

March 26, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick was held on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback – Absent
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo – Absent
Councilman Russell Kowal

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow – Absent
DPW Commissioner, Benjamin Astorino – Absent
Police Sergeant, Jason Marsh

Supervisor Sweeton - As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 this meeting is coming to you via video link that was published on the town's website and is closed to the physical presence of the public to comply with CDC guidelines to lessen the transmission of Covid 19. All future meetings will be conducted in this manner until the Governor's order is lifted. The meeting is being taped and will air on the town website and Altice channel 21 starting Friday March 27, 2020.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, March 12, 2020

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to accept the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2020.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent – Councilman Shuback & Councilman DeAngelo absent)

CORRESPONDENCE:

JENNIFER L. CROVER – Supervisor of Transportation, Town of Warwick Dial-A-Bus. Email dated February 26, 2020 to the Clerk regarding The Orange County Bus Operator Agreement.

PHILIP DARCY – Resident, Town of Warwick. Letter to Town Board received March 16, 2020 requesting a refund of room rental for a cancelled party at the Senior Center that was to be held on March 14, 2020 due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

MELISSA BROWN – Resident, Town of Warwick. Requesting a refund of room rental for a cancelled party at the Wickham Woodland Manor March 29, 2020 due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

EILEEN HANLON - Resident, Town of Warwick. Email to the Clerk dated March 14, 2020 requesting a refund of room rental for a cancelled party at the Wickham Woodland Manor on March 14, 2020 due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

NEIL WINTER JR. – Orange & Rockland Utilities. Email to the Clerk dated March 13, 2020 regarding the Orange & Rockland Electric Co. Suspend Service Shutoffs- March 13, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Orange & Rockland and Rockland Electric Company are suspending temporarily any electric and gas service shutoffs involving customers having bill payment difficulties. This suspension covers our entire service area.

WICKHAM WORKS INC. - Special Event permit for Battle Candle, Music & Art Festival at Wickham Woodland Park.

JANICE K. WILLIAMS – Application received March 18, 2020 requesting 91 State Route 94 South, Warwick New York be included in the Agriculture Protection Overlay District (APO).

DONNA KAMINSKI – Community 2gether, Email dated March 17, 2020 informing the Town Board they will not be holding their meetings at the Senior Center until further notice.

NEIL WINTER – Orange & Rockland Utilities. Email to the Town Clerk dated March 18, 2020 regarding the closure of Orange & Rockland Electrics temporary closure of Customer Walk-In Business Centers.

MELISSA DEROSA – Secretary to the Governor of New York. Letter dated March 16, 2020 to all Local Leaders regarding Non-essential Employee Guidance in response to COVID-19 Emergency.

CHRISTINA PABELLA – Division of Environmental Permits, NYS Department of Conservation. Copy of letter to Casey M. Tompkins received on March 12, 2020 regarding the Pine Island Turnpike (CR-1) Distribution Project – Pine Island Turnpike and Merritt's Island Road Town of Minisink & Town of Warwick, Orange County CH#8613 (Permit Jurisdiction Screening).

CHRISTINA PABELLA- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Engineering Technician, Division of Environmental Permits. Email dated March 12, 2020 regarding CH#8613 PJ Pine Island Turnpike (CR-1) Distribution Project – Multiple Towns – Orange County.

RONALD SAULLO – Skilled Laborer, Department of Public Works, Town of Warwick. Letter received March 13, 2020 to the Town Board regarding his intention of retiring.

NEIL WINTER – Orange & Rockland Utilities. Email to the Town Clerk dated March 17, 2020 regarding Orange & Rockland Customers and the expanded efforts to support them during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

SANDY LIDDY BOURNE – Director of State Outreach, George Mason University. Email dated March 19, 2020 to the Clerk regarding COVID-19 Pandemic Policy Response: Guidelines for Policymakers.

DANIEL GIBSON – Building Inspector, Town of Warwick. Letter dated March 17, 2020 to the Town Board requesting a refund of application 20190390 for a pool house.

CHRISTOPHER R. BLACKWELL – Sergeant, Town of Warwick Police Department. Letter to the Chief received on March 26, 2020 changing the date of his retirement.

BOARD’S DISCUSSION ON CORRESPONDENCE

VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

PARKS DEPARTMENT

All Town Parks Open	Bathrooms Closed	Town
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS REPORT

COUNCILMAN DE ANGELO REPORT – Absent

COUNCILMAN KOWAL REPORT

COUNCILMAN GERSTNER REPORT

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK REPORT – Absent

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Absent

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

***Bid Proposal for Grinding storm debris at Union Corners Park**

1. **Material Processors, Inc.**
280 State School Road
Warwick, NY 10990
845-986-1366
Bid Proposal: \$9,500.00

2. **Mulch Right**
76 Skinner Lane
Goshen, NY 10924
845-258-4111
Bid Proposal: No Submittal

3. **Specht's Auto Recycling Corp.**
102 Covered Bridge Road
Warwick, NY 10990
845-986-1052
Bid Proposal: \$30,000.00

Supervisor Sweeton – This is from winter storms that we had trees come down from ice storms and the residents asked about a place to get rid of debris. We did open the park up for that and we did have quite a pile. We will close it on April 1st and we will be mulching it up and residents will be able to get the mulch at Union Corners Park. After April 1st there will be no more tree limbs or any debris allowed to be brought out there, so we appreciate your compliance with that as well.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

1. On behalf of the Town Board I want to thank everyone for doing your part to stay at home, practice social distancing when out and following the CDC guidelines during this extraordinary health crisis. Warwick you should be proud of these efforts and those aimed at helping our seniors obtain needed food and medicines, supporting our local businesses and their workers all while caring for your own families. Thank you to our health care workers especially the staff of St. Anthony's community Hospital, our police, fire and EMS for remaining on the job to keep us safe, our schools for continuing to prepare our students to work from home and all the volunteers who have stepped up, especially the creators of the Adopt a Warwick Senior program, which is now home to 250 volunteers that are dedicated to helping our seniors get the groceries and medicines they need. We could not have had a better response then we've gotten from the residents of Warwick and I want to commend the 3 individuals who have been organizing this together as a teamunified group with the Honor Flight and took those skills and brought them here and organized this amazing effort. I want to thank them for that.

2. We are still in the 2-week period of the initial response and cases continue to increase across Orange County. This period of restricted activities will continue until such time as the new cases begin to drop and we are confident our health system will not be overwhelmed. We also need to be confident that our most vulnerable populations are protected. The three Village mayors and I coordinate daily amongst ourselves as well as with Orange County Emergency Management to ensure we get the most and latest up to date information which we all share with you, our residents, on our websites and social media platforms. The town offices while closed to one on one contact are still staffed with essential personnel who monitor phones and emails so that we can deliver the necessary services to you. Our lobby is open for you to drop off forms, bills, inquiries and you will be getting responses to those within a day. Please visit www.townofwarwick.org for contact information, important notices and up to date links to all the other services. As always Warwick residents you are pulling together to defeat this virus and get our town back to normal as quickly as possible and we do so appreciate that. A couple of important points of information, Our Dial-A-Bus Services has suspended normal services, but I'm encouraging a Senior if you have a need please call the Dial-A-Bus office 986-2877 as you normally would and we are prioritizing rides to get you to needed essential appointments.

Please don't hesitate to call that number at 986-2877. We know that you depend on that Dial-A-Bus system, while it's not operating on a normal schedule, we have the ability to take you on essential trips. If you are interested in volunteering to be a helper or if you are a senior who hasn't been notified with the Adopt a Warwick Senior Program and you don't have Facebook, which is where they reside you can call the Town Hall at 986-1120 ext. 241 or the Village of Warwick Village Hall at 986-2031, leave a message that you're interested or need a service and we will get that information to the Adopt a Senior Organizers and they will pair someone to help you with needs. You can always call the Warwick Police Department at 986-5000 for any urgent emergency that you have. We are staffed around the clock 24/7 with live people to answers phones and dispatch services to you within minutes. We will continue to get through this and we appreciate our small businesses that have complied with the non-essential quarantine order and we also appreciate everyone's effort to try to do what you can for them in this time of need as well. It's not just restaurants or bars it's also the small shops that we have. Do what you can to help at this time if you have those resources.

3. Supervisors Corner is published each week in the Warwick Dispatch, with excerpts printed in the Warwick Advertiser.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no comments or questions on the agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS:

#R2020-126 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN & EXECUTE THE ORANGE COUNTY BUS OPERATOR AGREEMENT

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor sign and execute the Orange County Bus Operator Agreement from 2021- 2025.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2020-127 APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT – WICKHAM WORKS INC.

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution granting permission to Wickham Works Inc. to host A Music and Arts Festival at Wickham Woodland Park on August 1, 2020 from 5:00am – 9:00pm pending approval by the Chief of Police. Application and Certificate of Liability is on File in the Clerk's Office. Contingent to Covid-19 (Coronavirus) restrictions.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton stated that we are looking down the road and we are approving some of these but obviously it will depend on any restrictions that are in place at the time.

**#R2020-128 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WICKHAM
WOODLAND MANOR – WICKHAM WORKS INC.**

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution granting Wickham Works Inc. permission to serve alcoholic beverages at Wickham Woodland Park on August 1, 2020 for a Music and Arts Festival. Application, Certificate of Liability and Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's office and contingent to Covid-19 (Coronavirus) restrictions.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2020-129 APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT –HERO'S IN DEED

Motion Supervisor Sweeton, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution granting approval to Heroes in Deed, Inc. for use (not closure) of Town roads to hold a HERO'S Run (5K, 10K & Kid's Run) in memory of LTC Jaimie E. Leonard to be held Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. Pending approval from Police Chief. A Certificate of Insurance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and contingent to Covid-19 (Coronavirus) restrictions.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

**#R2020-130 PROMOTION TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR – RICHARD R.
WESLOWSKI**

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution promoting Richard R. Weslowski to a DPW Heavy Equipment Operator Grade 7 Step 19 at a rate of pay of \$36.11 per hour as per the CSEA Contract effective March 28, 2020.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton congratulated Richard who is a long-time employee and has been getting proficient on all of our heavy equipment that we have.

#R2020-131 PROMOTION TO MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR – JOHN MORSE

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution promoting John R. Morse to a DPW Motor Equipment Operator Grade 5 Step 15 at a rate of pay of \$31.85 per hour as per the CSEA Contract effective March 28, 2020.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton stated that John Morse has been a long-time employee. He has shown his skills and we are very happy that we were able to promote him.

#R2020-132 APPROVE CANADIAN GEESE HARASSMENT PROGRAM

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to approve the Canadian Geese Harassment Program a volunteer dog walker program to combat the geese population at the Thomas P. Morahan Waterfront Park.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton stated that it was very effective last year.

#R2020-133 AUTHORIZE REFUND WICKHAM WOODLAND MANOR – STEPHEN LILLY

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution to refund Stephen Lilly \$450.00 for cancelation of a family party that was to be held on March 21, 2020 at the Wickham Woodland Manor due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2020-134 ACCEPT RESIGNATION – RONALD SAULLO

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to accept the resignation of, Town of Warwick Department of Public Works, Skilled Laborer, Ronald Saullo for the purpose of retirement effective September 21, 2020.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton wished him the best in his retirement. Ronnie was one of the longest employees serving in the department who actually started under Highway Superintendent John Filipowski.

#R2020-135 AUTHORIZE REFUND WICKHAM WOODLAND MANOR – MELISSA BROWN

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to refund Melissa Brown \$450.00 for cancelation of a family party that was to be held on March 29, 2020 at the Wickham Woodland Manor due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2020-136 AUTHORIZE REFUND WICKHAM WOODLAND MANOR – EILEEN HANLON

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution to refund Eileen Hanlon \$450.00 for cancelation of a family party that was to be held on March

14, 2020 at the Wickham Woodland Manor due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2020-137 AUTHORIZE REFUND WARWICK SENIOR CENTER – PHILIP DARCY

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to refund Philip Darcy \$100.00 for the cancelation of a family party that was to be held on March 14, 2020 at the Warwick Senior Center due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2020-138 AUTHORIZE REFUND BUILDING PERMIT # 20190390

Motion Supervisor Sweeton, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to refund Robert Horowitz \$100.00 for the cancelation of permit # 20190390 for a pool house as per letter dated March 17, 2020 by the Building Inspector.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2020-139 APPOINTMENT TO PINE ISLAND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to appoint Susan McCosker to the Pine Island Recreation Committee.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton stated that she was one of the key people who helped spearhead the new playground equipment at the Pine Island Park and she will be a great addition.

#R2020-140 AMEND #R2020-115 ACCEPT RESIGNATION – SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER R. BLACKWELL

Motion Supervisor Sweeton, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to amend #R2020-115 ACCEPT RESIGNATION – SERGEANT R. BLACKWELL accepting the resignation of, Town of Warwick Police Sergeant, Christopher R. Blackwell for the purpose of retirement effective April 3, 2020 to become effective April 29, 2020.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton thanked Sergeant Blackwell he wanted to continue his service during this time and we appreciate him helping.

#R2020-141 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL – GRINDING STORM DEBRIS AT UNION CORNERS PARK

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to accept a bid proposal from Material Processors, Inc. for grinding storm debris at Union Corners Road in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00.

Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent, Councilman Shuback absent, Councilman DeAngelo absent) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

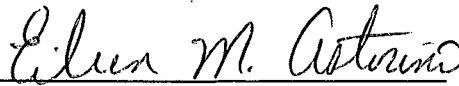
BILLS: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner to pay the bills as audited. Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent Councilman Shuback & Councilman DeAngelo absent)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (GENERAL)

Supervisor Sweeton – Today we had the retirement of Lieutenant Thomas Maslanka from our Police Department. Lieutenant Thomas Maslanka has been an officer for close to 33 years in the department, he worked his way up. He has been a great asset, a great resource and a great public servant here in the town. The department really paid tribute to him with the officers standing at attention as he left the building today. We wish Lieutenant Maslanka the best in his retirement and we thank him for his service to our town. I also want to congratulate three DPW workers who have recently retired this past week Wayne Barber, Richard Triplett and Paul Hudler. All three have served long terms here in service to the people of Warwick and we wish them well on their retirement. I just want the people to know that we are on a call everyday with the County Emergency Management on updates to this virus issue. As of today, there were 756 confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in Orange County and the key takeaway there is they are spread all over the county. They are not concentrated in one area or two areas of the county. They are spread out across the county which makes your social distancing really, really important and it's not so much that if you are young and healthy you are not going to get it, you could but less likely, but it's the contact that you might make with someone else that has immune deficiency or elderly or you go visit a grandparent to see if they need anything and you could be bringing the disease with you even though you don't show any symptoms. We are urging everyone to stay at home when you can and when you go out the parks are open except for the playground equipment but keep a distance between yourself and others. For your family that is fine, but don't bunch up in groups. Don't sit around picnic tables with 15 to 20 people because this is how the disease gets spread. The sooner we stop the spread the faster we get through this and the sooner we get back to normal. So, please Warwick you have been doing your part so far, we know it's not easy it's a disruptive life but we will get through it and sooner hopefully then later. The Town Hall lobby is open, our emails, and phone numbers are in the lobby and also on our website at townofwarwick.org. you can call us and if someone is not in the office at the moment we will get back to you no later than a day and we will take care of you and of course the Police Department can be reached at 986-5000 24/7 and again in an emergency you have that there and our officers will be responding to in minutes. That is the advantage that we have here, so please be safe and follow the CDC guidelines, check out the websites for up to date information all the time and have a good evening.

ADJOURN: Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Kowal that the regular meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried (3 ayes, 0 nays & 2 absent Councilman Shuback & Councilman DeAngelo absent) 7:52 p.m.

03-26-20 CP.


Eileen M. Astorino
Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk