

April 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick was held on Thursday, April 24, 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
Police Chief, John Rader – Absent

Supervisor Dwyer asked the public to pause for a moment of silence for the passing of Bobby Lemin, a Lieutenant for the Warwick Ambulance Corp. as well as a past Chief for The Warwick Fire Department.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – April 10, 2025

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to accept the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2025.

Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

APPROVAL TO PAY AUDITED BILLS:

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

Motion Carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)

CORRESPONDENCE:

JODI BRIZELL – WV SEPTA President. Letter to the Town requesting to have the rental fee waived at the Mountain Lake Park for a PTA picnic.

CAITLIN ROBERTI – Animal Control Officer, Town of Warwick Humane Society. Letter received April 16, 2025 regarding her resignation.

HATTI FIGGE – Email dated April 17, 2025 to the Town Board regarding the proposed use of NYU building in Sterling Forest.

JAMES L. NEUJHA - Email dated April 19, 2025 to the Town Board regarding the proposed use of NYU building in Sterling Forest.

PAMELA JORDAN – Planning Board Secretary, Township of West Milford. Notification of Notice of Public Hearing on Adoption of the Master Plan Township of West Milford May 1, 2025 and the 2025 Reexamination Report of May 1, 2025.

ROBERT E. KRAHULIK –Attorney representing Maskers Farms LLC. A copy of their Standardized notice form for providing a 30-day advance notice to a local municipality or community board received on April 22, 2025.

VISITING OFFICIALS: - No visiting elected officials were present.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR DWYER – Our Police Chief is not going to be here tonight, or he may show up late, but he was extremely busy today, as I'm sure some of you may have seen on Facebook. There was some extensive police activity on Little York Road, and we can't go into much more detail on that, but we will be issuing some statements on that at a later date. The chief was out there starting about 3 o'clock this morning, and I'm sure if he's not still out there, hopefully he's sleeping.

DPW COMMISSIONER, BEN ASTORINO – Good evening, everyone. We're doing some tree work on Little York Road with a bucket truck. We took down a very large tree out there the other day. Covered Bridge Road and took down four trees with a bucket truck. West Street Extension, we brushed that back Along with Sanfordville Road. Mowing, we are using the new mower we purchased that we received in February. We did probably 90 percent of Greenwood Lake, including the village, and we were down on State School Road, Wisner Road, and Lower Wisner Road. Ball fields, all the parks are open. We are mowing and maintaining. Parks are staffed full-time now, and they're in the swing of things. They started mowing this week. Pot holes, we're still filling the cold mix. We anticipate hot mix next week, so we'll be transitioning to road work, culvert pipes, basin work, all that. I just urge the residents to see the crews on the road and give them a break. They're out there. They're working. They're working for you, so do that. What's funny about that, we actually had a snowstorm. I think it was the day our supervisor went to the park. Go figure. Saturday morning. Russ, this isn't your fault, by the way, for making that comment. They had the last meeting, but, yeah, we ended up out three or four inches of snow in the highest elevations of Warwick. So, what that entailed was putting the plows back on, which were nicely put away, and hitting the road. So that's the last time this year, gentlemen. I do not want to say that again.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK - Falls coming, don't worry.

DPW COMMISSIONER, BENJAMIN ASTORINO - Thanks. Also, vehicle maintenance and emergency repairs. We've always done that. Road signs. We're out replacing them as needed. I believe that's all I have this evening.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Tree Work	Little York Rd.	Take down large tree with bucket truck
	Covered Bridge Rd.	Take down 4 trees with bucket truck
	West St. Ext.	Brush Roads
Mowing	State School Rd.	Mow with brush mower
	Wisner Rd	Mow with brush mower
	Lower Wisner Rd.	Mow with brush mower
Ball Fields	Town wide	Mow & maintain
Pot Holes	Town wide	Fill with cold mix
Snow Plowing	Town Wide	4/12/25 plow & salt all roads
Vehicle Maint.	As needed	
Emergency Repairs	As needed	
Road Signs	Town wide	Replace as needed
Haul Material	Stockpile	Haul road grit and Item #4 to stockpile
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 of Warwick Dog Park	Open	Town
Airport Road Park	Closed for Repairs and new construction	Town
Cascade Park	Open	Town
Wickham Woodland Park	Open	Town
Wickham Passive Boat Launch	Open	Town
Pine Island Park	Open	Town
Thomas P. Morahan Waterfront Park	Beach Closed (Opening Memorial Day)	Village of GWL
Ben Winstanley Park	Open	Village of GWL
Village of GWL Dog Park	Open	Village of GWL

WATER & SEWER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MATTHEW MCPHERSON - Good evening, everyone. We're checking all of our plants seven days a week. Preventative maintenance is being completed on time. Samples are being collected and reported on time. Regular reporting is being completed and submitted on time as well.

We have the Greenwood Lake summer system completely open and online. We spend several days excavating or repairing leaks on that system. We fix leaks on Deer Trail North and South, Brook Trail, Erica Lane, Julie Lane, Stony Trail, as well as Blueberry Hill. I'll coordinate with the DPW to get all the spots paved where we have to cut the road. We excavated a repaired a curb box on Ann Court in Greenwood Lake.

We opened up the Union Corners Soccer Field Water System for the season, which included disinfecting the well, flushing the lines, and making sure the chlorine system is operating correctly. The Pine Island Water System, the contractor is estimating the new well and equipment to be installed by the second week of May, depending on if all the equipment arrives on time. We're optimistic we're getting very close to finally turning that well on.

We're keeping the wastewater treatment plant running to the best of its ability. Outside of the daily maintenance and routine operations, we made some small repairs, including a water pump motor that burned and an aerator blower we had to take out and send in for a tune-up. We're also looking to do a spring hydrant flush on all the districts tentatively the first week of May, but I'll coordinate with the supervisor on alerting the residents to that. that concludes my report.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Matt, I just want to thank you for your efforts in the income survey that you've done. After hours, Matt has been going out with his crew, as well as the crew from the engineering firm, doing door-to-door. We had another local resident of Kings Estate, Julio Martinez, go door-to-door, and that proved to be key and critical with a local resident going door-to-door with us to try to get the survey, so great work. I appreciate it, Matt.

WATER & SEWER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MATTHEW MCPHERSON - Not a problem.

RECREATION DIRECTOR, SAM WALTER - My report is mainly about Mountain Lake Park. I just wanted to remind everyone that pool passes are on sale now, and it's the best time now to actually get your pool passes because prices go up starting June 1st. Swim lessons are pretty much full. We might have a few spots left in the children ages 9 through 12, like the oldest class at the park.

The pickleball clinics are looking good. The skills drills clinic on Thursdays is now full, so we do have instructional clinics on Tuesdays that are still available if you're interested in learning pickleball.

We're going to do a planting this Saturday of a really nice oak tree up at the park for Celebration of Arbor Day. That's done with the Shade Tree Commission, and some of the Girl Scouts are coming out to help plant as well, and that is Saturday at 9:30 a.m., up by the pickleball courts.

Lastly, I wanted to introduce you to a Scout that recently completed his Eagle Scout project at the park. It's an amazing project, but I'll let him tell you about it. His name is Pauli Helmrich, and he's from Troop 38. Pauli, do you want to come up with your fellow Scouts?

PAUL HELMRICH - I came here a couple months ago to get approvals for my project that I showed you guys. I wanted to get the tables done. I wanted to do the tables, the ADA compliant tables, and picnic chairs. I have some pictures to show you guys because I finished the project. This is Klaus, and this is Joey. I believe he did the project for the village. It was

the dog park? Yeah. They helped me with the whole project. They did my work day with me, and they just helped me do it. Will Bowler also helped me, but he couldn't make it today.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - So, Pauli, here's the thing. You thought you were off the hook with having to do projects, but I called your father and asked if you and your group would consider building more benches for the senior center.

PAUL HELMRICH - I know. I was here about four hours ago taking pictures.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Yeah, and honestly, you guys did such great work, and you did great work on your team and how you put everything together. I mean, the picnic tables came out wonderfully. ADA accessible picnic tables and the Adirondack chairs, really everything came out phenomenal. The benches in front of the senior center, there are four of them, they were an Eagle Scout project, and I thought it would make sense, instead of us using regular wood and regular labor to replacing an Eagle Scout project, it would have to be done by another Eagle Scout to carry on that tradition, carry on the legacy of who built that 20 years ago. So, I appreciate you considering that, and I hope you guys can do that in the future. How was your experience in the whole process? Can you just run through how you raised the money, how you built a team, and how you put everything together?

PAUL HELMRICH - Okay. I started with, after I got approval, I started with just going to, went to all local businesses, I went to Roe Brothers, I went to the Lowe's in Chester, I went to the Home Depot in Middletown just trying to get people to sponsor the materials. Then I went pretty much for the money, I just went to local businesses, Edenville Deli, S&SO Produce, Roe Brothers for just anything they could give me, as I said they already sponsored me. Then I went to local businesses. Purta Monuments, really helped. It was basically just anybody who would give me a little bit just to contribute to the project. Then we got the lumber from Roe Brothers, they gave me a lot of discounts, I'm very thankful for that, for their support. We brought the lumber to one of my dad's friends we cut everything, put everything together, we put the Adirondack chairs together, and then we did the tables, we cut them and then we brought them on site, and that's how we got here. These guys, Joey has experience with his project, and Klaas has experience, I assume, I don't know. I selected these guys, because I've gone through Scouts with them, we went through the whole thing together, and we joined near the same time.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Good. Well, it was a great project, we appreciate you doing it. Your contribution to our town park is going to last for many, many years, and a lot of people will enjoy it and great job, well done.

PAUL HELMRICH - Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Are you next, Klaus? You're going to do the next Eagle Scout project?

KLAUS LINDENAU - Yeah.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Very good.

TOWN CLERK ASTORINO - The benches, right?

KLAUS LINDENAU - I already have what I want to do

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Very good, good luck. Yeah, go ahead, what do you got?

KLAUS LINDENAU - There's a geese problem at the park; there's a lot of pooping going on. It's like a little lighthouse. It's broken, and it was built to, deter the geese, it scans the area, and I don't know exactly what it does, but it has a laser, I guess.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK - Probably a green laser light.

KLAUS LINDENAU - It disrupts their sleep, so they don't want to go there, so we're trying to figure out the wiring and what needs to be done, and clean it up and repaint it.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Awesome, I know Sam will be very happy about that.

RECREATION DIRECTOR, SAM WALTER - I am.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Great job, guys, well done, thank you.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN DEANGELO - Good evening. The Warwick Shelter is currently housing 255 assorted species of animals. That includes 31 rabbits, 34 fowl, from a neglect case in October, and 23 abandoned parakeets, all of whom are available for adoption, along with dogs, cats, kittens, and two gerbils. The adoption applications are available at wvhumane.org. The shelter is in desperate need of newspapers and wee-wee pads. Other daily supplies include paper towels, paper plates, bleach, distilled white vinegar, Simple Green cleaner, and both 13-and 33-gallon garbage bags.

Their membership drive is underway. All pet owners in our community are encouraged to become a member of the organization in support of the homeless animals. Minimal membership fees are listed in our website, and you can join using the membership PayPal button or mail to WVHS, P.O. Box 61, Warwick, New York. The membership drive is the first fundraiser of the year and helps us after a long winter. That's all I have for the Humane Society.

The Friendly Visitor Program is in need of volunteers, and they're going to have two volunteer trainings in May, one on May 20th at the Cornwall Library and one virtual on May 29th. Preapproval is required to attend the training, so you have to contact them for an application. Probably the best thing to do is to leave a message here for our coordinator at 845-986-1124, extension 400, if you're interested. That's all I have.

COUNCILMAN KOWAL - Last Saturday, myself and 11 other volunteers, including the Town Historian and the Deputy Historian, went out to Amity to clear out a cemetery that was in need of a little TLC. It's a very old one. There's quite a few of the Civil War era and a few Revolutionary War era graves there. Some of the stones had fallen over. DPW loaned us some cones. I'll bring them back as soon as I can. It was a good effort. We did a lot of

work there on that day. I don't know if there's more yet to do, but the majority of it was done.

Also, upcoming, in anticipation and celebration of our 250th anniversary, on May 18th, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Stonehouse Inn over on Hathorn Road, they're going to have a Founders Day, which they have different demonstrations. They have some people in period dress showing what life was like back then. There's going to be a few reenactments. It's going to be from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We've got six hours, so it's going to be a good-filled day. But it's very interesting. The local history is very rich, and we always appreciate when people take the effort to remind us what our heritage is in this area. That's all I have.

COUNCILMAN MATTINGLY - Thank you, Supervisor. Just a reminder, the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Center ribbon-cutting celebration is tomorrow from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 75 Main Street in Warwick. The ribbon-cutting will be at 4:30 p.m. sharp with a celebration to follow. Also, the Warwick Valley Chamber has partnered with the Warwick Valley Country Club on April 30th at the Warwick Valley Country Club located at 42 Oakland Avenue for "Nine Before Wine", nine holes before its mixer. Registration is required before April 27th. That's Monday. For more information, visit warwickcc.org. The after-hours mixer hours can follow from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., also at the Warwick Valley Country Club.

Grand opening of Village Vets in the Village of Florida, the Village of Florida Chamber of Commerce, is on Sunday, April 27th from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. at 74 Main Street in Florida, featuring giveaways, adoption events, crafts, games, refreshments, blessing of animals, smooches with pooches, and the Dream Donuts food truck that is on Sunday at noon.

For additional information about the Greenwood Lake events, please visit gwlnychamber.com/event and for the Pine Island Chamber events, please visit pineislandny.com/events for a full list of community member events. That is my report this evening.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK – Thank you, Mr. Supervisor. This Sunday, the Florida Fire Districts have in their tax time raffle and chicken barbecue. There are still a few tickets available if anyone's interested.

Also, too, I'd like to share something that happened to me this past week. I always harp about being safe around equipment out in the black dirt area. On Monday, when I was coming back with the truck, I passed Quaker Creek, going on the straightaway, and off in the distance I could see a piece of equipment coming down the road and a large number of cars behind it. They start going out, one after another, very safely. I'd start getting closer. The fifth car comes out, I'm still getting a little closer. I start slowing down and then right behind it, that sixth car comes out and didn't even look ahead. If I didn't stop, come to a complete stop with the truck, I would have hit her head on. We would have had a head-on collision. So, if someone coming the other way wasn't careful, she would have been dead. So that's just like I always harp on that. So please, people, be careful. That's all I have to say.

TOWN CLERK ASTORINO – No report was given.

SUPERVISOR DWYER – No report was given.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AGENDA ITEMS)

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

NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS:

**#R2025-192 WAIVE FEE FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK LAKESIDE PAVILION –
WARWICK VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA (SEPTA)**

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to waive the Mountain Lake Park Lakeside Pavilion Fees for Warwick Valley Special Education PTA to host a family picnic on June 15, 2025 between 10:00am-4:00pm.

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

#R2025-193 APPROVE DPW SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE AUCTIONED

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to approve the following surplus equipment that are no longer in use to be auctioned:

- Tenco wing plow
- 3 Viking 11 ft. plows
- 9 ft. Boss plow
- Ditching bucket for backhoe
- Boss sander
- Monroe sander
- CAT loader tires & rims
- Turf tire & rims
- Exmark 72 in. mower

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

#R2025-194 ACCEPT RESIGNATION – CAITLIN ROBERTI

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to accept the resignation of Caitlin Roberti as an Animal Control Officer for the Town of Warwick Valley Humane Society effective April 12, 2025.

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

**#R2025-195 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT TOWN OF WARWICK
PARKS/RENTAL FACILITIES**

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly granting permission to the following applicants 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:

	APPLICANT	PARK/RENTAL FACILITY	DATE	Permit #
A	CJ Rhoads	Mountain Lake Park	June 26-30, 2025	MLP-5
B	Warwick Valley Rod & Gun Club	Mountain Lake Park	August 3, 2025	MLP -49
C	Natalie Cozzo	Wickham Woodland Manor	April 26, 2025	WWM-14

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

#R2025-196 APPOINT PART TIME DISPATCHER – ANDREW DIFIORE

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to appoint Andrew DiFiore, as a part time Police Dispatcher at a rate of pay of \$21.50 per hour. Effective date 4/26/2025.

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

**#R2025-197 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2026
HUD GRANT PROJECT SOLICITATION**

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to schedule a Public Hearing to consider projects to be submitted for HUD funding through Orange County Community Development. Said public hearing to be held on May 8, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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

#R2025-198 APPOINT 2025 LIFEGUARDS – MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK POOL

Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly to appoint the following lifeguards for the 2025 Mountain Lake Park Pool:

2025 Lifeguards	Position	Rate per Hour
Aidan Corbalis	Snr LG	\$18.00
Anastasiya Kuchynska	Snr LG	\$18.00
Daniel Lupkovich	LG	\$15.00

Danny Devine	LG	\$16.50
Jackson Frommeyer	Snr LG	\$18.00
Jameson Devine	LG	\$15.00
Jillian Shaw	LG	\$15.00
Joe Sanzone	Snr LG & Swim Inst	\$18.00
Mary Catherine Cornine	LG	\$16.50
Thomas Ranando	LG	\$15.00
Courtney Connolly	Recreation Aide	\$20.00

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

**#R2025-199 WAIVE THIRTY (30) DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY FOR ON-PREMISES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
LICENSE – MASKER FARM LLC**

Motion Councilman Mattingly, seconded Councilman Shuback to waive the thirty-day advance notice to a Local Municipality or Community Board requirement for an on-premises alcoholic beverage license for Masker Farm LLC., Located at 45 Ball Road, Warwick, New York.

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

#R2025-200 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO REPAIR TOWN RENTAL PROPERTIES

Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo authorizing the Supervisor to spend an additional \$6,433.67 on repairs to town owned rental properties located at 45 and 47 Bowen Road.

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

**#R2025-201 LEAD AGENCY SEQRA RESOLUTION – IMPROVEMENTS TO
WICKHAM WOODLAND PARK**

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Mattingly. to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Warwick will consider and vote to approve the installation and construction of certain improvements to be performed at Wickham Woodland Park, 19-21 Woodland Way, Warwick, New York 10990, including construction of an arboretum, amphitheater, parking lot, walking path and bathrooms (the “Proposed Action”) which is currently owned by the Town of Warwick and used as a public park (the “Facility”) and has prepared an Environmental Assessment Form, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), the Town Board must declare its intent to act as Lead Agency for a coordinated review of the Application under SEQRA.

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick intends to act as Lead Agency for the coordinated review of the Proposed Action, and

The Town Clerk of the Town of Warwick is hereby directed to deliver a notice containing the full Environmental Assessment Form and other application materials to all Involved and Interested Agencies for comment.

ROLL CALL

Names	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Supervisor Dwyer	X			
Councilman DeAngelo	X			
Councilman Kowal	X			
Councilman Mattingly	X			
Councilman Shuback	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0

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

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 the next meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and it is always preceded by a Workshop which could start as early as 5:30 p.m. and there will also be a public hearing that same evening at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Shuback that the regular meeting be adjourned. Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays)
7:24 p.m. CP.**

Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk