

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
JULY 28, 2025**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: Barry Cheney and Mary Collura. Also, present was Village Clerk, Raina Abramson. Absent was: Trustee Carly Foster, Trustee Thomas McKnight, and Village Attorney, Benjamin Gailey.

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

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: July 7, 2025.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – June 2025: Clerk’s Office & Tax Collection Report, Treasurer’s Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, Justice Department, Planning Department, and Building 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

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 \$364,687.48.

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.

Announcements

1. Village of Warwick Bulk Trash Pick-Up will begin for Area 1 on August 25, 2025, and for Area 2 on September 2, 2025. For a detailed information and to identify your area, please visit www.villageofwarwickny.gov.

Correspondence

1. Email from Patrick Gallagher to Senator Skoufis and Assemblyman Brabenec regarding West Street.

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.

Vacation Carry-Over, Michael Faulls

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

Well #3 No-Cost Change Order – TAM Enterprises, Inc.

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Purchase of CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader - WITHDRAWN

MOTION to approve the purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader from H.O. Penn, in the amount of \$130,000 per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. The purchase price reflects a trade-in allowance of \$15,000 for the existing Wacker Neuson 1150. Funds are appropriated in FY25-26 budget code A5110.2350.

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

Trustee Cheney ____ Trustee Foster ____ Trustee Collura ____

Trustee McKnight ____ Mayor Newhard ____

Purchase of F-250 4x4 pickup truck from Schultz Ford/Lincoln

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to approve the purchase of a new F-250 4x4 pickup truck from Schultz Ford/Lincoln in the amount of \$48,739.31 for use by the Water Department, per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Mike Moser. This vehicle will replace the 2014 Ford Pickup Truck. Funds to be appropriated in FY25-26 budget code F8340.2350.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Return of 2024-25 Justice Court Program Funds

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to authorize the return of \$56.89 in unspent 2024–2025 Justice Court Assistant Program (JCAP) grant funds to the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. These funds were part of a grant awarded to the Village of Warwick Justice Court for repairs and painting of the Court Office, and for the purchase of chairs and a file cabinet.

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 Justice Court Audit as of May 31, 2023

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to acknowledge that Michael Vernieri, Auditor for the Village of Warwick, performed an internal audit of the Village of Warwick Justice Court as of May 31, 2023, to comply with section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act and has found that all reporting and record keeping is being completed in a timely manner and the reports are in compliance with the New York State requirements.

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

Liquor License – Rusty Goat Grill, 46 Main Street, Lower Level

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to acknowledge receipt of the Standardized Notice Form from the New York State Liquor Authority for an on-premises liquor license for The Rusty Goat Grill located at 46 Main Street – Lower Level, Warwick, NY 10990 and authorize the Village Clerk to submit a letter notifying the New York State Liquor Authority that there are no objections to this notification and application, and waive the thirty (30) day notice requirement of the filing of a New York State Liquor License 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

VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick is seeking funding opportunities that advance a variety of local initiatives, including but not limited to, community development and zoning updates as well as improvements to municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program is available through the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) to provide financial assistance for the development of municipal comprehensive plans to establish land use policies that support smart growth and clean energy principles for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick Board has determined that applying for this grant is in the best interest of Village of Warwick and its residents as it aligns with the Village's strategic goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, that the Village of Warwick Board hereby authorizes and approves the submission of the 2025-2026 Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program application to the

NYSDOS for the purpose of securing funding to update the Village's existing zoning documents, which comes at a total cost of \$176,050; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOS will fund up to 90% of the total project cost and requires a local match of at least 10% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick is requesting grant funding in the amount of \$158,445 (90%) and is committed to funding the remaining \$17,605 (10%) through local funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents related to the submission of the grant application and to take all necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately on this 28th day of July, 2025.

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

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

Acceptance of Funding – 2025 NYS Youth Sports & Education Funding

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried 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 2025 'Village of Warwick Recreation Project for Youth.'

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

Coin Toss – Knights of Columbus

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to the Knights of Columbus to hold a coin toss on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, August 9, 2025, on Forester Avenue, north of the intersection with Burt Street, to benefit disaster relief from the Texas Floods. Completed facility use permit and security deposit have been received. Event to include safety cones and reflective safety vests for all participants. The Warwick Police Department has no objection to the location of the event. Approval is pending proof of proper insurance.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

No comments.

Reports

Trustee Cheney's Report:

Trustee Cheney reminded residents that road work is currently taking place in both the Village and the Town. He urged drivers to slow down in work zones, observe all posted signage, and follow directions from flaggers to ensure everyone's safety.

Trustee Foster's Report:

No report.

Trustee Collura's Report:

Trustee Collura began with a mental health check-in, encouraging anyone feeling down or in need of support to reach out for help. She reminded the public that the 988 mental health hotline is available 24 hours a day.

She then announced that she would be working on a resolution to apply for the AARP Age-Friendly Community designation. If granted, Warwick would be the first in Orange County to receive this designation, which could open up opportunities for senior-focused grants and funding. She asked the Board to begin brainstorming ideas, noting that the application process will require some research.

Trustee Collura reminded everyone that the deadline to submit recipes for the Warwick Historical Society's community cookbook is Thursday, July 31, and encouraged submissions through warwickhistory.org. Mayor Newhard mentioned that he had submitted three recipes.

She also promoted National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. Organized by the Warwick Police Department and the Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition, the event will feature DPW trucks, a school bus, and many community organizations.

Work on the fall Village newsletter will begin soon and Trustee Collura invited content suggestions.

Lastly, she congratulated the students graduating from the Youth Leadership Academy at the Community Center, recalling the Board's recent meeting with the group and praising their enthusiasm and thoughtful questions.

Trustee McKnight's Report:

No report.

Mayor Newhard's Report:

Mayor Newhard thanked Trustee Collura for her work on the Village newsletter, describing it as a well-received and wonderful document. He also expressed appreciation

to the Clerk's Office for their efforts on the grant the Village is currently pursuing, acknowledging that the project would not be possible without their detailed and dedicated work.

Mayor Newhard offered condolences to the Murty family on the passing of former mayor Mary Murty, noting her distinction as the only woman to have served both as Village Mayor and as Town Supervisor. He praised her remarkable record of public service and described her as a role model whose commitment to the community left a lasting impression on him growing up.

Final Comments from the Board

No comments.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Absent Mayor Newhard Aye

Raina M. Abramson, Village Clerk