

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
MAY 18, 2026**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: Barry Cheney, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura. Also, present was Deputy Village Clerk Jennifer Mante, Village Attorney Isabelle Hayes, and Assistant DPW Supervisor Michael Finelli. Absent was Trustee Carly Foster and Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey. Others present, Donna Kaminski, Hannah Maxwell, and Barton and Loguidice representative Karen Clark virtually attended.

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

Mayor Newhard stated that before the start of the meeting, the Board would present a pair of proclamations and he turned the floor over to Deputy Mayor Cheney.

Trustee Cheney read a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week. Mike Finelli accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Department of Public Works.

Mayor Newhard read a proclamation recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Deputy Clerk Jennifer Mante accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Village Clerk's Office.

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: April 20, 2026 & May 4, 2026.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Acceptance of Reports

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried for the Acceptance of Reports – April 2026: 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 Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried for the Authorization to Pay all Approved and Audited Claims in the amount of \$281,626.39.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

1. Police Report.

No Report.

2. **Public Hearing on the Proposed Application for the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program for FY-2027.**

The Deputy Clerk read the public hearing notice.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
(CDBG - FY-2027)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, a Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick, New York, at Village Hall, located at 77 Main Street, Warwick, New York. The Village of Warwick will hold a public hearing so that the public may offer comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered by the Village of Warwick for application of \$75,000 up to \$275,000 for public infrastructure, public improvements, public facilities or other eligible activities to the Orange County Office of Community Development's to be considered for inclusion in the County's 2027 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be funded by the 2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Action Plan functions as a planning document, an application for Federal funds and a strategy to be followed in administering HUD Programs. The 2027 County's Annual Action Plan will be prepared and submitted to HUD on or before November 15, 2026, or upon such date as

instructed by HUD.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain the views of residents of the municipality, public agencies, and other interested parties, on housing and community development needs, to suggest projects to address such needs, and affirmatively further fair housing. There will be a discussion of community development needs within the Village of Warwick, proposed projects, and a review of any previous projects funded with CDBG. Organizations representing people with low and moderate incomes and people with low to moderate incomes are encouraged to attend this hearing so that their views can be heard as the CDBG program benefits people with low to moderate income.

The Village of Warwick will make reasonable accommodation and services necessary for citizens with sensory-impairments and disabilities at the public hearing. Translation services may be offered upon request and availability. People requiring such accommodation/services should contact the Village of Warwick at least three working days in advance of the meeting. People requiring information in alternative formats should contact the Village of Warwick at (845) 986-2031 (TDD Users: 7-1-1 NY Relay Center).

La información sera proporcionada en español a petición.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

VILLAGE OF WARWICK
RAINA ABRAMSON
VILLAGE CLERK
DATED: April 17, 2026

Mayor Newhard opened the public hearing regarding Orange County Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG FY-2027) and invited the public to comment on projects they believed would be important for the Village to pursue. He explained that Community Development Block Grant funding includes certain restrictions, including eligibility requirements related to neighborhood income levels, which can limit the types of projects that qualify. Mayor Newhard stated that many of the projects completed over the past four to five years involved sidewalk improvements to increase accessibility for individuals with disabilities, including the multi-year South Street sidewalk project. He noted that the Village was considering an additional project to extend those improvements from South Street to Park Lane.

Trustee Cheney clarified that the proposed project would extend from the South Street area along Parkway and Park Avenue, creating a connection between the Stanley-Deming Park area and the school sidewalks. He noted that a significant number of residents walk their children to school in that area.

Mayor Newhard stated that he had recently been contacted by a resident near the Clinton Avenue area who suggested that the neighborhood may also be a good candidate for future sidewalk improvements. He noted that the area connects to the parks and that some of the sidewalks there are very old and in poor condition. Mayor Newhard then asked the public for their thoughts on the matter.

Ms. Donna Kaminski spoke in support of future sidewalk improvements in the Clinton Avenue area. She stated that the sidewalks were in poor condition and noted that the area connects to Galloway and Linden Street, making pedestrian access to the parks important.

Mayor Newhard stated that the ongoing New York State Department of Transportation project had included a significant amount of sidewalk repair and replacement work, including the replacement of some bluestone sidewalks with concrete. He noted that while some residents were initially apprehensive about the changes, many people were now pleased with the final product. Mayor Newhard added that the Village has many pedestrians and children riding bicycles, making safe and smooth sidewalk surfaces important for transportation and accessibility.

Ms. Donna Kaminski stated that the new sidewalks were also lighter in color than the bluestone sidewalks, making them easier to see and navigate at night. While she appreciated the appearance of bluestone, she noted that there comes a point where safety becomes more important.

Mayor Newhard agreed that safety was the primary concern and thanked Ms. Kaminski for her comments. He then asked the Board members if they had any additional thoughts.

Trustee McKnight stated that the section being discussed was located across from Stanley-Deming Park, where the existing asphalt sidewalks were cracked and deteriorated. He commented that it appeared to be a natural location for improvements and asked whether the proposed project area would only extend from Park Lane.

Trustee Cheney explained that the proposed work would also include additional sections further along Parkway, as well as portions of Park Avenue between Parkway and the school. He noted that significant sections of sidewalk in those areas would be replaced and that all intersections would include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps as part of the project.

Close Public Hearing - Orange County Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG FY-2027)

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to close the Public Hearing on the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG FY-2027).

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

3. Presentation from Barton and Loguidice representative Karen Clark on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

Ms. Karen Clark of Barton & Loguidice provided a presentation via Zoom regarding updated costs and financing options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

Mayor Newhard explained that the original project, estimated years earlier at approximately \$12 million, had increased to more than \$21 million due to rising construction, labor, and material costs. He stated that following the bid opening, the Village immediately began discussions with the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) regarding possible financing alternatives.

Ms. Clark reviewed financing options presented by EFC. The first option would continue under the Village's current grant structure with increased borrowing to cover the higher project costs. The second option would divide the project into two phases, allowing the Village to close out the existing grant-funded ultraviolet disinfection portion of the project and later reapply for additional Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant funding for the remaining wastewater treatment plant improvements. She explained that the Village's recent designation as a hardship community would make the project eligible for 0% interest financing, significantly reducing long-term annual debt payments.

Board members discussed the risks and potential benefits associated with the phased financing approach, including the possibility of securing approximately \$5 million in additional grant funding while also acknowledging the risk that future grant applications are competitive and not guaranteed.

Ms. Clark explained that EFC representatives were optimistic about the Village's chances due to its hardship designation, but no commitments could be made.

Trustees also discussed the requirement that the current grant funding be formally closed out before a new application could be submitted, as well as the need for interim bond anticipation note (BAN) financing while awaiting future funding approvals.

The Board further discussed project timing, long-term repayment obligations, and the financial advantages associated with the Village's hardship designation and 0% interest financing.

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.

Ms. Donna Kaminski, representing the Skatepark event organizers, informed the Board that the organization's Treasurer was currently on vacation. She stated that the organizers understood that approval of the event would be conditional upon submission of the required security deposit.

Mayor Newhard thanked Ms. Kaminski for her work and continued efforts related to the Skate Park.

FY-2027 ORANGE URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION – THE PARK AVENUE/PARKWAY PROJECT

The Village of Warwick is hereby submitting its Application for consideration under the FY-2027 Orange CDBG Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and the chief elected official or executive officer is hereby authorized to submit this Application for the Park Avenue/Parkway project as described in the proposal. Input from citizens and groups has been received and considered and an application has been prepared which addresses their community concerns. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange CDBG Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY-2027 program year and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. If awarded CDBG funds, the

Municipality shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

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

Bid Award, Natural Gas Supply – M&R

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to accept the bid and enter into a contract with M&R Energy Resources Corp. at the fixed price of \$.6275 per CCF for the supply of Natural Gas and authorize the mayor to sign the same. The contract will be for the period of July 1, 2026, to May 31, 2028.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

The Board discussed the bid pricing and annual usage costs associated with the proposal.

Trustee McKnight reviewed prior pricing information and noted that the current proposal reflected a slight increase from the previous agreement.

The Board also confirmed that the proposal submitted was the only bid received.

Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer - Nathan Branch

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to hire Nathan Branch to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer at 40 hours per week for 16 weeks with a start date of June 8, 2026, as per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser. Salary will be based on the FY26-27 budget.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project - Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to accept the proposal from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. dated April 29, 2026 that provides a supplement for construction administration, construction observation, start-up and record drawing services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in accordance with their original signed contract dated December 5, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$1,100,400 and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Funds are appropriated in budget code H1440.2000.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

The Board briefly clarified that the ultraviolet disinfection system portion of the project had already been completed and paid for, and that the figures being discussed related to future wastewater treatment plant improvements and financing options.

Freedom of Information (FOIL) Appeals Officer

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to designate the Mayor of the Village of Warwick as the Freedom of Information (FOIL) Appeals Officer of the Village of Warwick.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Seasonal Intern Positions – Civil Service Position Control

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to add five (5) additional Intern (seasonal) positions to the Village of Warwick Civil Service position control and authorize the Mayor to sign forms MSD-222 in accordance with Orange County Civil Service requirements.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Advertise for Seasonal Intern Positions – Safe Streets For All (SSFA)

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to advertise for college and high school student interns to work part-time, as needed, to support the Safe Streets for All Transportation Safety Action Plan effort as part of the Safe Streets for All Grant Project, with compensation to be funded through the grant.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

2026 Summer Recreation Staff and Salaries

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve the 2026 Summer Recreation staff and salaries as per the enclosed list, per the recommendation of Village of Warwick Recreation Director, Ron Introini.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Veteran’s Memorial Park Landscape Architectural Services - Karen Arent

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to accept the proposal for landscape architectural services from Karen Arent for landscape architectural services for Veteran’s Memorial Park Pedestrian Space, Parking and Over 35 Area at a cost not to exceed \$9,500 and authorize the mayor to sign the same. Subject to attorney review.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

The Board discussed a proposal and noted that while the scope of services had been provided, the formal contract had not yet been reviewed. Concerns were raised regarding certain contract language, including ownership of documents, and the Board agreed to move forward with the proposal subject to review by the Village Attorney.

Facility Use – Chamber of Commerce, Applefest 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold the 36th Warwick Applefest on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the area between Lewis Park and Stanley-Deming Park, encompassing High Street, South Street, Railroad Avenue, and Railroad Green, including the following parking lots: South Street Parking Lot, Chase Bank Parking Lot, and First Street Parking Lot, as well as use of Veterans Memorial Park for event parking. Event setup will begin on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 6:00 a.m. and breakdown will be completed by 7:00 p.m. Request includes: use of nine (9) Village-owned stage platforms, use of electricity, use of speakers and/or sound systems, setup of food trucks, vendors, portable toilets, and tents. Request also includes the setup of an ambulance tent at the handball court on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Completed facility use application, proper insurance, detailed map, and security deposit have been received. Approval is subject to the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce providing the Village of Warwick with a complete list of vendors and individual vendor insurance certificates naming the Village of Warwick as an additional insured.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Abstain

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee Cheney asked whether the Village would be expected to provide sound systems and speakers for all event stages.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Collura clarified that the Village would not be responsible for providing sound for all stages.

Road Closures – Chamber of Commerce, Applefest 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce to close South Street to Lawrence Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Second Street, Third Street, High Street, Bank Street, Clinton Avenue, Park Avenue, Park Lane, Park Way, and Park Place for the benefit of Applefest on Sunday, October 4, 2026. The only transportation allowed through Park Lane and Park Place will be the shuttle bus. Road closures will be in coordination with the Warwick Police Department and the Village of Warwick Department of Public Works.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Abstain

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park - Warwick Fire Department, Carnival 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Fire Department to use Veterans Memorial Park to hold their annual carnival per their letter dated March 25, 2026. Setup to begin on Sunday, June 21, 2026, and breakdown will be completed by Monday, June 29, 2026. The carnival will be open to the public from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, through Friday, June 26, 2026, and from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2026, with a rain date of Sunday, June 28, 2026. Request includes use of alcohol in the park. The Warwick Police Department, Warwick EMS, and Warwick Fire Department have been

notified and have reviewed the event details. DPW Supervisor Michael Moser has approved the event details, including the traffic and parking plan. The carnival setup must be in coordination with DPW Supervisor Michael Moser. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, and Host Liquor Liability have been received. Approval is pending receipt of proper insurance from fireworks company, July 4 Ever, and signed Hold Harmless Agreement between the Village of Warwick, Gillette Shows, Warwick Fire Department, and Warwick Fire District, including review from the Village Attorney and NYMIR, the Village's insurance carrier.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion – Christ Church, Family Picnic

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to Christ Church to use the Veterans Memorial Park Pavilion for a family picnic on Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with setup beginning at 8:30 a.m. and clean up being completed by 2:00 p.m. Request includes use of the pavilion restrooms. 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 Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Stanley-Deming Park Field – Christ Church, Family Kickball

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to Christ Church to use the Stanley-Deming Park baseball field for their annual family kickball game on Thursday, June 11, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Request includes use of restrooms. 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 Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Road Closure – Church Street, Annual 4th Grade School Tours

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to close Church Street and restrict access to local residential traffic from Tuesday, June 2, 2026, through Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a rain date of Friday, June 5, 2026. Road closure to accommodate the Annual 4th Grade School Tours. Certificate of insurance has been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Abstain

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Closure of Two (2) Parking Spots – Church Street

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to close off two (2) parking spots on Church Street, along Lewis Park, on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to accommodate the catering team for The Town of Warwick Historical Society’s annual Party in the Park event. Certificate of insurance has been received.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Abstain

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Facility Use – Robert J. Newhard Skatepark, Warwick Skatepark Initiative – Skate Event

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Warwick Skatepark Initiative to hold a skate event at the new Robert J. Newhard Skatepark in Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with setup beginning at 10:00 a.m. and cleanup being completed by 4:00 p.m. Request includes use of electricity, a sound system, the serving of complimentary food, and use of restrooms. Request also includes DPW providing extra trash cans around the area, the use of three (3)

Village-owned tables, and twenty (20) Village-owned chairs. Completed park permit and proof of insurance have been received. Approval is pending receipt of security deposit and proper insurance from ShredCo.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Abstain

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Closure of Village Hall – Juneteenth

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to close Village Hall on Friday, June 19, 2026, in observance of the Federal holiday Juneteenth.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Liquor License – Flour & Feed LLC, 63 Wheeler Avenue

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, 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 Alcoholic Beverage License for Flour & Feed LLC located at 63 Wheeler Avenue, 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 does not 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 Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Trustee Cheney’s Report: Trustee Cheney provided an update on the ongoing construction project and stated that the Village had been in contact with the construction company regarding

traffic congestion at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Forester Avenue, as well as the nearby Maple Avenue area. He stated that the Village was exploring ways to improve traffic flow, including the possibility of additional flaggers, and encouraged residents to avoid the intersection when possible due to the congestion. Trustee Cheney also noted that construction of the planned roundabout had been postponed until 2027 due to scheduling and detour coordination issues related to other ongoing projects. He reminded residents to use caution while traveling through construction areas for the safety of the workers on site.

Trustee Foster's Report: No report.

Trustee Collura's Report: Trustee Collura reported that the Village's summer newsletter would be distributed in early June. She also noted that the fourth annual May Mental Health Fair and related events had been well attended over the weekend. Trustee Collura stated that the Summer Concert Series would begin at the end of the month and that print flyers would be distributed in the coming weeks. She further announced plans for a summer square dance event at the Stanley-Deming Park basketball court, featuring the same caller from the previous Winter Wiggle event, which would serve as part of the Village's America 250 celebration activities.

Trustee McKnight's Report: No report.

Mayor Newhard's Report: Mayor Newhard thanked members of the Department of Public Works, including Matt Hann, Shane Augusta, and Brandon Tuck, for volunteering their time to assist the Warwick Valley Gardeners with planting flower pots at the DPW garage that would later be displayed throughout the Village. He stated that their efforts reflected the pride they take in their work and were appreciated by the community.

Mayor Newhard reminded residents that the Village's Memorial Day Parade would take place the following Monday beginning at 11:00 a.m. He outlined the parade route and noted that ceremonies would be held at the Warwick Cemetery, the Catholic cemetery, and Veterans Memorial Park. He also mentioned that memorial events would be taking place throughout the Town and neighboring villages.

Mayor Newhard provided an update on the Patriots Path project and stated that the task force had continued meeting with KaN Landscape Design regarding the project design. He noted that the next phase of the project would include outreach to the Warwick Valley Central School District to involve students and history departments in developing historical signage and interpretive materials along the pathway.

Mayor Newhard also reported that work continued on the Safe Streets for All initiative. He stated that Creighton Manning was continuing its town-wide and village-wide safety analysis work. He explained that the project would also include temporary demonstration projects within the

Village featuring artwork installations intended to encourage slower driving speeds and increase awareness of pedestrians.

Lastly, Mayor Newhard reported that the Village and Town continued to make progress on the Route 94 multi-use path feasibility study. He stated that discussions with property owners regarding easements had been productive and that officials remained optimistic about the project's viability. Mayor Newhard added that once easements and agreements were secured, the next step would be pursuing grant funding for construction of the path.

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

No comments.

Final Comments from the Board

No comments.

Executive Session

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

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

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

Exit Executive Session and Adjourn the Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to exit Executive Session and adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 10:29 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Absent Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye