The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick was held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

DPW Commissioner, Benjamin Astorino DPW Deputy Commissioner, Matthew McPherson - Absent Recreation Director, Sam Walter Police Chief, John Rader

SUPERVISOR DWYER - So, we have a very special presentation tonight. It was going to be a brief presentation until the chief told me that he had three pages of prepared remarks, but that is okay. It is a very special occasion, and we are proud to have everybody here for it. As, obviously, everybody here knows, some of you might not, over the last week, we have conducted interviews within our police department to promote two detectives. The two detectives are here tonight, as well as their family. I was fortunate to be a part of the interviews that interviewed 14 patrolmen within our police department. The chief will go into greater detail about our experience and the qualifications of these candidates. I just wanted to say to those who applied and who interviewed before me, as well as Councilman Kowal, you guys poured your heart and soul into that interview. Not only were you extremely prepared, but also you left us incredibly proud of the men and women that we have within our police department. Every single one of you has given something, a part of your life, to this department. You have contributed something special to the community and to the public. You have constantly improved your training, your skills, everything for the benefit of our town. We could not be prouder to have you as officers, and we're so grateful that each of you took the time to interview before us so that I could learn a little bit more about you. In addition to learning more about them individually, I learned a lot about our police department. I learned many things that I had no idea that you guys did. However, in their interview, they had a great opportunity to give us a presentation and explain to us not only what details about themselves, but about their partners, their investigations, their training, and their personal life, which I found fascinating. It was a great experience for someone that runs the Town of Warwick to really get that level of knowledge on their employees, and it is not something that you get often. I take it very seriously what each of you shared with me in that interview committee and I appreciate each of your sincerity and the work that you guys put into it. Tonight is about two individuals, and we will be appointing two individuals to the position of detective. Those two individuals had to rise above the others in some manner,

which I can tell you was extremely difficult to do. We had 14 candidates apply for these two positions, and each of them had something so unique to bring to the table, it was a very difficult task to pick two that stood out. They were all impressive and all incredible. But Bob Kenney and Joe Kennedy, you guys stood out among 14 incredible officers, and you guys deserve every bit of what you're getting, and we're so lucky to have you guys as committed as you are to the Town of Warwick. So, at this time, I will make a motion.

#R2025-222 PROMOTE POLICE OFFICER ROBERT KENNEY TO DETECTIVE

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to promote Police Officer Robert Kenney to the position of Town of Warwick Detective at Step 7, as specified in the PBA collective bargaining agreement, at a pay rate of \$51.76 per hour, effective May 24, 2025.

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

#R2025-223 PROMOTE POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH KENNEDY TO DETECTIVE

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to promote police officer Joseph Kennedy to the position of town of Warwick detective at Step 5, as specified in the PBA collective bargaining agreement, at a pay rate of \$50.18 per hour, effective May 24, 2025.

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

SUPERVISOR DWYER: Congratulations to the two of you. Well done. At this time, I would like to introduce Chief John Rader to also make a presentation.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN RADER - I'm just going to start off by saying, as the supervisor said, I did have the three pages prepared document to go over tonight, and I hit print and it went away. Tonight, it is going to be from the brain and from the heart for our police department. Not just the two that we are about to recognize, but for the entire department. Before I begin, I would like to recognize some of our retirees that are in the room. Chief McGovern. I want to thank the town board, specifically Supervisor Dwyer and Councilman Kowal for sitting through the two days of interviews that we did, but for the board and their support of the decisions that we made and the continued growth of our police department. So, thank you both for that. Now comes the other part. As the supervisor touched on, we had interviews that were conducted over a two-day period, Monday and Tuesday. We put the announcement up that we were looking to appoint a detective or detectives in April, and it was no surprise when 14 of our officers stepped up and put their names in the ring. That is no surprise at all. The surprises came during the interview process right here in the town hall. We met a week before the interviews, a little less than a week. We talked about what our expectations were when they came up here, and that was that they were going to present a 10- to 15-minute story. They were going to talk about themselves in whatever manner they wanted. Part of the interview process, if we just asked our prepared questions, we could be missing out on so many valuable things that they wanted us to know about them. So, the

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interview starts off with them telling us everything that they wanted us to know. They left the room with no regrets that our panel, which consisted of Supervisor Dwyer, Councilman Kowal, myself, Lieutenant Morley, Detective Tetzlaff, and Detective Brasier, they would have no regrets that there was nothing that that panel should know about them that they weren't able to tell. It is uncomfortable. They were talking about themselves. They were talking about the work that they do. Police officers are very private about our work. I think our families know that. Everyone would say how was your day? I'm like, it was good. They really do not say much. They had to say something for 10 to 15 minutes about their work, about their families, about their life, their childhood, whatever they wanted us to know. We started this process a couple years ago with interviews. Knowing our department the way I do, I felt like this was good for the other members of the panel. I have learned something about every single officer every time they get up, and I cannot be more impressed with the group of officers that you see here and the ones that will be here tonight. Anyway, they did that. Then they were asked a bunch of questions, one from each of us on the panel, and then the interview included each one was about 25 to 30 minutes, so times 14. We spent a lot of time in this room, but every minute was well worth it. They were asked about cases that they may have worked. We listened to case after case after case, traffic stops that they conducted, calls, walk-ins, people who walked into our stations to report something, and the level of service that they left with, the amount of follow-up that the officers do, the persistence that they have in trying to solve everybody's problem that comes across our work here. We heard about traffic stops where drugs were seized. One traffic stop resulted in the arrest of somebody with 300 bags of heroin on them, 300 bags. Had that officer not stopped that car and dug a little bit deeper and saw those signs that something was wrong, how many people and how many lives would have been affected had that product been delivered into our community? Another officer stopped somebody that had two loaded AR-15s, high-capacity rifles. We do not know what we stopped that day, but we are confident we stopped something very tragic. This is just some of the work that they do. It could be a senior citizen that came in whose life savings was just scammed away by somebody and the work that they put in to try to get it back. The next part that we learned is besides the police work that they do is what they give back to our department. We have drill instructors here at the academy, certified instructors that go up and teach PT instructors. We have members of the tactical response team, which are SWAT operators. They are SWAT trained officers, firearms instructors, child safety technicians. The list went on and on, and all we did and I think the panel would agree with me, was hearing more and more about how much they don't just come to work. They go to work every time, and they ask for more. Therefore, the interview process was difficult. The decision was difficult. However, at no time did I want anyone to say, man, I really feel sorry for you. You had to make that decision. Everyone should be happy that we have such a caliber of officers. That decision was tough. And I couldn't be prouder of every single one of them, and I'm especially proud of the two that the panel unanimously selected.

At this time, I would like to ask Officer Joseph Kennedy and his wife, Nicole, to come forward. Officer Kennedy started with our department as a part-time police officer in 2015.

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He went full-time in 2017, I believe, except for a little short period where we lost him for a bit. Joe has been a dedicated officer. He is the chief drill instructor at the Orange County Police Academy. He is molding the next generation of police officers that are going to be on our streets all over Orange County. Joe is a recipient of the Medal of Valor. He was a member of our narcotics unit for a while, and the list goes on with him. Tonight, I would ask his wife, Nicole, to pin his new shield detective number one on his uniform.

SUPERVISOR DWYER: Congratulations.

DETECTIVE KENNEDY: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN KOWAL: Congratulations.

COUNCILMAN MATTINGLY: Well, earned.

DETECTIVE KENNEDY: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK: Congratulations.

DETECTIVE KENNEDY: Thank you.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN RADER: At this time, I would like to ask Officer Bob Kennedy to come forward. Officer Kennedy came to us a sergeant with the New York State Park Police. Officer Kennedy has a list of certifications from general topics instructor, critical incident stress management and emergency vehicle operations. That list goes on and on of what he is certified in. He is an officer who does not just come to work or show up. He goes to work when he gets here. For a short period over this year, he was on light duty due to an injury, and instead of staying home and nursing it, he came to work every day and produced so much of the administrative work that he had to do that he was long told that he is now our accreditation manager. The accreditation manager job, he has to now make sure that we maintain over 110 standards of excellence every day in our work. So, it is no small task, but he stepped up for it. Bob was a school resource officer at the middle school, where he affected the lives of countless children with his positive attitude and his dedication to the community, including helping us with the treatment of these families and instructor. Some of the talents that he has shown makes it no doubt in my mind that he will be an excellent detective.

At this time, I'll ask his wife, Allie, to pin shield on detective number four. So, in closing, I just wanted to remind everybody why I started to recognize that our retirees, especially for our younger officers, if it wasn't for the dedication and professionalism of the people we have in this room and the ones that retired before us, we wouldn't be standing where we are today and be the department that we are today. I want to thank the town board again for their support in this and everything that we do. I want to wish our two new detectives a safe, healthy, and productive career in your new endeavor. Thank you very much. Unless everybody is here, we have the rest of the business of the town board. We are having a reception downstairs at the police station for everyone, and the board is invited.

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SUPERVISOR DWYER: Everybody is going to stay, right? We have a riveting town board meeting coming up. Well, that is always a fun experience. One of the questions, that I asked of the applicants was, what would you change about the Warwick Police Department or the Town of Warwick, and how would we go about changing that? I realized when creating that question that it would be one of the most difficult questions they would have to answer because they had to answer it in front of their superior officers and the chief. We have a chief that is an absolute perfectionist and strives for excellence and has made great strides to improve the department. So, it was very fascinating, the different answers that we got. Most were technology-related, and as we have seen, the chief has made incredible strides in improving the technology of our department. So very interesting to see how that turned out.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Public Hearing Meeting – May 8, 2025, 2025

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to accept the minutes as written from the Public Hearing Meeting held on May 8, 2025.

Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

2. Regular Meeting – May 8, 2025, 2025

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Shuback to accept the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting held on May 8, 2025. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

APPROVAL TO PAY AUDITED BILLS:

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Shuback to pay the bills as audited. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

CORRESPONDENCE:

PAMELA JORDAN – Secretary, Town of West Milford Planning Board. Letter dated May 5, 2025 to the Town Clerk regarding a Notice of Adoption of "The Master Plan- Township of West Milford- May 1. 2025" and "The 2025 Reexamination Report of May 1, 2025"

JADEN RODRIGUEZ – Part time DPW Laborer, Town of Warwick. Letter dated May 12, 2025 to the DPW Commissioner in regards to his resignation.

PETER VERUTES – Dial-A-Bus Driver, Town of Warwick. Letter dated May 20, 2025 regarding his notification of retirement date.

JOHN D. RADER – Chief of Police, Town of Warwick. Memo dated May 21, 2025 to the Town Board recommending Police Officer Robert Kenney be promoted to Detective.

JOHN D. RADER – Chief of Police, Town of Warwick. Memo dated May 21, 2025 to the Town Board recommending Police Officer Joseph Kennedy be promoted to Detective.

HV REALTY SERVICES INC. – Letter dated May 21, 2025 to the Supervisor regarding the procurement process for the Water Infiltration & Drainage Improvement Project at the Art Center general requirements for Mountain Lake Park and their recommended bids. HV REALTY SERVICES INC Letter dated May 22, 2025 to the Supervisor regarding the procurement process for the Water Infiltration & Drainage Improvement Project on the Art Center at Mountain Lake Park and their recommended bids.

VISITING OFFICIALS - No visiting elected officials were present.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR DWYER: Okay. We are going to forego the police chief's report. I believe he gave us a very nice summary of what he has been up to for the last couple of weeks, so we'll move right into DPW Commissioner Astorino.

DPW COMMISSIONER, BENJAMIN ASTORINO: Good evening, everyone. Okay. Well, we have been busy on Hunt Drive. We are vacuuming and repairing numerous basins. We did some cleaning. We set up one road that is going to be paved this year. We want to make sure before its paved everything is up and running properly there. We cut some trees out there, cut the roadsides back. We have a few more basins left to go. We will get them done probably in the next couple of weeks. Drainage work at Old Ridge Road, we had two drainage structures that were in disrepair. We repaired those. Tree work. We had a couple of large trees that we had to take down with a bucket truck on West Ridge and Ackerman Road. The sweepers are out every day on all town roads. Mowing. We are mowing cul-desacs every week. I hope that we will get them done tomorrow at the rain stops. Ball fields. Again, we put a couple extra guys from DPW over there this week to catch up to get the ball fields all mowed. Again, with the rain, it has been quite difficult to keep up on a schedule. Potholes, we are out with hot mix, filling them on a daily basis. We are hauling material to the stockpile for cold mix paving, which is at Union Corners Park again. You will see a pile of stone. There will be 1,400 tons of stone there. That is for Mount Eve flats. We will be cold mix paving that. Giving you an update on the FEMA projects, Old Ridge Road, the retaining wall all the block is in place. Probably another three or four days of some paving, cleanup work, and such on that project, the guide rail will be put up, within 10 days to two weeks, and then that project will be completed. Then on to Ball Road. Keep the board informed. That road will be closed. We were out there today. The gas service. There was a question about whether the gas service was moving. That is completely worked out. The overhead wires. We met with O&R this week for the overhead wires. That has been worked out. I would like to say, Orange & Rockland has been a pleasure to work with throughout this entire process, especially on Ball Road, where it is very difficult. We are preparing for paving, as I said. We just asked the residents for your support. We are out and about on the roads every day. There will be some delays here and there, but we will get you through and get everything done. Any questions?

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Catch Basins	Hunt Drive	Vac and Repair numerous basins
Drainage	Old Ridge Rd	Repair two drainage Structure

Tree Work	West Ridge Rd	Take down two large dead trees with bucket loader
	Ackerman Rd	
Sweeper	Town Wide	Sweep Town roads
Mowing	Town Wide	Mow cul-de-sacs
Ball Fields	Town Wide	Mow & maintain
Pot Holes	Town Wide	Fill with hot mix
Vehicle Maintenance	As needed	
Emergency Repairs	As needed	
Road Signs	Town wide	Replace as needed
Haul Material	Stockpile	Haul stone to stockpile for cold mix paving
Town Park		Mow & maintain

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Union Corners Park	Open	Town
Mountain Lake Park	Open	Town
Mountain Lake Park Pool	Closed (Opening Memorial Day)	Town
Town of Warwick Dog Park	Open	Town
Airport Road Park	Open	Town
Cascade Park	Open	Town
Ben Winstanley Park (GWL)	Open	Village of Greenwood Lake

SUPERVISOR DWYER: Any questions?

COUNCILMAN KOWAL: When is the rescheduling the resurfacing of the tennis courts in Pine Island?

DPW COMMISSIONER, BENJAMIN ASTORINO: That was pushed back to the end of May. I have not heard any more. Whether they... This weather, I am sure, has pushed all the paving contractors back. Therefore, the last I heard was...

SUPERVISOR DWYER: May 28th to the 30th.

DPW COMMISSIONER, BENJAMIN ASTORINO: Yeah, and I'm sure that's going to get pushed a couple of days, because I'm sure they are all backed up. Yeah, it is what it is. We did, as you guys selected last week, for the striping of Airport Park. We are... Again, the theme of the night is the rain. We have to get topsoil around the new playground. We just cannot do it in this weather. The topsoil is completely muck. We just cannot get it out there right now.

SUPERVISOR DWYER: Great. Any other questions? Thanks Ben, I made a deal with Matt, our DPW Deputy Commissioner, and I said, if you go out and get more income surveys from Wickham Village and the Wickham Sewer District, then you do not have to come to the town board meeting. He chose to go around and get income surveys in the rain, the pouring rain. I thought the board meetings were great, but apparently, he would rather do anything other than come here. So, he chose to do that, and I will announce a little bit later in my report why it was so important that he go out and do that. So, we have a very fantastic update to report on the Wickham Sewer District project shortly.

RECREATION DIRECTOR, SAM WALTER - Thanks, Supervisor. My report is mainly about Mountain Lake Park. The pools are scheduled to open on Saturday. We'll see how the weather is. If I do need to close the pools, I'll make a post on the town, of course, Facebook page. The Department of Health came out with a pre-op inspection, and the pools look great, and passed the inspection and the lifeguard orientation also went really well. We did schedule a second lifeguard orientation for May 30th, just to catch anybody that didn't make the first orientation. Just a reminder that now is the best time to purchase your pool passes because it's the pre-season price, and that goes up in June. We've been working a lot at the park on bunkhouses, getting those ready for the Legoland employees. We wanted to thank the Supervisor and the DPW Commissioner for sending over the DPW crew from Greenwood Lake, who was really helpful in moving a lot of heavy furniture for us, so dressers and couches, and they did a great job. Thank you. Lastly, on June 5th, is the Warwick Food Truck Festival at the park. It's from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It's a great event run by a local nonprofit organization called Small Things. We had the Village of Warwick help us out with lending us, or is going to help us out with lending us a portable stage area for the bands. Orange County Sheriff's Office is lending us a light tower. The Warwick Police Department and EMS will be out at the festival. So, it's great work by all the local organizations helping each other out for a great community event. So, we hope that you come out for some great food, some music, and lots of fun with friends and family. That's it.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN DEANGELO - Good evening. For the Warwick Valley Humane Society, they have an employment opportunity. You must love animals and be 21 years old or older, with a clean driver's license and background, able to lift 50 pounds and work well with others. The job includes feeding, cleaning, medicating, and socializing with shelter pets, picking up stray and injured animals, event runs, etc. You can send a resume to warwickhumane@yahoo.com. the shelter is in constant need of paper towels and paper plates. They have quite a list of dogs here for adoption. For example, Maggie, an eight-yearold female shepherd mix, or Oddie, a two-year-old male husky. They have a great number of dogs available. Plus, they have cats, kittens, rabbits, gerbils, and parakeets. Applications are available at wvhumane.org. So that's the Humane Society.

As far as the Friendly Visitor Program goes, for the month of April, the number of neighbors assisted was 18. The number of volunteers assisting those neighbors was 17, for an incredible number, a total number of 147 different services for the month of April. Now, the Warwick Friendly Visitor Program is in constant need of trained volunteers. They're having two virtual training sessions, one on June 18th at 10:00 a.m. and one on June 25th at 5:00 p.m. Now, the best thing to do is to contact the Friendly Visitor Program at 845-986-1124,

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extension 400, and leave a message because pre-approval is required to attend the training. You have to contact them for an application. That's all I have.

COUNCILMAN KOWAL - As the Supervisor said, we did the job interviews for the detectives this week, and it was, as he said, very, very difficult because of the high qualifications of everybody. It wasn't anybody there that wouldn't have made an excellent detective. It was extraordinarily hard to pick somebody. I think we did a good job of picking, but any of them would have been superb. that's about all I have for this meeting's report. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN MATTINGLY – Thank you, Supervisor Dwyer. The Warwick Valley Country Club's 5th Annual Golf Outing at Great Gorge Country Club is tomorrow, Friday, May 23rd, and is sold out. Thank you, sponsors, volunteers, and participants. The Espresso Mixer of Sweet D's in the Village of Warwick is scheduled for Thursday, June 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at 16 McEwen Street in Warwick. Join us and the Warwick Valley Chamber at Sweet D's mingle, network, make new friends, enjoy tasty treats and coffee, and step into that summertime feeling. Etched in Time is celebrating their 20th anniversary here in Warwick and hosting an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29th. Celebrate this momentous milestone with them at 58 Main Street in Warwick.

The Peach Grove House ribbon-cutting is finally coming up on June 5th. That's on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. After a year of tender, loving care, join us to celebrate the reopening of this iconic Warwick landmark. In Greenwood Lake, the Greenwood Lake Chamber is holding the Greenwood Lake Street Fair on Saturday, June 14th, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Windermere Avenue. Vendor space is still available. Visit gwlnychamber.com/events for more information. In the Village of Florida, the Chamber of Commerce is holding a Cars and Coffee open house at GCD Auto Studio located at 9 Industrial Drive in the Village of Florida. On Saturday, June 7th, show off your classic and custom cars while networking with Chamber members and other car enthusiasts. In addition, the Florida Chamber has updated particularly their events page. Visit floridanychamber.com to get a full list of community and member events this month. Visit the Pine Island Chamber at pineislandny.com/events for a full list of community and member events. That's my report for this evening.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK - Thank you, Mr. Supervisor. Also, the Pine Island firehouse is having their golf outing tomorrow, and that's another sold-out event, which is always a good time. That's all I have.

TOWN CLERK REPORT –

1. *Bid Proposal for Mountain Lake Park Water Infiltration Project

1. Jorrey Excavating, INC. 160 Bart Bull Rd. Middletown, NY 10941 Bid Proposal: \$161,000.00 2. Dave's Lawn Care 1 McNamara Lane Goshen, NY 10924 <u>Bid Proposal; \$208,350.00</u>

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- 3. Tomczak Excavating LLC P.O. Box 381 Pine Island, NY 10969 <u>Bid Proposal: \$252,330.00</u>
- 4. Ground Control Excavating 63 Waterbury Road Warwick, NY 10990 <u>Bid Proposal: \$283,748.00</u>
- 5. Eberhardt Excavation, LLC 72 Hillside Drive West Shokan, NY 12494 <u>Bid Proposal: \$350,850.00</u>

2.* Bid Proposal for modifications to two (2) existing pools at Mountain Lake Park

- 1. Royal Pools Construction 4958 Route 17M New Hampton, NY 10958 <u>Bid Proposal: \$ 109,000.00</u>
- 2. WVC Group 6 Third Street Warwick, NY 10990 Bid Proposal: \$159,000.00
- 3. Five Star Pools Inc. 382 Route 59, Suite 334 Airmont, NY 10952 <u>Bid Proposal: \$95,300.00</u>

3. *Bid Proposal for wading pool at Mountain Lake Park

- 1. Royal Pools Construction 4958 Route 17M New Hampton, NY 10958 <u>Bid Proposal: \$ 229,000.00</u>
- 3. Five Star Pools Inc. 382 Route 59, Suite 334 Airmont, NY 10952 <u>Bid Proposal: \$367,000.00</u>

2. WVC Group 6 Third Street Warwick, NY 10990 Bid Proposal: \$405,000.00

- 4. *Bid Proposal for Mechanical Room at Mountain Lake Park
 - 1. Royal Pools Construction 4958 Route 17M New Hampton, NY 10958 <u>Bid Proposal: \$ 127,000.00</u>
- 2. WVC Group 6 Third Street Warwick, NY 10990 <u>Bid Proposal: \$29,000.00</u>
- 3. Five Star Pools Inc. 382 Route 59, Suite 334 Airmont, NY 10952 Bid Proposal: \$114,500.00

- 5.* Bid Proposal for Porta Potty rentals for Water Infiltration & Drainage Improvement Project at the Mountain Lake Park Art Center (3 months)
 - 1. United Rentals 14-20 All Angels Rd Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 <u>Bid Proposal: \$517.88</u>

2. United Site Services 151-17 6th Rd Whitestone, NY 11357 <u>Bid Proposal: \$551.63</u>

- 3. Continental Site Services 3978 E Chandler Heights Gilbert, AZ, 85298 <u>Bid Proposal: \$1,197.00</u>
- 6. *Bid Proposal for Construction Fence for Water Infiltration & Drainage Improvement Project at the Mountain Lake Park Art Center
 - 1. C&S Fencing 475 Market Street, Suite 120 Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 <u>Bid Proposal: \$8,871.20</u>
 - 3. Federal Rent-A-Fence 127 Haddon Ave. West Berlin, NJ 08091 Bid Proposal: \$3,784.17

2. National Construction Rentals 44 Hook Rd Bayonne, NJ 07002 <u>Bid Proposal: \$9,235.45</u>

7. *Bid Proposal for ADA Access Ramp for Water Infiltration & Drainage Improvement Project at the Mountain Lake Park Art Center

1. Bristol Industries of Pennsylvania 131 Old Oxford Valley Rd Langhorne, PA 19047 <u>Bid Proposal: \$5,949.98 to buy</u> * \$4,307.20 to rent for 3 months 2. Raven's Marine 3295 Orange Avenue Kissimmee, FL 34744 <u>Bid Proposal: \$15,345.00 to buy</u>

3. Service Scaffold Company PO Box 888 South Fallsburg, NY 12779 Bid Proposal: \$15,110.47 to rent for 3 months

SUPERVISOR DWYER - My report is essentially an update that I present to the Town Board during our public workshop, and then I will essentially go over it during our public meeting as well. To say that the last two weeks have been busy would be an extreme understatement. On top of a busy period of time right now, I compounded that by adding 40 interviews over a five-day period, not only for our two police officers that became detectives,

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but also for a position within our friendly visitor program. So, here's an update of some of the active projects we have, which Ben and Sam mentioned some of. The Mountain Lake Park pool bids, which were read by the Town Clerk. We will be adopting a resolution tonight to accept one component of the pool bid, but we only got them this week, so there is still some due diligence that needs to be done to review the bids and make sure that they meet the specifications that we posted, and also vetting the contractors that submitted the bids.

The water infiltration project is another project in Mountain Lake Park where, again, these buildings, which, by the way, a portion of Mountain Lake Park is eligible to be listed on the National Historic Registry. We just found that out doing a SHIPO application for our grant, so that's an interesting thing that we have to look at and consider, but just found that out. Another surprise, if you will. We love surprises around here. We get them all the time. So, the water infiltration project is a major project to preserve the buildings in Mountain Lake Park. It's an investment that we've committed to preserve both the infrastructure as well as the safety, railings, ADA accessibility, and various other upgrades. So, we are accepting a bid tonight to begin that project, and this is a project where we have to thread the needle because it's very, very busy up there. Starting in April, May, the park becomes consumed with people using it, which is a great thing. That's what we want, but this work can only really be done when the weather is nice, and unfortunately that means that we have to kind of work around people and get a job done. So, it's going to be a little bit tricky, and I'm sure Sam is going to have a great time managing that, but we'll do the best we can to support you, Sam.

The bike hike project is right on schedule. We had anticipated that it would be completed between the middle or end of June, and the final components of the bridge that will cross over Longhouse Creek by Cascade Road is coming in at the beginning of June, so that project should be wrapped up, and we look forward to having a nice ribbon cutting for the bike hike project.

The Jayne Street Bridge project is another one that we've been talking about for a really long time. Again, it's right on track. It's in the design phase right now. Our projected timeline for this project, and again, this is projected. We are working with state and federal funds, but the projected timeline is that we have the design completed by the fall, we go out to bid in the winter when contractors are looking for work, and then we start the project in the spring. That is an ideal and perfect scenario. We're going to try our best to hit those targets.

Route 94 is multi-use trail. This is a partnership that we have with the Village of Warwick and the Town of Warwick where we're doing a feasibility study to look at creating a multiuse trail in the 94 corridor, connecting the Village of Warwick with the Price Chopper ShopRite area. We find that there are a lot of people that are walking along the shoulder there in a very dangerous manner, and this could potentially create a safer mode of transportation for those who may not have a car, and they still need to either get to work in Price Chopper ShopRite or that development, or vice versa, and they need to come back into downtown. So, we're working on the feasibility study for that. We met with all the stakeholders in the area, and we're continuing to do some outreach to make sure that this is something that would make sense for the community and make sure that it is something that can create a safe trail for all the people to enjoy.

Pine Island Water System, I gave the board an update on the well. As I'm sure many of you have heard by now, we've been in the process of installing a new well in the Pine Island Water District. They only have one well right now, and redundancy is a requirement. It is a State Department of Health requirement to have more than one well for the exact case that we had today, where one of our wells was down and water pressure was completely eliminated in that water district. So, we had to bring in a tanker. We're literally about a week away from getting the second well online, and if we had been a week earlier, then the well would have been online, and we would not have had to do what we did today. So again, just updating the board on exactly what's going on throughout the town and our districts.

Commissioner Astorino went over the FEMA culverts, so I won't reiterate that.

A big situation that we've all been looking forward to is the Route 94 paving project. The state has committed to paving from the Jersey border on Route 94 all the way to the Florida line and then beyond. They're actually going to go into Goshen as well, and then they're also going to come from Oakland Avenue down 17A down Galloway and basically hit the Bellvale Bridge, which is another bridge that's scheduled to be repaired, completely replaced. I don't even want to talk about that yet because that's just going to give me a headache to think about that traffic nightmare. So, this Route 94 paving, we had originally been told by the state that it will be done in 2025, and the roads will be completely paved and the roundabout will be installed, and everything would be done in 2025. Well, they gave us a nice surprise earlier this week when we met with the contractors who won the bid for this project when they said there is no way that this will ever get done anywhere near close to one year, and it is likely that the project will go 25, 26, and be completed in 2027. So, I know many of you don't like potholes. I hope that you remember the potholes when you're sitting in traffic because that's why they're doing it. They're investing a lot of money. It's going to be a very frustrating process. But rest assured, by 2027, we'll have brand new roads all throughout the Town of Warwick, but it will be quite an obstacle to get to that final phase. They're going to provide us with weekly updates. That was one of the requirements that I had. We understand that things change, but the DOT as well as the contractor will be providing us with weekly updates, and we will constantly update our website and Facebook, letting the residents know about road closures and other situations that may be impacted by this road work.

The Wickham Sewer District. This is something that we have been talking about extensively for the last 15, 16 months. For those who don't know, the Wickham Sewer District serves King's Estates, Wickham Village, Wickham Knolls, as well as the old prison property, which is the new tech park. The sewer plant itself is over 40 years old, and the life expectancy of that plant was 30 years. So, it is in desperate need for repairs and essentially replacement. So, we had initial estimates of \$12 to \$16 million to do the work that needs to be done in that sewer district, and we immediately started to pursue grants. Try to get grant money because,

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again, this is not a town-wide fund. So, if you live in Pine Island or Greenwood Lake, you do not support in any financial way the Wickham Sewer District that is independently supported by the users of that sewer district. So, we had applied for grants aggressively in 2024, and the grant was rejected because our median household income for the Town of Warwick is too high. Now, we knew that this is a water district, this is a sewer district, it's a smaller district that's unique. It's not the large properties and expanse farms that we would typically see throughout Warwick, so the household income might be a little bit different. So, we took a gamble and initiated an income survey. Knowing that an income survey and showing that that median household income for that specific sewer district is less than the median household income across the town, which is the only thing that grant agencies have unless you do an income survey, we knew that would be a little bit less just based on the higher-density housing. So we initiated an income survey, and over the last, I believe, four to five months, we have been sending out mailers, we have been doing Facebook posts, we have been doing door-to-door, we have been doing everything within our power to collect the requisite number of income surveys in order to have a complete package to send into the Census Bureau and change the median household income, the recognized median household income for this specific district. That is the only way that we can qualify for grants, apparently, in the State of New York. Throughout the process, up until about two weeks ago, we had a target MHI, median household income, that was higher. It was about \$85,000, and then they changed it. With the passage of the budget, we got new information. That median household income went down to \$78,000. So, we had done so much work getting this median household income as complete as we could. We were knocking on doors. We had residents in that district go out and knock on doors, calling friends, investing so much time and so much energy because they realized that if we don't get grants, the work will have to be done. And if we don't get grants, the residents will have to pay the full bill because no matter what, it has to get done. They understood the importance of getting grants. I can't thank you enough the people that went out there and worked their tails off to get us the income surveys because just tonight, we were able to complete the full and comprehensive income survey to get us below the threshold of \$78,000, which is absolutely vital in order to be successful with grant applications. So, I just want to thank everybody that put in a lot of work in getting that done because it really will make an enormous difference for people's lives that they don't have to spend their own money when their bills are already piling up. We understand that. It's very difficult to get by these days. Times are tough, to say the least. So, we're going to work very aggressively. We've got some deadlines coming up. That's why it was urgent that we met this Friday's deadline by tomorrow to get all this stuff done. We're going to work very hard to get this round of grant funding, grant applications submitted, and we will keep the board and the public updated on our progress.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent a notice to the Town of Warwick, sent a notice to me about three weeks ago relating to a wetlands mitigation project that is being proposed in the Pine Island area. It is not being proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers, but the Army Corps of Engineers must review and approve these types of plans. I understand that it sounds noble and it sounds like a really great thing to mitigate wetlands, but what this really means

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is that you're creating more wetlands in a strictly agricultural area. What that does is it has an enormous consequence to the neighboring and adjacent properties that are right there that rely and have a livelihood on farming. So, the first thing I did as a non-farmer, right, I'm not a farmer, I reached out to the town board members that are farmers, mentioned it to them, and I also reached out to the neighboring farms that are adjacent to that wetland, potential wetland mitigation project, sent it to them. I sent it to the Orange County Soil and Water, which has been working extremely hard over the last many, many years, establishing the Wallkill River Watershed as a critical area with flooding, benching, and all kinds of great work to protect the Pine Island region, which relies extensively on farming, but to make sure that the flooding is mitigated. What they want to do is create more flooding in certain areas, and that is completely counterintuitive to what has been done in the Pine Island area over generations, which has created the heart of the black dirt, right? So, the town board has reviewed this. We have gotten comment back from Soil and Water, comment back from the adjacent landowners, and we're going to recommend to the Army Corps of Engineers that they deny this application and at minimum, if they continue to pursue it, have a public hearing right here in town hall so that we can all hear the comments of those who are affected by this potential project. So, you will hear the resolution. It is in your packets if you have an agenda. You can read the resolution and ask questions about it if you'd like.

Just a quick update on PDR. We have the PDR law that the town board is looking to amend with the help of Senator Skoufis and Assemblyman Karl Brabenec. The PDR law will allow us to utilize more of the PDR transfer tax resources to support parks and local parks and stewardship programs, as well as comply with MS-4. The only reason that we are allowed to do this or even were considered to do this is because the precedence was set by the Town of Southampton about seven years ago. It is very, very difficult, and towns across the state are trying to get PDR programs and CPF fund mechanisms in place, and they're really having a tough time doing that. The Town of Warwick is very fortunate that our program was established as essentially a trailblazer back in the late 90s and early 2000s, and we are trying to strengthen that PDR program by evolving with the times and recognizing that there are fewer, not few, but fewer parcels that qualify for the PDR program nowadays. We're just evolving, adapting, and giving ourselves more opportunity to whatever extent the law permits. This is a very tricky situation in that the law is very specific and does not allow us to use PDR funds for things other than water quality initiatives and parkland open space and things like that. We have a couple closings coming up, the Burt Farm as well as the Capone property, and we have six active applications before the PDR program right now. We are interested in looking at doing a potential mailing to prospective properties. We have a list of every parcel of land that's 30 acres or more within the Town of Warwick, and we are considering doing a mailing to notify people of the PDR program and elicit some interest in the PDR program.

As I mentioned before, we conducted 40 interviews over five days. One was for a Friendly Visitor Program Coordinator and the other was for two detectives, and fortunately we found some really great applicants, and we are going to be hiring a Friendly Visitor Program Coordinator tonight, and we already voted by resolution to appoint the two detectives.

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This Monday is Memorial Day. I had the opportunity to speak at the middle school yesterday. They had an incredible service there for Veterans, and one of the things that was very impactful to me was when I realized that the Town of Warwick on Memorial Day has something happening in every corner of the Town of Warwick. Pine Island has a service at 8 a.m. and then a wreath-laying ceremony at 9 a.m. The Village of Warwick has a parade at 11 a.m. down Oakland Avenue, followed by a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. The Village of Florida has a parade and a service beginning at 1 p.m., and the Greenwood Lake American Legion has a service at 2 p.m. Literally something happening in every corner. That is how much we in the Town of Warwick respect and appreciate our veterans, and particularly those who sacrificed everything on our behalf. That concludes my report, and at this time, we will open it up to privilege of the floor on agenda items specifically.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AGENDA ITEMS)

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

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS:

#R2025-224 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT TOWN OF WARWICK PARKS/RENTAL FACILITIES

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly granting permission to the following applicant to serve alcohol at the 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:

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	APPLICANT	PARK/RENTAL FACILITY	DATE	Permit #
Α	Liz Scioscia	Mountain Lake Park	June 14, 2025	MLP-60
B	Rebbeca T. Rodriguez	Mountain Lake Park	September 26 – 28, 2025	MLP-59
C	Warwick Fire Dept.	Mountain Lake Park	June 7, 2025	MLP-57
D	Richard Hall	Wickham Woodland Manner	June 14, 2025	WWM-16
E	Laurie Palmieri	Wickham Woodland Manner	July 12, 2025	WWM-17
F	Ralph Stewart	Wickham Woodland Manner	May 26, 2025	WWM-18

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

#R2025-225 WAIVE MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK APPLICATION FEE – SMALL THINGS (NON-PROFIT) WARWICK FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to waive the Mountain Lake Park application fee for local non-profit group Small Things to host the Warwick Food Truck Festival June 5, 2025 and July 3, 2025.

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

#R2025-226 APPROVE PAYMENT FOR YEARLY MAINTENANCE – EXPERT MECHANICAL

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to approve payment of \$4,000.00 to Expert Mechanical for yearly plumbing maintenance at the Mountain Lake Pool House and Cabins.

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

#R2025-227 APPOINT 2025 LIFEGUARDS – MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK POOL

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint the following lifeguards for the 2025 Mountain Lake Park Pool pending Department of Health Approval:

2025 LIFEGUARDS	POSITION	RATE PER HOUR
Aiden Harvey	Life Guard	\$15.00
Faith Sauka	Senior Life Guard	\$18.00
Quinn Nowakowski	Life Guard	\$16.50
Daniel Devine	Senior Life Guard	\$18.00

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

#R2025-228 PINE ISLAND RECREATION PROGRAM – EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS 2025

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to adopt a resolution appointing the following to various Pine Island Recreation positions for the 2025 season.

		*Returning Counselor
Kaylin Abbadessa	\$12.50*	Rec Aide
Julianna Browning	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Lily Burrows	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Danellen Bussell	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Jaydan Bussell	\$12.50*	Rec Aide
Cara Calone	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Kiley Cunningham	\$12.50*	Rec Aide
Michael Della Vecchia	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Noah Goetz	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Kurt Gunther	\$12.50*	Rec Aide
Kamryn Kleveno	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Quenten Liciaga	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Julianna Masker	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Daniella Mastrantoni	\$12.50*	Rec Aide
Anthony Mazza	\$12.50*	Rec Aide

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Hayde McCaskey	\$12.00	Rec Aide
Christian Montemarano	\$12.50*	Rec Aide
Tyler Rodriguez	\$20.00	Rec Aide -Medical
Scheinert, Nancy	\$25.00	Recreation Leader

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

#R2025-229 RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND –PIONEER SUBDIVISION

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly to release Performance Bond for the Pioneer subdivision, 12-14 Carroll Drive, SBL 52-1-26.24 & SBL 52-1-26.23 for \$60,893.95 as per recommendation letter from the Town Engineer dated May 19, 2025.

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

#R2025-230 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PART TIME DPW LABORER – JADEN RODRIGUEZ

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept resignation of Jaden Rodriguez as a part time department of public works laborer effective May 27, 2025.

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

#R2025-231 APPOINT PART TIME DPW LABORER – ROBERT CHOCALLO

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal to appoint Robert Chocallo as a part time DPW Laborer at a rate of \$18.00 per hour effective May 1, 2025.

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

#R2025-232 ACCEPT NOTICE OF RETIREMENT – PETER M. VERUTES

Motion Councilman Shuback, Councilman Kowal to accept Notice of Retirement as Dial-A-Bus Driver, Peter M. Verutes effective June 7, 2025.

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

#R2025-233 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT – POLICE SERVICES FOR GREENWOOD LAKE SCHOOL

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo 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, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at a cost to be borne by the school district.

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

#R2025-234 APPOINT PART TIME CLERK FOR FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint Donna Mars as part time clerk for the Friendly Visitor Program at a rate of pay \$20.00 per hour effective May 23, 2025. Pending civil service approval.

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

#R2025-235 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH ORANDY'S FIRE & SAFETY FOR ANNUAL INSPECTIONS AND SERVICE

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Oprandy's Fire & Safety for annual inspections and service. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2025-236 ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND MULCH

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Mattingly to accept proposal from Downes Forest Products for supply and installation of yards of certified playground mulch in an amount not to exceed \$5,040.00.

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

#R2025-237 TOWN OF WARWICK WETLAND CREATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Wetland Trust has submitted a permit application to the Army Corps of Engineers, permit application number NAN-2018-00619-UCA-M3, that proposes to create mitigation wetlands on two parcels totaling approximately 30 acres in the Town of Warwick Black Dirt Region adjacent to active agricultural operations, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Warwick has thoroughly reviewed the proposed project, and

WHEREAS, the Warwick Town Board finds the Wetland Trust's proposed project to be incompatible with and detrimental to the active agriculture surrounding the proposed project area, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is within the boundaries of the Wallkill Valley Drainage Improvement District, a formal drainage district organized under the authority of Article 15, Title 19 of New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and the Wetland Trust's 169-page report describing the proposed project does not mention the existence of the drainage district or discuss potential conflicts of their proposed project with the legal requirements or intent of the district, and

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WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers has requested comments on the Wetland Trust proposal as part of its permit review approval process and said comments are due by May 30, 2025,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Town of Warwick Town Board opposes the Wetland Trust's creation project and recommends to the Army Corps of Engineers that their permit application be denied, and

Be it further resolved that the application is not immediately, if the application is not immediately denied, the Town of Warwick hereby requests a public hearing to be held regarding this wetlands mitigation project before the project may proceed further. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2025-238 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH UNITED RENTALS FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE ART CENTER PORTA POTTY RENTAL

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to accept bid proposal and authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with United Rentals for Mountain Lake Art Center Porta Potty rentals for a total of 3 months at a cost not to exceed \$517.88.

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

#R2025-239 RETAIN LEGAL COUNCIL FOR SIBILLA SUBDIVIDION

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to authorize Supervisor to retain an alternate Planning Board attorney to represent the Town Planning Board regarding Sibilla Subdivision Application due to conflicts of interest.

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

#R2025-240 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH FEDERAL RENT –A- FENCE FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE ART CENTER CONSTRUCTION FENCE

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to accept bid proposal and authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Rent-A-Fence for Mountain Lake Art Center Construction Fence Rentals including delivery, installation, removal and pick up of construction fence materials at a cost not to exceed \$3,784.17. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2025-241 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH BRISTOL INDUSTRIES OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE ART CENTER PURCHASE OF ADA ACCESS RAMPS

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept bid proposal and authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Bristol Industries of Pennsylvania for Mountain Lake Art Center the purchase of ADA Access Ramps in an amount not to exceed \$5,949.98.

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

#R2025-242 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK WATER INFILTRATION PROJECT

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to accept bid proposal and authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with Jorrey Excavating, Inc. for the Mountain Lake Park Water Infiltration Project in an amount not to exceed \$161,000.00. Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Dwyer declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2025-243 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH FIVE STAR FOR REPAIRS TO MECHANICAL ROOM AT MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept a Bid Proposal and authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract from Five Star for repairs to Mechanical Room at Mountain Lake Park in an amount not to exceed \$114,500.00.

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

#R2025-244 ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH HUDSON VALLEY RUBBER WALL FOR WATERPROOFING AT MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to accept and authorize the Supervisor to sign contract bid proposal from Hudson Valley Rubber Wall for waterproofing at Mountain Lake Park in an amount not to exceed \$38,750.00.

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

PROCLAMATION Month of June 2025 Migraine and Headache Awareness

WHEREAS headache disorders, including migraine, cluster headache, new daily persistent headache, spinal CSF leak, orofacial pain disorders, and other neurological headache diseases, affect more than 40 million Americans and over 1.1 billion people worldwide;

WHEREAS headache diseases are among the leading causes of disability globally, disproportionately impacting women, veterans, and historically marginalized communities;

WHEREAS an estimated 4 million Americans live with chronic migraine, experiencing symptoms 15 or more days per month, yet access to specialized care remains limited;

WHEREAS significant racial and socioeconomic disparities persist, with Black, Hispanic, and Native/Indigenous populations facing higher rates of underdiagnosis and inadequate treatment;

WHEREAS veterans and military personnel experience higher rates of posttraumatic headache and migraine due to traumatic brain injuries sustained in service;

WHEREAS cluster headache is recognized as one of the most excruciating medical conditions, affecting approximately one in 1,000 Americans;

WHEREAS there is a severe shortage of headache specialists, with fewer than 800 certified headache medicine specialists nationwide, creating significant barriers to care, particularly for rural and underserved communities;

WHEREAS headache diseases place a severe economic burden, costing U.S. companies over \$78 billion annually in lost productivity and healthcare expenses;

WHEREAS the symptoms of headache disorders extend beyond head pain, often impacting vision, cognitive function, balance, and daily activities, with attacks lasting hours to days;

WHEREAS stigma and misinformation have historically stifled research, treatment innovation, and public awareness, leaving many patients undiagnosed and untreated;

WHEREAS individuals with headache disorders are at an increased risk for developing depression and suicidal ideation, underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive care and mental health support;

WHEREAS all individuals living with headache diseases deserve equitable, timely, and affordable access to effective treatments to improve their quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jesse Dwyer Town of Warwick Supervisor, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as Migraine and Headache Awareness Month in Warwick, New York and encourage all citizens, healthcare professionals, and policymakers to support awareness, research, and improved access to care for headache diseases.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (GENERAL):

LUIS ABRAMSON - Resident, Town of Warwick - Good evening. I've known some of you for quite a while, Tom. Both kids were in rec, yours probably graduated like the other one, but I still have one small one left in the middle school. I want to say one thing. I'm extremely proud of Warwick and how far we've come. Last Saturday, the kids from Warwick, We Wildcats, which is a Special Olympics group in Warwick, went to Goshen, and they got medals, and they did their thing, and it's very nice to see that we are moving in a forward direction for kids with intellectual disabilities. So that was very nice. Piggyback on that, I do have a concern, and I wanted to ask for your assistance on that. You can share that. I got one more. So, what I'm asking from the town, I know that we cannot make any rules or anything when it comes to the public school. It's a separate identity, but we all are here, live together, and the school is an important part to the town, and the town is an important part to the school. So, with that being said, one of the things that I have been very proud of belonging to is I got to know very well Mike Molinaro back in 2019, and I've been working. This is a what I call a separate hat because I am a parent of an intellectual disability child, and so to me, I'm very passionate on this. I wrote something so I wouldn't miss anything or confuse anyone, and this is what I wrote. I call for inclusion on why our children deserve their own club. There is not anywhere in Orange County that there is a club for these kids.

The other day, I was astonished at a conversation that I had with a newer principal at the middle school. So, I wanted to use this platform here, although it's not the school board, but as an additional platform to get the information out to our residents. I start by saying don't stand on the sidelines. Right now, we have an opportunity and responsibility to speak up for our kids who often go unseen, unheard, and left out. We're not asking for special treatment. We're asking for fairness. We're asking for a club just like the Glee Club, just like the Drama Club that gives our kids a space to build friendship and to feel included and to grow. There is a nationally recognized model called Circle of Friends. It's already working in a public school across the country in California. It is a student-led club that fosters inclusion between students with and without developmental disabilities. It works, it uplifts, and it builds school culture. So why not here? When a middle school principal says we do not need a club like that, it sends a message that inclusion is optional. That unless a group of parents demands something, it isn't worth doing. That thinking differently stops at the door. That is not acceptable and not in Warwick and not anywhere. This kind of club will be open to everyone but would center students who are so often left out. This is about raising the bar. This is about moving the ladder for kids who deserve more than a minimum. To every parent watching, I ask you to speak out. Don't wait until it's your child struggling to belong. If you believe in inclusion, if you believe in fairness, then help us bring this to life. Email the school.

Email your local elected official. Write to the principal. Let the district know that we want this. There are kids who deserve this and we're not going anywhere. Let's not let outdated policies or dismissive attitudes decide what's possible for our kids.

Let's build something better. There is no reason why we couldn't copy a model that's already up and working somewhere else and establish it here. Who cares if there's not another program like it in Orange County? Let us be the first. I've never been a person that backs down from a challenge. I ran for school board twice. I lost, so what? I'm still here. I remember when I spoke with Michael Sweeton years ago and he told me, Luis, there's no reason why you can't run. State your indifferences, because that's why we're here as American citizens. And I said, yeah, you know, you're right. Let me run. I didn't know even how to put in the ballots or how to do anything, but I knew one thing, that in 2019, I was coming back from driving three years solid to Ellenville with a three-year-old and the state told me that we had a regional need in our area, meaning that we didn't have enough programming here. I remember meeting so many parents that had all kinds of needs, and still today we fight for equality. We here in Warwick are considered too well-off when our school asks for funding, but believe it or not, our special needs have nothing to do with that. We need as much funding as Middletown gets for our kids, but the reality is that we always have to make sure that those who we hire, those who we appoint, don't lose sight that Marco Maldonado did come here, and there was a signed resolution of think differently, that we were going to move to continue to champion for these kids. Every single thing that we establish here for people with intellectual disabilities creates a beautiful world for people that have more challenges than us, but they're the same as us. So, to that very person that I am not naming, to tell me what date of the week it is, or to act like I don't know what OPWD is, I've been in Albany. I have been, I've worked with Karl Brabenec, I worked with Skoufis, I worked with many folks, and so I know the importance of bringing differences. These clubs, the mechanics is that the student asks for it, someone in the school campaigns for it, and they help the child form a group where they all come together. I was told that, oh this is highly illegal. It's not, because it's open to everyone. It is not a club that is exclusive to intellectual disabilities, but we have to be kind, because these spaces create friendship, create the ability for these kids to have social skills with kids that are in the mainstream, and there should be no reason why we should have in one single individual be the reason that this is not formed.

They asked me, could you bring me evidence of a program like this being held, and I said no problem. The other day my son turned 11, and I saw where a pizza party was brought to another child, and we couldn't bring that one thing in, and I didn't know how to explain to him the difference of inequality, but I did know one thing, that I live in Warwick. I will never be moving out of Warwick, and I think that we should make sure that our kids in Warwick are getting the best of the best, with every opportunity that they deserve as human beings.

So, with that being said, thank you so much for this platform, and thank you to Town Supervisors Dwyer, because I know that this is not something that commonly is presented in the town board, but we all live here, we all strive to do better for our citizens, and although we can't do much but voice our opinions, our opinions do need to be heard. Thank you.

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SUPERVISOR DWYER - Thank you, Luis. We appreciate your hard work and working to really get that done. So, keep up the good fight.

LUIS ABRAMSON - Thank you, sir.

NEXT MEETING: Supervisor Dwyer stated that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:00pm right here at Town Hall with a Workshop as early as 5:30 p.m. which is always open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Shuback that the regular meeting be adjourned. Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) 8:16 p.m. CP.

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