

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF WARWICK  
MAY 4, 2026**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Warwick, NY. Present was: Mayor, Michael J. Newhard. Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura. Also, present was Deputy Village Clerk, Jennifer Mante. Others present, Joseph Ulrich.

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

Mayor Newhard opened the meeting by providing an update on the ongoing New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) infrastructure project taking place throughout the downtown area and surrounding region. He explained that the work, being completed by Argenio Brothers, had been underway for several weeks and was progressing significantly, noting that many of the sidewalks currently under construction were expected to reopen by the end of the week. He stated that the overall scope of the project was extensive, spanning from Goshen and Chester through the Village of Florida and the Village of Warwick, including the roundabout area and portions of Route 17A extending toward Bellvale. In addition to repaving work, the project also included numerous infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk repairs and culvert replacements, including a culvert replacement planned on Galloway in front of Larry's.

Mayor Newhard stated that the Village had maintained strong communication with the project manager and had been sharing updates online and through the Chamber of Commerce, which in turn distributed information to local merchants. While acknowledging that the construction had created some temporary disruption downtown, he encouraged residents and visitors to continue supporting local businesses during the construction period. He emphasized that the downtown merchants were an important part of the local economy and stated that continued patronage during the project was especially important, as some individuals may otherwise avoid the area because of the ongoing work.

**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 \$415,484.05.

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

**Announcements**

1. 4th Annual Mental Health Awareness Celebration – May 16, 2026, 12:00–4:00 p.m., Railroad Green.

Trustee Collura stated that the event was being organized by Warwick Cares in collaboration with the Warwick Valley Community Center and the Village of Warwick and would include mental health and wellness resources, community speakers, and performers. Trustee Collura advised that additional information could be obtained by contacting [warwickcaressigns@gmail.com](mailto:warwickcaressigns@gmail.com). She also reminded the public of the Crisis and Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which can be reached by dialing 988. Trustee Collura noted that green ribbons had been placed outside Village Hall in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May.

2. Spring Flower Pot Planting Volunteer Opportunity – May 17, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Newhard announced that the Village’s annual spring flower pot planting would take place on May 17, 2026, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works garage located in Veterans Memorial Park. He stated that the event traditionally attracts many volunteers, including members of the Warwick Valley gardening community, and invited additional residents to participate. Mayor Newhard encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to contact Village Hall in advance by phone to leave their name, noting that additional volunteers are always appreciated and help make the work go more quickly.

3. Annual Founders Day Celebration – May 17, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Newhard announced that the annual Founders Day celebration would take place at the Hawthorne House and Old Stone House Restaurant on Hathorn Road. He explained that this year’s event would incorporate themes related to the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States and would celebrate Warwick’s history and founding. Mayor Newhard stated that the event would include historical reenactors and family-friendly activities designed to educate attendees about local history.

4. Warwick Valley VFW Post 4662 will sponsor a Suicide Prevention Training session on May 9, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Warwick Senior Center, 132 Kings Highway. The training, offered by the VA Administration and led by Mr. Carl LoFaro, is open to the public.

Mayor Newhard stated that he planned to attend the event and expressed appreciation to the organization for hosting the event, noting that supporting veterans and the community was an important part of the VFW's mission.

**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 #8 - TAM Enterprises, Inc. - Relocation of the Maple Avenue Booster Station Project**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve payment #8 in the amount of \$33,512.55 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 Aye    Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye    Mayor Newhard Aye

**Discussion**

Trustee Cheney reported that testing for the relocated Maple Avenue booster pump station had been completed and that the new pump station was now online and operational. He stated that the final phase of the project would involve decommissioning

the existing Maple Avenue pump station.

Trustee Cheney explained that the project had originally been expected to be completed earlier, but supply chain issues had delayed the timeline until approximately July. However, the work had since been completed ahead of that revised schedule.

Trustee McKnight asked whether the plumbing had already been removed from the old station that would be decommissioned.

Trustee Cheney responded that it had not yet been removed, but the old station had been shut off while the new station was functioning.

#### **Vacation Carry Over – Dylan Gerstner**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Dylan Gerstner, to carry over 5 vacation days.

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

#### **Vacation Carry Over – Timothy Palmer**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to grant permission to Village of Warwick Employee, Timothy Palmer, to carry over 5 vacation days.

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

#### **Engineer Intern - Cameron Kellan**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to hire Cameron Kellan to the position of Village of Warwick Engineering Intern at 32.5 hours per week

for up to thirteen (13) weeks with a start date to be determined. The rate of pay to be in accordance with the FY26-27 budget.

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

**Engineer Intern - Abigail Foust**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to hire Abigail Foust to the position of Village of Warwick Engineering Intern at 32.5 hours per week for up to thirteen (13) weeks with a start date to be determined. The rate of pay to be in accordance with the FY26-27 budget.

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**

Trustee Cheney discussed the upcoming summer engineering internship program and stated that the interns would assist with a variety of infrastructure-related activities and ongoing Village projects. He noted that the interns would be working on the Lead Service Line Inventory project and that he also had a list of additional assignments planned for them, although priorities could shift depending on Village needs. Trustee Cheney also mentioned the possibility of coordinating with Trustee Foster to determine whether the interns could assist with projects related to her grant work.

Trustee Foster stated that funding for interns was available within the grant budget.

Mayor Newhard asked how long the Village had maintained the internship program and commented on its continued success over the years.

Trustee Cheney stated that the program dated back to at least 2014. Mayor Newhard remarked that the program had provided valuable opportunities for young people while also benefiting the Village through the work completed by the interns. Trustee Cheney noted that many of the interns had been graduates of Warwick Valley High School and stated that Cameron Kellan, an intern from the previous year, would be returning this

summer. He explained that Cameron’s prior experience with the Village’s equipment and software programs would help provide guidance and training to the new intern, Abigail Foust.

**Facility Use – Stanley-Deming, Third Grade Picnic**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to Park Avenue Elementary to hold a third-grade class picnic in Stanley-Deming Park on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, between 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a rain date of Wednesday, June 17, 2026. Request includes use of restrooms. Completed park permit and proof of insurance have been received.

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

**Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park, Warwick Wascals**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to the Warwick Wascals Senior Softball team to use the Daniel Prial Field in Veterans Memorial Park from April 26, 2026, through October 26, 2026, with games on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All events must be in coordination with the other activities taking place in the park. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, and security deposit have been received.

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

**Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park, George Washington Day 5k and Fun Run**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to grant permission to The Historical Society of the Town of Warwick to use Veterans Memorial Park to hold a George Washington Day 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, July 18, 2026, with set up to begin at 7:00 a.m. and breakdown to be completed by 11:00 a.m. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m.,

departing from Memorial Park to Forester Avenue, High Street, South Street, Park Lane, Park Place, Burt Street, McFarland Drive, Hudson Street, Long House Road, Aske Street, Bridges Street to White Oak, and returning through Memorial Park to the finish line. The request includes use of speakers, electricity, pop-up tents, the pavilion bathrooms, and the Veterans Memorial Park parking lots. The event is in coordination with other organizations that regularly use the park. The Warwick Police Department, Warwick EMS, Warwick Grove, and Supervisor Dwyer have been notified and have approved the event. DPW Supervisor Mike Moser has approved the event details, including the traffic and parking plan. Completed park permit, proof of insurance, and security deposit have been received. Approval is pending NYMIR's confirmation of acceptable insurance coverage.

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

**Facility Use – Veterans Memorial Park, Memorial Day Parade**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to grant permission to the American Legion Township Post 214 to hold a Memorial Day Parade and to use the area near the Veterans Memorial Park Firemen's Monument located in Memorial Park on Monday, May 25, 2026, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The parade will step off at approximately 11:00 a.m., with lineup beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street in front of Village Hall. The parade route will proceed from Village Hall to Oakland Avenue, to Warwick Cemetery, to Galloway Road, to St. Stephen's Cemetery, and then along Forester Avenue to the Veterans Memorial Park Firemen's Monument. Completed park permit, proof of insurance and Town of Warwick Police Department approval have been received. Approval remains pending NYMIR's confirmation of acceptable insurance coverage and security deposit.

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

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW**  
**AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC**  
**NOTICE AND HEARING**  
**CORRECTIONS TO ZONING MAP**

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, titled “Corrections to Zoning Map,” be and it hereby is introduced by Trustee McKnight, 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 June 15, 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 McKnight 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     Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting     Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting     Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting     Aye

**Discussion**

Mayor Newhard commended Village Clerk Raina Abramson for the extensive work involved in researching and reconciling the zoning records. He stated that the process required reviewing historical records, meeting minutes, and archived files in order to correct discrepancies that had occurred over time, including mapping errors at the County level. Mayor Newhard stated that he believed the work completed by Village Clerk Abramson would successfully resolve the inconsistencies.

Trustee McKnight agreed and noted that she had gone through the Village archives and pieced the information together.

Mayor Newhard described the task as very complicated work.

**Comp Alliance Member Participation Agreement**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to authorize the mayor to sign The New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (Comp Alliance) Member Participation Agreement for Worker's Compensation Coverage with an agreement period of June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027.

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

**Wheeler Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project – Argenio Bros., Inc.**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to accept the bid from Argenio Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$175,175.00 for the Wheeler Avenue Sidewalk ADA Improvements project, CDBG Federal Contract Number B-25-UC-36-0165, as per the recommendation of Village Engineer, Keith Woodruff and to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract for the same.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
**VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**LOAN TO WELL #3 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**

WHEREAS: The Village is installing Well #3 and related infrastructure to improve its water supply system, which capital project is paid in part by a grant awarded by EPA Clean Water Drinking Grant, and expensed from the Well #3 Capital Project Fund (H fund). The current balance in the H fund is not sufficient to pay current project expenses, although the Board of Trustees anticipates receiving grant funds prior to the end of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Accordingly, the Board intends to authorize a loan from the General Fund (A fund) to the Capital Fund (H fund), which loan will be paid back to the General Fund (A fund) upon receipt of grant funding.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes a loan in the amount of \$242,122.61 from the General Fund (A fund) to the Well #3 Capital Project Fund (H fund), which loan shall be paid back to the A fund upon receipt of grant funding.

Trustee Cheney presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Foster.

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

Barry Cheney, Trustee, voting     Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting     Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting     Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting     Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

**Discussion**

Mayor Newhard stated that grant funding for the Well #3 capital project was now becoming a reality and explained that the Village had recently received information from the federal government regarding the funding process. He stated that the Village was currently completing the required portal submissions and related administrative steps necessary to receive the grant funds. Mayor Newhard noted that the process had taken nearly two years to complete but stated that the project was now approaching the finish line.

Mayor Newhard further explained that the funding had been secured through a community grant obtained with the assistance of Congressman Pat Ryan and noted that it had been one of the first projects funded after Congressman Ryan took office. He stated that Congressman Ryan's office had recently contacted the Village for an update on the project and that he was pleased to report that the work was nearing completion and that the funding appeared to remain fully intact and forthcoming.

**Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items***

No comments.

**Final Comments from the Board**

Trustee Cheney provided an additional update on the ongoing New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) infrastructure work, stating that paving operations between the Village of Warwick and the Village of Florida had continued and, weather permitting, were expected to conclude within the week. He noted that additional phases of the project and related work would continue afterward and asked residents to remain patient throughout the process. Trustee Cheney also urged the public to exercise caution around construction zones and to remain mindful of workers operating close to active traffic lanes in order to help prevent injuries.

Mayor Newhard added that the Village had communicated concerns to the contractors regarding pedestrian safety after hearing concerns from residents. He explained that pedestrian access had been especially challenging near the corners of Church Street and South Street along Route 94 due to the construction of sidewalk bump-outs, which temporarily occupied areas that would normally provide walking space for pedestrians. Mayor Newhard stated that the work at those locations was expected to be completed soon. He also encouraged residents and visitors to

continue supporting downtown businesses during the construction period while remaining cautious, particularly when accompanying children in busy areas near the ongoing work zones.

Trustee Collura announced that registration for the Village of Warwick Summer Recreation Program would open on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. She explained that residents could access the registration portal through the Village website by selecting the “Residents” section and then choosing the Summer Recreation registration tab. Trustee Collura noted that the Village had transitioned to a new registration format the previous year, which had significantly improved the process, and stated that the Village did not anticipate experiencing the technical difficulties that had occurred in prior years.

Trustee Foster reported that interviews for the Village’s Safe Streets for All initiative had begun as part of the ongoing planning process. She explained that, in addition to public meetings and surveys, the Village was conducting approximately 60 one-on-one interviews and small group meetings to gather more detailed community input that would help shape the plan. Trustee Foster stated that outreach efforts had included businesses, the school system, bus drivers, Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), the Department of Public Works (DPW), fire departments, emergency medical services (EMS), Dial-A-Bus representatives, senior citizens, students, local mayors, police chiefs, Chambers of Commerce, Orange County representatives, homeowners associations, Warwick Cares, and other community stakeholders.

Trustee Foster stated that she would share the outreach list with the Board in case additional interview recommendations were identified. She noted that not all groups had been responsive thus far and explained that the Village was attempting to complete the interviews before Memorial Day so the information could be incorporated into the initial analysis of traffic and pedestrian safety “hot spots.” She added that additional feedback opportunities would likely remain available afterward to help shape future messaging and public engagement efforts related to the initiative. Trustee Foster also noted that she had informed the Village’s insurance provider about the ongoing work being conducted through the initiative.

Mayor Newhard added that he had informed the Village’s insurance provider about the various safety and planning efforts currently underway through the Safe Streets for All initiative.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Foster discussed the possibility of using the upcoming Memorial Day Parade as an additional opportunity to gather public feedback related to the Patriots Pathway following the event.

### **Executive Session**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation,

or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation and any other business that may come before the Board.

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 Newhard, Trustees: Barry Cheney, Carly Foster, Thomas McKnight, and Mary Collura.

**Exit Executive Session & Adjournment of the Regular Meeting**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 8:15 p.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

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Jennifer Mante, Deputy Village Clerk