

January 2, 2026

The Annual Re-Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick was held on Thursday, January 2, 2026 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Jesse Dwyer  
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo  
Councilman Russell Kowal  
Councilman Kevin Shuback  
Councilman Thomas Mattingly

**SUPERVISOR DWYER** - Okay, today we will be having the Town of Warwick reorganization meeting for the year 2026. We will have a regular business meeting right after the reorganization where we will go through the pledge and do all of the other normal, routine business. We are going to do things a little bit differently for this reorganization.

I have asked all of our department heads to come in and present their own State of the Town and that will be in addition to a State of the Town that I will present to the Town Board as well as to the public. Therefore, at this time we will open it up in no particular order other than the list that I sent out for request. We will have our first presenter, which will be the Humane Society's Suzyn Barron. You are in the hot seat. If you wouldn't mind just coming up here to the podium. I am sure it will be great.

**HUMANE SOCIETY PRESIDENT BARRON** - Hi, can everybody hear me? Good afternoon. Happy New Year to everybody. I'd like to begin by explaining that the animal control positions that we have responded to about 59 police requests in 2025 for assistance with canines or other animals and we have another almost 40 other issues of citizens calling in with situations that they need help with. It could be stray, injured, orphaned, even some assistance with people that could not get their cat to carrier, they had to get to the vet or a dog that they had on their property that belonged to their neighbor. Therefore, there's any number of reasons why we get called out for animals.

We have assisted with two house fires and provided emergency boarding for pets during those house fires so that this would give the people an opportunity to get back home. We've handled over almost 65, 70 complaints, town ordinance complaints throughout 2025, issuing about 30 notices to comply and the notices are either failure to license their dogs, which is required, or town ordinance violations.

There has been about 40 bite reports that we have received in 2025. Dog bites are on the rise dramatically. Dog intakes, we brought in 70 dogs from the Warwick area, 48 of which were stray, 19 surrendered, 1 abandoned right at our door at 5.30 in the morning, and 2 were court-ordered seizure for abandonment. We adopted out 34, we euthanized 3 elderly, very sick, senior dogs this year that were in foster care for a long period of time and we returned about 41 to their owners and we currently are caring for 24 dogs plus 2 that are with us in

emergency boarding situations. Over the course of 2025 we took in about 159 cats and kittens, we adopted out 161, we currently have 140. We euthanized 29 at either the vet or died in our care, a lot of them were infants or very sick stray cats that came in.

Our TNR program is a volunteer run, trap, neuter, and return program for feral cats where we offer assistance in communities or neighborhoods that have an overflow of cats and they need our help. Our volunteers go out and trap them day and night, depending on the cats and they are transported to Tara, the Animal Rights Alliance facility in Middletown and spayed or neutered. We actually provide the 3-5 day holding period, giving them a chance to recover and then they'll return back to their territory where they love. And these people, the cats that are returned to their territory have caregivers so there's always someone there watching out for them as well. The SNR program, the spayed-neuter-return certificate program that the Town of Warwick provides we sold 140 certificates in 2025. Think of that as 140 cats that are not reproducing right now. So I truly thank the Town of Warwick for supporting that program, it's been a godsend and it really encourages people to spay or neuter their cats.

Rabbits, we took in 16 rabbits in 2025. We have 16 rabbits available for adoption right now. But a highlight of 2025 was in late 2024, we did a rescue of 56 rabbits and 57 chickens. In March of 2025, the court ordered the relinquishment of those animals and we were able to transfer them to like organizations throughout the state of New York and we're only left with two of those rabbits. One got adopted and one we still have among the 16. So that was a big one.

We've taken in 29 parakeets. There was a gentleman in Pine Island who lost his heat and needed emergency housing and ended up abandoning his 23 parakeets at one time. So we ended up taking in 29, we adopted out 19, we transferred 8 to a rescue, and we currently have two parakeets available for adoption and our adoption applications are online.

Ferrets. We had one stray ferret come in from the water place over by the airport. Somebody found it. Very friendly ferret, she got adopted. We have four roosters at present time.

Emergency boarding. In 2025, we took in 15 assorted animals for emergency boarding. Five dogs, five cats, one tegu lizard, two turtles and two guinea pigs. All were reclaimed except for one dog and one cat. And then in September, we assisted the Orange County Sheriff's Department with the seizure of 85 assorted animals from one residence. That included four dogs, five cats, seven guinea pigs, eight rabbits, three hedgehogs, four ferrets, two daggers, three bearded dragons, seven prairie dogs, three tortoises, two parrots, one hamster, one goose, one raccoon, one mallard duck, one starling, two hermit crabs, one tarantula, one corn snake, three call ducks, 15 chickens, five peafowl, one goat, three pigs, and a wallaby. Out of all of them, we had very good news early last month, December, that the animals have all been surrendered.

Therefore, we were very fortunate we partnered with Animal Nation out of Westchester. They took all of the exotic animals and the farm animals. And that left us with currently the four dogs, the five cats, and the goat and the hamster, both of which those two got adopted.

Therefore, we are currently caring right now for about 188 animals. Highlight of 2025 was the installation of the doggy doors in the kennel isolation and open areas. It is keeping the heat in the kennel, now in the summer we will keep the air conditioning in the kennel as well, and they are working out very well.

Our goals for 2026, first our compliance with New York State Agricultural and Market's Law Article 26C, which is the regulation of animal shelters and shelter guidelines for caring for animals. We are applying for a New York State Companion Animal Fund grant for hopefully about \$100,000 for the purchase and installation of a full-service generator for the entire facility. Wish us luck. We hope to get that. That's it.

**SUPERVISOR DWYER-** Very good. Thank you so much. Any questions for Suzyn from the board?

Thank you, Susan. Great job. Good luck following that, everyone. Anyone else have a wallaby in their report? I don't think so. Okay, the Town clerk will read the dial-a-bus report. Okay.

**TOWN CLERK ASTORINO-** Okay, Dial-a-Ride has closed out another successful year with just about 27,000 revenue riders traveling an estimated 115,000 revenue miles. This year we also had a New York State DOT perform an oversight review, which passed with flying colors. We also had a successful review by Orange County as part of their triennial review, and also had to implement an independent Title VI policy.

We continue to share service with the town of Wallkill-Dial-a-Ride, which has proven to be a successful consolidation of resources. This is our tenth year of doing this, and it has been one of the greatest accomplishments of my career. We are looking forward to 2026, which will bring us new software for scheduling and record keeping. This will help us with many different aspects of our transportation system, including client registration information and utilizing buses more efficiently. I would like to thank you and the entire town board for your support of the transportation program, and I look forward to another great year of service for residents of Warwick. Respectfully, Jennifer L. Crover, Supervisor of Transportation.

**SUPERVISOR DWYER -** Thank you. Okay, next up is going to be our Town Rural Property Assessor, Debbie Eurich.

**ASSESSOR EURICH -** good afternoon and Happy New Year. The Assessor's Office is responsible for the equitable assessment of nearly 15,000 parcels within the Town of Warwick, as well as the accurate recording of property ownership, contact information, and the ongoing maintenance of our property and tax map inventory.

We currently administer over 6,650 locally granted property tax exemptions for eligible owners, while additionally aiding NYSDTF with over 3,300 STAR Credits that they process for our residents.

Our department works daily with the building department, reviewing and potentially separately inspecting every permit issued, including those within the three villages in the town. We also work closely with all Town departments, including the Receiver of Taxes' office, by assisting with tax questions when their office is not open and available.

Two years ago at this time, I publicly commended our Account Clerk, Ariana Dalton, for her dedication and work ethic. After a six-year vacancy in the position, Ariana and I welcomed Jennifer Lucas as the new Assistant Assessor in early 2025. Jen has since completed numerous assessment-related courses through the NYS Assessors' Association, including at their Cornell Seminar and Annual Conference, as well as training offered by ORPTS, to further enhance her appraisal and real estate knowledge.

In 2025, we processed 891 deed transfers and completed 51 tax map changes, including subdivisions, merges and lot line changes for the 2025 roll. Hundreds of assessments were changed, mostly for construction or demolition, as well as bank code changes, pro ratas, ag penalties and PILOT administration. Countless estimates were provided to property owners to aid in their financial decision-making.

Taxpayers with concerns about their assessment are encouraged to contact our office directly. Mass-mailing tax representation firms often rely on automated, AI-generated valuations that do not understand or reflect Warwick's unique market. These filings require a significant investment of Town resources, with limited benefit to taxpayers that in many cases, could be resolved more efficiently by our office directly. The Assessor's Office does not determine taxes or handle billing, and our sole responsibility is to ensure equity and fairness.

We understand property owners do not just seek and require accurate information, but they also place their trust in us to be treated fairly. Whether that means an accurate estimate for new construction or a house call to a homebound senior citizen to ensure they receive the exemption they are entitled to, we take that responsibility seriously.

Without the dedication and professionalism of my staff, the office would not have been able to provide the level of service the public expects, and we look forward to continuing that in 2026.

**SUPERVISOR DWYER-** Thank you. Any questions for Deb? Great job. Next will be Court Justice Peter Barlett.

**JUDGE BARLET** – Are you livestreaming now?

**SUPERVISOR DWYER** - Yes.

**JUDGE BARLET** - Good afternoon. I am Peter Barlet, the Whirling Town Justice. I'm sure everyone in this room knows that, but we are livestreaming, and I want to make sure that

the public knows that as well, since the Town Court oftentimes functions independently from the Town Government, and oftentimes our interaction is less upfront or noticeable to the residents of the Town or to other departments, but you can be assured that we are there seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The Town Court continues to meet the needs of our expanding and diversified population. Our court is unique in the community in the sense that we have a relationship with that community. We're not only separate and apart as part of the court system, but the judges live in the community, they work in the community, and oftentimes you see us at different community events because this community is something that we pledge to protect and to serve, and in our court proceedings, I think everyone who has the opportunity to come to Town Court understands how unique a place it is.

We have a unique jurisdiction. Many of the courts in our state have a single or maybe two or three things that they do. The Town Court, which is on the lowest level, has for some reason, if you live in New York, you might understand, so long as it makes sense, but the Town Court has the broadest jurisdiction of any court except for the Supreme Court.

That means that we handle criminal cases, we handle civil cases, we handle on-traffic cases, town code cases, we are the housing part, so we handle landlord and tenant cases, animal abuse cases come before us all the time, and our court has just been immersed in these type cases. We are a court that handles cases through to the conclusion, which oftentimes might mean a jury trial, and while very few courts actually accommodate a jury trial, the town of Warwick had two of them last year, together with innumerable hearings on every issue that one could think of. The future of the court is probably going to be more electronic.

We've always handled cases from video conferencing to emails and other approaches, which the Office of Court Administration seems to embrace. We are fully on board on any kind of access to justice initiatives, which the unified court system proposes, since our courts are always open and the court's closest to the people, and as these programs become available, obviously the town of Warwick will pursue those. I personally have an interest in statewide issues.

Many of you know that I served as president of the Statewide Magistrates Association a few years ago, and I continue to go to programs throughout the state, since I've always thought that if somebody anywhere in the state of New York could figure out how to do something differently, then we ought to be at that table and see if it works here. That's basically the pledge that we have always made to the people of Warwick, and our court continues to do so, and looks forward to seeing our constituents out there in 2026. Thank you.

**SUPERVISOR DWYER** - Thank you, Judge. Okay, Town Clerk Astorino, your report, please.

**TOWN CLERK ASTORINO**- Okay, in 2025, the Town Clerk's Office continued to play a vital role in municipal operations by serving as the official record keeper and administrative support center for the town board and other departments. My office prepared, recorded, and preserved official documents, resolutions, local laws, agendas, minutes, and public

notices in accordance with New York State law. My office also administered and safeguarded vital records including birth, death, and marriage records, and provided certified copies to residents, attorneys, and other agencies.

We continue to provide licensing and permitting services, such as dog licenses, marriage licenses, and other town-issued permits. We processed all documents efficiently with an emphasis on accuracy, compliance, and customer service. As far as election-related responsibilities, my office worked closely with the Orange County Board of Elections to support voter registration activities, maintain election records, and assist with local election procedures, ensuring accessibility and integrity in the electoral process.

Throughout the year, my deputies and I worked to upgrade and improve the records room, focusing on better organization, preservation, and historical documents, and increased compliance with records retention standards. Looking ahead to 2026, my primary goal is to organize the records room with the correct shelving to better utilize the space that we have. We are also working with the court clerks to digitize their records with funds from a New York State grant.

This initiative will focus on reorganizing and modernizing storage systems, improving preservation methods, expanding digitization of records, and ensuring long-term compliance with New York State records management and retention requirements. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the residents, providing courteous, responsive service, and maintaining opening and transparent communication with the public. I will have a full 2025 annual report for the fees collected and the fees paid out at the next meeting.

We just ended the year, so I do not have all that information yet. I wish you all a happy and healthy, prosperous New Year. Thank you.

**SUPERVISOR DWYER - Recreation Director Sam Walter.**

**RECREATION DIRECTOR WALTER -** Thank you, Supervisor. Happy New Year. My report has two parts. The first part is a review of Mountain Lake Park, and the second part is a review of town-wide parks and recreation.

For the first part, Mountain Lake Park, participation numbers grew in almost all areas at the park. The most increase we had was in pickleball players and in children's events at the park. So that included swim lessons, some camp programming, the arts building, anything that involves children at the park. That was a 99% increase from 2024. Pickleball was a huge increase due to the great courts that we have at the park. We also had a large increase in the number of overnight stays at the park. That was a 21% increase, and that was mainly due to large weddings that we had at the park and a couple of retreats that we had at the park as well. So all those cabins are being used, which is great. In the area of buildings and grounds, we had the large project with the arts building, the water infiltration project, and that's complete, and the building's dry, which is amazing, so thank you so much for that.

We also have the pool project, the wading pool underway and the repairs of the existing pools underway. Therefore, they are not complete yet, but I am sure they will be by the time we open those pools, and we are really looking forward to that. In the area of town-wide parks and recreation, we spent the later part of the year studying all our parks.

We did an inventory, we did a SWOT analysis, which is a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats analysis. We looked at all the amenities that the parks offer, and we gathered all this information so that we could begin to launch a master plan for the parks and recreation. So currently, right now, for 2026, we're going to be launching, probably later today, a community-wide survey, which we really would love everyone to take just a few minutes to go online, visit the town's website, there will be a link on Facebook, so for you to take the survey so we can get your feedback about the parks and about recreation in the community.

For 2026, all that data is going to be analyzed, looked at, and then implemented. When we have opportunities come across for grants or other ways to improve our parks, we will know what everyone is looking to see and have done at the parks. So overall, goals for 2026 include using that survey that is important.

In addition, challenges will be managing Mountain Lake Park, growing those events. We are going to offer more swim lessons this summer, so that is going to be great. We have a third pool to manage, which will be amazing. So all those things while we are implementing the parks and recreation master plan. Therefore, I am really looking forward to it. I am excited to continue to improve our parks for everyone to use. I just want to wish everyone a happy New Year.

**SUPERVISOR DWYER** - Thank you very much, Sam. DPW Commissioner Astorino. Your report please.

**DPW COMMISSIONER ASTORINO** - As always, DPW has been busy doing many tasks. I call it the catch-all department of the town. Some of the tasks we focus on this year are as follows... Catch-basin repairs and replacement, ditch cleaning, road sweeping, MS4 compliance, storm damage repair, cleanup, water repairs, snow plowing, and maintaining our fleet of trucks and equipment.

In 2025, the town implemented a pavement management system, which scores all the roads in town. I think that program is wonderful. It gives us a good synopsis of where we are on the road.

We did pave about a million dollars of road this year, which were the roads that needed it the most. We have about 25 dedicated employees to cover over 150 lane miles of road. That is 13 plow routes in the town of Warwick and 5 in the Village of Greenwood Lake. In addition, I will say this, the town of Warwick, DPW, does an outstanding job in their tasks. I will say to every employee that we have, I commend them for what they do. Calls at 2 o'clock in the morning, 30 hours later, they stay on their job, and they do it well.

We also maintain the following town parks, Airport Park, Cascade Lake Park, Pine Island Park, Warwick Town Park, and Wickham Woodland Park, and whenever Sam calls us we go to Mountain Lake Park. The town board approved the road mower, and boom mower, for us this past year. I just want to comment on that. That was one of those purchases that you question if it is necessary. That mower is out almost on a daily basis. It is efficient, a time-saver and we use it every day. I appreciate that.

One of the goals we have for next year is to procure a grant for a dedicated vacuum excavator. It will work fine for catch base clean-outs, water breaks. If we get a water break this time of year, we really do not have anything to do that. That's something we'd like to look into. And as we move forward, in 2026, efficiency is one of my main goals. If we have the equipment and the manpower, we can do anything.

I would like to point out that we work very well with our police department. The DPW works with the town's engineers, police department, water department, building department, and the animal shelter. I think we cover almost every department in this town, and it's a pleasure working with all of them. So, thank you, any questions?

**SUPERVISOR DWYER** - Any questions for Ben? Thank you, Ben. Water, sewer, Deputy Commissioner McPherson.

**WATER/ SEWER DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MCPHERSON** - Good afternoon. Happy New Year, everyone. At the Water and Sewer Department, we focus on some core responsibilities, including providing safe, clean drinking water, effectively collecting and treating wastewater, maintaining the underground infrastructure that supports our residents and businesses, and maintaining regulatory compliance in both our water and wastewater facilities.

Our town water systems serve approximately 840 homes and 25 businesses in total. They require our staff to maintain several miles of water main, sewer main, and service connections. Our department has 19 stops to make daily, 365 days a year, from Pine Island to Greenwood Lake. This includes operating two sewer plants, four sewer pumping stations, maintaining operation in compliance with 12 drinking water systems, as well as responding to emergency calls around the clock. In 2025, our department made progress in some key areas. Some highlights include working together with the town supervisor and our engineers, advancing a key capital project for us, which was the Wickham sewer district upgrade.

After a lot of behind-the-scenes efforts and assistance from the community, we were relatively successful in securing \$8 million in grant funding, and have since began mapping out facility upgrade details. We also began to move forward on some long-term planning efforts, like PFAS treatment for our water systems, additional backup water sources, water service line inventory, and plan upgrades for some of our systems, such as Mountain Lake Park wastewater system, and upgrades to our Pine Island water system as well. Looking ahead to 2026, some of our main goals for the department are continuing proactive upgrades, replacement and rehabilitation of aging water and sewer infrastructure, continuing



maintaining strict compliance with all regulatory agencies, standing ahead of constantly evolving water and sewer standards, a lot is continuing to change in the wastewater world, things like PFAS, lead service line inventory replacement, etc., and continuing to advance our ongoing capital projects. We thank the supervisor and the town board for your ongoing support of this department and its staff.

**SUPERVISOR DWYER-** Great. Thank you, Matt. Our police chief has a personal obligation he couldn't attend today. He will be presenting his state of the town for the police department at our January 15th town board meeting. We have the two lieutenants here. You'll give your report during the regular meeting. Therefore, at this time, we will go to our building inspector, Anthony Pasculo.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR PASCULO-** Good afternoon, everyone. Happy New Year. The building department is always a work in progress. We're always busy. The majority of our responsibilities and tasks besides issuing permits and planning reviews, obviously the physical building inspections themselves, and conducting fire safety inspections. I would like to thank the town. Our software was outdated. We use a program called Muncity. It's still a learning process. I'd like to thank you again. Jim and I have laptops, tablets, which we now carry. We take pictures and we transfer them to the girls. One of our tasks is we do get complaints, and a lot of times complaints lead to violations, violations lead to court, and we have the attorney, Mr. Krahulik who advises us on a lot of different things.

We also use the town engineers, which I thank the board for that. I am just going to throw some numbers out, what our progress was. As far as permits for the year 2025, we had 1,170. Building permits, 34 were new homes. We issued 940 certificate of occupancies and certificate of completions. Complaints were 95. The yearly collected number is \$716,000. With that being said, our budget is a little under \$300,000. As far as revenue from short-term rentals, it is a little bit over \$55,000. As far as overall inspections, we had \$2,578. The other thing we do is called abstracts, which is violation searches, real estate, sales. Those are \$296,000. So, any questions?

**SUPERVISOR DWYER-** Any questions for Tony? Thank you, Tony. Nice job.

**PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN ASTORINO -** I asked Connie to be up here with me.

**PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY SARDO-** Now, I can say happy New Year to everybody.

**PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN ASTORINO-** I asked Connie to be up here is for a reason. We have been working together for 24 years now. You could not ask for a more dedicated employee than what you have right here. I want that Known. There are calls for myself on Saturdays, Sundays and after hours. So, I just want her to get due respect for that. In addition, the Planning Board, we cover site plans, special use permits, Chapter 150's, you name it. Whatever comes before the Planning Board, it gets handled in an efficient manner.

We had some challenging projects this year. A couple that went through, as we all well know. But that doesn't affect what we do. What we do is we follow the code. We have a very

seasoned board. I want to mention their names. Dennis McConnell, Roger Showalter, Bo Kennedy, Vicki Garby, and Richard Purcell. They all do their jobs, and they do them well. That leads me into our professionals. We have one sitting right there. Mr. Krahulik came in last year. He took over for Mr. Bollenbach. Excellent job, Bob. Thank you so much. Our planner, Max Stach, who is not here. Another one is our engineer, Laura Barca. When you can call professionals, weekends, after hours and everybody says, well, it is the money. I can tell you it is not the money. You do not see it come up on their bills. Mrs. Barca, the same thing. They do their job because they care. In addition, with that being said, I will make this statement. I think the Town Board, Planning Board, is the best planning board in the county. If not the state and I think, everybody here should know that. Connie, would you like to speak?

PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY SARDO So, early spring of 2025, we started with a new portal for planning and it is a work in progress. However, it gives the public more access of what is going on with the planning board. New applications are submitted on there. The agendas, the maps, everything. It's a learning experience. However, I also have feedback that people are like, wow, why didn't Warwick do this like 15 years ago? Therefore, it helps. It is supposed to help with time moving on and streamlining things better. Again, I will say it is a work in process. I am happy that the town did go into that route. It's going to stop a lot of extra paperwork. You lose a lot of paper, which is nice. It's transparent. And I like the idea that it gives the public access to more information. Instead of them calling us and trying to find files from 20 years ago downstairs. It's more efficient.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - thank you for taking on the brunt of the work with putting that together. I know that you put a lot of time into that. So, thank you for that. Great. Any questions for them? No? Thank you both very much. Okay. Would anyone else like to present his or her report before I go into mine? Michael, were you planning to present something?

MICHAEL HELME- No

SUPERVISOR STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS:

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Okay. All right. Well, this was a nice experience to change things up a little bit. I like that we were able to engage with our department heads. The public can see the department heads. The town board can see and hear from the department heads and get their perspective. This was your opportunity to communicate not only with the public, but also with your town board. We have the opportunity to learn a little bit about what you are doing. We can be very caught up in the daily minutia of what we are doing. It's not often that we get to see everybody come together and highlight and commend their employees and some members of their staff when they're doing a great job. It is nice that we are able to hear that. Over the past year, our focus has remained steady. Invest wisely, plan responsibly, and build a stronger, safer, and more resilient town of Warwick. Without losing sight of the fact that, every dollar we spend is a taxpayer dollar. Infrastructure was a big theme from the

department heads you heard today. Infrastructure is not always the most visible work a town does, but it is among the most important.

This year, we made historic investments that will serve our community for generations. We officially kicked off the Jayne Street Bridge project, entering the bridge design phase for a long-awaited improvement to a critical piece of town infrastructure. At Mountain Lake Park, we completed a major water infiltration project to preserve park infrastructure and prevent long-term damage.

In partnership with New York State, a \$30 million New York State DOT project to repave the Route 94 corridor began in 2025. This investment improves safety, commerce, and quality of life throughout our town.

We also changed how we approach road paving by implementing PMG software to assess road conditions using objective, data-driven analysis. This removed any perception of favoritism and ensures that paving decisions are based solely on need and effectiveness. As a result, we invested nearly \$1 million to pave more than six linear miles of town roads. We strengthened our Department of Public Works by taking delivery of a new 4x4 plow truck and a tractor-mounted road mower, improving our ability to maintain roads safely and efficiently year-round.

Protecting our water resources remained a top priority. We joined a class-action lawsuit to advocate for safer drinking water, and drafted legislation that was passed by the New York State Senate to improve water quality right here in Warwick. We also completed a nearly \$7 million FEMA-funded project to reconstruct four large culverts and one retaining wall, which significantly improves drainage and flood mitigation across key parts of our town.

Looking forward, we began a town wide composting feasibility study that could reduce costs and overall waste used by town residents. We also entered into a community solar program, saving the town thousands of dollars annually on utility costs without investing a single taxpayer dollar. Supporting our public parks and open space.

Warwick's character is defined by its open spaces, parks, and working farms, and we took major steps this year to protect and enhance each of them. We signed a contract to preserve more than 70 acres of active farmland, reinforcing our commitment to smart growth and land preservation. As part of a tributary restoration project, more than 100 trees were planted to strengthen our natural environment.

We completed full construction of a brand new playground at Airport Park, and began construction on a new children's pool at Mountain Lake Park. We also completed the Longhouse Creek Trail, a new two-mile hiking trail that expands recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. At Pine Island Park, the tennis and pickle ball court was resurfaced, along with two basketball courts elsewhere in the town. AEDs were installed at every public park; ensuring life-saving equipment is readily available where families gather. We also signed a three-year rental contract for a summer retreat at Mountain Lake Park,

generating more than \$500,000 in revenue, which will directly support the parks in the town of Warwick. Most importantly, through a partnership with Alamo and the Farm Workers Community Center, more than 100 local children were given a free opportunity to learn to swim at our public pool, an investment in safety, equity, and opportunity.

Creating greater transparency was another theme you heard from our department heads. Good government requires transparency and access. This year, we implemented MuniCollab a software in our planning department, which gives residents full online access to every planning board application under review. This not only increased transparency, but streamlined processes and reduced internal costs. We also expanded the televising of public meetings across Facebook Live, YouTube, and Channel 21 to include not only just the town board meetings, but also our planning board and zoning board meetings. This ensures residents can stay informed and engaged in all local decision-making.

We have one of our village mayors here today, partnering with our villages. Strong towns are built on strong partnerships. This year, we began a revenue sharing of cannabis tax proceeds with our villages. This is not required by state law, but something the town board felt was essential in supporting our villages. We began a joint effort with the village of Warwick on a multi-use recreation trail, connecting downtown Warwick with the Route 94 commercial corridor. Together, with all three villages, we kicked off a town-wide transportation safety action plan, working collaboratively to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

Grants. This is a big one. One of our proudest accomplishments is our success in securing outside funding, reducing the burden on local taxpayers. This year alone, we secured \$450,000 to upgrade and modernize our police department facilities. \$50,000 for our senior center. \$750,000 for a new arboretum amphitheater at Wickham Woodlands Park. In addition, of course, the most important one we think that we were able to achieve this year, over \$8 million for the Wickham Wastewater Reconstruction Project, along with interest-free financing, valued at more than \$4 million in savings through a highly technical and successful income survey. We are very deeply grateful to Senator James Skoufis for allotting more than \$1.2 million in grant funding to support critical Warwick projects in 2025 alone. Between 2024 and 2025, the Town of Warwick has secured nearly \$15 million in grant funding, a testament to careful planning, persistence, and strong advocacy.

Taken together, these accomplishments reflect a town that is planning ahead, investing wisely, and refusing to settle for short-term fixes when long-term solutions are needed. From infrastructure and environmental protection to transparency, recreation, and public safety, every decision was guided by a single question. Does this serve the residents of the Town of Warwick? This year was not without its trials and tribulations.

We continue to face new, unfunded mandates and growing costs imposed from outside our control. Running a town is not easy, and we make difficult decisions every single day. But our priorities are clear.

Property taxes support the vast majority of our operations, and it is our obligation to spend those dollars ethically, responsibly, and intelligently. Balancing effective infrastructure investment with fiscal discipline requires creativity and commitment. This year, working together, we met that challenge. As a result, we delivered all of these projects while adopting a 2026 budget that remains under the New York State tax cap. As we look ahead to 2026, we do so at a truly historic moment, the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. Warwick has a unique and proud place in that history.

As we commemorate that milestone, we are reminded that our responsibility is not just to honor the past, but also to thoughtfully shape the future. In the coming year, we will continue advancing major infrastructure projects already underway, including the Jayne Street Bridge, the Wickham Wastewater Treatment Plant project, and critical road and drainage improvements. We are also moving forward with more than 400 acres of parks and open space projects currently in process across the town, reinforcing our longstanding commitment to conservation, recreation, and improving the quality of life for all residents of Warwick.

This year, we are completing a full update of our Parks Master Plan, and I am pleased to share that the public survey for that effort will be released today. We will continue to prioritize transparency, collaborate with our villages, and use data-driven decision-making while leveraging grant funding to reduce the burden on taxpayers and investing wisely in a town that honors its history and prepares confidently for the next generation. None of this would be possible without our incredible town staff, dedicated professionals, who genuinely care about our residents and our mission. This is a true partnership, supported by a committed and forward-thinking town board, and strengthened by collaboration across all departments, as you heard today. We are also fortunate to live in a town with three vibrant villages, proactive local leadership, and volunteer community organizations, and of course, our incredibly engaged residents. Together, we are building a brighter future, and together, through teamwork, service, and shared purpose, we will continue moving the Town of Warwick forward.

Thank you. Everyone is welcome to stay for the rest of our reorganization, or you can go if you would like. It is up to you. We'll give you a minute if you guys want to. No problem. It's a busy time of year, so I understand anyone who wants to leave.

#### **SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS:**

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR** – Supervisor Dwyer appoints Russell Kowal as Deputy Supervisor at \$8,000.00 during the year 2026 with all powers of the Supervisor in accordance with Town Law §42, which appointment shall be deemed to be “at-will”.

#### **LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:**

Planning & Zoning  
Animal Control  
Water & Sewer

Supervisor Jesse Dwyer  
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo  
Supervisor Jesse Dwyer

Police	Councilman Russell Kowal
Technology Coordinator	Councilman Thomas Mattingly
Recycling	Councilman Thomas Mattingly
Public Works	Councilman Kevin Shuback
Parks	Councilman Kevin Shuback
Recreation	Councilman Russel Kowal
Chamber of Commerce	Councilman Thomas Mattingly
Friendly Visitor Liaison	Councilman Floyd DeAngelo

Labor-Management Relations	Councilman Russell Kowal
Claims Coordinator	Town Clerk, Eileen Astorino
Airport	Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Town Board Liaison to the Village of Warwick	Councilman Thomas Mattingly
Town Board Liaison to the Village of Greenwood Lake	Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Town Board Liaison to the Village of Florida	Councilman Kevin Shuback
Town Board Liaison to the Hamlet of Pine Island	Councilman Russell Kowal

**#R2026-01 ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES – Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to approve the following salaries of elected officials be as follows:**

Supervisor -	\$95,000.00
Town Clerk -	\$69,366.00
Records Management Officer -	\$4,295.00
Councilmen (4) -	\$13,000.00/each
Justices (2) -	\$31,000.00/each
Receiver of Taxes -	\$48,526.00

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-02 BUDGET DIRECTOR – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Supervisor Dwyer as Budget Director at a rate of \$15,000 per year.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-03 BUDGET ASSISTANT – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Bonnie Kane, Comptroller as Budget Assistant for a stipend of \$2,000.00 for 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-04 AUDIT COMMITTEE- Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Supervisor Dwyer and Councilman Thomas Mattingly to the Town of Warwick Audit Committee for 2026 with no additional compensation provided. Town Law §42.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-05 POLICE COMMISSIONER- Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Supervisor Dwyer as Police Commissioner for 2026 with no additional compensation provided as per Town Law §150.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-06 REGISTRAR & DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to appoint Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk as Registrar of Vital Statistics at a salary of \$1,500.00 and Carolyn Purta as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics at a salary of \$564.00.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-07 COLLECTOR OF SEWER AND WATER RENTS – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Supervisor Dwyer as Collector of Sewer and Water Rents at no additional compensation.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-08 TOWN HALL CLEANER – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Classic Cleaning as Town of Warwick cleaners at a pay rate of approved 2026 rate schedule submitted with bid.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-09 OFFICIAL BANKS – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Key Bank, JP Morgan Chase (formally the Bank of New York) Orange Bank & Trust, Webster Bank (formally Sterling Bank), NYCLASS and Connect One Bank be designated as the official depositories and banks of the Town of Warwick.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-10 PART-TIME HELP – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal that part-time help be paid at the rate of not less than \$17.00 per hour and no more than \$35.00 per hour depending on qualifications and experience with the Town Board establishing the salary of any person hired.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-11 BAILIFFS – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly that David Decker, Linda Lupinski, Lois Weslowski-Koziola and Stephan Helmrich be appointed as bailiffs and be compensated at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-12 PART-TIME DISPATCHERS – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly that part-time Dispatchers be compensated at the rate of up to \$22.50 per hour when needed with the Town Board establishing the salary of any person hired.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-13 PART-TIME HIGHWAY LABORERS – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that part-time Highway Laborers be compensated at the rate of \$17.00 - \$18.50 per hour with the Town Board establishing the salary of any person hired.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-14 BINGO & GAMES OF CHANCE INSPECTOR – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Richard Koziola as Bingo and Games of Chance Inspector and that compensation be at the rate of \$17.43 per hour.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-15 VETERAN FUEL ALLOTMENT – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that a \$700.00 fuel allotment be granted to each of the following veteran's organizations: VFW Post #4662 (Warwick), American Legion Post #214 (Warwick), American Legion Post #1250 (Florida), American Legion Post #1443 (Greenwood Lake) and PLAV Post #16 (Pine Island).**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-16 TOWN HISTORIAN/DEPUTY HISTORIAN – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Sue Gardner as Town Historian and Alan Held as Deputy Town Historian at no compensation except for mileage and expenses.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-17 ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF WARWICK – Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal appoint Robert E. Krahulik, Esq. of Beattie & Krahulik and John Buckheit/Buckheit Partners LLP as Attorneys for the Town of Warwick at a pay rate of \$250.00 per hour. Duties to include general legal representation for the Town as well as code prosecution in the Town Court.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-18 SPECIAL COUNSEL – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint J&G Law, LLP, Jaspan Schlesinger, LLP and Blustein, Shapiro, Frank & Barone, LLP as Special Counsel as per each firm's approved 2026 rate schedule to handle**



matters required by the Supervisor and Town Board, which appointments shall be deemed to be "at-will".

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-19 LABOR COUNSEL** – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP as labor counsel as per said firm's approved 2026 rate schedule, which appointment shall be deemed to be "at-will".

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS** – Town Clerk, Eileen Astorino, appoints Carolyn Purta and Melissa Stevens as Deputy Town Clerks at no additional compensation to act for her during the year 2026 with all powers of the Town Clerk.

**#R2026-20 DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS** – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to pay Deputy Town Clerk's Melissa Stevens and Carolyn Purta \$48.16 per hour for the year 2026.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**DEPUTY RECEIVERS OF TAXES** – Receiver of Taxes, Ana Kanz, appoints Carol Marion and Debbie Carmody as Deputy Receivers of Taxes at no additional compensation to act for her during the year 2026 with all powers of the Receiver of Taxes.

**#R2026-21 RECEIVER OF TAXES PART-TIME EMPLOYEES** – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to pay the Receiver of Taxes part-time employees: Carol Marion at \$23.50 per hour, Debbie Carmody at \$20.00 per hour and Brenda Faulls at \$23.50 per hour.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-22 MILEAGE ALLOWANCE** – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal all employees and town officials be reimbursed at the IRS rate when using their own vehicles on official Town business.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-23 APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS** – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Suzyn Barron, Joan Schmick, Christine Farmer, Liam O'Dwyer, Veronica Hilado and Erin London, as Town of Warwick Animal Control Officers for 2026.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-24 FINANCIAL AND BUDGET ADVISOR – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Shuback to appoint Stephen M. Brown as financial and budget advisor to the Town of Warwick as per the 2026 rate schedule, which appointment shall be deemed to be “at-will”.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-25 DIAL-A-BUS SALARIES – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution setting salary for part-time Dial-A-Bus drivers at \$23.50 per hour.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-26 DPW COMMISSIONER SALARY – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal that the salary for DPW Commissioner, Benjamin Astorino, will be \$110,200.00 for the year 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-27 DEPUTY DPW COMMISSIONER SALARY – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback that the salary for Deputy DPW Commissioner, Matthew McPherson, will be \$103,325.00 for the year 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-28 DEPUTY DPW COMMISSIONER SALARY – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly that the salary for Deputy DPW Commissioner, William Roe, will be \$72,700.00 for the year 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-29 RECREATION DIRECTOR SALARY- Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Shuback that the salary for Recreation Director, Samantha Walter, will be paid \$73,500.00 for the year 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-30 CHIEF OF POLICE SALARY –Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly that the salary of the Chief of Police, John Rader, will be \$160,000.00 for the year 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-31 ASSESSOR SALARY – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the salary for Assessor, Deborah Eurich will be \$112,382.00 for the year 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-32 APPOINTMENT OF STAR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Deborah Eurich, Town Assessor, as the Administrator of the STAR Program for the year 2026 at a salary of \$2,075.00 per year.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-33 COURT CLERKS – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal to pay the Town of Warwick Court Clerk Lori Mosher \$42.54 per hour and Nicole Tarazona \$34.66 per hour for the year 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-34 TOWN BOARD WORKSHOPS – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly that Town Board Workshops be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick, one and one-half (1 ½) hours before the Town Board meetings.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-35 SECRETARY TO TOWN BOARD – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-36 PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly that Planning Board meetings be held on the first and third Wednesdays, except holidays, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 132 Kings Highway, and Town of Warwick.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-37 PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Robert E. Krahulik as Planning Board Attorney as rate of \$300.00 per hour.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-38 PLANNING BOARD SALARIES-** Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly that the Planning Board Chairman be compensated at the rate of \$5,000.00 per year and that members of the Planning Board be compensated at the rate of \$4,000.00 per year; this monetary compensation being in lieu of mileage and other incidental expenses.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-39 PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER –** Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Henningson, Durham & Richardson, P.C. as Planning Board Engineer at the rate of as per the approved 2026 rate schedule, which appointment shall be deemed to be “at-will”.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-40 TOWN OF WARWICK PLANNING CONSULTANT –** Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to appoint Nelson, Pope, Voorhis as the Town of Warwick Senior Planning Consultant as per the approved 2026 rate schedule for all Planning Board application review work and for all other town related work, which appointment shall be deemed to be “at-will”.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-41 PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN –** Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Benjamin Astorino as Chairman of the Planning Board for 2026.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-42 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN –** Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Mark Malocsay as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2026.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-43 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ATTORNEY –** Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Jeremy Havens as Attorney for the Zoning Board of Appeals at a yearly retainer of \$7,800.00, which appointment shall be deemed “at-will”.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-44 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING DATES –** Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal that meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-45 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SALARIES** – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman be compensated at a rate of \$700.00 per year and that members of the Zoning Board of Appeals be compensated at the rate of \$500.00 per year: this monetary compensation being in lieu of mileage and other incidental expenses.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-46 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECORDING SECRETARY-** Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Mary Garcia as the Zoning Board of Appeals Recording Secretary at a rate of \$19.00 per hour.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-47 SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE SALARY** – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution that 25% of the salaries in the Supervisor's office be paid from funds of the water districts and the sewer district of the Town.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**SUPERVISOR'S CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY** – Supervisor Dwyer appoints Melissa Apuzzo as his confidential secretary.

**#R2026-48 SUPERVISOR'S CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY SALARY** – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the salary of the Supervisor's confidential secretary, Melissa Apuzzo, be at the rate of \$53,820 for the year 2026.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-49 TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES** – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly that Town Board meetings be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick on Thursdays in accordance with the following proposed meeting dates schedule:

<u>DATE (2026)</u>	<u>TIME (P.M.)</u>	<u>DATE (2026)</u>	<u>TIME (P.M.)</u>
** JANUARY 2 (Re-org)	1:00	JULY 9	7:00
** JANUARY 2 (Regular)	1:30	* JULY 23	1:00
JANUARY 15	7:00	AUGUST 13	7:00
* JANUARY 29	1:00	SEPTEMBER 10	7:00
FEBRUARY 12	7:00	SEPTEMBER 24	7:00
FEBRUARY 26	7:00	OCTOBER 8	7:00
MARCH 12	7:00	OCTOBER 22	7:00

MARCH 26	7:00	NOVEMBER 5	7:00
APRIL 9	7:00	NOVEMBER 19	7:00
APRIL 23	7:00	DECEMBER 10	7:00
MAY 14	7:00	* * DECEMBER 23 (Wednesday)	1:00
MAY 28	7:00	* * JANUARY 4, 2027 (Re-org)	1:00
JUNE 11	7:00		
JUNE 25	7:00		

\* Early meeting time

\*\* Not a Thursday Meeting

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-50 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGER – Motion Councilman Kowal, Seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution to recommend to the County of Orange that Supervisor Jesse Dwyer be appointed as Local Emergency Manager and DPW Commissioner Benjamin Astorino as Deputy Local Emergency Manager at no additional compensation.**

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-51 ENGINEER AND DEPUTY CODE ENFORCER/BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR TOWN – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman to appoint MHE as Engineer/Deputy Code Enforcer/Building Inspector for the Town as per the approved 2026 rate schedule, which appointment shall be deemed to be “at-will”.**

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-52 SEWER ENGINEERING CONSULTANT – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Delaware Engineering as Sewer engineering consultants, as per the approved 2026 rate schedule for which appointment shall be deemed to be “at-will”.**

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-53 STIPEND TO THREE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBERS- Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to pay a stipend of \$400.00 for each of the Town’s three Board of Assessment Review for the year 2026.**

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-54 DPW AUTHORIZATION TO ASSIST LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES: MUTUAL AID – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal to authorize the DPW Commissioner to assist the local municipalities when needed and in turn they will assist us at no additional cost to the Town of Warwick.**

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2026-55 RECEIVER BANK ACCOUNTS – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to authorize the Receiver of Taxes to establish bank accounts with Webster Bank for deposits of tax collections.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-56 TOWN CLERK BANK ACCOUNT – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to authorize the Town Clerk to establish a bank account with Webster Bank for Town Clerk deposits of Town Clerk fees.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-57 BLANKET BOND – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to approve the Public Officials Faithful Performance Blanket Bond of the Selective Insurance Company, Policy #B6010335, listing the Supervisor at \$155,000.00, the Receiver of Taxes at \$2,712,383.00, and all other employees, including officials at \$50,000.00 each.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-58 MARRIAGE OFFICERS – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Jesse Dwyer, Thomas Howley, Kelli Kelm, John Johansen, Michael Newhard, James E. Gerstner and Ariana Dalton as Town of Warwick Marriage Officers for 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-59 RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk, to the position of Records Management Officer for 2026.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-60 INVESTMENT POLICY – Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept the Investment policy of the Town of Warwick as adopted January 4, 1993.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-61 TOWN OF WARWICK PROCUREMENT POLICY – Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution to accept the Town of Warwick Procurement Policy and Procedures as adopted on January 4, 1993 and amended on January 3, 1995, June 11, 2015 and December 12, 2024.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-62 TOWN OF WARWICK RISK MANAGER AND INSURANCE BROKER – Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Acrisure Insurance Partners Services of NY, LLC (Durland Agency) as Risk Mangers and Insurance Broker for the Town of Warwick for two- year term to expire December 31, 2027.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-63 SCHEDULE OF FEES – DEVELOPMENT – Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to accept the Schedule of Fees – Chapter 75 Development Fees as adopted on June 8, 2000 (Local Law #2 of 2000) and amended as follows:**

**D. BUILDING AND INSPECTION FEES**

**(5) Private Wastewater Disposal (Septic) Systems.**

**(a) All residential systems applicants shall pay a basic administrative permit fee of \$90.00 for Existing Design approved after 01-01-2002, or \$125.00 for Existing Design Approved before 01-01-2002. This fee may be waived in the event the total estimated cost of the work proposed is less than \$250.00. Residential systems also include preexisting subdivision lots which do have approved septic disposal systems. This fee shall be paid together with (as needed):**

**(1) Permit fee, basic engineering - \$550.00**

**(2) Permit fee, re-inspection or retesting - \$550.00**

**(b) Commercial or Industrial Systems (less than 1000 gpd) applicants shall pay a basic administrative permit fee of \$100.00 for Existing Design Approved After 01-01-2002, or \$150.00 for Existing Design Approved before 01-01-2002. This fee shall be paid together with (as needed):**

**(1) Permit fee, basic engineering - \$550.00**

**(2) Permit fee, re-inspection or retesting - \$550.00**

**(c) Residential, Commercial or Industrial Systems (greater than 1,000 gpd) applicants shall pay a basic administrative permit fee of \$100.00. Such applicants must complete all SPDES permit requirements prior to issuance of Town Permit. Any engineering review or inspection required shall be on a reimbursement basis, subject to audit by the Town Board.**

**(d) Tank Replacements or Absorption Field Gravel Replacement applicants shall pay a fee of \$100.00.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**



**#R2026-64 APPOINT MUNISTAT AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

**Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Munistat as financial advisor and for ban and bond solicitation services.**

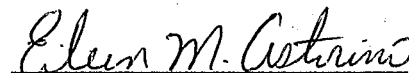
**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**#R2026-65 APPOINT BOND COUNCIL**

**Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to continue with Hawkins Delafield and Wood as bond counsel for the Town of Warwick.**

**Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly that the Re Organizational meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) 2:20 p.m.  
01-02-26 EA.**

  
**Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk**