve hiring a qualified consultant to:

1. Conduct a needs assessment for Police services across all participating municipalities.
2. Evaluate the feasibility of a Police Chief and/or department, including an analysis of potential cost savings, operational efficiency, and service delivery.
3. Examine possible structures for the shared service.
4. Outline the Police responsibilities to be shared, identify potential benefits of collaboration, and develop a framework for implementation.
5. Research and analyze best practices from other communities that successfully share Police services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE hereby declares its intention to support the submission of an application by the Town of Warwick, as the lead applicant, for the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grants Program to fund a feasibility study on the shared Police Services initiative as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE commits to collaborating with the Town of Warwick, the Village of Florida and the Village of Greenwood Lake in the application process and throughout the study to ensure its success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE will take all necessary steps to engage stakeholders, provide information, and support the implementation of this study to determine the feasibility and structure of sharing Police services among the participating municipalities.

_____ presented the foregoing resolution which was
seconded by _____,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting _____
Carly Foster, Trustee, voting _____
Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting _____
Mary Collura, Trustee, voting _____
Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting _____

17. **MOTION** to authorize to return the Planning Board escrow balance of \$1,714 to Clement Truitt III for site plan approval at 10 Cottage Street. All invoices have been paid as per emails from the Village Engineer and Planning Board Attorney.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____
Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

18. **MOTION** 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:

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Trustee Cheney's Report: Liaison to Public Works Operations, Engineering and Infrastructure Projects, Veterans, Code Enforcement / Building Department, Emergency Services, Citizens Awareness Panel/Jones Chemical. Alternate liaison to Economic Development, Transportation & Mobility.

Trustee Foster's Report: Liaison to Office of the Clerk, Parks & Recreation, Economic Development & Tourism, Warwick Valley Schools, Shade Tree Commission, Transportation & Mobility. Alternate liaison to Youth / WYDO / Warwick Valley Community Center / Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition, Engineering and Infrastructure Projects, Planning & Zoning / AHDRB / OC Planning, Government Efficiency / Policy Development, Summer Concert Series.

Trustee Collura's Report: Liaison to Office of the Treasurer, Youth / WYDO / Warwick Valley Community Center / Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition, Public Health, Historical Society, Public Interface and Outreach, Senior Citizens, Ethics, Summer Concert Series. Alternate liaison to Parks & Recreation, Environmental, Veterans.

Trustee McKnight's Report: Liaison to Planning & Zoning / AHDRB / OC Planning, Environmental, Albert Wisner Library, Town of Warwick Police Department, Technology Oversight / Cybersecurity, Safety Committee. Alternate liaison to Public Works Operations, Code Enforcement / Building Department, Emergency Services.

Mayor Newhard's Report

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

Final Comments from the Board

Executive Session, if applicable

Adjournment

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JANUARY 20, 2026
ADDENDUM NO. 1**

19. **MOTION** to accept funding in the amount of \$4,000 from the NYS Youth Sports & Education Funding – Project for Youth through the Orange County Youth Bureau for the 2026 ‘Village of Warwick Recreation Project for Youth.’

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___
Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

20. **MOTION** to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for Repayment of Water and Sewer Charges with the tenant at 12 Elm Street, Warwick NY in the amount of \$361.25 to be paid in two quarterly installments of \$180.63 and authorize the Mayor to sign the same.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___
Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

21. **MOTION** to approve the attached budget modification request as per the Village Treasurer's memo dated January 20, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney ___ Trustee Foster ___ Trustee Collura ___
Trustee McKnight ___ Mayor Newhard ___

22. **MOTION** to authorize the Mayor to renew the contract for one (1) successive period of June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027, with H2O Innovation Operations & Maintenance, LLC to continue providing Public Water Production System Operator and Wastewater System Operator services per the original 3-year contract (June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026) dated July 11, 2023.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____