

December 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

Attorney for the Town, John Buckheit
DPW Commissioner, Benjamin Astorino
DPW Deputy Commissioner, McPherson
Police Chief, John Rader

PRESENTATION: SUPERVISOR DWYER - We do have a presentation tonight, except it is not going to be a presentation for Alexander Rodriguez that will be held at the next Town Board meeting.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Police Chief, John Rader, can you please join me? Now, I can tell you it is not easy to surprise the Chief of Police in his own house, but we were successfully able to do it. So, 11 months ago, I started what has proven to be one of the most challenging yet rewarding journeys of my life. The ups and downs of being Town Supervisor are hard to put into words. Over the past nearly one year in this job, what I have found to be critical in my success and the success of our town is being surrounded by the right people. Chief Rader is exactly the right person. Having worked with Chief Rader over the past year, some things have become abundantly clear. For starters, Chief Rader is very stubborn, but he is stubborn because he is a staunch defender of his police department and wants the absolute best for the residents of the Town of Warwick.

Chief Rader is a tireless worker and he and I are often surprised to see each other at Town Hall at all hours of the night and countless times over the weekends. Chief Rader is extremely dedicated to his job and shows up day in and day out with a positive attitude and a steady approach to leadership. Just more than one month ago, the Town of Warwick experienced one of the most dangerous natural disasters in recorded history with a wildfire of more than 5,000 acres in Sterling Forest State Park. This fire encroached directly into the backyards of nearly 100 homes. This two-week ordeal required intense collaboration among countless agencies across the State, County, and Towns of New York and New Jersey. This wildfire, for local leaders, was a true test of effective operations management. Having key people in place was not only a blessing, it was a requirement for achieving the outcome we had during and after this wildfire. For me, and for our Town, we had Chief Rader. Knowing how Chief Rader operates in his daily routine, it would be hard for him to surpass my expectations.

I hold him in the highest regard because I know what he is capable of. Chief Rader used his

background as a past EMT, Ambulance Corps President, Firefighter, Fire Chief, and decades as a Police Officer to lead law enforcement and public safety efforts in the most professional and organized way possible. Under the most chaotic of circumstances, Chief Rader remained in control at all times and used every bit of his leadership qualities and experience to ensure the full and unwavering safety of the public, his officers, as well as the hundreds of firefighters. During this horrific natural disaster, I would not have wanted anyone else by my side.

Now, over the past couple weeks, I have presented certificates of appreciation and plaques to the Greenwood Lake Fire Chief, the Fire Department, as well as the Greenwood Lake School Superintendent, but I saved the best for last. The way it goes, once you make it to the top, you're generally not recognized for outstanding leadership because it's expected of you and you set the bar very high, Chief. I'm here to say, Chief Rader goes above and beyond the call of duty every day he shows up to work, and I can confidently say you went above and beyond the call of duty during the wildfire operation. Chief Rader and I might not always see eye to eye on every issue, but at the end of the day, I know how lucky we are to have him as our Town's Police Chief. His dedication, experience, leadership, and love for this department and love for this town are second to none.

Therefore, on behalf of the Town Board and the Town of Warwick, I present to you, Chief Rader, this Excellence in Leadership Award, recognizing your contributions during the 2024 Jennings Creek Wildfire. Another thing, you know, getting a plaque is one thing, but again, and I mean it, when you're at the top, you really don't get recognized, you don't get the pins, you don't get the medals, but I would also like to present the Chief with this citation bar, which is a meritorious award for excellent police work, along with a number 5 pin. This represents the number of commendations earned by Chief Rader. You were instructed to wear this proudly on your uniform as an example of your leadership and as an illustration of our appreciation for your hard work and dedication. I was going to have Tracy pin this on you, but I think, from what I'm told, that would be really difficult to do, so I would like to ask Tracy and your family to come up here and we'll take some pictures.

So, one more time for Chief Rader.

HON. MAYOR THOMAS HOWLEY - I don't have anything for you tonight. I did speak earlier. Our Village Board Meeting is next Wednesday, the 18th. I've invited John to come to be recognized by the village board that evening, so I'm not going to give you a little thing now. I've been the mayor only for about six, seven months now and fortunately or unfortunately, we've had two major incidences. This fire obviously was the cream of the crop. But going before that, we had that microburst tornado, whatever you want to call it. There are two things in common. The Town Supervisor was away for both of those. He didn't come back very fast on this one. The other one, he was a little bit too far gone. But the good part was that we were in good hands with Chief John Rader there. And all kidding aside, conveying with Jesse, that was handled relatively well and this was also handled relatively well. Unfortunately, we did lose one life early in it. But after that, it went as well as we could expect. It went a blip or two. In conjunction with Chief Adam Iron from Greenwood Lake, it was always great waking up and seeing John first thing in the morning.

Along with your command staff and all the rest of the guys. I spoke to them personally and they all know how I feel about it. It was a great collaborative effort. Greenwood Lake, we need each other. We truly do. When we say Greenwood Lake, it's a little village, but we know how big it is. All of us in the room know the boundaries of the Town of Warwick and the boundaries of the village. When you have two main things like that, it's way above our pay grade and we need every person on the planet and John spearheaded it. He has great communications with county agencies and his expertise just shown right through the roof. I can't thank you enough. I'll see you next week. I appreciate everything you've done. It's really comforting to know that you guys are only a phone call away. I know in a minute we can get all the help we need and that means a lot to me being over there. I Appreciate everything. Thank you very much.

POLICE CHIEF, JOHN RADER - Thank you guys and your team over there. I am absolutely blown away by what just occurred here. Mr. Supervisor, I know you'll never tell me how you pulled this off, but my hats off to you for really not only surprising me, but the recognition and the words to know that working under you since January to say the things you said and know that we work every day the way we do. I'd like to think the reason we don't see eye to eye is because you're taller. Otherwise, I'd feel like eventually we do agree. Your passion for the Town in the first 11 months of your term now has shown that we're going to have a really good ride together because I think we share the same thoughts, we share the same goals and expectations. It's hard to accept an award knowing the work that went into this fire, into this event by our department. In the report that I was going to give, I was recognizing the fact that during this two-week period we had to assign extra officers and extra dispatchers specifically to sections in Greenwood Lake to protect them, to affect detours that involve two states, to protect the hundreds of firefighters that showed up there every single day, 24 hours a day to put this fire out. I truly marvel at what the fire departments did in two weeks to put out 5,000 acres of woods on fire, but I'm so proud of our department because we concentrated on one area but we still protected the 105 square miles that exist in Warwick. During that two-week period, we answered almost 700 calls outside of the fire. That included three major car accidents and unfortunately one fatality in that as well and we pulled off the Veterans Day Parade. That was done by the people you see out there, the boots on the ground. Those officers assigned to the fire were extras meaning they worked the midnight shift and then stayed on and did eight hours at a traffic post or at the command post or they worked the day shift and stayed on for the extra or they came in for the day and then worked the overnight. There was never a blip in service to the town and it's because of them. I am nothing without this department and with the dedication, the professionalism and just the overall morale of the department that I never had to think twice during the entire time of were we going to be able to help this town when they needed us. We were there every time and it's because of them. The leadership that's under me, my Lieutenants the Sergeants, the Detectives it was never a question. If I needed something one of them was always right there at my side or on the phone or sending text messages. It really was a lot to digest when this was over of what this department did and I want the Board to know just what the men and women of this department do every day for this town and they

do it with mostly very little thanks so having this opportunity tonight to address the board and address the department is priceless.

I appreciate you pulling this off because I didn't know how I was going to get them all in a room just to say thank you. Thank you for the dedication and then when I look and see my family and friends who were there every day calling to make sure I was still singing. That ended a long time ago but they checked on me and right now I'm seeing everybody in my life that means everything to me in this room so before I get any more choked up, I want to say thank you to the board thank you to my family and thank you to every member of our department I couldn't be prouder of you. I couldn't be prouder to be your leader. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Well Chief at this time unless anyone else wants to make any remarks. I know we have superintendent Sarah Haddon here if she would like to say anything you're welcome to or you're welcome not. Whatever you want. You are dismissed early. I think that there might be some drinks at Halligan's or somewhere in your future so. I think I need one. I want to thank the department not only for coming tonight but of course all of your hard work the Chief meant what he said he's only so much without his department and we're very proud of you guys for not only the work that you did in Greenwood Lake that day but the work that you did covering 105 square miles of the Town of Warwick under those incredible circumstances that we saw so I thank you guys very much and thank you for helping me pull off this little surprise here. Obvious it worked so good job.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - We can reconvene. I do want to welcome Mayor Tom Howley. He obviously came for the remarks. Appreciate you coming. So, our visiting elected officials Mayor Tom Howley we can go right into reports of boards and department heads, obviously, the Police Chief gave his report.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting – November 26, 2024

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to accept the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting held on October 24, 2024.

Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

CORRESPONDENCE:

NICOLE ANDERSEN – Director, Orange County Office of Community Development. Email to the Clerk dated December 3, 3034 regarding the USDA Home Repair Program. USDA Rural Development announced their Section 504 Home Repair program, which provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. Please see their webpage for more information: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-programs/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants-18>

MELISSA SHAW-SMITH – Director, Wickham Works. Letter dated December 3, 2024 to the Town Board requesting the rental fee for Mountain Lake Park be waived for the Too Good To Toss event to take place on January 18th & 19, 2025.

MICHAEL HELME – Sustainable Warwick. Letter dated November 29, 2024 to the Town Board requesting the facility fee at Mountain Lake Park be waived to host a winter seed-sowing workshop. All proceeds will help with the cost of materials and other new plants for the pickle ball court garden.

ERIC FIERSTEIN – Part-time Dispatcher, Town of Warwick. Letter dated December 1, 2024 to Tom Schweizer regarding his resignation.

JOHN RADER – Chief of Police, Town of Warwick. Letter dated December 3, 2024 to the Town Board requesting the appointment of Ava F. Smith as apart time police officer.

JOHN RADER – Chief of Police, Town of Warwick. Letter dated December 3, 2024 to the Town Board requesting the appointment of Ryan N. Worden as apart time police officer.

PETER M. VERUTES – Dial-A-Bus Driver, Town of Warwick. Letter dated December 5, 2024 to the Town Board regarding his intent to retire as of June 7, 2025.

NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – The Town received a copy of letter sent to Orange County DPW/Michael Villarosa dated November 4, 2024 regarding a speed study on County Road 13 speed reduction request on Kings Highway at Old Oak Rd.

BENNY MUTO – Owner, Benito’s Pizza. Letter dated December 4, 2024 informing the Town Clerk that they will be renewing their liquor license.

TOWN OF GOSHEN- Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Laurdan Enterprises, LLC/Northern Bear Pet Food Supply Project. A public hearing will take place on December 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm at 41 Webster Ave. Goshen, New York.

PAUL WILEY – Orange County Real Property Tax Service. Memo to the Clerk dated December 4, 2024 regarding the Board of Assessment Review Information.

JONATHAN AMOS – Environmental Engineer, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. Letter dated December 6, 2024 to the Supervisor regarding Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No, C3-5862-01-00 Sewer District No. 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades 2024 Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant.

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REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

BEN ASTORINO, COMMISSIONER OF DPW - We did have a couple of storms. We had our first snow of the season. We did have a storm on November 22nd and again on the 5th took care of those. We cleaned out some catch bases on Old Dutch Hollow Road. We did some leaf pickup on Kain Road and Iron Mountain Road and the drainage swells.

We did finish paving all our roads. Arbor Court and the two roads in the Moore subdivision Drumlin Farm and Vintners Way. Tree, work we had a storm, one storm in November there were quite a few trees down during that snowstorm it was a heavy snow storm and we cleaned up all the tree debris from that. We are cutting brush now on Cascade Lake Road and Black Rock Road. Vehicle maintenance, all our trucks are up and running and emergency repairs as always are done. Anthony is out putting signs up as needed. Potholes, all the asphalt plants are closed now and we are using cold mix. We did haul material back to the Greenwood Lake Facility and we hauled some sand and salt mix. We are on the transformation trail. We just started down there clearing the rest of it. That's going to be quite a project. There's a lot of debris in there so we are spending some time in these months doing that.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Safe travels to you and your family as you make your way to South Carolina to welcome your new grandchild. Congratulations to you.

BEN ASTORINO, COMMISSIONER OF DOW - Thank you so much. Very excited for that.

WATER & SEWER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MCPHERSON - Just a monthly update overview of the water and sewer applications. The department has completed all scheduled preventative maintenance tasks for the water and sewer systems. All of our sampling and testing is being completed on schedule with regulatory agencies. Daily site checks of our treatment facilities are being performed seven days a week. All of our monthly reporting for all facilities is being completed and submitted on time. Just to update for the new Pine Island well, our engineers have submitted a response letter to the Health Department's comments on the project. They have also sent the Health Department an updated engineer's report this past Tuesday the 10th. We are now waiting to hear back from the Health Department for their final approval of connecting the new well to the watershed. Eurich Heights Water Plant had a new roof put on by the DPW. It's also getting some much-needed electrical upgrades. This will not interrupt electrical service, but will hopefully prevent any service interruptions in the future. Price Chopper Water. We are installing protective fences around our two wells as per their request at the health department. For the wastewater side, our main facility has been running okay. We are continuing to experience some trouble, but we have been able to keep everything up and running for the past month without too much trouble. We continue to work with the DEC and our engineers toward the long-term goal of upgrading our facility. That concludes my report.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - I also updated the board on our recent letter from the Department of Health on Union Corners Park.

WATER & SEWER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MCPHERSON - I was just talking to Ben about that actually.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - We just got the letter yesterday, so it's very new. Challenging situation.

RECREATION DIRECTOR SAM WALTER - Thank you, Supervisor. I put together a list of highlights at Mountain Lake Park for the year. I tried to make it 12 Days of Christmas or Countdown to Christmas, but we had way more numbers than that.

We helped out one family this year at the town park, Mountain Lake Park, providing temporary housing for them and it was much needed after that microburst storm at Greenwood Lake and also probably needed during the Jennings Creek fire as well.

We also had one amazing dog named Maddie that helped out at the park to really eliminate a lot of the weeds that were causing a lot of issues on the grass. So those were my top number ones. We had three Eagle Scout Projects done at the park. One was the Fire Pit Circle, the Gaga Pit, and the Trailside Benches. The report on the Trailside Benches will happen probably in January, I think. We had five Boy Scout campouts sponsored by the Town at the park. All were a lot of fun. We had 11 beautiful weddings at the park. We had 19 lifeguards that kept us safe, and we had 20 firefighters from Montana that stayed at the park during the fire as well. We had 22 community events that included the Warwick Food Truck Festival, the Fuller Moon Arts Festival, the Hudson Highlands Nature and Wildlife Day, and a lot more. We had 58 events at the park that supported community organizations like the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Warwick Valley Rotary, the Lions, the Warwick Valley Central School District, Sustainable Warwick, the Warwick Valley Gardeners, and more.

We had 71 more private parties for residents at the lodge. There's a lot of birthday parties. We had 75 children participate in town swim lessons. We had 86 people sign up for their fishing and boating access passes. We had an average of 90 swimmers at the pool each day during the summer. We have 116 children that use the park regularly as their either preschool or after school club. We had 205 senior passes for the pool this summer. We had 526 people who actually stayed overnight at the park during the season. Not all at once.

We had 1,116 hours of cooking in the kitchen. I'm approximating our volunteer hours because I didn't get all of Sustainable Warwick's in, but about 1,350 volunteer hours at the park. And lastly, we have many, many thousands of thank you to give out to the residents, the volunteers, the staff, the service organizations, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the DPW, the Town Board, the Supervisor, and all the people that help make the park really special and unique. That's it for my report. Thank you, Sam.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Any questions for Samantha? Thank you so much for everything you do. All that stuff you announced wouldn't be possible without you. All the hard work you're putting into it really is appreciated. Great job, Sam.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN DEANGELO - For the Warwick Valley Humane Society, the holidays are a hectic time each year to adopt a new pet, especially for the pet. Therefore, the Warwick Valley Humane Society is suggesting getting your applications in now, and they will hold your new furry family member until after the holiday, so you can bring him or her home in peace. They have 15 dogs available for adoption, plus 2 dozen kittens, over 70 adult cats, 3 rabbits, and a guinea pig, all for adoption. Adoption applications are available at wvhumane.org, or please call the shelter at 845-986-2473 for more information.

They have an incredible wish list, Christmas wish list here, which includes paper towels, bleach, Simple Green cleaner, Dawn dish detergent, laundry detergent, 13-gallon garbage bags, large dog biscuits, Natural Balance or Merrick canned dog food, Pate' canned cat food, Hills Science Diet, dry dog, and cat food. They wish everybody a very Merry Christmas.

For the Warwick, Town of Warwick Friendly Visitor Program, for the month of November, the number of neighbors that were helped were 22, the number of volunteers helping those neighbors was 20, for an incredible number of services provided was 206 for the month of November. If you have some time, and can donate your time, perhaps giving somebody a ride for shopping or a medical appointment or something like that, you can call 845-986-1124, extension 400, and leave a message. They really need people to help them, so they need volunteers. That's all I have. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN KOWAL – Regarding the fire it was Thank you. And to start with, regarding the fire, it was great to have a facility like we had at Mountain Lake Park to accommodate the out-of-town firefighters. You don't know, when you acquire something, what uses you're going to get out of it and it was great that we had a place for them to stay.

I have in my report, the post report for the Town of Warwick Police Department for the month of November, the total number of calls for the Greenwood Lake area was 137. The entirety of the town, post number 2, was 579. The Pine Island area had 209 police calls in total. The Village of Warwick had 488. The Village of Greenwood Lake had 52 and the Village of Florida had 33, making a total of 1,498 calls for the month of November. That's my report. Thank you, Supervisor.

COUNCILMAN MATTINGLY – Thank you Supervisor. The Village of Warwick Horse and Carriage rides continue in the Village of Warwick. Riders may access the horse and carriage on Railroad Green on Railroad Avenue weekends from noon to 2 p.m. and enjoy a ride through the Village of Warwick on Main Street, South Street, and returning to Railroad Avenue.

The Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce has a number of events. I'll list a couple of them. Tuxedo Park School's Holiday Boutique is Saturday, December 14, 2024, on Mountain Farm Road in Tuxedo Park, featuring an array of pop-up shops from local makers and more. Winslow Therapeutic Center will hold a grounding meditation and tea presented by Pheo Powers on Saturday, December 31st from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Register at Winslow.org/wellness. Visit warwickcc.org for a list of many other member events that will be held during the month of December.

The Greenwood Lake Chamber did not have any events on the calendar, but visit gwlnychamber.com/events for information relating to community and member events this month.

The Village of Florida Chamber Chrome Salon, located at 42 Main Street, Suite 2 in Florida, is holding a Toys for Tots drive this Saturday. Donate new, unopened toys. No wrapping paper, please. For the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, which redistributes the toys to less fortunate children in Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Dutchess Counties, visit floridanychamber.com/events for a full list of community and member events during the month of December.

The Pine Island Chamber of Commerce will hold a holiday mixture at the Pine Island Tap House on Monday, December 16th at 6 p.m. And also visit pineisland.com/events for a full list of their community and member events. Thank you, Supervisor.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK – No report was given.

ATTORNEY BUCKHEIT - My report is largely confidential and it's been distributed to the Council and I'm prepared to answer any questions.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Everyone has been provided the attorney's report prior to this meeting. There are no questions from the Board. Thank you, Attorney Buckheit.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

1. FEES COLLECTED – NOVEMBER 2024

Interest in Town Clerk's Checking Account	\$9.76
MLP- Deferred Revenue	\$1,500.00
MLP Art Studio	\$825.00
MLP Dance Studio	\$250.00
MLP Front Building	\$1,500.00
MLP Indoor Theater	\$1,540.00
MLP Kitchen	\$862.50
MLP Kitchen Per Hour	\$820.00
MLP Kitchen Storage	\$100.00
MLP Lodge Dining Hall	\$550.00
MLP Lodge Lounge	\$225.00
MLP Office Small Room	\$300.00
MLP Rec Building Storage	\$100.00
MLP Tablecloths	\$110.00
Wickham Woodland Manor Fee	\$750.00
MLP Access Resident	\$5.00
Copy of Map	\$10.00
Film Production Fee	\$750.00
Film Production Road Closure	\$20,000.00
Marriage Certified	\$70.00

Photocopies	\$2.00
Photographs	\$10.00
Postage	\$10.72
Return Checks	\$20.00
Use of Room Fee-Senior Center	\$50.00
Dog Impounds	\$100.00
Marriage License Fee	\$175.00
One Day Marriage Officiant	\$50.00
Bingo License	\$7.50
Conservation	\$272.27
Dog Licensing	\$986.00
Registrar Town of Warwick	\$100.00
Police Agreement 3rd Party	\$30,280.00
Wickham Woodland Manor Deposit	\$900.00
MLP Deposit Lodge Dining Hall	\$500.00
MLP – Deposit Lodge Lounge	\$100.00
Total Local Shares Remitted	\$63,840.75

2. FEES PAID – NOVEMBER 2024

NYS Dept. of Health	\$225.00
NYS Ag & Markets for Spay/neuter program	\$124.00
NYS Environmental Conservation	\$6,198.73
State Comptroller for Bingo Licenses	\$11.25
Village of Warwick for Registrar	\$890.00
Village of Greenwood Lake Registrar	\$10.00
Total Non-Local Revenues	\$7,458.98

3. Bid Proposal for refurbished Commercial Kitchen Mixer

1. Straube Food Equip. Co
 3407 US-6
 Middletown, NY 10940
Bid Proposal: \$1,950.00

2. Discount Bakery Equipment
 631 W Cherry St.
 Wayland, MI 49348
Bid Proposal: \$2,200.00

3. City Food Equipment
 376 North Ave.
 Lombard, IL 60148
Bid Proposal: \$2,695.00

4. Bid Proposal for Supply & Installation of sand filters for Price chopper sewer

1. TAM Enterprises
 114 Hartley Road
 Goshen, NY 10924
Bid Proposal: \$15,389.00

2. Coppola Septic
 28 Executive
 Ringwood, NJ 07456
Bid Proposal: No Submittal

5. **Bid Proposal for water protection upgrade fencing at Price Chopper**

1. **Bilt-Well Fence Co., Inc.**
521 Route 17M
Monroe, NY 10949
Bid Proposal: \$7,040.00

2. **Ketchum Fencing, Inc.**
19 Borden St.
Otisville, NY 10963
Bid Proposal: \$7995.00

6. **Bid Proposal to remove and replace electric wiring at Eurich Heights Pump Station**

1. **CJD Electric**
118 Sleepy Valley Rd.
Warwick, NY 10990
Bid Proposal: \$6,500.00

2. **Norman O'Dell Electrical Services**
23 Noble Place
Florida, NY 10921
Bid Proposal: \$6,755.00

3. **J.M. Electric & Son, Inc**
870 Pulaski Hwy
Goshen, NY 10924
Bid Proposal: \$6,275.55

SUPERVISOR DWYER - my report is essentially a summary of what we discussed at the workshop, which is open to the public, and we have it right before this Town Board meeting. We did have, oddly enough, two Town Board meetings, pretty much in the middle of the wildfire. One of them was to pass our budget, and the next meeting happened shortly thereafter. So, I was updating details of the fire, and if you've been following the Town of Warwick's Facebook page, we gave you basically play-by-play description and details on everything that was going on with the fire. But, not to belabor the thank-yous they're certainly deserving, but I just want to point out some interesting statistics from the fire that happened in the Greenwood Lake area of the Town of Warwick. We had over 300 agencies that supported this effort across fire departments, police departments, and EMS agencies. That included over 1,000 volunteers, not only within these fire departments, police departments, and EMS agencies, but that includes restaurants, staff, and other community members that joined the forces to volunteer and support our efforts in Greenwood Lake.

I will commend Mayor Tom Howley, who was here as well. He was by my side the entire time, and it didn't matter if it was in the Town section of that area. Tom was just as concerned as if it were in the backyard of the Village of Greenwood Lake, because it really was. I want to thank you, Tom, on behalf of the Town Board, for your partnership in that, your support, your leadership, and dedication. It was great, and it was always great working with you and it meant a lot to see how concerned you were. We all knew where that fire was going, and it was going right from New Jersey to the Town of Warwick, right into the Village of Greenwood Lake, and sure enough, that's where it went. But everybody did great. It was an incredible effort, and unfortunately, we did have one loss of life from

Park Service, but the hard work of our local volunteers and the departments that came together, there were no structures impacted by the fire, and that was a true miracle. I certainly hope that never happens again, but I feel we learned a lot, and we're just incredibly proud of our community and of our Town, to see how everybody comes together to support one another during a time of need. It was very inspiring and great to see.

Alright, moving on into some reports and my details. The Town of Warwick entered into an informal agreement with the Village of Greenwood Lake to share part-time police officers. Essentially the term double-tinning, which is a phrase that means working across multiple police departments, was never used in the Town of Warwick until this year. We feel that overtime costs and essentially the cost of government operations is increasing so much so that a great tool that we could have in sharing with our partners over the mountain is sharing part-time police officers that do not require health insurance, retirement contributions, and are typically available to offset the cost of overtime rather than having your full-time police officers work. So, we are working with the Village of Greenwood Lake. In addition, we are sending more members to become police officers. We're sending them to the Police Academy. Tonight, we're appointing two police officers, Ava Smith and Ryan Worden, as Town of Warwick Part-Time Police Officers. So that's going to help us as we continue to keep this police department as affordable and effective as possible. We are passing resolutions tonight on lieutenant's contracts.

I also reported with the Town Board, as anybody who's been following along for the past year, a main priority of ours is to address and tackle the Wickham Sewer District through the sourcing of grant funding. We applied to multiple grant options. One of them was a WEA grant and we had a feeling we might get rejected for this grant because of the median household income across the entire Town of Warwick which is significantly higher than most other communities in the region. Even though the Wickham Sewer District does not serve the entire Town of Warwick, it serves a smaller community. We were not approved for that particular grant. Working with the Water and Sewer Department, Matt McPherson, as well as our engineers, we're taking proactive measures, which we started to do, even knowing that we didn't have the results yet of the grant, including income surveys, working with the DEC on an order on consent and we will continue to reapply and wait for other grant announcements.

Matt reported on the Pine Island Well and I did mention to the Board that not only are we working on getting that new well online in Pine Island, but a long-term solution for the water treatment plant and the storage facility for Pine Island, which will be 2025's project.

Union Corners mentioned that the Department of Health sent the Town of Warwick a notice that they are essentially requiring us to turn the drinking water at our park into a water treatment facility. Another unfunded mandate that's been working perfectly fine for this long, but the government feels that we can't take care of our own parks and our public, so they're going to force us to do this, so that's very unfortunate.

Some projects I'm torn in announcing this right now with the press, public, because what I've said all along is that the Jayne Street Bridge, we knew we got grant funding for it. We

applied for multiple grant sources and we got about 80% covered, and I didn't want to fully announce everything until we got the final grant, which I just got last week. So, a \$4 million bridge project will be funded with the exception of \$24,000, that will be the Town's share. I am going to issue a formal press release in partnership with the Village of Florida next week, so if you can hold off on that part, that would be great. I'll let you break the story, but I am happy to announce that a \$4 million bridge will be replaced, almost entirely funded by three variations of grants. It's a great win for all of us, because unfortunately this bridge would have had to be replaced no matter what. If we didn't get a grant, we would have had to borrow the \$4 million, and it would have put the Town in a really difficult position. So, I'm very happy to announce that this is 99.5% grant funded for that replacement.

Another grant funded project, the bike hike trail is underway. We broke ground on this about a week and a half ago, and we had a status update meeting today, this morning, and we're going to continue working through the winter on the bike hike project that's going to connect Cascade Road and Cascade Lake Park with the Orange County Park at Hickory Hills.

FEMA culverts are going to take place in the spring, and we're going to be replacing about five to six culverts town-wide that were impacted by Hurricane Ida. Yes, that's right, Hurricane Ida, it was years ago. We're finally going to start breaking ground on those projects in the spring, and working with the DPW Commissioner, as well as our engineers, we'll get the schedule which, because there will be traffic delays, there will be detours, and working with the Police Department, we'll make plenty of notice and announcements on what roads will be closed, and when, and for how long.

Mountain Lake Park pool design, we got the grant for a new installation of a new pool at Mountain Lake Park. We are going through the process, and every bit that we can to try to get that done for Memorial Day, and as I instructed to the Board, if we can't get it done entirely by Memorial Day, we will postpone the entire project until the fall. The last thing we want is for Mountain Lake Park to be under construction during the busy season.

Airport Park playground, another grant-funded playground. We're going to be purchasing \$350,000 worth of playground equipment and handicap-accessible matting so that this park will be fully accessible to anyone who needs it, and that project we're placing the order after tonight's resolution, and then we hope to make the actual installation in the spring once we get a good weather window so that we can actually pour the rubber matting.

We, the Town Board budgeted for a grant firm, Millennium Strategies, that's going to start January 1st. You guys have seen grants are a top priority of mine, top priority of this Town Board. They're the only way that you can continue with the infrastructure needs of a town like this while not putting the burden on the taxpayers. We are prioritizing grants in every way possible. That grant firm will start January 1st, and we're going to take a very aggressive approach in making that work for everybody. Partnering with the villages within the town, you know, shared services model of really everybody in it together. We worked out an

agreement to work with all of our villages so that we can share this service and make it benefit the entire town, every taxpayer within the Town of Warwick. So, Village of Warwick, Village of Florida, and the Village of Greenwood Lake will be joining with the Town of Warwick for this firm, Millennium, starting January 1st.

We had our MS-4 audit on November 21st, and it was not as painful as I thought it would be. This is with the DEC. Anytime the DEC comes in and says they want to audit you, it's usually a really, really bad day. This wasn't that bad. Obviously, we identified some weaknesses, but overall, the town is in pretty good shape with complying with all of our MS-4 requirements. And thankfully, Tom, they're not coming to you next. So, you're good. You dodged the bullet on that one. I don't know how they came here, but they did. But everything went okay. We made it through. We have some things that we have to tighten up, but overall, everything's okay.

Tonight, the Town Board will be adopting a resolution to extend the moratorium on the battery storage facilities. We continue to feel that it is not in our best interest right now for the Town of Warwick to have battery storage facilities or development of battery storage siting within the town. We're going to push this down another six months while we continue to evaluate it. One of the main reasons for that is in Putnam County, there is a major development of a large-scale battery storage facility, and we're monitoring that and watching how that progresses through, seeing what kind of plans are coming forward with that, and really just trying to learn the lessons of the past and learn the lessons of other municipalities, because these facilities are so new. We saw the consequences of new development. The two fires that happened in the Village of Warwick with the battery storage facilities, and it really is a frightening thing to say. We're going to make sure we take our time, do as much due diligence as we possibly can to do this as best as possible.

The Attorney briefed the Town Board on a subdivision acquisition, Moore subdivision, which has been in the works since 2006. We are finally progressing and moving that forward to take over that subdivision and ensure that we can properly plow and maintain that, and the residents of that neighborhood will receive the same benefit as every other town taxpayer, as the original intention and design from the Planning Board was meant to be for that. So, we have a resolution tonight to continue bringing that forward.

And then on a final note, I just received an announcement a little while ago that I was reappointed as a representative on the Orange County Transportation Council, representing the Southern Region of Orange County. You all might recall that the Town of Warwick got about a little over \$1.5 million from the Orange County Transportation Council to support our Jayne Street Bridge. So, a very valuable position for the town, and I'm honored to take that reappointment onto that board.

At this time, that concludes my report. One more thing on here. You'll hear a resolution later this evening about the use of town vehicles. While going through the lieutenant's contracts, it was obvious that not every employee had a formal adoption of a policy on whether or not who could use a town car, when they can use a town car, where they can use a town car. And

we identified the Town of Warwick has about 10 employees, including myself, that utilizes a town vehicle for town-related businesses. We just want to memorialize that as a Town Board, as it is a great thing to do. Makes a lot of sense, and we appreciate recommendations to do things like that. Therefore, the Town Board will be taking action on that this evening.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AGENDA ITEMS)

No comments were made from the Town Board or the public.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS

#R2024- 466 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 2024 – AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2024 “A LOCAL LAW, WHICH EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER 12 MONTHS, LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2023 A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES DEVOTED TO RESEARCH, EDUCATION, DISTRIBUTION OR APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION IN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY USES IN THE TOWN OF WARWICK FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTHS TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to schedule a public hearing to consider Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2024 to Amend Local Law No. 1 of 2024 “a Local Law, which extended for a further 12 months, Local Law No. 4 of 2023 a six month moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of clean renewable energy technology businesses devoted to research, education, distribution or application of technological innovation in alternative energy uses in the Town of Warwick for an additional six (6) months to expire June 30, 2025. Said hearing to be held on Thursday, December 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. or soon thereafter may the matter be heard at Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick.

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

#R2024-467 REAPPOINT VIKKI GARBY AS PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to reappoint Vikki Garby as an alternate member to the Planning Board for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

#R2024-468 RE-APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER -BEN ASTORINO

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution re-appointing Ben Astorino as a member of the Planning Board for a term of five (5) years to expire December 31, 2029.

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

#R2024-469 APPOINT FULL-TIME DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER-ROBERT SCHEUERMANN

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Robert Scheuermann as a full-time Department of Public Works Laborer Grade 4, Step 1, at a pay rate of \$23.84 as per the CSEA Contract effective January 1, 2025.

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

#R2024-470 ACCEPT PROPOSAL TO RUN HEATING LINE FOR DIAL-A-BUS BAY

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to accept proposal from Nebrasky Plumbing, Heating & Cooling in an amount not to exceed \$7,980.00 to run 70 feet of 1 ¼ copper for supply and run 70 feet for return and all necessary fitting to connect to unit heater in 1st garage including covering insulation.

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

#R2024-471 AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID [[[AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID]]] ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a Project for the Jayne Street/Millers Creek Bridge Replacement, PIN 8763.56 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the preliminary engineering and ROW Incidental work.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Warwick Town Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Warwick Town Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Warwick Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Warwick to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the preliminary engineering and ROW Incidental work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$480,000 is hereby appropriated from H16.5120.400 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Warwick Town Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Supervisor thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Warwick Town Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Town of Warwick with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Supervisor, the following municipal titles: Commissioner of Public Works, Town Engineer, Town Comptroller and the Attorney for the Town are also hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement;

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

#R2024-472 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT TOWN OF WARWICK PARKS/RENTAL FACILITIES

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution granting permission to the following applicants to serve alcohol at Town of Warwick Parks/Rental Facilities. All applicants have filed a Certificate of Liability and Liquor Liability of insurance in the Town Clerk's office:

	APPLICANT	PARK/RENTAL FACILITY	DATE	Permit #
A	Warwick Police Department	Mountain Lake Park	December 15, 2024	MLP-111
B	Linda Carbone	Mountain Lake Park	December 21, 2025	MLP-110

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

#R2024-473 WAIVE MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK RENTAL FEE FOR WICKHAM WORKS

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to waive rental fee at the Mountain Lake Park for the Wickham Works organization to host a Too Good To Toss, community-wide swap event on January 18th & 19, 2025.

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

**#R2024-474 AMEND #R2024-450 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL TO REMOVE TREES AT
1 & 2 OLGA WAY, GREENWOOD LAKE**

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to amend #R2024-450 accepting bid from Mauricio's Tree Service for removal of three large dead trees at 1&2 Olga Way in Greenwood Lake in an amount of \$4,000.00 due to the addition of (2) two more dangerous trees need to be removed.

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

**#R2024-475 WAIVE MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK RENTAL FEE FOR SUSTAINABLE
WARWICK**

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to waive rental fee at the Mountain Lake Park for the Sustainable Warwick Pollinator Pathway Committee to hold a FREE winter seed-sowing workshop January 25, 2025. There will be no fees to attend event.

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

**#R2024-476 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME DISPATCHER – ERIC
FIERSTEIN**

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution accepting the resignation of part-time Dispatcher Eric Fierstein, effective December 1, 2024.

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

**#R2024-477 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS – TO EXECUTE NYS DOT UNDERTAKING**

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal authorizing the Commissioner of Department of Public Works to execute an undertaking for the benefit of the NYS Department of Transportation to allow the Town of Warwick to access and operate within the NYS right-of-way for such purposes as the observation, installation, construction, maintenance and/or operation of facilities and utilities.

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

**#R2024-478 WAIVE MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK RENTAL FEE FOR GREATER
HUDSON VALLEY COUNCIL SCOUTING UNIT SCOUT PACK 121/DEN
14**

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to waive rental fee at the Mountain Lake Park for Greater Hudson Valley Council Scouting Unit Scout Pack 121/Den 14 for a camp out on December 14 and 15th, 2024.

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

#R2024-479 APPOINT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER – RYAN N. WORDEN

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Ryan N. Worden as a part time Police Officer at a rate of pay of \$27.03 per hour effective December 14, 2024 as per the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement and recommendation letter, dated December 3, 2024, from the Police Chief.

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

#R2024-480 APPOINT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER – AVA F. SMITH

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Ava F. Smith as a part time Police Officer at a rate of pay of \$27.03 per hour effective December 14, 2024 as per the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement and recommendation letter, dated December 3, 2024, from the Police Chief.

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

#R2024-481 SCHEDULE 2025 RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to schedule the 2025 re-organizational meeting for the Town of Warwick on January 2, 2025 at 12:00pm located at 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, New York.

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

#R2024-482 ACCEPT NOTICE OF INTENT TO RETIRE- PETER M. VERUTES

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Shuback to accept Notice of Intent letter from Town of Warwick Dial-A-Bus Driver, Peter M. Verutes dated December 5, 2024, for the purpose of retirement at least six months after notification of intent.

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

#R2024-483 APPOINT PART TIME DPW CLERK – KELLEY KEANE

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Kelley Keane as a part time clerk for the Department of Public Works at a salary of \$18.00 per hour effective January 2, 2025.

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

#R2024-484 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP. CO.

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Miracle Recreation Equip. Co. for playground equipment for Airport Park in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00. Funds have been allocated from the NYS CREST Grant.

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

#R2024-485 ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR REFURBISHED COMMERCIAL KITCHEN MIXER AT MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Shuback to accept proposal from Straube Food Equipment for a refurbished commercial kitchen mixer at Mountain Lake Park in an amount not to exceed \$1,950.00.

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

#R2024-486 AUTHORIZE SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN TO USE TOWN VEHICLES

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the vehicles owned by the Town of Warwick are to be used to provide services to residents and taxpayers of the Town of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Warwick that there be a general policy defining the assignment, control, proper use and maintenance of vehicles that are driven by Town Officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Warwick determines that it is in the best interest of the Town of Warwick to authorize certain designated Town Officials and employees, to make use of vehicles owned by the Town of Warwick, outside of Town Hall or regular duty hours, to include driving to and from, and the storing of these vehicles at, private residences,

NOW THEREFORE I offer a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the following designated Town Officials and employees, to make use of vehicles owned by the Town of Warwick, outside of Town Hall or regular duty hours, to include driving to and from, and the storing of these vehicles at, private residences:

The Town Supervisor

The Town Commissioner of the Department of Public Works

Town Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works

The Town Foreman of the Department of Public Works

The Town Chief of Police

Two (2) Town Police Lieutenants

Two (2) Town Police Detectives

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

#R2024-487 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT- LIEUTENANT ALTON MORLEY

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo authorizing the Supervisor to sign contract agreement between Town of Warwick and Alton Morley for employing Lieutenant Morley as Police Lieutenant effective April 27, 2024.

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

**#R2024-488 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT-
LIEUTENANT KEITH SLESINSKI**

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal authorizing the Supervisor to sign contract agreement between Town of Warwick and Keith Slesinski for employing Lieutenant Slesinski as Police Lieutenant, effective April 27, 2024.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2024-489 AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN INTER-MUNICIPAL
ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH THE
TOWN OF WALLKILL FOR DIAL-A-BUS**

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to authorize the supervisor to sign an INTER-MUNICIPAL agreement by and between the Town of Warwick and Town of Wallkill for administrative and consulting services for its Dial-A-Bus Program services from January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2024-490 AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN INTER-MUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT- TOWN OF WALLKILL DIAL-A-BUS-DISPATCHING**

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal authorizing the Supervisor to sign an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Wallkill for Dial-A-Bus dispatching, scheduling and Head Bus Driver duties from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2024-491 AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A WORK AGREEMENT
ADDENDUM WITH TRANSPORTATION MANAGER JENNIFER
CROVER –WALLKILL DIAL-A-BUS SYSTEM**

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly authorizing the Supervisor to sign a work agreement addendum with Transportation Manager Jennifer Crover for Administrative and Consulting for the Town of Wallkill Dial-A-Bus System from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

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

**#R2024-492 ADOPT LOCAL NO. 9 OF 2024 –AMEND CHAPTER 33 PROCUREMENT
POLICY**

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt Local Law No. 9 of 2024 Amend the Town of Warwick Town Code, Chapter 33 Procurement Policy to consider a proposed amendment to Warwick Town Code, Chapter 33 Procurement Policy,

§ 33-5 Applicability, Subsection B (Quotes and RFPs), Subsection (5) granting the Town Supervisor authority to approve contracts up to the sum of \$5,000.00.

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

Discussion: Supervisor Dwyer stated the current code says up to \$3,500 for the Town Supervisor to sign contracts. That was originally put in the Town Code, I think, in the early 2000s and obviously, with the price of inflation, you can't get a printer for \$3,500. So, a slight increase just to make government more efficient, but certainly not less accountable.

#R2024-493 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT – JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement between Jewish Family Services and the Town of Warwick for administration of the Friendly Visitor Program for 2025 for \$5,000.00.

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

#R2024-494 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NYS SWIMS GRANT APPLICATION

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal authorizing the Supervisor to sign NYS Swims Grant application through Orange County Youth Bureau for 2024 and 2025 years.

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

#R2024-495 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF SAND FILTERS FOR PRICE CHOPPER SEWER

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept bid proposal from TAM Enterprises for Supply & Installation of sand filters for Price chopper sewer at a cost not to exceed \$15,389.00.

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

#R2024-496 ACCEPT BID WATER PROTECTION UPGRADE FENCING AT PRICE CHOPPER

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to accept bid proposal from Bilt-Well Fence Co., Inc for water protection upgrade fencing at Price Chopper in an amount not to exceed \$7,040.00.

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

#R2024-497 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL TO REMOVE AND REPLACE ELECTRIC WIRING AT EURICH HEIGHTS PUMP STATION

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept bid proposal from J.M. Electrical & Son, Inc. to remove and replace electric wiring at Eurich Heights Pump Station in an amount not to exceed \$6,275.55.

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

#R2024-498 ANTICIPATION OF MOORE SUBDIVISION ROADS

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, J.W. Warwick LLC has yet to complete the entirety of the work specified on the Subdivision Plan, for the Moore Subdivision, approved by the Town of Warwick Planning Board, on June 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Town of Warwick remains in receipt of the cash Performance Bond and the cash Landscape Bond, provided by J.W. Warwick LLC with regard to the Moore Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick is desirous of accepting the Dedication, as public roadways, of the roads contained within the Moore Subdivision, in particular Drumlin Farm Road and Vintner's Way; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick cannot accept the Dedication, as public roadways, of the roads contained within the Moore Subdivision, in particular Drumlin Farm Road and Vintner's Way, until the completion of the entirety of the work specified on the Subdivision Plan, for the Moore Subdivision, approved by the Town of Warwick Planning Board, on June 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick has made demand upon J.W. Warwick LLC, that it complete the entirety of the work specified on the Subdivision Plan, for the Moore Subdivision, approved by the Town of Warwick Planning Board, on June 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick's acceptance of the Dedication, as public roadways, of the roads contained within the Moore Subdivision, in particular Drumlin Farm Road and Vintner's Way, best serves the interests of the residents of the Town of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick intends to take all steps necessary to ensure completion of the entirety of the work specified on the Subdivision Plan, for the Moore Subdivision, approved by the Town of Warwick Planning Board, on June 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick by correspondence dated October 30, 2024, advised J.W. Warwick LLC, that by November 13, 2024, it must complete the remaining outstanding work as more clearly specified on the Subdivision Plan, for the Moore Subdivision, approved by the Town of Warwick Planning Board, on June 8, 2006, and in the event of its failure to do so, the Town of Warwick will have the necessary outstanding work

completed, and the Town of Warwick will charge the costs of same against its Performance Bond and Landscape Bond and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick has taken steps necessary to complete the remaining outstanding work as more clearly specified on the Subdivision Plan, for the Moore Subdivision, approved by the Town of Warwick Planning Board, on June 8, 2006, and the Town of Warwick will charge the costs of same against its Performance Bond and Landscape Bond and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick by correspondence dated November 22, 2024, advised J.W. Warwick LLC, that, in anticipation of the dedication of the Moore Subdivision roads to the Town of Warwick, the Town Department of Public Works has begun to plow snow and salt these roads, in particular, Drumlin Farm Road and Vintner's Way, and the Town of Warwick will charge the cost of reimbursement for such services against its Performance Bond.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warwick has received no response from J.W. Warwick LLC;

NOW THEREFORE I offer a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor, upon receipt of the recommendation from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Work that all necessary work has been completed and the subject roads are ready for dedication, to accept the dedication, as public roadways, of the roads of the Moore Subdivision, as specified on the Subdivision Plan, for the Moore Subdivision, approved by the Town of Warwick Planning Board, on June 8, 2006, in particular Drumlin Farm Road and Vintner's Way.

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

#R2024-499 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE INC FOR TEN TASER UNITS

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc for a 5-year lease of ten taser units at a total cost not to exceed \$15,520.56 per year.

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

Discussion: Supervisor Dwyer stated that the Police Chief pointed out in the work shop that this is actually a savings for what we are currently paying for tasers.

#R2024-500 AUTHORIZE POLICE CHIEF TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM DCJS GRANT TO PURCHASE 15 SIERRA XR60 5G MODEMS

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to authorize Police Chief to utilize funds from the DCJS grant to purchase 15 Sierra XR60 5G modems for patrol units at a cost not to exceed \$28,485.00.

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

APPROVAL TO PAY AUDITED BILLS:

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Shuback to pay the bills as audited.

Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (GENERAL):

RICHARD MURTIE – Resident, Town of Warwick, NY – The last meeting I attended, you had talked about bringing on board either an individual or a firm about doing your grants, state and federal grants. How much was that?

SUPERVISOR DWYER - \$47,000.

RICHARD MURTIE - That's just an individual writing those, or a group?

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Oh, it's a firm. It's a firm that will write unlimited amounts of grants, and also, we're cost-sharing at \$5,000 apiece from each of the villages. So, our cost is \$32,000.

RICHARD MURTIE - Well, you probably don't remember you were even born then, but Vince Brown came on board at the time as Town Supervisor, and his salary was \$13,500 and then when he took office, he put on a different hat to become the Town Fiscal Officer, which was slash Supervisor Fiscal Officer. That's what the job description entailed, was doing all those grants but somehow that got changed. Also, I had a FOIL request. I wanted to know why the Town Supervisor was driving the town vehicle since you come on board.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - That is not accurate.

RICHARD MURTIE - Well, I understand it is from Town Employees.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - September.

RICHARD MURTIE - Well, anyway, the Town Supervisor position is always a part-time position and never warranted a vehicle and now I see you guys pass it tonight, so I kind of hope you get the rest of that. So that being said, thank you.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Was it a part-time job when your mother was doing it?

RICHARD MURTIE - Oh, yeah.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - I am here, I would say, minimum 60 hours a week.

RICHARD MURTIE - I understand that.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - I do not know how it turned into that. I do not know where. Not that I am supportive of it. This government has grown tremendously.

RICHARD MURTIE - I get it.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - I think all the regulations and everything.

RICHARD MURTIE - Mike Sweeten did it all. He did all the grant writing. He never had a car. You know, like I said, people have told me that you've been driving a car since you came on.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - So the only difference is that you could charge mileage, which previous Supervisors have done. The math that I did was that it would be cheaper for the town for me to use a 2013 Ford Taurus, which is a salvage with over 100,000 miles on it, and put fuel from the pumps over here at \$2.50 a gallon, instead of me charging mileage at the IRS rates to use my truck to drive around the biggest town in Orange County. So, from a fiscal standpoint, it made more sense for me to use a town car to provide town business, to drive all over every corner of this town. Whether previous Supervisors needed it or not, maybe I have a different style than them. Maybe I have a more hands-on approach of going around the town, going to our different departments or different parks, meeting with constituents every single day. You know, it's a fair question because you're absolutely right if previous Supervisors didn't do it, but I don't think I'm like every previous Supervisor.

RICHARD MURTIE - That's irrelevant because if you were driving from home to here and then got in a town vehicle, you were acting in an official capacity.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Countless meetings and instances of me...

RICHARD MURTIE - The Department Heads do the same thing.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Right, I'll explain it to you. Countless instances of me driving directly from my home to a location in this town or in Goshen, rather than stopping here and billing the mileage to here. It's much more efficient. It really makes more sense.

RICHARD MURTIE - The Town of Warwick has been incorporated since 1789 and no one has done it but you.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - That's not accurate.

RICHARD MURTIE - It is accurate. In official capacity, it was used, but not to take home back and forth.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Yeah. All right. Appreciate your comments. Any other comments from the public? All right. We'll move on. The next meeting will be December 26th at 1 p.m. There will be a workshop at 12 p.m. noon. A Public hearing on Local Law No. 10 of 2024, Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2024, a Local Law, which extended for a further 12 months, Local Law No. 4 of 2023, a six-month moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of clean renewable energy technologies businesses devoted to research, education distribution, or application of technological innovation in alternative energy uses in the Town of Warwick for an additional six months to expire June 30th, 2025. Before we adjourn, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holidays. We won't be seeing you until the 26th.

I appreciate everybody coming tonight, and certainly with your comments and feedback are always welcome.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly that the regular meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) 8:50 p.m. 12-12-24 CP.


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