

May 30, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick was held on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Matthew McPherson
Recreational Director, Samantha Walter
Police Chief, John Rader

PRESENTATION:

Michael Helm – I want to start by thanking the Town, Supervisor Dwyer, Ben Astorino, and DPW for all the support for the Coolest Recycling Drive. It was very successful. Last year we got 130 appliances. This year we got 150. After we sort of developed the process, they borrowed up in Ulster County, and Ulster County did another drive that got 350 appliances. So, with all 500 appliances combined, I think I mentioned it, the refrigerants in those appliances are extremely potent greenhouse gases. We believe that they'll recover something like 1.5 million pounds of CO2 equivalent, which is the emissions you'd expect from 162 of your average gasoline-powered passenger cars driven for a full year.

So, it's a lot of greenhouse gases, and it took a lot of support from a lot of people around the community to do it, and I'm just very grateful to the town, and your support. Then one of the things we agreed, there was scrap metal left over at the end, and Sims paid us \$387 a change, and I got the check to the town right here. There were two other things.

A couple of the air conditioners were still in pretty good working condition, so I texted Sam, and so the Mountain Lake Park has two new-ish air conditioners for its collection. And I'm looking forward to 2025, hopefully in January, we'll start planning again for next spring and make it bigger by whenever.

Supervisor Dwyer - Fantastic, well thank you so much Michael, we appreciate your hard work in that, thank you very much. I'd also like to thank the Town of Chester and the Town of Chester Supervisor Brandon Holdridge for cooperating as well, I hear they had a disposal site that partnered with us as well.

Michael Helm – Yes, they had a drop off event.

Supervisor Dwyer - It was great coordination, we appreciate this, and then from a community standpoint, being able to dispose of those items for free is a really great service

to the public, so job well done, we really appreciate you doing this. Every year you've done it, and we look forward to it getting better every single year.

Michael Helm – Thank you so much.

Supervisor Dwyer – Thank you very much Michael.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Public Hearing – Wickham Water/Sewer District #1 – May 16, 2024

2. Regular Meeting- May 16, 2024

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to accept the minutes as written from the Public Hearing for Wickham Water/Sewer District #1 held on May 16, 2024 and the Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2024.

Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

CORRESPONDENCE:

JOHN D. RADER – Chief of Police, Town of Warwick. Letter dated May 20, 2024 to the Supervisor requesting to appoint a part-time police dispatcher.

JOAN MAXWELL – Warwick Repair Café Organizer. Email dated May 19, 2024 to the Clerk regarding the Warwick Repair Café. The next Repair Café will be Saturday July 20, 2024 from 10am-2pm.

MICHAEL J. NEWHARD – Mayor, Village of Warwick. Letter dated May 14, 2024 to the Supervisor supporting lowering the speed limit on Kings Highway to 35 mph from Wisner Rd. to the Village/Town boundary.

KARA J. CAVALLO – Jacobowitz & Gubits Law. Letter dated May 21, 2024 to the Supervisor regarding settling a tax certiorari for CVS Pharmacies.

MICHAEL VILLAROSA, PE – Engineer, Orange County Department of Public Works. Copy of a letter submitted to NYSDOT Region 8 Traffic Engineering regarding a speed reduction request for County Road 13 (Kings Highway) between the Village of Warwick Line and Kings Elementary School/Chancellor Lane in the Town of Warwick.

JAMES GERSTNER – Deputy Supervisor, Town of Warwick. Letter dated May 23, 2024 regarding a State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Warwick including the Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

APRIL ESTRADA – Resident, Town of Warwick. Email to the Supervisor dated March 28, 2024 regarding a discount to Town Pool and Lake Passes. For Town of Warwick Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corp.

DEBORAH EURICH – Assessor, Town of Warwick. Letter dated May 23, 2024 to the Town Board requesting approval to attend a 2-day course on Commercial Valuation & Appraisal Critique.

BOARD'S DISCUSSION ON CORRESPONDENCE

VISITING OFFICIALS

Sarah E. Hadden – Superintendent of Greenwood Lake Union Free School District – Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. For those of you that don't know me, as Supervisor Dwyer just mentioned, my name is Sarah Hadden, and I am the proud Superintendent of Greenwood Lake School District.

Last week, severe storms swept through Greenwood Lake, causing tremendous damage to the area, almost entirely within the town of Warwick. While there were many, many departments, organizations, and first responders on site responding to the area that day, the school district primarily worked alongside the local police departments. In an era when people can be quick to criticize but slow to praise, I wanted to make sure I took the time to publicly recognize the work of the Town of Warwick Police Department, led by Chief John Rader.

Although the department's response was certainly a team effort, there are a few individuals that I would like to highlight this evening. They played pivotal roles in the district's decision making and planning throughout the day. Officer Vic Rivera, an SRO assigned to our middle school, played a key role in assisting me throughout the entire day.

He drove me to East Shore Road early in the morning, brought me supplies I needed in order to work out of Central Command, lent me his personal battery pack when my cell phone was nearly dead, and escorted school buses down Jersey Avenue at the end of the day after his regular shift had already ended. He takes his work to protect the students extremely seriously, which on this day meant helping me get what I needed and where I needed to go. He has a genuine personality that makes him a perfect fit for our school.

Two more of our school resource officers also went above and beyond the call of duty. Matt Forestire came in on his day off, and Will Staszkeski reported to Central Command after his work day at our middle school. And in addition to lending a hand to Central Command, they assisted with escorting school buses down Jersey Avenue, ensuring the safe return of our students to their parents.

After arriving on scene on East Shore Road, my first interactions were with officers Derrick Hoffman and Nathaniel Petrosky. While responding to calls that morning, they found themselves unable to leave the area they were in due to damaged trees and wires both north and south of them. When I explained about a school bus with the tree on top of it and students inside it, they did not hesitate to join me on the last portion of my trek down East Shore Road.

Officer Hoffman used a voltage detector to determine if certain areas were safe for us to cross, which was a great reassurance. When another storm cell moved through as we were walking, there was no hesitancy. We simply continued on.

Upon reaching our destination, they checked on the safety of the driver and the remaining student, assisted with clearing the tree off the bus, and then led the bus to a safer area out of the neighborhood that it had been trapped in. While at Central Command, Lieutenant Alton Morley maintained consistent communication with me regarding the needs of the district. He was able to answer all of the questions that I had, as well as took the initiative to seek me out several times regarding concerns and needs specific to the students of the district.

Calm and intentional, he was a welcome resource as we made our decisions throughout the day. Chief Rader was one of the first unseen to Jersey Avenue, where one of our school buses was trapped between two fallen trees. He played a key role in the district being able to quickly get the students out of the area and return to their parents or onward to school.

At Central Command, he led with authority, gave clear directives, and maintained effective communication. Chief Rader immediately answered my many phone calls, texts, and in-person requests throughout the day. Once East Shore was partially cleared, he also made arrangements for the Sheriff's Office to send ATVs down to pick up the driver and the remaining student.

When situations were rapidly changing, the Chief was able to make quick decisions so that I could then communicate plans to my staff and my families in a timely manner. Showing an abundance of care for the welfare of the students, he even made the decision to send a police escort with each shuttle bus as they returned students home on Jersey Avenue at the end of the day, ensuring no student went home to an empty house with unknown damage to it. And finally, though the situation was tense at times, he brought lighthearted humor when it was much needed by all.

It is my hope that by publicly acknowledging the work of the Town of Warwick Police Department, and giving credit where credit is due, that the community of Warwick will realize just how lucky we are to have such a dedicated police force who puts its people first, responds quickly and effectively to emergencies, and serves as a resource for a multitude of needs. The Green Lake School District is extremely appreciative of its longstanding partnership with the Town of Warwick and its police department and looks forward to many more years together. Thank you for your time and allowing me to share my experiences with you.

Supervisor Dwyer - Thank you for your hard work and efforts that you did. Is this a check? Great job, Sarah, and of course the police department and the DPW and everybody that really, you know, a lot of forces came together to make sure that day didn't end in tragedy. So, we're all very lucky, and thank you for your words tonight. It really means a lot.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

POLICE CHIEF RADER - Before I start, thank you, Superintendent for the humbling remarks you gave, and it was a pleasure working side-by-side with you for the day, knowing that you had the safety in mind of your students and your faculty all day long. Just to kind of update since the last board meeting, our detective unit is currently investigating an armed robbery that occurred in the early morning hours of May 17th at the Sunoco Station on Main Street in the Village of Warwick. We are still seeking any witnesses or information that can be gathered on it.

To tail off on the superintendent's report, on May 23rd, the Green Lake area was hit with a significant storm, causing severe damage to the east and west shores. When I say severe damage to the shores, I mean the residences, the roadways, just about anything it could hit, it hit. Warwick and Greenwood Lake Police Departments immediately established a unified command under the direction of Chief Adam Eirand and I at Greenwood Lake Police Station.

We utilized the Orange County Emergency Services Mobile Command Unit and Mobile Communications Unit. It was staffed with local, county, state officials as well as Orange and Rockland and the Greenwood Lake School Superintendent. A full assessment of the incident has not yet been completed, but I just wanted to give a little bit of an overview of the response that included over 100 first responders.

From the police departments, it was the Town of Warwick, Village of Greenwood Lake, Orange County Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Police. Fire Departments, Greenwood Lake, Monroe, Warwick, Chester, Tuxedo, South Blooming Grove, Pine Island, Woodbury, Cronomer Valley, Salisbury Mills, Johnson, and Sloatsburg. The EMS was Greenwood Lake, Warwick, West Milford, and Monroe.

And I have to make a quick comment in here, it's not my report. As far as injuries go, throughout the day and immediately after the storm, one minor injury was reported, and that occurred several hours after the storm hit Greenwood Lake. So, it's nothing short of a miracle that nobody was hurt or killed due to the ferocity of the storm.

From the DPWs, we had Warwick, Orange County, and Greenwood Lake. This coordinated effort between all the agencies was seamless, with the main goal of getting to our residents to ensure that they were safe, even providing bottle water to them throughout the day, knowing that without power, they couldn't even operate their wells. But I have a full report on the actual damage, including how many utility poles and transformers were replaced from Orange and Rockland and I will give an update to the Board.

Some positive notes now. On May 21st, we held this year's first Coffee with a Cop event at the Café' Dolci on Main Street in the Village of Warwick. There was a large turnout, and the officers engaged in meaningful conversation with members of the community. We will be planning future events, and they'll be announced at board meetings.

We'll be conducting a child safety seat check this Sunday, June 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Price Chopper parking lot on Route 94 South. Our certified technicians will be on hand

to verify the proper installation of child safety seats, verifying that there are no current recalls on the seats, and even offering free seats to anyone who cannot afford a safe seat for their child.

We received notification from the state today that we were awarded a \$100,000 grant for equipment purchases and upgrades. This is in addition to the \$189,000 grant that I reported on at the last meeting for our technology upgrades. We'll be looking into purchasing a side-by-side UTV and upgrading our firearms as two of the many projects we hope to accomplish with that \$100,000.

The following events are occurring in the next two weeks, in which motorists should be extra cautious when traveling. This Saturday, June 1st, there will be a 5K race for Mental Health Awareness beginning at the Warwick Middle School. The runners will be on Covered Bridge Road, DeKay Road, and Millers Lane.

Sunday, June 2nd, the Highland Gran Fondo bicycle ride will be coming from Warwick at approximately 9.30 a.m. and be scattered during times after that. The area that we will be monitoring most is going to be at the intersection of Route 94 South and Warwick Turnpike. On Saturday, June 8th, will be the Heroes in Deed 5K race, and that is, again, running the same route as the Mental Health run.

Finally, we'll be conducting interviews to fill the two vacant sergeant positions on June 18th. The candidates will interview in front of a panel consisting of Supervisor Dwyer, Councilman DeAngelo, the lieutenants, the sergeants, and myself. We hope to be able to get board approval for the candidates chosen at the June 27th meeting.

Supervisor Dwyer – Great job Chief. Good work to the department. Well, done. Thank you.

DPW COMMISSIONER ASTORINO - I'll start off with the storm at Greenwood Lake. As we all know, and we heard, it was quite devastating in a very short amount of time. Working with Chief Rader, Lieutenant Morley, two of the best individuals we have to work with. Coordination and cooperation was immense.

Second of all, the DPW, the entire board of DPW, I can't say enough about the men we have employed in the town. At 7.30 in the morning, the storm hit. Probably by 8.30, 95% of the entire DPW was in Greenwood Lake with chippers, backhoes, excavators, what have you. By 11 o'clock, 10.30, 11 o'clock, we got the all clear from O&R to go partway down East Shore. The men worked tirelessly until 8.30 that evening. Every road was open. At least one lane except Woods Road where that one tree was on the road by 8.30 Thursday evening. I think it was so impressive. Nobody stopped. Everybody worked, everybody was safe and did their job. Friday, a shout out to the Town of Blooming Grove. They called me Thursday evening along with the Town of Monroe and the Village of Monroe offering their services. Blooming Grove showed up with a chip truck, a bucket truck, a chipper, and six men and they worked with us all day Friday. The mutual aid that we have in this area is second to none. Also, calls came in. If we needed more, we didn't need it.

By Friday evening, the only road that was not clear was a tree on Woods Road that was between two poles, transformers, and O&R had to clear it off. There was so much tension on the wires. Monday, we came back over. Everything is off the roads. The people are devastated in that area, as you know, but all their roads are open. The electric was back on. It was just a great effort between all the departments that day.

Now, getting to our normal work that we do, we did some basin work on the Knollcroft Terrace. We did ditch work on Bellvale Lakes Road, Iron Forge Road, and Ball Road.

Tree work, as we did a lot of tree work on Woods Road, Nob Hill Road, Cliff Road and East Shore Road. We also sent the loader out the state to Jersey Avenue during the storm to help them clear Jersey Avenue that day also.

Mowing, we are out town with our mower. We started in the Pine Island area. We're working back towards this way. We have one mower on this side, one mower in Greenwood Lake. Once Greenwood Lake is finished, we'll bring that mower over here and run two mowers. You know it's growing fast. That's what we have.

Potholes, we're filling with hot mix. Road signs are sign guy is out every day, replacing signs as needed. We are stockpiling material over in Union Corners Park for cold mix paving for the two roads we're going to cold mix pave. Coming in early June, we did fix a water main with Deputy Commissioner McPherson on Park Drive. We are in the midst of getting our paving season going. We will be paving those two cold mix roads in June and then we will do the hot mix roads as the summer progresses.

I just urge the residents to have patience as these roads get paved and we'll go from there. Any questions?

Supervisor Dwyer – No, I just want to commend the DPW for doing a great job. You sounded like you were going to die just from sickness the day before the storm.

DPW Commissioner Astorino - I was going to leave early that day.

Supervisor Dwyer - Every time I spoke to you, you were getting worse, but you were out there hustling and working hard and the whole crew was out there working really hard. You guys did a great job and we owe you a lot of thanks. Great work.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MCPHERSON - These are just some updates about what's going on in the Sewer Department. Starting with the wastewater treatment plant. As you know, the plant is nearing 40 years old. Much of the equipment has met or is nearing its life expectancy. While we are working toward a long-term solution for the plant, we have to ensure some of the more critical components continue to function. Meanwhile, we started with the UV disinfection units, which have been replaced and are fully functional to disinfect the outgoing effluent. We are continuing to work to restore full function to the rapid sand filtration system, which has had many components replaced, but still needs proper programming to function fully automatically.

We've been working with the filter manufacturer and the programmer to achieve this goal. On May 21st, the DEC issued us a notice of violation due to the sand filters not operating correctly, to which we responded with a timeline and a hard date of July 1st to have them fully functional again without any unforeseen circumstances.

The Mountain Lake Park wastewater system has experienced some sewer backups. We had the system snaked and videoed and we found that this is due to a discharge line on the system that has become deteriorated and very restricted over time. Myself and Commissioner Astorino will be replacing this line tomorrow or early next week to alleviate the issue.

Moving over to water, the Wickham Village Water Booster Station has experienced two power outages over the past week. We do have emergency power there, but we believe right now it's due to some sort of power surge on the incoming power, which leads to the plant tripping out, resulting in some pressure loss until an operator can get there and reset the plant. We have our electrician and O&R looking into this.

Myself and Supervisor Dwyer have been working to iron out the details of this lead and copper service line inventory program. This program is put into place it requires every federally defined community water system to develop a service line inventory. We are still working to figure out the details of exactly what will be required of us given the records and information we have. We will likely need some assistance from the public in identifying the service line material that comes into their home.

The Pine Island Water System has had its share of issues. Our main producing well has become elevated in levels of chloride and total iron. We have been working with the Health Department as well as engineers to reach a solution. We have drilled a new well. Unfortunately, the yield of this well is not sufficient to be an effective solution for this system. The next step of this process is deepening the well an additional 200 feet in an attempt to get more yield, which we have hired Turnbull Well Drilling to do this and it will take place over the next few weeks.

Supervisor Dwyer – Great, thanks a lot Matt.

RECREATION DIRECTOR, SAM WALTER – Thank you Supervisor. Just giving you some updates mostly about Mountain Lake Park. We had Sustainable Warwick come out yesterday with a crew of volunteers and they helped clear some invasive bittersweet vines that were choking out some of the trees. One tree especially was a really nice eastern red cedar, so it's a very happy tree right now so we want to make sure we thank Sustainable Warwick and the volunteers for coming out and doing that.

We also have another volunteer Rich V. who comes out and does birding programs for us and recently held one and had a good turnout for that. About 20 people came out. He shared his spotting scope and looked at the three different types of swallows that the park has so that was a really great event so, I wanted to thank Rich.

The pools are now open on weekends only. Last weekend was the first time we opened them. We had a really good turnout on Saturday and Sunday. A lot of folks came out. People asked can you lap swim at the pools and yes you can lap swim at the pools. We don't have lane lines but people stay within their lanes and coming early is better for lap swimming, like 10:00 am.

Swim lessons start this coming Sunday. We now have 88 kids signed up. I was able to squeeze two more kids into the lessons but we are completely full now so, we're really excited to start those swim lessons.

Our pickleball clinics start on June 4th, so next week. Our beginner class is full and our intermediate still has two spaces left in it Outside recreation, because you know the park is super busy with other things happening. We had a wedding last weekend which was wonderful with people staying overnight and this weekend we have a retreat from scientists called Science Abroad. They come from Israel, Harvard, Yale Cornell. I like to say it's a save the planet retreat but they're doing a lot of really important work so if you can hold off on your projects that might be helpful until they leave and that's it for my report. Sorry.

Supervisor Dwyer - And then Sam, do you have the food truck festival date?

Sam Walter - We do, yeah. June 20th.

Supervisor Dwyer - For those who don't know the work food truck festival used to be held at St. Stephen's Church. It's now moved to Mountain Lake Park which we're very excited about. I think it's going to be a great venue for that really good event Awesome. Thank you, Sam, appreciate it.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

COUNCILMAN DEANGELO - from the Warwick Valley Humane Society they just want to let you know that it is now wildlife baby season and unless it is in some kind of a danger let it be and they're asking that you take down your bird feeders since they don't need them anymore and this will prevent visits from resident bears. As always you can contact the shelter at 845-986-2473 for assistance and for wildlife help referral.

They asked me to tell you that they celebrated their 70th birthday with a luncheon at the fundraiser at the Landmark Inn their gratitude to their host Michael DeMartino and his wonderful staff and the guests who were able to join the celebration and so many who sent them birthday gifts. Their luncheon and silent auction was successful in raising money to help pay for upcoming kennel floor restoration.

They're very grateful for all the support from the surrounding towns and villages and their law enforcement, community support, volunteers who assist them every day to ensure that every animal that we can help gets the attention and support enabling the society to do the work they need to do for the animals.

They have a wish list of canned cat pate' cat food, cat treats, paper towels, bleach and garbage bags. That's all I have, thank you.

COUNCILMAN KOWAL – No report.

COUNCILMAN MATTINGLY - I just want to recognize our municipalities Pine Island, the Village of Warwick, the Village of Florida, the Village of Greenwood Lake for the wonderful Memorial Day services that were held on Monday I was fortunate to attend two of them in Warwick. The parade had to be canceled due to the threat of weather but we had a great turnout at the fire station off of Forrester and I was told that the Florida Memorial Day service was one of the best attended ever so thank you everybody who did the planning for those, our VFW Posts, our local officials who did such a wonderful job and lastly we think about our fallen heroes on Memorial Day, I would just like to ask everybody to think about them every day for what they've done for us.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK - I'd like to just remind everyone that out in Pine Island right now it's prime season for the farmers, just be careful driving down the road, especially early in the morning. There's a lot of slow-moving equipment, we've had some serious accidents in the past but we'd love to avoid them. A lot of those tractors only go 10-15 miles an hour and you can move up to them really quick Just drive carefully, especially also to the highway guys out there working too, it's going to be a very busy summer for everyone.

ATTORNEY BUCKHEIT - Thank you Supervisor Dwyer as you're accustomed to hearing your report is confidential but I'm prepared to answer questions. I would add that I was honored to be able to join you when we attended the Founders Day 2024 ceremony over at the Hawthorne House which really celebrated and brought attention to the Town of Warwick's, wonderful legacy of service to our country during the Revolutionary War. It's a wonderful display, I really enjoyed it, thank you for inviting me

Supervisor Dwyer - Any questions for the Attorney? No. Okay.

TOWN CLERK ASTORINO – I really have nothing to report except that if you're going to get your pool passes come in tomorrow because the price goes up next Monday. That's all I have.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - The Greenwood Lake section of the Town of Warwick was hit with a sudden and severe microburst storm system. The storm brought intense wind and heavy rain which uprooted and brought down countless trees all in the neighborhoods parallel to the lake. At 11 a.m. Thursday morning both the Town of Warwick and the County of Orange declared states of emergency. This was done to ensure that all necessary resources are made available for the cleanup efforts as well as any response needs. The town worked with Scout Master Rich Brennan to open up the local Boy Scout Camp, Camp Hartman located off East Shore Road on Gamache Lane for residential and commercial brush disposal so that the cleanup can continue as efficiently as possible. The property was severely battered but through the hard work of the scouts and local contractors the property is now open Monday through Saturday for brush disposal in that area.

As it stands now, we have six known families whose homes were completely destroyed and are displaced. I've been working directly with the Greenwood Lake School District Superintendent Sarah Hadden to assist these families with whatever they may need. The Town Board has agreed to open up cabins in Mountain Lake Park to serve as temporary housing for any displaced families as Warwick has a clear housing crisis.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the immediate aftermath of the storm and the ongoing efforts to clean up and respond to the disaster. Those include the Town of Warwick DPW, Warwick Police Department, Village of Greenwood Lake, Mayor Tom Howley and the Greenwood Lake Police Department, the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Orange County Emergency Management and Commissioner Cirigliano, the New York State Police, Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Blooming Grove DPW. The coordinated effort by all agencies was outstanding and immensely appreciated. Not in my report but the difficult struggle for a lot of these families continues every single day. It's not over now that roads are open. Superintendent Hadden and I had a meeting today and we continue to work on it and I appreciate your hard work and your dedication for these students in our school district and it really means a lot to not only them but to us as a town.

The town continues to work on necessary submittals for the 16-million-dollar grant for the Wickham Sewer District upgrades. In the meantime, the sewer district received a violation from the DEC for excess effluent discharges resulting from faulty and outdated technology. Our Sewer Department and I have been in contact with the DEC and have satisfied their requirements with a short-term solution until a longer-term financing comes in to support the plan.

Councilman Floyd DeAngelo, Chief Rader and I will be interviewing current officers to fill two sergeant positions within our department. That interview will take place on June 18th.

Thanks to the hard work of our recreation director Sam Walter, the Town Board will pass a resolution this evening adopting the state-mandated cardiac arrest management plan for the town. In addition, this plan will serve as a model for all sports team's town-wide so that they may also comply with the state law.

The town of Warwick currently has a large-scale battery company seeking to install a facility within our town. We currently have a battery storage moratorium to prevent any new construction of these facilities as a result of the battery storage fire from last year.

While the Town Board reviews and strengthens our law to meet the needs of Warwick, there is a bill in the senate right now that would essentially take away the zoning power from the local municipalities and give it to a bureaucratic state agency. The Town Board is fully opposed to this removal of local authority and will pass a resolution this evening memorializing our objection. We understand that the state is pushing this technology but we will only allow the siting of these facilities under strict and direct review of our planning and zoning boards.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AGENDA ITEMS)

No comments from the Board or the public.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS:

#R2024-234 ADOPT EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLAN FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES FOR SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST IN TOWN OF WARWICK

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, Seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution adopting an (EAP) Emergency Action Plan for medical emergencies related to sudden cardiac arrest in the Town of Warwick.

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

#R2024-235 ADOPT TOWN OF WARWICK EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AT TOWN FIELDS

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Shuback to adopt a resolution adopting a Town of Warwick Emergency Action Plan for medical emergencies at town fields.

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

#R2024-236 APPOINT TIMOTHY J VREELAND AS PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution appointing Timothy J. Vreeland as a part-time police dispatcher at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour effective June 1, 2024 as per recommendation letter from the Police Chief dated May 20, 2024

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

#R2024-237 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL – SMALL THINGS INC.

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution granting permission to Small Things Inc. to serve alcohol at the Mountain Lake Park on June 20th & July 18th 2024 for the Warwick Food Truck Festival. Certificate of Liability and Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's office.

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

#R2024-238 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL – LIRIT KOZUCH & CHRISTOPHER SANTOS

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution granting permission to Lirit Kozuch & Christopher Santos to serve alcohol at the Mountain

Lake Park on July 7, 2024. Certificate of Liability and Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's office.

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

#R2024-239 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL – JULIE MANZO

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution granting permission to Julie Manzo to serve alcohol at Union Corners Park on June 22, 2024. Certificate of Liability and Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's office.

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

#R2024-240 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL – SIENNA SAMUELS

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution granting permission to Sienna Samuels to serve alcohol at Wickham Woodland Manor House on July 20, 2024. Certificate of Liability and Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's office.

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

#R2024-241 APPOINT DAWN SPACE AS PART TIME DIAL –A- BUS DRIVER

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution appointing Dawn Space as a part-time Dial-A-Bus driver at a rate of pay \$22.00 per hour effective June 6, 2024.

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

#R2024-242 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT – POLICE SERVICES FOR GREENWOOD LAKE SCHOOL

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to adopt a resolution to authorize the supervisor to sign renewal agreement to provide a part-time police officer to Greenwood Lake Union Free School district from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost to be borne by the school district.

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

#R2024-243 SETTLE TAX CERTIORARI CLAIM SBL# 305-3-5.12– CVS PHARMACIES #03098-01

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, 123 WINDERMERE LLC c/o CVS PHARMACIES #03098-01 has commenced tax certiorari proceedings against the Town of Warwick in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange for the 2023-24 tax assessment years bearing Orange County Index No. EF004894-2023;

WHEREAS, it appears from the recommendation of the Town Assessor and Kara J. Cavallo, Esq., of J&G Law, LLP counsel for the Town of Warwick in the aforesaid proceedings, upon a thorough investigation of the claims that further proceedings and litigation by the Town would involve considerable expense with the attendant uncertainty of the outcome and that the settlement of the above matter as more fully set forth below is reasonable and in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, 123 WINDERMERE LLC c/o CVS PHARMACIES #03098-01 is willing to settle these proceedings without interest, costs or disbursement, in the following manner;

(1) That the proceeding for the 2023-24 tax year be compromised and settled without change for tax map no. 305-3-5.12;

(2) That the 2024 assessment shall be \$249,200 and that such assessment shall be subject to a three-year moratorium for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 years for tax map no. 305-3-5.12 in accordance with the provisions of §727 of Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement as set forth and described above is hereby accepted pursuant to § 68 of the Town Law, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that Deborah Eurich, Assessor of the Town of Warwick and Kara J. Cavallo Esq. on behalf of J&G Law, LLP be and they hereby are designated as the officers of the Town who shall apply for such approval pursuant to the aforesaid section and law. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2024-244 WAIVE RENTAL FEE- ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING FEDERATION

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution to waive the Wickham Woodland Manor rental fee for the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation to hold their Countywide ZBA/Planning Board Chairman's meeting. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2024-245 PINE ISLAND RECREATION PROGRAM – EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS 2024

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution appointing the following to various Pine Island Recreation positions for the 2024 season.

Abbadessa, Kaylin	\$10.25	Rec Aide
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Bussell, Jaydan	\$10.25	Rec Aide
Conneely-Nolan, Grace	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Cunningham, Kiley	\$10.25	Rec Aide
Danaher, Brigid	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Daubert, Jillian	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Daugherty, Matthew	\$10.75	Rec Aide
Gunther, Kurt	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Harris-Vivet, Vivian	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Kaval, Clara	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Liciaga, Rafael	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Mantemorano, Christian	\$10.00	Rec Aide
Mastrantoni, Daniella	\$10.25	Rec Aide
Mazza, Anthony	\$10.25	Rec Aide
Rodriguez, Tyler	\$19.00	Medical
Scheinert, Nancy	\$25.00	Director
Weaver, Ronald	\$10.25	Rec Aide

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

#R2024-246 REFUND RENTAL FEE – MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution to refund \$250.00 back to Samuel Mears for a canceled rental at the Mountain Lake Park Cabin as per the recommendation of Recreation Director’s email dated May 24, 2024.

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

#R2024-247 WAIVE RENTAL FEE – MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution to waive the rental fee at the Mountain Lake Park for a displaced family of four, resulting from the recent storm that has been declared a State of Emergency.

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

#R2024-248 AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN MASTER OF SERVICE WITH ARCHTOP FIBER/WARWICK VALLEY TELEPHONE

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a Master of Service agreement with Archtop Fiber/Warwick Valley Telephone for telephone and internet services.

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

#R2024-249 APPOINT PATRICK GARDNER TO RECREATION AIDE

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution to appoint Patrick Gardner as a Recreation Aide at Mountain Lake Park from May 30th through June 13th, 2024 at a rate of \$17.09 per hour effective immediately.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2024-250 AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND 2-DAY COURSE ON COMMERCIAL VALUATION AND APPRAISAL CRITIQUE

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution to authorize the Assessor, to attend a 2-day course on Commercial Valuation and Appraisal Critique at the Institute of Assessing Officer's Cornell Seminar held in Ithaca, NY from July 14-16, 2024. Funds for these training sessions are in the current budget.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2024-251 AUTHORISE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT POSITION

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement for administrative Sergeant Position to work a 5-2, Monday through Friday, schedule on the "B" line.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2024-252 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR WICKHAM SEWER DISTRICT WWTP UPGRADES

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an Engineering Agreement for Wickham Sewer District WWTP Upgrades with Delaware Engineering as per approved 2024 rate schedule.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2024-253 AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND 2024 HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TRAINING

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution to authorize the Department of Public Works Commissioner to attend the 2024 Highway Superintendent Training held in Ithaca, NY from June 3-5, 2024. Funds for these training sessions are in the current budget.
Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2024-254 AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SEND LETTERS TO NYS SENATOR AND ASSEMBLYMAN REGARDING THE TOWN'S OPPOSITION TO STATE BILL – S7834

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to send letters to our New York State Senator and New York State Assemblyman voicing our Town's opposition to State Bill -S7834, in that such proposed legislation would serve to strengthen the powers of the Office of Renewable Energy allowing that agency to mandate that large stand-alone lithium ion storage facilities be built over the Town's objections thereby severely reducing the Town's Zoning Authority with regard to BESS lithium ion battery storage facilities.

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

#R2024-255 GRANT DISCOUNT TO ACTIVE MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND AMBULANCE CORPS IN THE TOWN OF WARWICK INCLUDING ALL VILLAGE AGENCIES

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution granting a discount to active members of the Town of Warwick Volunteer Fire Departments and Volunteer Ambulance Corps including all Village agencies such that they may purchase Town Pool and Lake passes at the pre-season rate throughout the entire season.

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

APPROVAL TO PAY AUDITED BILLS: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to pay the bills as audited. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (GENERAL):

No comments were made under the privilege of the floor by the Town Board or the public.

NEXT MEETING: Supervisor Dwyer stated that the next Town Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 7:30pm and as always it is preceded by an open workshop 90 minutes before the general meeting. Anyone is welcomed to attend. I would like to thank everybody for coming tonight, presenting your report and with all of your help with everything that's been going on lately. It's been great teamwork all around and I want to thank the Board for all your support in everything that we do. Great job everybody.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal that the regular meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) 8:15 p.m.

05-30-24 CP.


Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk