

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WARWICK
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 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.

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

Acceptance of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried for the Acceptance of Minutes: August 18, 2025.

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

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 \$301,833.21.

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. The Village of Warwick has been awarded a 2025–2026 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant in the amount of \$73,820 to support a Document Conversion and Access Project. The funding will allow the Village to implement Laserfiche, digitize approximately 265,000 images of key historical and financial records, and provide staffing for full image verification.

Trustee McKnight stated that the Village was taking the next step in its multi-year effort to modernize and digitize records. He highlighted the many benefits of this process and expressed appreciation to Village Clerk Raina Abramson for leading the initiative.

Mayor Newhard also thanked Village Clerk Raina Abramson for her leadership on the records digitization project, noting that she had overcome challenges along the way. He also thanked Village staff for their participation and recognized the summer intern for contributing significant effort to prepare for the project's next phase.

Trustee McKnight emphasized that the digitization project involved much more than simply scanning documents. He explained that each record must be classified according to its document type and assigned the proper state retention schedule, with every item manually verified during the process. He acknowledged the significant effort required but stated that the work was well worth it.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Village Cove Condominium HOA commending the efforts of Village of Warwick Water Distribution Supervisor, Christopher Bennett and Water Department staff, Dylan Gerster and Chris Kane, on their work during the major project to update the curb stop valves that serve ten buildings within the association.

Mayor Newhard commended the Village Water Department for their extraordinary work, noting his appreciation for a letter recognizing their efforts.

2. Letter from NYS Homes and Community Renewal informing the Village of Warwick that it has met the requirements necessary to maintain the status as a Pro-Housing Community for 2025.

Mayor Newhard announced that the Village had again been designated a Pro-Housing Community. He thanked the Building Department for ensuring records were properly maintained so the Village could successfully reapply. He emphasized that this designation was important, as it is not only recommended but often required for many grant applications.

3. Village of Warwick Recreation Director, Ron Introini's 2025 Village of Warwick Recreation Summary report.

Mayor Newhard stated that the report looked good overall. He noted that some of the figures might warrant further review during budget discussions.

4. Letter from the Orange County Department of Health regarding the approval of plans and specs for the Maple Avenue Booster Station Relocation.

Discussion

1. Halloween 2025

Trustee Collura spoke about upcoming Halloween events, noting that details were included in the Village newsletter. She highlighted the return of “Warwick, If You Dare,” a self-guided Halloween house-decorating tour. Residents wishing to have their homes included on the map could sign up through October 6 by emailing her. She also mentioned the continuation of the “Scare the Mayor” contest, clarifying that participants were not required to join both events. Trustee Collura explained that she began working on the house tour with Village resident and Halloween enthusiast John DeLucia last year, and it had been very successful. However, she noted that some participants expressed disappointment over fewer trick-or-treaters visiting their decorated homes, as most families tend to concentrate in certain neighborhoods. She raised the broader question of how to encourage trick-or-treating in other areas of the Village.

Mayor Newhard suggested a map to encourage families to explore other great neighborhoods.

Trustee Collura emphasized the unevenness in the distribution of trick-or-treaters across the Village. She explained that while some areas, such as Orchard Street, run out of candy early in the evening, others, like Pont Hill, have excess left over. She observed that families are drawn to the same neighborhood each year because it is safe and fun, and many enjoy the tradition of seeing familiar faces annually. However, she emphasized that the concentration of activity places a heavy burden on residents in that neighborhood, both financially, due to the large amount of candy needed, and logistically, with street closures making parking difficult. She also pointed out that overnight parking restrictions begin on November 1, compounding the challenge for residents returning home from work on Halloween. Trustee Collura concluded that the situation warranted further discussion and a closer look at possible solutions.

Mayor Newhard further explained that a Halloween map, paired with a press release highlighting great neighborhoods in the Village, could help encourage a more balanced distribution of trick-or-treaters.

Trustee Collura recalled that in a past year there had been an effort to promote the idea of families trick-or-treating within their own neighborhoods. The intent had been to encourage a more even spread of activity across the Village.

Trustee Collura observed that many families leave Railroad Green after festivities and migrate to the closest nearby streets, creating heavy trick-or-treat traffic in concentrated areas. She explained that this often results in two separate waves of visitors, with children arriving even before the Halloween parade has ended. Trustee Collura expressed concern that with Halloween falling on a Friday this year, turnout could be especially large, noting that the previous year was already the busiest she had ever experienced, even though it fell midweek. She remarked that preparations for the anticipated crowd would need to begin early.

Trustee Foster remarked on the surprising level of planning and intensity that goes into preparing for Halloween if you live near Orchard Street, noting how much thought residents put into accommodating the large crowds.

Trustee Collura emphasized that Halloween planning affects multiple departments, including the Police Department and the Department of Public Works, which handles street closures. She noted that because the event impacts some neighborhoods more heavily than others, it warranted the Board's attention. While she was unsure if a clear solution existed, she believed the issue was important to continue discussing.

Mayor Newhard suggested that some of the trick-or-treating crowds might be encouraged to cross into nearby neighborhoods such as Linden, Clinton, and Third Street. However, he expressed concern about the safety of crossing a busy thoroughfare and proposed that additional support from the Fire Department or Police Department could help manage the situation on Halloween night.

Trustee Foster suggested that the Village could consider putting up signage, such as "Slow Down" notices, to help improve safety during Halloween.

Trustee Collura suggested that additional lighting at the crosswalk might help address safety concerns. She explained that while there are routes from Orchard Street through nearby residential areas such as Van Buren and Howe Street, they are not well suited for heavy pedestrian traffic. She noted that access back to West Street was limited, and Pond Hill was too far to be considered a practical walking option for most families.

Mayor Newhard and Trustee Collura discussed possible pedestrian routes extending further down Orchard Street. They noted that crossing the railroad tracks provided a relatively direct connection to Factory Street and John Street, though safety considerations would need to be taken into account.

Trustee Collura reflected that the alternate route toward West Street and Pond Hill might be somewhat closer, but still presented challenges for children. She noted that young trick-or-treaters, often in costumes and carrying heavy bags of candy, would find the additional distance difficult.

Mayor Newhard concluded the Halloween discussion by encouraging the Board to think creatively about ways to better distribute trick-or-treating activity across the Village.

Trustee Collura noted that this year might mark the 10th anniversary of the “Scare the Mayor” contest. She expressed excitement about the milestone and looked forward to continuing the tradition.

Trustee Foster asked about the status of the Fall newsletter. Trustee Collura replied that it was scheduled for release that week. Trustee Foster inquired if it contained information about distributing Halloween activity across neighborhoods, and Trustee Collura clarified that it only included details on “Warwick, If You Dare,” the Halloween parade, and the “Scare the Mayor” contest.

Trustee Collura added that while she had not included specific plans in the newsletter regarding neighborhood distribution, there had been strong efforts around candy donations, which were very helpful in supporting residents who receive heavy trick-or-treat traffic.

Mayor Newhard observed that the strong draw to certain neighborhoods originally came from the elaborate Halloween decorations on streets such as Welling and Oakland Court. Trustee Collura agreed, noting that many homes there still decorate extensively. She added that resident Kayleigh Maher, who lives near Larry’s Deli, had also raised concerns. Despite decorating her home with enthusiasm, Ms. Maher reported receiving only a small number of trick-or-treaters, which highlighted how unevenly the turnout is distributed across the Village.

Mayor Newhard suggested that stronger promotion of the “Warwick, If You Dare” house-decorating tour might help address the imbalance in Halloween activity. He asked whether the tour takes place on Halloween itself or in the days leading up to the holiday.

Trustee Collura explained that the deadline for the “Warwick, If You Dare” house-decorating tour map was October 6, and she planned to release the map that same week, prior to the weekend. She suggested that promotion could highlight the idea of not only viewing the decorated homes in advance but also visiting them again on Halloween night to enjoy them as part of the festivities.

Trustee Cheney supported the idea of promoting specific neighborhoods through the Halloween map to help distribute trick-or-treating activity more evenly across the Village.

Trustee Collura cautioned that the Village should be careful not to over-promote certain neighborhoods, as some residents might not welcome additional trick-or-treat traffic and could be unprepared.

Trustee Cheney agreed, noting that homeowners who typically purchase a modest amount of candy could be overwhelmed if significantly larger numbers of children suddenly appeared.

Trustee Collura mentioned that letting the Halloween map circulate would be helpful and added that Village Clerk Raina Abramson had suggested the idea of a scavenger hunt. She thought it would be a fun concept, though not feasible to organize this year. She proposed that in the future the Village might collaborate with Wickham Works, perhaps borrowing elements from their haunted house event if it does not fall on Halloween weekend, and incorporating them into the scavenger hunt.

Trustee Foster expressed support for the idea of developing a Halloween scavenger hunt in partnership with Wickham Works, describing it as a great idea.

Trustee Foster asked about the status of the “Mayor for a Day” program and whether it was still being held.

Trustee Collura responded that the “Mayor for a Day” recognition had been awarded to Danny Alquezada.

Mayor Newhard explained that the “Mayor for a Day” program had been part of the Village’s sesquicentennial celebration. He added that it could be considered for revival in the future.

Trustee Foster suggested linking the scavenger hunt idea to a publicity initiative, such as offering a “Mayor for a Day” experience as a prize for the winner.

Trustee Foster proposed that the “Safe Streets for All / Slow Down Warwick” campaign could provide a good opportunity to introduce a “Kid Mayor” concept. She suggested that involving children in this way could help promote the campaign’s goals.

Trustee Collura supported reviving the “Kid Mayor” program. She recalled that the original selection process required participants to be Village residents and submit an essay on what they would do if chosen as Mayor, with the winner selected from those entries.

Trustee Collura noted that this year marked the 10th anniversary of Apple Eve, originally introduced during the Village’s sesquicentennial. She explained that the budget window

for the event had passed and that it was difficult to plan outdoor activities at that time of year. However, she suggested that the Village might still find a way to recognize the occasion.

Trustee Foster suggested reviewing the concert budget, noting that funds had been reserved for fall and winter events. She proposed that if available, some of those funds could be used to support Apple Eve, which would make the celebration more feasible and enjoyable.

Trustee Collura agreed that reviewing the budget for Apple Eve would be worthwhile but cautioned that the main challenge was the unpredictable weather for an outdoor event at that time of year.

The Board recalled the first Apple Eve celebration, when the extreme cold caused the beverages to freeze. Trustee Collura shared her memory of attempting to tap a keg of non-alcoholic sparkling cider, which exploded and froze upon contact with her skin. She also noted that the generous food donations, including cake, were frozen solid due to the frigid temperatures.

Trustee Collura remarked that Apple Eve presented challenges because, as a New Year's Eve event, it could not easily be rescheduled if weather conditions were unfavorable.

Mayor Newhard observed that despite harsh weather conditions, people still come out to attend Apple Eve, which speaks to the event's appeal and significance in the community.

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.

Ackerley & Hubble Appraisal Corp. - WQIP Land Acquisition Project

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to accept the proposal from Ackerley & Hubble Appraisal Corp. dated June 18, 2025, for appraisal services for the WQIP Land Acquisition project at a cost of \$8,400 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Authorization to Proceed.

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 the Village had received a grant to purchase or obtain conservation easements on properties within the watershed. He explained that two of the parcels were landlocked, while one contained a house, with a conservation easement likely to apply to most of its approximately 40 acres. The Village had been in contact with the property owners, all of whom expressed interest in working with the Village. Trustee Cheney outlined the next steps, which included completing appraisals, negotiating agreeable pricing with the owners, conducting surveys, and drafting the necessary documents to secure the properties. He added that the Village's share of the cost was just under \$100,000 and expressed hope that the amount could be covered through a successful application to the County's Open Space Fund, potentially allowing the Village to complete the project without incurring direct expenses.

Mayor Newhard responded positively to Trustee Cheney's update on the conservation easements, stating that it would be a wonderful outcome if the project could be completed without Village expense. He thanked Trustee Cheney for his effort, noting that the process has taken a long time.

Trustee Cheney explained that the delays were due to the original contract not being finalized. The agreement had to be redone with a new expiration date, which was resolved in the spring, allowing the project to move forward.

Seasonal DPW Laborer / Brush Pile Attendant – Thomas DeLuca, Amended Start Date

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to amend the motion made on August 18, 2025, to hire Thomas DeLuca to the position of Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer to perform the duties of Brush Pile Attendant with a start date of August 23, 2025, as opposed to September 6, 2025.

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

Purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to approve the purchase of a CAT 908 Compact Wheel Loader from H.O. Penn, in the amount of \$130,000 as part of the NYS Bid/Sourcwell Purchasing Network Contract #020223 and #011723 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: **APPROVED**

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Nay Mayor Newhard Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight recalled that the two available options were a 29 percent discount off list price through New York State and a 23 percent discount through Sourcwell.

Trustee Cheney described the purchasing process as complex. He reported speaking with the Caterpillar representative responsible for the Sourcwell contract, who explained that negotiations were underway to align New York State's piggyback contract with Sourcwell. This may have accounted for the difference between the 29 percent discount offered through New York State and the 23 percent discount through Sourcwell, since the latter had only recently been updated. Trustee Cheney also noted that vendors were bidding only on the deduction percentage rather than the list price itself. To confirm the accuracy of the list price, he contacted Sourcwell, which referred him to Caterpillar.

Caterpillar asked what price was stated to the Village and then verified that the list price provided in the proposal was correct.

Trustee McKnight reviewed the figures for the equipment purchase, noting that the list price was \$187,673. With the New York State discount of 29 percent, a reduction of \$54,425. He asked for clarification on whether the Village would be proceeding under the Sourcewell contract or the New York State contract.

Trustee Cheney clarified that New York State's pricing structure is a piggyback arrangement off the Sourcewell contract. Sourcewell establishes the base agreement, and New York State then accepts it while negotiating its own discount percentages. Trustee Cheney suggested that the Board should take a closer look in the future at how it procures equipment and utilizes bidding platforms. He expressed some discomfort with the current process, noting that he had to contact the parent company of the dealer directly to validate the quote. He recommended that the Village gain a better understanding of the system to ensure confidence in future purchases.

Trustee McKnight sought clarification on the equipment pricing, confirming that there was no dispute over the list price of \$187,673 as stated by the manufacturer and included in the written quote. He added that under the New York State contract, the Village would receive a 29 percent discount from that list price.

In discussion with Trustee McKnight, Trustee Cheney explained that the discounts offered through different contracts are not always aligned. He noted that Sourcewell had previously bid the contract with New York State and established a 23 percent discount, but New York State and Caterpillar had not yet updated their deduction for the current period. Trustee Cheney clarified that Sourcewell serves as the primary source contract in this process.

Trustee Foster pointed out that the two discount percentages might not be directly comparable, as they could be calculated from different list prices, making it not an "apples to apples" comparison.

Trustee Cheney responded that he was not certain whether the discount percentages were being calculated from different list prices.

Mayor Newhard suggested that the difference might be related to regional pricing variations.

Trustee McKnight remarked that while the pricing process seemed unusual, the manufacturer's list price itself did not appear to be in dispute. He suggested that the differences likely stemmed from which procurement channel was used and how the

associated costs or markups were applied.

Trustee Cheney confirmed that the process being used was consistent with the Village's current procurement policy. He stated that this mechanism could be applied not only for equipment but also for other commodities.

Trustee Foster expressed concern that the Village had no way of knowing whether the state contract provided the lowest possible cost. She noted that the process required trust in the state's procurement system without independent confirmation that it represented the best deal available.

Trustee Cheney explained that he had made significant efforts to validate the list price with Sourcewell. He initially contacted the Village's liaison, who directed him to Sourcewell's contract managers. After exchanging emails, he was referred to the Caterpillar manager responsible for the Sourcewell contract. Trustee Cheney spoke with him to confirm the list price, though he acknowledged that list prices could vary depending on proximity to the factory and market conditions. He concluded that the process was valid and expressed confidence in moving forward with this purchase without further delay. However, he also emphasized the need for the Village to review how it uses procurement platforms in relation to its procurement policy in the future.

Trustee Foster asked whether part of the challenge was that there was no directly comparable equipment option available from another manufacturer.

Trustee Cheney acknowledged that the lack of comparable alternatives could be part of the challenge. He explained that the Village had received multiple proposals, including one for John Deere equipment in addition to the Caterpillar option. However, the proposals were not directly comparable because the John Deere dealer had not initially been asked to include a trade-in value for the Wacker machine. Trustee Cheney noted that the Village had an existing relationship with Caterpillar, which supplied another large piece of equipment currently in use. He added that some DPW staff preferred Caterpillar due to familiarity with its operation and controls. The Wacker, manufactured by a Scandinavian company, had posed challenges in terms of parts availability, with its dealer located in New Jersey. Trustee Cheney suggested that going forward, the Village should consider competing similarly sized machines from different manufacturers against one another using a clear set of basic criteria. This approach would help ensure more competitive costs while still allowing the use of bidding platforms for price verification.

Trustee Foster commended Trustee Cheney for the extensive effort he put into researching and verifying the equipment purchase process.

Trustee McKnight sought clarification on the source of the quote, noting that it did not come directly from Caterpillar but from H.O. Penn, the dealer.

Trustee Cheney clarified that H.O. Penn, the regional Caterpillar dealer, provided the quote.

Trustee Cheney responded that he had validated the list price with Caterpillar, while Trustee Foster clarified that Caterpillar had not independently provided a list price but had only confirmed the figure after Trustee Cheney relayed the quote.

Trustee McKnight remarked that the process seemed questionable.

Trustee Cheney agreed that what he had hoped for was a direct validation of the list price from Sourcewell or New York State, which he felt would have been a more appropriate and fiscally responsible approach.

Trustee Foster argued for greater pricing transparency, stating that agencies should provide the actual list price along with the discount rather than only a percentage. She noted that relying solely on a discount rate forces the Village to back-calculate and leaves uncertainty about the base number used to compute the final price.

Trustee Cheney reiterated that he had spent considerable time attempting to validate the list price through a source other than the manufacturer.

Trustee McKnight acknowledged and appreciated the effort Trustee Cheney put into reviewing the equipment purchase. He remarked, however, that some of the parties involved in the process did not appear to be as forthcoming as they should be, particularly given the substantial cost of the machinery.

Trustee Foster commented that the lack of transparency from the vendors might stem from their not being accustomed to having someone conduct such thorough due diligence on the pricing process.

Trustee McKnight responded that vendors should expect scrutiny and transparency in the procurement process. He expressed discomfort with the situation, noting that without a clear point of comparison, it was difficult for him to fully evaluate the fairness of the quoted price.

Mayor Newhard remarked that he did not know what course of action the Village could take, as the quotes came from the state.

Trustee McKnight observed that an authorized dealer will always take a share of the cost as part of doing business. He questioned whether it was appropriate for the dealer to be the one stating the list price and asked if Caterpillar had provided any direct validation of that figure.

Trustee Cheney reiterated that he had contacted the Caterpillar representative managing the Sourcewell contract to request the list price of the Caterpillar 908. Instead of providing the information directly, the representative asked what price the Village had already received. When Trustee Cheney shared the quoted figure, the representative simply confirmed it as the list price.

Trustee Collura suggested that the situation might not have involved anything improper and that the quoted figure could simply have been the correct list price.

Trustee Foster added that perhaps it was within a range of the list price.

Trustee Cheney compared the situation to “the fox guarding the hen house,” expressing concern about relying on the dealer’s confirmation of the list price when it ultimately came from someone they work closely with.

Trustee Foster asked whether, based on similar equipment purchases in the past and the pricing being generally in the same range, the Board felt comfortable moving forward with the current proposal.

Trustee Cheney responded that he did feel comfortable proceeding, noting that the bid received from John Deere for a slightly smaller but comparable machine in terms of weight was priced in line with the Caterpillar proposal.

Trustee Foster concluded that the Village clearly needed the equipment, noting that the matter had already been brought before the Board at previous meetings.

Trustee Collura agreed, emphasizing that DPW equipment purchases are driven by necessity to complete essential tasks. She noted that the drawn-out procurement process could be frustrating for everyone involved.

Trustee Foster suggested that in future equipment purchases, the process could be improved if the Department of Public Works clearly outlined and articulated the required features at the outset. This would allow the Board to evaluate options more effectively.

Trustee Cheney explained that one option for future purchases would be to issue a formal bid. He noted that while the process is somewhat involved, it is manageable and allows multiple manufacturers to submit proposals, each indicating whether they meet or fail to

meet the required specifications. The Board could then use that information in its analysis to select the most suitable equipment. Trustee Cheney added that Village procurement policy allows the Board to choose the option that is in the best interest of the Village rather than being required to accept the lowest bid. He gave the example of lawn mowers, explaining that if the Village already owned two Bobcats, purchasing another of the same brand might be the best choice for consistency and compatibility. By bidding, the Village could ensure competitive pricing while still having the flexibility to make decisions based on overall value rather than price alone.

Trustee Foster agreed, noting that issuing bids would at least provide a clear basis for discussion and allow the Board to determine which option would be most advantageous for the Village.

Mayor Newhard received conformation that the process was accepted by the State Comptroller, affirming that it complied with state oversight requirements.

Trustee McKnight questioned the necessity of purchasing the new wheel loader. He acknowledged that the Village already owned a wheel loader, though it was older and had ongoing mechanical issues. He asked for clarification on the specific functions and tasks the equipment was being used for.

Trustee Cheney explained that the wheel loader was primarily used for smaller projects rather than large-scale work. While the Department of Public Works typically relied on Toolcats for snow removal, the wheel loader could also be used for that purpose with the addition of a snow blower attachment. He noted that the equipment served a variety of functions and may even have been used at the skate park, though he was not certain.

Trustee McKnight acknowledged that DPW Supervisor Mike Moser had requested the new wheel loader but questioned what was driving the need for the purchase. He stated that he was not yet fully convinced of its necessity.

Trustee Cheney responded that while he did not have a precise answer, the broader issue was that the Village's current wheel loader, the Wacker, had been in service for approximately 12 to 13 years and had essentially been worn out from heavy use.

Trustee McKnight acknowledged the explanation but noted that he also considered other equipment needs, such as the sewer jet, which he felt sounded particularly important.

Mayor Newhard stated that the wheel loader was a fundamental piece of equipment used regularly by the Department of Public Works. He emphasized that the existing machine was aging and failing, making its replacement an important priority.

Trustee Collura agreed, stressing the importance of replacing the wheel loader before it completely failed and left the Department of Public Works without the equipment.

Trustee Cheney added that when originally purchased 15 years ago, the wheel loader likely cost around \$80,000 to \$100,000. With its current trade-in value of approximately \$15,000, he concluded that the machine had clearly reached the end of its useful life.

Trustee McKnight reflected that the discussion highlighted a broader issue regarding major equipment purchases. He felt that the Board did not always receive sufficient justification for large expenditures and emphasized that even if an item was included in the budget, it did not automatically mean the funds needed to be spent. He suggested that, in general, more detailed justification should be provided when considering significant purchases.

Trustee Foster agreed, suggesting that future equipment requests should include a clear evaluation of reasonableness. She proposed outlining scenarios such as the cost of renting equipment if the Village did not own it, annual expenses that could result, and a comparison to demonstrate why a purchase would be justified.

Trustee McKnight added that justification for equipment purchases should also include specific examples of recent jobs completed with the machine, showing how it had been used and why it remained necessary for Village operations.

Trustee Foster agreed that providing concrete examples of equipment use would make sense.

Trustee Collura added that the Department of Public Works would likely be more than willing to answer any questions and provide the Board with the necessary details.

Trustee Cheney noted that the Board had approved fleet management software that would allow the Department of Public Works to record and extract detailed data on equipment use. He explained that this tool would support better-informed decision-making and provide justification for future equipment requests.

Mayor Newhard expressed confidence in the judgment of the DPW Supervisor and his assistant, noting that they worked daily to maintain both the fleet and individual equipment to avoid breakdowns that could disrupt operations. He stated that while the Board could question requests, he had not seen any expenditures that appeared frivolous or unnecessary. He emphasized that the wheel loader was an essential part of the fleet and important to the effective operation of the Department of Public Works.

Trustee Foster clarified that the discussion was not about second-guessing the DPW Supervisor but about ensuring the Board had a clear understanding of equipment needs. She explained that developing fluency in these matters would help Trustees better communicate with the public and demonstrate due diligence. While those working with the equipment daily may not feel the need for such explanations, she said having records and context would make conversations at the Board level much more efficient.

Mayor Newhard suggested that detailed discussions and questions about equipment needs should take place during budget deliberations rather than when a purchase request is already before the Board. He noted that addressing these matters earlier in the process would make decision-making easier and more effective.

Trustee Collura pointed out that equipment needs are not always predictable. She explained that while the DPW might identify a specific need in May, by September another piece of equipment could fail, requiring the purchase to be reprioritized. She emphasized that such shifts are unavoidable and that the DPW had been doing a good job responding to needs as they arise. Trustee Collura added that community needs also evolve, noting that projects like the skate park and pump track created unique demands on equipment usage this summer.

Trustee Foster agreed, noting that documenting equipment usage and justifying major expenditures would establish good fiscal habits. She suggested that for a purchase such as a \$130,000 machine, the DPW could provide a memo detailing the projects it had been used for, the potential costs of renting if the equipment were unavailable, and the timeframe in which it was needed. She explained that having this type of information would give the Board clear criteria to evaluate requests and streamline the decision-making process.

Trustee McKnight reflected that while major equipment expenditures often come up during budget discussions, department heads typically do not present requests until those meetings, creating a situation where everything must be considered at once. He stated that it was natural to question such purchases at this stage, since budgeting for an item does not obligate the Village to spend the money. He suggested that for any large purchase—usually from the DPW—the Supervisor should attend Board meetings in advance of urgent needs to provide context and justification. He emphasized the importance of building stronger practices around evaluating major expenditures. Trustee McKnight noted that while he appreciated the explanations given, details around list pricing, discounts, and the roles of Sourcewell, New York State, H.O. Penn, and Caterpillar remained unclear. He thanked Trustee Cheney for his efforts in navigating the complicated process and added that he had researched local dealers, finding that only H.O. Penn and another dealer near Scranton were available in the region.

Trustee Cheney explained that the Scranton dealer was in Pennsylvania and that the Village's purchasing options were limited to the state's designated territory.

Mayor Newhard concluded that the discussion had been valuable and underscored the importance of conducting thorough analysis for major purchases. He thanked Trustee Cheney for his work on the matter and suggested that the process would help guide procurement practices in the future. He acknowledged that while there had been internal dialogue with DPW leadership, the entire Board had not been fully included. He noted that he and Trustee Cheney meet weekly with DPW Supervisor Mike Moser and Assistant Supervisor Mike Fanelli to review needs, but for significant purchases, it might be beneficial for DPW staff to attend Board meetings directly, as they had done in the past.

Trustee Cheney agreed, noting that while DPW staff did not always have substantial updates to present, there was no reason they could not attend Board meetings occasionally. He emphasized that when agenda items of significant importance, such as major equipment purchases, were under consideration, their presence would be especially valuable.

Trustee McKnight added that DPW leadership should also attend Board meetings when personnel matters, such as the hiring of new DPW employees, are being discussed. He explained that he did not feel fully informed on such issues and believed their direct input would improve the dialogue.

Trustee Cheney noted that discussions involving personnel matters, such as current or future DPW employees, would appropriately need to take place in executive session.

Full-Time DPW Laborer - Brandon Tuck

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee Collura and carried to hire Brandon Tuck to the position of Full-Time Laborer at the current Collective Bargaining Agreement rate of pay contingent upon his obtaining a CDL within one year of hire. September 2025 start date to be determined per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor, Michael Moser.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Nay Mayor Newhard Aye

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK STATE WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) GRANT APPLICATION FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WARWICK WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Warwick duly caused to be prepared a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) recommending improvements to the Village's Reservoir Water Storage Tank; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to such water system components include upgrades such that the Reservoir Water Storage Tank will meet the Recommended Standards for Waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Project will include construction of two (2) new water storage tanks, replacing the existing Reservoir Tank; and

WHEREAS, the opinion of probable project costs of these improvements, is \$3,600,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board now desires to pursue grant funding for the project under the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Warwick, Orange County, New York, authorizes the submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application on behalf of the Village for grant funding under the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Program, and to execute any agreements, instruments or other documents in connection with the Village's acceptance of any such grants and/or the funding thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor may authorize any required local match required with respect to financing or grants awarded to the Village for the Project through the use of cash and/or in-kind services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Trustee Foster emphasized the importance of the project and expressed optimism that additional funding opportunities, such as FEMA HMA (Hazard Mitigation Assistance) funding, might also become available this year. She noted that the latest iteration of the program may be more favorable to projects of this type and suggested that a benefit-cost analysis could be prepared depending on timing. Trustee Foster explained that the improvements would help maintain water supply reliability, particularly during repair needs or times of drought, by ensuring redundancy with two water tanks rather than depending on just one.

Trustee Cheney emphasized that the project was about resilience, noting that if the Village were to lose the reservoir tank, it would create a serious problem. By contrast, having two new tanks would provide redundancy, allowing the Village to continue operating, even if only at a reduced capacity.

RESERVOIR WATER TANK REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Warwick (the “Village”) owns and operates a municipal water system (the “Water System”) serving the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village is currently in the design phase of the Reservoir Water Storage Tank Replacement Project, in response to the tank being near the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the current engineer’s opinion of probable construction cost for the Reservoir Water Storage Tank Replacement Project [hereinafter collectively the "Project"] is Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars \$3,600,000.00 [the “Capital Project Cost”]; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to finance the Project through issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,600,000.00 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, although the Village will pay the full amount of the Capital Project Cost through bonding, the Village is also applying to the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (“WIIA”) Program seeking a grant for sixty (60) percent of eligible costs related to the Project, and, if the WIIA grant application is approved, the amount required to be bonded will be concomitantly decreased; and

WHEREAS, although the Village will pay the full amount of the Capital Project Cost through bonding, the Village maintains a capital reserve fund which, depending on certain future circumstances, may be available to provide funds to pay a portion of the costs related to

the Project, and, if such capital reserve funds ultimately are available to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, the amount required to be bonded will be concomitantly decreased; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village has conducted Public Information Meetings to take comments from the public on the Village's proposed improvements to the Water System which constitute the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Village Board of Trustees hereby determines that the Village shall undertake the Reservoir Water Storage Tank Replacement Project; and
2. That the work to be undertaken in the Project shall be the replacement of the Reservoir Water Storage Tank, including the construction of two (2) 600,000 gallon water storage tanks, demolition of the existing Reservoir Tank, connection of the two (2) new tanks to the existing water system, site restoration, engineering services, associated administrative and legal services, and other ancillary costs necessary to complete the Project; and
3. That funding for the Project shall be provided through issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,600,000.00 , less any amount which may ultimately be received through a WIIA grant or any amount which may be available from the Village's capital reserve funds; and
4. That upon completion of the Project, the new Reservoir Water Storage Tanks shall merge into the already existing Water System.

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

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING SCHEDULE OF FEES
TO CHANGE BUILDING FEES

WHEREAS, Village of Warwick Code §64-1 provides that a comprehensive schedule of fees, including Building Department fees, be approved by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, in order to amend the Village's Schedule of Fees to change the Building Department fees it is necessary for the Village Board to adopt a resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village's Schedule of Fees is hereby amended as follows:

In the Schedule of Fees, under heading “Building Department” the following fees shall be deleted:

Category	Sub-Category	Type of Fee	Amount
Building Department	Sign Inspections		\$50.00

; and

In the Schedule of Fees, under heading “Building Department” the following fees shall be amended:

Category	Sub-Category	Type of Fee	Amount	Notes
Building Department	Signs	New Sign Application	\$50.00 \$75.00	*Adopted 11/6/2023. Exemption - Sign applications before the Planning Board for site plan application.
Building Department	Signs	Sign Alteration / Relocation Application	\$50.00 \$75.00	
Building Department	Fire Inspections	Assembly Space	\$50.00 \$75.00	Maximum 1 hour per inspection
Building Department	Fire Inspections	General Commercial	\$25.00 \$50.00	Maximum 30 minutes per inspection
Building Department	Fire Inspections	Institutional	\$100.00 \$150.00	Maximum 3 hours per inspection
Building Department	Fire Inspections	Multiple Dwelling-under 10 units	\$50.00 \$75.00	Maximum 1 hour per inspection
Building Department	Fire Inspections	Multiple Dwelling-over 10 units 10 or more units	\$100.00 \$150.00	Maximum 2 hours per inspection

In the Schedule of Fees, under heading “Architectural Review” the following fees shall be amended:

Category	Sub-Category	Type of Fee	Amount
Architectural Review		Application for certificate of no exterior effect	\$50.00 \$75.00

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 Aye

Carly Foster, Trustee, voting Aye

Thomas McKnight, Trustee, voting Aye

Mary Collura, Trustee, voting Aye

Michael Newhard, Mayor, voting Aye

Discussion

Trustee McKnight asked how the proposed changes had come about.

Mayor Newhard explained that the proposed changes to the building fees originated from a review by the Planning Department and the Building Department. He noted that some adjustments were based on the time required for certain activities, while others, such as the sign inspection fee, were recommended for deletion because the inspection was never actually performed. Mayor Newhard added that the revisions to the building fees were primarily based on the amount of time and administrative work required for each activity.

Trustee McKnight sought clarification on how the revised building fees were determined. He asked whether the fees, such as those tied to a maximum two-hour inspection, were based on an estimate of time required and paid upfront by the applicant, or if they could instead be calculated after the work was completed and billed retroactively.

Trustee Cheney explained that fire inspections follow a different process, where applicants are billed after the inspection is completed. He noted that payment is required before the certificate is issued.

Trustee McKnight pointed out an inconsistency in the fee schedule, noting that the maximum fee listed for two hours was the same as that for three hours. He suggested that if the fees were meant to reflect time spent, this discrepancy should be addressed.

Trustee Foster suggested that the fees might not only reflect inspection time in the field but also account for the preparation and administrative work completed in the office beforehand, as well as any follow-up processing afterward.

Trustee Cheney added that if inspections were consistently taking longer than the maximum time reflected in the current fees, he would expect staff to report back so the Board could consider raising the fees accordingly.

Mayor Newhard noted that the Village has the flexibility to adjust the fee schedule as needed, allowing changes to be made if the time required for inspections or administrative work increases.

Trustee McKnight observed that the Village's fee schedule had become more expensive across the board in recent years. He acknowledged that in some cases the increases were justified, as the Board had analyzed the numbers and determined where resources were being used.

Trustee Foster reminded the Board that it had previously decided to review the fee schedules based on actual time spent. This approach was intended to create a clearer and more rational connection between the fees charged and the work performed.

Trustee McKnight remarked that the Village had been adding fees frequently, sometimes as often as every quarter, resulting in a lengthy fee schedule. He expressed concern that the accumulation of fees could make it difficult for residents to build or renovate within the Village. While he found the current revisions reasonable, he suggested that the Board take a more holistic look at the overall fee structure in the future, as in some cases fees could amount to as much as 5 percent of a project's total cost.

Mayor Newhard agreed, noting that the cumulative impact of fees could be particularly significant for commercial projects.

Trustee Foster pointed out that the Village does not charge impact fees and is prohibited from doing so. She suggested that when reviewing the overall cost structure, the Board

should also take into account the cost impacts to the Village that are not otherwise recouped through fees.

Mayor Newhard agreed with the idea of taking a holistic look at the Village's fee structure, suggesting that it would be useful to play out scenarios showing the total cost to an applicant for a new build. At the same time, he emphasized that the current fee adjustments were reasonable and reflected the actual time and effort required of the Planning and Building Departments to complete inspections.

NYSLRS Record of Activities - Village of Warwick Trustee Mary Collura

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve the New York State Local Retirement System Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Village of Warwick Trustee Mary Collura with a Record of Activities Result of 7.24 days per month.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Abstain

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

WVT Fiber/Archtop Fiber Access Points Installation for Applefest

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to approve to grant permission to WVT Fiber/Archtop Fiber to install wireless Wi-Fi access points in Stanley-Deming Park for the benefit of the 2025 Applefest Event. (4) four access points will be installed on the bathroom building & (3) three access points will be installed on the basketball courts. The request includes access to electricity at each location. Installation and testing to take place approximately September 1, 2025, with removal no later than October 13, 2025. Completed park permit, security deposit and proof of insurance including Certificate of Workers' Compensation and Disability have been received. Archtop Fiber met with Village of Warwick Mayor, Deputy Mayor, DPW Supervisor and Assistant Public Works Supervisor upon application.

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 McKnight asked what was driving the need for the project.

Mayor Newhard explained that the installation was to create access points for Applefest.

Trustee Cheney added the need for merchants to reliably process credit card transactions during the event.

Trustee McKnight asked whether the vendors providing the fiber access points for Applefest would be compensated for their services.

Mayor Newhard clarified that WVT Fiber/Archtop Fiber were providing the service free of charge.

Trustee Collura added that the installation was being provided as part of WVT Fiber/Archtop Fiber's sponsorship of Applefest.

Mayor Newhard reported that a test run of the fiber access points had already been conducted.

Trustee McKnight asked whether vendors in the South Street parking lot would be able to connect to the access point in Stanley Deming Park.

Mayor Newhard clarified that access points were already installed in closer locations, including Railroad Green and the caboose, ensuring coverage.

Trustee McKnight expressed appreciation for the service, calling it a thoughtful contribution.

Facility Use Permit – Warwick Valley Community Center, Stanley Deming Park – Applefest Kid's Carnival

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to approve to grant permission to the Warwick Valley Community Center to hold an "old time" kid's carnival (interactive hand constructed games - no rides) and photos with Marvin the Camel in Stanley Deming Park on the east side of the creek, including the basketball court, as part of the 2025 Applefest Community Center Event on Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as per their letter dated August 23, 2025. Set up of the "old time" kid's carnival to begin on Saturday, October 4, 2025, and breakdown to be completed by Monday, October 6, 2025. Marvin the Camel's paddock to be set up Saturday, October 4, 2025, and to be removed by

Monday, October 6, 2025. Completed park permit, and security deposit have been received. Approval pending proof of proper insurance from the Warwick Valley Community Center and Sanctuary for Animals.

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

Village of Warwick Justice Court Audit

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee McKnight 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, 2024, 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 Aye Trustee Collura Aye
Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

Standardized Notice Form from the NYS Liquor Authority – Sugars Warwick LLC

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Collura, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to approve to acknowledge receipt of the Standardized Notice Form from the New York State Liquor Authority for an on-premises liquor license for Sugars Warwick LLC located at 32 Main Street, 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.

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

The Board acknowledged that they didn't have authority to object on the matter.

Trustee Collura shared that she had met the owner of Sugars Warwick LLC and found them to be very nice. She added that they were enthusiastic about joining the community and eager to start their business.

Alternate Attorneys to the Village of Warwick Planning Board - William Frank, Esq.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to appoint William Frank, Esq. and the law firm of Blustein, Shapiro, Frank & Barrone, LLP, as Alternate Attorneys to the Village of Warwick Planning 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

Return of Zoning Board Escrow – M&L Equity Auto

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Cheney and carried to return the Zoning Board escrow balance of \$935.82 to M&L Equity Auto for a lot line change application. All invoices have been paid as per email from the Zoning Board of Appeals Attorney.

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

Special Use Permit, T-Mobile - St. Anthony Community Hospital

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee McKnight, seconded by Trustee Foster and carried to acknowledge receipt of the Special Use Permit Application for a Wireless Communication Facility from T-Mobile for the existing wireless facility located on the rooftop of St. Anthony Community Hospital, to set an escrow for processing of the application at \$2,000, and to refer

the application to the Village Attorney and the Village's Engineering Consultant for review and comment.

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 noted that the company had been operating for four years without renewing its permit, which was originally due for renewal by August 1, 2021. He stated that this would form part of the discussion moving forward.

Mayor Newhard stated that Village Attorney Benjamin Gailey should be made aware that T-Mobile had been operating without a renewed special use permit at St. Anthony Community Hospital.

VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER OF DEDICATION OF** **BICYCLE PUMP TRACK IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

WHEREAS: By resolution, dated April 22, 2025, the Board of Trustees previously accepted an offer by the Warwick Lions Club to dedicate the labor and materials necessary for construction of a bicycle pump track at a designated location in Veterans Memorial Park, which acceptance was subject to a determination by the Village that the work had been properly performed and the materials and equipment had been installed in accordance with the plans. The designer of the plans, Get Dirty Designs, has now submitted a Certificate of Project Completion to the Board certifying that the project has been built, placed into service and completed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications, and other supporting information.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, in reliance on the Certificate of Project Completion, accepts dedication of the work, materials and equipment provided by the Warwick Lions Club to construct the bicycle pump track at Veterans Memorial

Park and affirms that unconditional ownership of the work, materials and equipment is vested in the Village of Warwick.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that on behalf of the Village of Warwick, the Board of Trustees extends its gratitude and appreciation to the Warwick Lions Club for its generous contribution to the Village's recreation facilities.

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

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

Trustee Foster reported that she had personally tested the new pump track several times and found it enjoyable and complete. She shared that while her first attempt looked slower on video than it felt, she improved on subsequent rides. She added that her children had also used the pump track and noted that many residents, both children and adults of all ages, had been out enjoying the new facility.

Mayor Newhard remarked that it was enjoyable to watch the activity at the pump track, noting the sight of riders' heads bobbing up and down on the pump track as a sign of its popularity and use.

Trustee Foster added that the pump track was designed to be enjoyable for riders of all skill levels. She explained that experienced cyclists could use it to perform tricks and get airborne, while those less comfortable with such maneuvers could still enjoy the track at a slower pace. She highlighted the versatility of the facility in providing fun for a wide range of users.

Mayor Newhard stated that a sign outlining the important rules for the pump track was being finalized. The sign included a clear “ride at your own risk” notice and had been condensed from its original length to be more manageable. He reported that it should be installed by the end of the week.

Trustee Foster added that motorized bikes were prohibited on the track.

Mayor Newhard suggested that wildflowers or decorative grass seed might be planted around the pump track area to reduce maintenance needs. He thanked the Lions Club for their tremendous contribution to the project, praising the time, energy, and hard work they devoted. He noted that despite setbacks from storms that damaged their progress, the group returned to complete the work, which he described as an impressive effort.

Trustee Foster recognized the efforts of Get Dirty, noting their strong commitment to the pump track project and the many hours they contributed. She highlighted the wide range of volunteers, from children to seniors in their seventies, who participated in the physically demanding work.

Trustee Cheney added that the construction took place in very hot conditions.

Mayor Newhard noted that the pump track construction took place during some of the hottest temperatures of the summer. He once again thanked the Lions Club for their dedication and hard work on the project.

VILLAGE OF WARWICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR
RESERVOIR LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

WHEREAS: The Village is undertaking a project to acquire land adjoining the villages reservoir property and the Board intends to establish a capital account for the project.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board hereby establishes a segregated capital account called Reservoir Land Acquisition, which account shall be initially funded with a Water Quality Improvements Project grant from NYS DEC in the amount of \$288,150 and a transfer

from the Water Fund in the amount of \$96,050, and the Mayor and Treasurer are authorized to establish a separate bank account for this capital account.

Trustee Cheney presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by

Trustee McKnight,

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

Public Comment – *Non-Agenda Items*

No comments.

Final Comments from the Board

Trustee Cheney reminded drivers to exercise caution in work zones. He observed that construction activity in the Village had increased in recent weeks and noted that this would continue for some time, particularly with ongoing sidewalk work being performed by the contractor.

Mayor Newhard reminded drivers that school was back in session and emphasized the importance of adhering to the 20 mph speed limit in the Village's school zone around Park Avenue, Galloway, Route 17A, and Forester Avenue. He also urged drivers to remain cautious after school hours, when children are active in parks and on the streets, stressing the need for defensive and observant driving throughout the Village.

The Mayor also revisited the progress of the skate park, describing it as an incredible and beautiful project that resembled a work of sculpture. He praised the young men building it, noting that as skaters themselves, they were deeply invested in the work, perfectionistic in their approach, and even adding creative touches that made the park unique and remarkable.

Mayor Newhard acknowledged that the Village's recreational projects, including the skate park, pump track, and walking trail, would not have been possible without the generous gift of land from Warwick Grove and Louis Marquet. He announced that a small dedication ceremony would be held at the library on Friday to honor Mr. Marquet, with a stone and plaque recognizing his contributions. The Mayor praised Mr. Marquet's vision and generosity, noting that both the library and the Village's recreational resources stand as a testament to his lasting impact.

Trustee Foster added that Louis Marquet had contributed greatly to the community, noting that his efforts extended well beyond the gifts of land and support already mentioned.

Trustee Collura announced that the Warwick Wildcat Spirit Wear Drive was ongoing through the week. She encouraged residents to donate gently used Wildcat apparel they no longer needed. Donations could be dropped off at the Warwick Tourism Center, Track Seven, Town Hall, and the Warwick Community Center. She added that on Saturday, September 13, a distribution event would be held at the Stanley Deming Park pavilion beginning at 10:00 a.m., giving community members the opportunity to pick up spirit wear items in time for homecoming.

Trustee Collura announced that the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce would be sponsoring the *Taste of Warwick* event, scheduled for the following Tuesday at the Warwick Valley Winery. She noted that tickets were available through the Chamber's website.

Executive Session

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Foster, seconded by Trustee Collura to enter into Executive Session 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.

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

Trustee Cheney Aye Trustee Foster Aye Trustee Collura Aye

Trustee McKnight Aye Mayor Newhard Aye

In Executive Session: Mayor, Michael Newhard and Trustees Barry Cheney, Mary Collura, Carly Foster, and Thomas McKnight.

Exit Closed Session and Adjourn Regular Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cheney, seconded by Trustee McKnight and carried to adjourn the regular meeting at approximately 9:30 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

Jennifer Mante, Deputy Village Clerk