

December 24, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Special Town Board Meeting to accept resignation of part time employee and hire full time temporary position for Building/Maintenance Mechanic. Special Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 10:30am in the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE: The Clerk read the public notice, which was posted on the Town of Warwick website, Town Clerk's signboard and the Warwick Valley Dispatch Website on December 23, 2025. (Copy of this public notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

SUPERVISOR DWYER- Good morning. The reason for the meeting is that we have some upcoming weather. I was hoping to be able to hold off on a position, filling a position until after the New Year when part-time hours reset. That is not the case. We have some significant snowfall that is expected Friday and then some poor weather on Sunday, so the Town Board is going to make a temporary position appointment today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Dwyer makes a motion, seconded Councilman Shuback to discuss contractual matters as well as personnel matters, in which case we would just go into Executive Session for a couple of minutes, discuss these contractual matters and personnel issues, and then we'll come back out into the regular meeting and any vote or anything that takes place as a result of our Executive Session will be done in the public.

Motion carried (4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, Councilman Mattingly Absent). 10:32 a.m.

RE-CONVENE: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Kowal that the regular meeting be re convened. Motion carried (4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, Councilman Mattingly Absent). 10:35 a.m.

SUPERVISOR DWYER- Again, the reason for this is we have some snow events coming in. We've got an employee that's currently working part-time that's maintaining snow shoveling and snow plowing around the Police Department and the Town of Warwick Town Hall Facility, and basically completely maxed out of hours. According to the contract, that person either needs to be in a full-time position or cannot work. We need to maintain an open police department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, whether there is snow or rain events. So that's why we needed to do this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ROBERT CHOCALLO - Part time DPW Laborer, Town of Warwick. Memo to the Town regarding his resignation as a part time laborer.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AGENDA ITEMS)- No Comments

NEW BUSINESS:

#R2025-447 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART TIME DPW LABORER – ROBERT CHOCALLO

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept the resignation of part time Department of Public Works Laborer Robert Chocallo effective immediately.

Motion Carried (4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent-Councilman Mattingly Absent) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2025-448 APPOINT FULL-TIME TEMPORARY BUILDING /MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Robert Chocallo as Full time temporary Building Maintenance/Mechanic; grade 6 step 1 at \$25.74 per hour as per the CSEA Contract December 26, 2025.

Motion Carried (4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent-Councilman Mattingly Absent) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2025-449 AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the CSEA.

Motion Carried (4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent-Councilman Mattingly Absent) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (GENERAL) - No Comments

NEXT MEETING: Supervisor Dwyer stated the next Town Board Meeting is going to be our Annual Reorganization Meeting, which will be held right here in this room at 1:00 p.m. on January 2nd. There will be a workshop as early as 11:30 a.m. on that same day. The Regular Meeting will take place right after the reorganization at 1:30 p.m., and that is where we will present our State of the Town. The State of the Town will not only be presented by me. We will have all of our Department Heads coming in and providing their own report on their State of the Town. They will be indicating not only any progress that they have made this

year from their department perspective, but also any goals that they may have for 2026. We are really looking forward to a nice, unique, and different State of the Town Address for the upcoming year. I will make one comment about the battery storage facility fire that is happening in the Village of Warwick. This is a fire that broke out on Friday of last week, and we had our first responders there on scene immediately. The Town of Warwick Police Department, I know the Chief was there. The Warwick Fire Department, as well as Mayor Newhard, the Chief of Police, did call me and notify me that it was happening. As we know, this fire is located in the Village of Warwick, so it is not within our technical jurisdiction for zoning purposes. The Village of Warwick is lucky to have a mayor in that area, as well as a Village Board that handles those as the immediate lead. They collaborated with our Town Police Department, as well as the local first responders. They are coordinating primary response to the fire in the battery storage facility. However, of course, the residents of the Village of Warwick, they are constituents of the Town of Warwick. They are our responsibility, just as they are any village or other municipality. Therefore, we do take this very seriously. Air quality is obviously the greatest concern for this. We want to make sure that Convergent is held accountable for the actions of this fire. This is not the first time that a fire has taken place at this location. We are monitoring the event from every perspective possible, ensuring that the data that comes out shows that there were no air quality issues affecting the residents and the neighbors. We will be working directly with the Village of Warwick on any further ongoing efforts to test water quality in the area, to test surface areas of local playgrounds and things like that. In addition, we will be there as backup. But not only as backup, we're going to be doing our own evaluation as well, and making sure that we feel that the residents were well served in this and not compromised in any way. At the end of the day, we want to make sure that Convergent is held fully accountable, because this should have never happened. It certainly was unfortunate when it happened the first time, and I do not believe it should have happened a second time. We know that the village is taking this issue very seriously, and we look forward to working with them any way that we can to protect our residents throughout the entire Town of Warwick. We do have a current moratorium in the Town of Warwick on any battery storage facilities. That means that no new sites can be built within the town. These sites that are there now, one on high school property and the other one in the Village of Warwick, these sites have been there for a few years now. So, there are no new projects. There are no new sites. However, what we want to make sure of is that no new sites are built anytime soon. The Town Board will continue that moratorium as long as we need to, and we will evaluate our code to see how we can strengthen the situation moving forward. We will keep the community posted on any findings that come out, both air quality as well as what caused this issue as soon as we know more.

CLOSE SPECIAL MEETING: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the special public meeting be closed. Motion Carried (4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 Absent, Councilman Mattingly Absent) 10:43 a.m.

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Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk