

October 2, 2024 GENERAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harter will call the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mayor Harter, Trustee Fuller, Trustee Olejniczak, Trustee Werner, Trustee Roach

Board Members Absent:

Also, Present: Clerk Wierzbicki, Treasurer Geller, Attorney Cassidy, Engineer Hoffman, Police Chief Coleman

Approximate Number in Audience: **25**

Mayor Harter

Before we get started, the purpose of tonight's public hearing is to solicit comment on the proposed opening of Farries Avenue as a through street. At present, the Village intends to remove the existing chain and bollards. In addition, the Village anticipates that it will refer the recent traffic study to the New York State Department of Transportation for approval to install a traffic light at the intersection of Farries Avenue and North Main Street. That will be a separate process as the Village does not have jurisdiction over that intersection.

This public hearing is to solicit comments. It is not intended as a question-and-answer session. The Village Board and its consultants will review all of the comments prior to taking action. We will not be taking any action this evening. We ask that all speakers address the Board and limit your comments to 5 minutes. Each speaker will be permitted to speak once. We encourage folks not to repeat previously stated comments or questions. You may simply state that you repeat what a previous speaker may have said.

II. PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2024 A LOCAL LAW REGULATING AUTOMATIC ALARMS

The affidavit of publication is read by Clerk Wierzbicki

A letter was received from the Florida Union Free School District requesting exemption.

Motion to open the public hearing at 7:31 PM by

Trustee Fuller Second by Trustee Olejniczak

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Comments: There were no public comments

**Motion to leave the public hearing open to
amend the school's request at 7:33PM by Trustee Olejniczak
Second by Trustee Werner**

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

*Attorney Cassidy And Mr. Mayor, I'll prepare that amendment.
Explain anticipation of that amendment will be presented at special
meeting home on October the 16th, which is our normal work session.
And once that amendment is approved by the board, will be then
presented.*

**III. PUBLIC HEARING OPENING OF FARRIES AVENUE AND
KAYE DRIVE AS A THROUGH ROAD**

The affidavit of publication is read by Clerk Wierzbicki

A petition was received regarding Farries's opening.

Motion to open the public hearing at 7:35 PM by

Trustee Fuller Second by Trustee Olejniczak

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Comments:

**John Geraudin, 30 Randall St. I'm not here for any of this
stuff. I'm here because I don't have a sewer hooked up to my
house. I've been waiting for forever.**

**Mayor Harter OK, that'll be a separate issue. We'll have to.
Discuss. I was not aware of. So we can discuss that separately, that's.
Not for this Public hearing. There's a public comment period for
that.**

JG when?

MH at the end of this meeting.

Michele Carpino 77 Farries Ave There has been a lot of talk about safety in regards to this chain over the last year and the Planning Board was very concerned about safety when Beazer homes was in the approval stages. In fact, during the Planning Board meeting in December of 2003, Bob Scott, the Planning Board chairman, said quote Farries is a narrow St. and the condition is poor. I'm concerned about the extra traffic on Farries because of the pipes under it. The width of it and the condition of it, along with the safety issue. End Quote. There was further discussion at the planning Board work session in January of 2004 about Farries being too narrow at the top. At the Planning Board meeting in January of 2004, John Collins came in to explain the traffic study that was done and he said, quote in terms of Farries, if that were to be a full connection and from what I've heard tonight? It isn't. It would have to have some upgrading. It should definitely be an emergency connection in terms of planning. At the Planning Board meeting in May of 2004, the question was asked if Farries would be full access or emergency access only. Chairman Scott said, We are concerned about any additional traffic on Farries Ave. the condition of the street and the fact that it doesn't meet village specifications are concerned. At a public hearing in March of 2006, the resident asked what guarantee they had that the road would only be an emergency exit. Engineer McDonald's Funded quote that was part of the secret study. The road is to be an emergency only Rd. that was determined by the condition of Farries. Ave. the concerns of the residents along that street and a traffic impact. At the same public hearing, another resident asked if there were any code on having entrances into the development. The response from the projects engineer was quote There are two required one is an emergency. To my knowledge, the road has not been widened at the top. There have been no sidewalks installed between New Street and Robert Drive. And there have been no infrastructure improvements to the pipes running under the road. These are all of the reasons that the planning board deemed it unsafe to have Farries Ave. opened as a full access and they are still valid today, some 20 years later.

Aaron Ubides 70 Farries Ave Good afternoon. Good evening, Aaron Ubides, 70 Farries Ave. The mayor states safety is the reason for him wanting to open fairies and Kaye Drive for through traffic. We've heard the planning board state safety was the reason for making this an emergency access only. The traffic study shows unacceptable grades. The current conditions are a C in the morning and D in the afternoon upon the completion of Glenview, It would be an Ein the in the morning and an F in the afternoon. This affects the level of service, meaning traffic backed up at the bottom of Farries. Try to make left turn. Good luck. Due to these conditions, EMS fire police response would be greatly affected. There's nowhere for people to clear the path for them. Wait until 94 is closed. If safety is your concern. The planning board's reasons as well as the current traffic study provide the facts and support keeping it as an emergency access only. The top of Farries Ave. where Kaye Drive and Farries meet needs to be addressed. The grade is not acceptable. The catch basins are too high and have little effect on catching stormwater runoff. This should be addressed in the SWPPP report. Both of these issues need to be taken care of before considering opening through traffic. What are your plans? How much is it going to cost the taxpayer? I propose a compromise. 2 11- foot gates would give them a four-foot opening between and for pedestrian passing. When 94 is closed, one gate with a sign at the entrance open with one gate with a sign at the entrance of Glenview stating residents and deliveries only, No thru street, a similar sign at the intersection of Farries and New Street. This would give Glenview residents an easy access to the village, while 94 is under construction.

Heather Ubides 70 Farries Ave

Before I start, and before you approve the Minutes for the September 4th general meeting, I did review them and it didn't accurately record my public comments. I know there was an issue with the recording and we were getting a new system and such, but I just wanted to say so. Tonight I'm here to discuss. Obviously the public hearing, but some additional comments we had actually asked at the meeting of September 4th. If there is information available regarding SEQR or any studies that were done today including engineering that was provided to us today. The date that I noticed on it was September 3rd and then it was written over a September 4th. So that again leads to my question on the transparency of this information. There was an engineer up at the issue by my House earlier this morning at 8:13, hopefully prior to any voting being done that again information would be available so that. Not only the residents can have transparency, but also the board before making. Any voting or any decisions on what's to be done, so safety being the cited issue as safety is the concern for that. What many of the residents may not have seen is over the past 12 years, our property continues to be damaged by water, not only just from Robert Drive, but once Kaye Drive was paved. It's destroying our yard. It's already destroyed our driveway. We had our own personal engineer come out and look at it to view the damage. And as per our ring recording, the engineer that was up there today agreed with the engineer that we had regarding the catch basins last summer. Under the direction of the board, the DPW put in a curve in front of our house, preventing some of the water from getting to our house. However, it's creating a massive pooling, so many kids come driving through there, especially in the winter months. We know it's going to be frozen, someone's going to get hurt. There's still the asphalt Swale where those roads connect. That was put there to mitigate the water damage. So again, if that gets open, the post gets removed. The bump comes out. Something needs to be done there. The costs projected are close to \$200,000 per our estimates that we received from a private engineer. Also, the EAS form that was supplied today. I noticed there was some Sees within that, so it specifically asks about a traffic impact. Our own traffic study that we spent \$10,000 on this year shows that there are some concerning issues that traffic study didn't comment on the physical condition or the width of the road. So that's something else to take into consideration. I don't know if it was just incorrect or omitted, there is also mentioned about water on there. There's mentioned that is the proposed action consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan. What we would like to know, and I'm hoping that after the 10-day discussion period, we'll get these answers is what comprehensive plan that's being referred to. The site plan clearly isn't what's being referred to, and that because that shows the designation as emergency access only. Additionally, the increase from zero to even one more car is an impact on the track. There, pedestrian accommodations is marked off as yes, OK. There's pedestrian accommodations at the beginning of the street. However, not from

New Street up. So we're already, you know, the board's already on notice about our water issues. We know if it were to be open, which? Quite honestly, I feel like it's more of a sore loser kind of thing, once the actions were called on, however, we get it's going to be voted on to open it. That's not the only issue. The issue is the water damage. There's more of a safety by opening the traffic and not having a means for cars to get through. And also the mass pooling so. That's why I wanted it on the record. So God forbid something does happen. They can refer back to this. I just asked before any further votes are made after that 10-day comment period that the transparency be there and we're provided with the answers as well as engineer reports. Thank you.

Sue O'Brien Farries Ave

Good evening. I have to Thank you all for doing this legally. Believe me. Quite frankly, if you wind up opening Farries, so be it if it's done. I have a lot of issues with the traffic. I think everybody here has the same issues. 17 My concern is the fact that Farries Ave. doesn't meet code. Now who the hell knows what code is. 17 When I bought my house, it was fine. There's talk of sidewalks. So I'm going to be 78 in December. You're gonna make me shovel the sidewalk. If you put it in front of me and we will all meet in Supreme Court if you make me take down my blue spruce that's in the way of where sidewalks are going to go, because God is my witness. I have been nurturing that thing since I've moved into my home. I don't get it. I don't get it. Why? And I know, I get it from the folks in Beazer. I don't disagree that they attract, but I bought a house on a dead-end street too hello. But truly, you have to think about the impact of the remediating. Of Farries Ave. coming to code. What impact is that and what the hey Is it going to cost. Am I paying it? Is the entire village paying it? Who's going to pay that? And then? As far as I know, and this is just me and my plain old Home Depot ruler. I'm already be too close to the road. If you come in and do that my house. it's only whatever the feet it the footage is my house. We won't even go there because I'm there 27 years. But my house is already too close to the road. So if you come in and take your 7 feet or whatever, that it is, well, you know it's not. I love this village. I moved here for a very, very strong reason because I wanted to be in a Community that cared. And quite frankly. You guys don't care your DPW's love us. Your cops love us. Our fire department loves us, but quite frankly, I haven't seen you at our doors saying, what do you want? I'm pretty tired of it I'm a 24/7 kid. I don't get a lot of wiggle room to even get out of my house. But quite frankly, when I'm in the front of my house, one of the cops goes by. Hey, how's everything? What's going on? Everything's good. Better and different. OK, your fire department, folks without the fire trucks. Will stop by the EMT people. Stop by your DPW, people stop by and say, how's everything? Because I'm living a life that I never thought I would. But the thought that all right Farries out into its open. So be it, as long as it's legal. I don't care about that. But if you start to do the remediating in Farries Ave. I don't care what it's

Sue O'Brien continued *going to cost. You'll all meet me in Supreme Court because you're not taking my trade because for me, just to have a tree, prune hurts. And I live here and I pay big tax dollars. And I continue to live here and I have renovated my home, our home. And I actually call it a mausoleum cause we're Gonna die here. But I am not going to allow you to mediate my property. Does that mean I have to go out and shovel? Hello? I don't think so. But that will wind up being a law. Go on the other side, that's actually to go up. Fairies Ave. The majority of the homes on the South side are fairly close to the road. The majority of the homes on the north side are not as close. Definitely you got to figure this out because I have a man I love very dearly. He actually has my bail bond been waiting because he knows I'm ready. Because we have to live here. And if you're opening Farries Ave. and this is sort of like the feeling that I'm getting. I need you to make it a referendum to the entire village.*

Mayor Harter Thank you.

SO You're welcome. Don't talk to me. I don't like you.

Janet Turner 81 Farries Ave Hi, I'm Janet Turner. You are wondering who is this strange person here? I've never seen on the streets of Florida. Well, my grandmother and you're Mary Nowicki and my grandfather Stanley Nowicki bought with the oldest homes on Farries. Ave. at the top of the hill. Back in the 40s and I have to tell you, on my mom built a home for us. My mom and dad in 1964, right next door Carpino's, were living in. And what made this area so special to me? What made me want to purchase my grandmother's house? When it was for sale, my cousin was selling it was the fact that Farries Ave. was so special and so charming. I always feel like I was kidnapped by pirates before I moved to LA, which is what happened, and LA was such a different place. I just have to tell you, you guys, you live in this amazing small town. It's special. And what makes it special is the quaintness of it. And you know the quiet sunsets sitting on the porch enjoying quiet talk and just having kids playing in the street. It's not like that in LA, LA's been overrun. It's crazy it's different and I want to tell you guys, you make this town quaint. You make it special. Farries has always been a yes it's a travel street. But when you open that and I've seen it when you open that gate that. Excuse me that a chain. The amount of traffic that comes down the street is incredible. There's a huge 180° difference on the quaintness the quietness, the kids playing in the street. I mean, we used to lay down the hills and we were little you know, I mean it was. I'm not saying kids are doing that today, but I did. I have seen them playing in the street when the traffic is going down the hill so rapidly and believe me it is and you can put cameras out. You can see it with the enormous amount of traffic going through that street. It loses its charm. And you know, it affects the residents, it affects the families, it affects the children playing in the street. This is a special town. You have something. Really. You have a jewel here and I can really attest to that because I've traveled, I've lived in suburbs, I've seen

the suburbs change. Please don't let this small-town jewel disappear and that's Farries Ave. Thank you very much.

Matthew DeRosa 27 Hill View Dr Thank you guys. We have a petition as well. It's outside of the Beazer petition that was submitted to you. We have folks from Glenmere, New Street, Jaynee St. and so on, like to submit that to you please. We also had additional folks that wanted to speak. Just want to say Jimmy's doing a great job. So. I agree with just about everything that the last speaker said, that it is a quaint town. That's why my wife and I moved here and decided to raise our kids. I don't know that. You know it's a mausoleum. We're gonna die in the house, but we plan on being here forever. Right? We have no plans on ever leaving. But what I do disagree with is, you know, in Beezer there is an inherent safety issue and we've talked about this and it's kind of It's annoying that we're up here. I think that the entire neighborhood is annoying, that we're continuously talking about this, I don't know anything about the You know the other issues regarding flooding or sidewalks to us in the Community it doesn't mean anything to us. We don't know. All I know is there's a chain that's restricting access. That is the primary access for emergency vehicles. So while we love to have kids play riding and playing outside, we also would like them to live and receive urgent care. The idea that that chain remains up and inaccessible to emergency vehicles is our biggest concern. Obviously, it's a convenience to get to town, but the number one priority is the safety of our neighborhood. The village code says it's pretty clear, right that any development? With 20 or more homes, requires 2 means of egress. I don't know what happened in 2004, but unless you're willing to change that at the next meeting, if we decide to keep the chain up, it may become litigious the opposite way, right, which is an unfortunate reality. I think this whole thing is bananas. The reasons for the chain being up make little sense to me, and it doesn't matter. I don't need for it to make sense to me personally. All I know is our neighborhood is impacted adversely by the fact that emergency vehicles cannot get up there in in the in the most efficient manner. And that's the biggest take away that I wanna make. I don't. I don't have anything else. I really wanted to add, except I implore you to understand that this chain is a Direct Line to the response of emergency vehicles, and I would say, you know, you. Guys. Chief of police is right here. Pull him aside.

Ask him. I don't know what his answer is, but if that's the most appropriate thing to do to take the chain down for emergency response vehicles, and if you're not asking those questions, you really. Should.

Mayor Harter Alright, new rule. No clapping, no booing, no clapping.

Steve Caldwell 58 Hill View Dr You mentioned something Matt mentioned before. My understanding from either local law regulation, the development of our size obviously is supposed to have two exits. I think originally one was supposed to go through Robert, Dr. and then we were supposed to have the emergency exit with a hammerhead down by Farries. Personally, my heart goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Ubides . If they have flooding, if there's issues up and down the road, certainly all those things need to be mitigated at some point, regardless of whether or not the chain goes up or down. To the best of the ability of it is, it is part of the responsibility of the village to take care of those things. Nobody Should have their house impacted in that in that fashion to me. If we're supposed to have two exits, I would look for the most cost-effective option I believe, since the road is paved, the easiest option would obviously be to take the chain down. I don't really particularly care where a second egress goes. I think it makes a little sense to put it back out of 94.

But a second egress, if we were to like purchase land and try to plow through over to Glenmere or something of that nature would cost exorbitantly more, you know, in terms of who's going to pay for this. Obviously, the whole village pays for this at some point. If they paved Warner Ave. which I believe happened a couple months ago, we all pay for that whether or not I ever drive down Werner Ave. it really doesn't matter. We're all kind of in this together. As our small community, so I would like to keep the cost down. I heard I heard a nice idea compromise in terms of you know, how to keep the road To local delivery only at certain tonnage, there's obviously things that we could do towards that as well I suppose. But again I I'm not up to say I'm anti anybody else. I'm just looking for what should be correct under the law that we should have two exits, whether that's for safety, whether that's for egress. I know for myself, For the 15 months that the chain was down, I pretty much traveled that down Farries about once a week to go to church and shy of that because I work in menacing because I travel a quick check because I go to Chester, I'm virtually never going up and down Farries. And certainly when I did and I saw the trailer that was there with clocking us with speed, I thought it was broken because it never turned on until somebody told me it only turned on when I went above 25 miles an hour. So I can only speak for myself. That's how I feel about it. And I feel that it's, it's obviously something that.

Mayor Harter Thank you next we have Mr. T Chow

Mr. Chow I have nothing to say

Andrew Burroughs 7 Doris Court the equities, the law and decency favors opening this sooner than later. It's been spoken to that there's an initial ordinance requires 2 exits per development of this size, there are 61 homes, approximately 150 residents. Right now, they have only one exit on Randolph(Randall) and I want to give an anecdotal story on that issue about a week or two before ferries chain was put back up, I was coming home from Garnett Hospital. I was transporting, I believe my mother, who had surgery both sides of Randolph(Randall) were closed, both closed by the police. I don't know why, but fortunately I was able to drive Maine up ferries into the development. Now if both sides are Randall for close, I have absolutely no way to get back to my home. And that's not the first. Time that's happened when Randolph has been closed. So the question here is why should the taxpayer residents of Glenview who pays significant taxes, property taxes that maintain all the roads, are now legally restricted from accessing a public Rd. To which they contribute to is simply no logic to it. Someone mentioned earlier there could be the counter litigation if this matter is not equitably settled, and I believe that's very, very true, I would help lead the effort. We have to see Farries open sooner than later. If there was ever a catastrophe, a fire, if the residents could not exit in a meaningful way and there was injuries, the village itself could suffer financial damage in any future lawsuits. We have to consider that. The law is clear, a development that size must have two exits and entrances. We don't. So the developments in danger unless the exit is restored on Farries Ave. The village to me, in my opinion, my legal opinion is facing financial, legal jeopardy should anything happen until. That chain is removed. Thank you.

John Figliacconi 115 North Main St I'd like to thank the current mayor and village board for all the efforts they could do daily to take and bring our community together. I've lived here 48 years. I have a family lineage on my grandfather's side. The Cooper line that dates back to the founding of this great nation here in the town of Warwick and the Great grandfather who signed up for George Washington's Continental Army. That said, I encouraged the board to take the three perspectives, the desire of a slow St. For Farries, have the desire of 56 or homes approximately

built that are taxed and in the village but from my perspective look ostracized. And in time with the chain up the commercial Main Street and small businesses do suffer, with only one way in and out, and that's 1/4 of the way to Chester. Thirdly and most importantly. The instance of medical emergency. God forbid it. But the necessary entrance for EMS, ambulance, fire, any form of public assistance in need. I believe the chain should come down. I think that you should use all resources and tax dollars. As a taxpayer, I support the board and encourage you all to vote for the chain to come down and take the necessary actions to do so. In brief and summary, I would just like to thank you. The town of Warwick seems to have had control over the Jane Street Bridge. Many in Florida did not know that. I know, factually, that this entire board under the mayor has worked diligently to get the town of Warwick board to get the grant money to get that bridge fixed and get that open. Sadly, and I don't know the specifics of each medical circumstances, but I can think of two elderly people who passed away on Jayne St. And seconds matter. When an ambulance is needed. Seconds truly matter. When that 911 phone call goes out and a person is on their deathbed. One of those people helped make this great village that everybody moved to. And another Lady, most recently lived right on the other side of the barricades. She passed away. But EMS was there for both. So I think that well. It could become a divided community. I think that there's more in this historic village that could bring us together. And focusing on what's really important, being neighborly, what's really important safety and if a senior or God forbid, a child. Or somebody else in any instance that needs police, fire, EMS. Yes. I believe the chain should come down. I thank you for your hard work. I know each one of you and I like each and every . One of You and I wish you all the best and thank you for your time.

Todd Gianntonio 40 Hill View Dr I actually have nothing new to add so and in the interest of time move on.

Mayor Harter ok

Christina Ortiz 48 Hill View Dr Hello I didn't prepare anything written. I was just taking notes as I was listening to everybody speaking. I want to echo the same sentiment about emergency response to Glenview Hills, the distance from here through Randalls is 2.2 miles. The distance from here to Farries is 1.5 miles. So my kid is choking. If somebody's having a heart attack like he said in minutes count. I have 18 years of law enforcement experience. God willing, in two years I'll be retired. And minutes 100% count in my house, the police have been called twice. The second time my kids were playing with the alarm system and didn't know, you know, whatever the pattern is to automatically trigger law enforcement response. State police took maybe 12 minutes to respond from past the precinct all the way down Randalls it around. So by that time, either I'm shot. I'm strangled. And I'm passing away because it took them extra minutes to get there versus coming through ferries, straight shot .7 miles less than coming from Randalls. That's all. Thank you.

Mayor Harter Thank you. All right. That's everyone on the list. Anybody who hasn't spoken that wants to speak.

**Motion to close the public hearing but continue written comment for 10 days at 8:03PM by Trustee Werner
Second by Trustee Olejniczak**

Attorney Cassidy Mr. Mayor, just to be clear, if there are written comments, they should be delivered to clerk Wierzbicki at village hall, either by e-mail or by letter. In addition, upon carrying tonight's comments as well as next comments, I would ask for authorization to prepare to prepare Part 2 A draft Part 2 of the Environmental Assessment Fund for your review at the September 16 meeting. I'm sorry October.

Motion by Trustee Fuller second by Trustee Olejniczak

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IV. MINUTES TABLED for review

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Olejniczak to **TABLE** the minutes of the September 4th, 2024 General Meeting

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by **Trustee Roach** seconded by **Trustee Fuller** to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Payment of Vouchers

Motion made by *Trustee Werner* seconded by Trustee Fuller to approve payment of the vouchers as audited.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3. Transfers

Transfers for Fiscal Year 5/31/25 - Oct 02

General Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
General Fund Contingency	3,000.00	
Police Supplies (No Parking Signs, various small items)		3,000.00

Water Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
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NONE

Sewer Fund Expenditures

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
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NONE

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Roach to approve transfers as presented

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Mayor Harter reminded the public that there is an informal meeting Monday October 7 at 7:30 PM for the community come out, we're trying to apply for New York forward grant. It's a \$4.5 million grant awarded to the municipality. and a lot of it can be it can all be used for downtown vitalization, sidewalks, infrastructure and you make a post about it. I apologize one second. OK, so if we want to hear your thoughts on projects about infrastructure Improvement. Enhanced Park land parking upgrades, better signage, pedestrian amenities and aesthetic improvements. Basically anything you think that can help make the village better come to the meeting and we're going to have a big think tank session about it to help improve the village and hopefully New York will listen to us and awards this grant. So if you have time on Monday evening, come down here, 33 S Main. St.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS

1. Orange County sent Mortgage Tax Receipts for the month of August.
2. NYSDOT sent a revised offer for the Willet St. property.
3. NYS Retirement sent a request for a former employee.
4. Statewide Aquastore submitted a change order for the Water tank cleaning.
5. Village of Florida Zoning Board submitted a Notice of Hearing for September 16th.
6. Florida Union Free School District regarding Local Law 2 requesting exemption.
7. TS & G Construction Corp sent an estimate for repointing of all brick at Village Hall and the Police station in the amount of \$9300.00
8. Orange and Rockland sent a notice regarding tree trimming in the area.
9. The Town of Warwick sent a SEQR Notice of project change for Serenity Ridge.
10. Village of Florida PBA is requesting dues freeze for the months of October, November and December.
11. Florida Union Free School District submitted a letter of support for the NYS Forward grant.
12. NYSDOT sent an updated CHIPS funding report.
13. An email was received from Orange County Civil Service approving Stephen Kikkert
14. A petition was received to open Farries Ave.

VII. REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

1. Thomas Fuller – Police, Justice, Emergency Management, Senior Affairs
2. Craig Olejniczak – Recreation & Parks, Animal Control, Buildings/Grounds
3. Alyssa Werner – DPW, Sewer/ Water, Chamber of Commerce, Glenmere watershed
4. Matthew Roach – Building & Planning, Historical

Each Trustee gave an update of their respectful departments

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

This opportunity is provided for members of the audience to comment on **any item listed** on the agenda. Please address the Board and limit your comments to five minutes.

Sue Obrien Farries Ave In lieu of the fact and I understand the emergency situation and the visa development, I understand all that those. They all live in my house.

Why can't the village put in one of those? And I don't know what they are called, but I do know there's such a thing as a break away chain for emergency only. Why can't the village at least do that until further notice? Is that a very expensive thing to do?

That's, I just think about it and you know quite frankly, I have it easy at the bottom end of Farries And the EMT and the police and the fire people are helping me out all the time with my husband. But at the same time. I'm sitting here thinking about it. If they couldn't get to me.

You all don't you all know my initials. So let me tell you something. If you couldn't. If the fire people couldn't, or the police couldn't get to me. Get out of the way, and I feel that it's important to make it safe because the folks who live there, there's no reason. I mean, I've heard it talked about before.

Mayor Harter we will take your comment into consideration. We are circling back on the same thing.

Sue Obrien talk is cheap do it.

Mayor Harter Right now, we're circling back to the public comment. We closed the Public hearing. Anything about the Halloween parade or any?

Mrs. Figliacconi when are we doing the trunk or treat on Main St that was so nice?

Mayor you have to discuss that with the Chamber of Commerce and the PTA. Joint venture and both parties have to hash it out.

Trustee Werner PTA is doing a different event, I believe it's the 26th

Mrs. Figliacconi I liked it better when it was all together.

John Figliacconi There is a there is an old antique car I think the Board put together

Trustee Werner Yeah, it's. It's actually a car club that's coming in to the village and providing the candy for us. And they're so they're doing a car show. They're supposed to be dressing in scary or period clothing and costumes and handing out candy, but are all the groups to the Lions Club is doing activities, and our libraries involved. So. There's a ton of community groups.

The trunk. That's the 19th. And that's in Saint Joseph field three to five on the 19th.

Unknown audience member And then the PTA is doing something like golden hill.

Trustee Werner Yeah. And he wanted to do it separate. So it was. Fun the one year you get it. Altogether,

Unknown I thought that was, yeah.

Mayor Harter Maybe. Maybe someday in the future. Anything else?

Unknown Any more copies of Agenda?

Mayor Harter. Sorry about that. All right. With that we will move on to unfinished business.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Part-time Water Meter Installer

Motion to approve the creation and hiring of Stephen Kikkert for the position. Salary 40.00/hr. effective 10/7/24.

Motion by Trustee Olejniczak second by Trustee Werner

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Halloween Curfew

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Roach to approve the enforcement of a curfew of 8:00 pm from the dates of 10/31/24. Clarification by Chief Coleman that anyone accompanied by an adult is fine.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Halloween parade road closure

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Roach to approve the road closure on Main Street for the parade from the hours of 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on 10/31/24.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3 Resolution to keep Exit 127 Route 17/86

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Florida is aware that the Route 17 to I-86 plan is in development by the NYS Department of Transportation; and WHEREAS, the Village Board and residents of Florida are concerned over the possibility of Exit 127 on Route 17 being closed down; and WHEREAS, the Village Board and residents of Florida believe that without Exit 127, an excess amount of traffic will be forced to use Exit 126 which will delay vehicles getting into Chester, Sugar Loaf, and the greater Warwick area; and WHEREAS, the amount of traffic onto Exit 126, caused by this change, would be devastating to our quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Florida, requests the maintaining of Exit 127 in the plan to convert Route 17 to I-86 for the efficiency and convenience of traffic into the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is sent to the Village of Chester, Town of Warwick, Village of Warwick, Office of Assemblyman Maher, Office of Senator Skoufis, and the New York State Department of Transportation.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Motion by Trustee Fuller second by Trustee Olejniczak

Mayor Harter	YES X	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Deputy Mayor Fuller	YES X	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Trustee Olejniczak	YES X	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Trustee Werner	YES X	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Trustee Roach	YES X	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

4. Election Resolution

Whereas, the next general Village Election for officers will be held on March 18, 2025, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees designate, by resolution, and publish the offices which are to be filled in such election and the terms thereof,

Now Be It Resolved:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees designate the following offices as vacant at the end of the current year to be filled at the Village election to be held on March 18, 2025 for the following terms:

Village Justice, four-year term

Trustee, four-year term

Trustee, four-year term

Section 2. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish this resolution in full in the Warwick Advertiser.

Section 3. This resolution shall take place immediately.

Motion By Trustee Fuller Seconded by Trustee Olejniczak

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

5. JCAP grant

Motion made by Trustee Werner seconded by Trustee Fuller to authorize the Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$4,000.00 for Court Room TV and audio equipment.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

6. Examination of the Justice Court Records and Dockets

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Roach declaring that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Florida and Village Treasurer has examined the Justice Court Records and Dockets and found them to be satisfactory in accordance with the law.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

7. Craig Smith CDL Reimbursement

Motion to approve reimbursement for CDL license for Craig Smith in the amount not to exceed \$3200.00 from the Dutchess School of Driving CDL Class B Training package. Subject to Attorney review.

Motion by Trustee Olejniczak second by Trustee Werner

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

8. Maple Ave sidewalk bid

GMC Construction New Hampton, NY \$196,979.50	A Tech Construction Edison, NJ \$247,440.00	Consorti Bros. Newburgh, NY \$249,110.27	TAM Enterprises Goshen, NY \$249,233.00	Boyce Exc Slate Hill, NY \$290,190.00
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Motion to table by Trustee Fuller second by Trustee Roach

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

9. NYSDOT Offer of Acquisition

Motion to approve offer in the amount of \$3450.00 for parcel on Willet St. for the NYSDOT Route 94 road improvements.

Motion to approve by Trustee Werner second by Trustee Fuller

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XI. Meeting Schedule

October 16, 2024	9:30 AM Work Session/Special Meeting
November 6, 2024	9:30 AM Work Session 7:30 Meeting
November 20, 2024	9:30 AM Work Session
December 4, 2024	9:30 AM Work Session 7:30 Meeting
December 18, 2024	9:30 AM Work Session

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Giraudin 30 Randall St. I moved here in 86-87 I went to put an addition on my house and I thought I was hooked up to the sewer originally because I got a sewer bill. So I came and spoke with a Lou Poloniak back here and he said no, you don't have a sewer, you have a sewer tax fee which gives you Leeway when you pay that bill, the village when sewer is available on your street, they will hook you up on them. They never hooked me up when they hooked the sewer up on Randall St. I met with Jerry MacDonald's previous mayor. The building inspector, the shop steward for the job over there and they said, OK, we'll put it right here. They never did. A year later. They gave a grant, I believe, for people made less than \$30,000. They hooked them up for free. I'm the only one That didn't get hooked up. because I have a job I guess. And they said they would look into it, hooked me up and I'm here now because they're allegedly going to fix this road. Before they fix the road it would be nice to get it hooked up so they don't have to dig up the road again. I have receipts that show I paid that bill yearly. I don't have all of them I had that flood in 2011. But they're supposed to hook me up and they never did.

Mayor Harter let me look into this and get back to you.

JG Thank you.

Greg Kimiecik Is there still 2-hour parking on Main Street?

Mayor Harter yes there is still a limit.

Trustee Olejniczak Have you been abusing it?

GK some people are

MH ok we will talk to the police

GK just curious

Matt DeRosa Is there a time frame for a vote or? Completion to the chain.

Mayor Harter As last we heard. First and foremost, that's a town board discussion, so I would if you really want to thorough answer, reach out to the board town board.

MD chain not Jayne

MH My apologies. All right. So the chain we're going to close everything in 10 days.

Review all the information and then we'll make a decision on how to proceed at the next monthly meeting tentatively.

MH Yes?

Janet Turner How has the road been improved in the 20 years? 20 years ago you guys decided it was too narrow or nobody knows the story. (unknown) convert the pipes, if nothing's improved the situation is the same. Don't you need to improve the road? What does that cost?

Mayor Harter it gets tar and chipped and maintained just like all of our other roads. Glenmere Ave, Werner Ave all our streets go on a rotating maintenance.

Janet Turner I understand that but 20 years ago your board said we do not recommend unless the street get widened, it needs to get widened in order to function properly

Mayor Harter we are circling back to the comments made earlier in the meeting.

Janet Turner we were able to talk we weren't able to answer questions See, now I'm asking you if.

MH It's still public comment.

JT OK. Well, what is that going to cost? inaudible

MH The whole purpose of tonight as discussed The beginning of the meeting was that public hearing is to take the chain and bollards down

JT Without improving the road.

MH The roads are maintained with all the other ones.

JT OK, So what existed 20 years ago doesn't exist today. And I'm just curious because you know you're the same board. I mean, different people, you know? But you were the village of Florida board, same jurisdictions, same positions and 20 years ago you had and made his comments various people made comments. So what's changed? 20 years later? It's the same Road.

MH We're not the same board.

JT you are the Village of Florida board same jurisdiction same positions for 20 years. What's changed? I don't understand

Attorney Cassidy Mayor I would suggest that we close the public comment, oral comment and folks have additional comments or questions that they submit.

MH OK. Thank you for your comment Please submit in writing

JT Really, I thought this was a comment section.

Mayor Harter Which it is. It's not a question-and-answer session, it's public comment and you're allowed to comment.

Janet Turner Am I allowed to ask questions? I'm asking the lawyer right there. Elizabeth. Am I allowed to ask questions?

Attorney Cassidy You are. We had a public comment period on specific topic with Farries Ave Janet Turner. I'm asking questions now.

20 years ago you guys said the vote wasn't fit for widening, so I'm assuming you're going to widen it. What's that going to cost taxpayer?

Attorney Cassidy OK. That's your question. We've accepted your question Thank you.

Janet Turner what's the answer?

Mayor Harter we will get back to you

Aaron Ubides The breakaway chain is being replaced with steel chain, which is not allowed. Why?

That's a safety issue and I'm against the steel chain. It was replaced the steel chain.

MH I was unaware the DPW supervisor put it there.

AU I am not saying who put there. Just saying there is a Steel chain, where there's plastic chain.

MH you have a ring camera, it would be helpful if you tell us.

AU I can't say who I know it was a DPW truck

MH I will look into it

Sue Obrien Just my old brain. So do you will be making some type of decision in the near future on whether or not the chain will be up down in between. Whatever. Is that my understanding. OK. So with that in mind will the folks who live on Farries have some documentation of the upgrading or bringing the road to code will we be getting any type of information as to what's going to go forward, whether it happens in the next 10 months, next 12 months, 18 months? Will we get some type of information about that?

Mayor Harter we will do the best we can

SO well you know you or the DOT or whoever we all know 94 is going to be closed. We all know that is a given am I correct?

MH we are not doing a question and answer

SO So it's going to be open anyway. Does the opening of it to give egress from 94 up and through into the village, because there will be some type of construction going on where 94 will be impassable. Does Farries meet the DOT criteria?

MH we will get that into public comment and we will get back to you next month.

Unknown audience comment

MH We may have to replace the steel chain. But that's it. So if it goes down for 30 seconds.

Crystal Oneal There's such a divide in this point village that was posted earlier that this would be just a point, and it's so neighborly. But there's a divide and they divide is.

Taken at the cost of our safety .If they're so quaint and accepting of us, then they would be willing to make sure to receive it and to the West property West of the village for the development outside, that's all.

Mayor Harter Thank you for your comment, all right. Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Werner so moved

Trustee Fuller second

All in favor

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Werner seconded by Trustee Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

**Respectfully submitted for Board approval,
Colleen Wierzbicki**