

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025
VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD LAKE
PO BOX 7, 18 CHURCH STREET
GREENWOOD LAKE, NY 10925**

Mayor Thomas Howley called to order the Village Board Meeting at 6:03 pm on August 20, 2025, for the Village of Greenwood Lake located at 18 Church Street in Greenwood Lake, NY.

The following persons were present:

- Mayor Thomas Howley
- Trustee Chad Sellier
- Trustee Thais Pilieri
- Trustee John Trazino
- Trustee Matthew Veth
- Attorney Matthew Toal

MAYOR’S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because Labor Day falls so early this year, we’ve decided to keep the beach open for one extra weekend — Saturday, September 6th and Sunday, September 7th. The Town of Warwick Senior BBQ was well-attended; thank you to Trustee Pilieri and her so who helped serve. The town did an excellent job feeding so many people in a timely manner. Congressman Pat Ryan is hosting an information session at Marist University in Poughkeepsie for students, parents, and educators interested in learning about the Service Academy nomination process, meeting nomination board interviewers, or discovering other pathways to service are encouraged to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Jim Johnson – Village Property
- Lee Schulz – Warwick Planning Board

VISITING OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Floyd DeAngelo, Warwick Town Baord: Spoke briefly about Warwick’s Friendly Visitor program. The Town of Warwick, in partnership with Jewish Family Service of Orange County, offers a Senior Independence Program that connects volunteers with residents over 60 to provide transportation, food assistance, social visits, and wellness check-ins, helping seniors stay independent and connected. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, with flexible opportunities and training provided. Call 845.986.1124 ext. 400 for more information.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PARKS DEPARTMENT reported by Brendan Kolesar

Brendan Kolesar from the Parks Department reported the following activities completed this month:

- Began preparing the fields for Fall Ball.
- Returned the weed harvester from West Milford.
- Applied mosquito dunks in all catch basins and areas of standing water.
- Re-mulched the playground, and continued mowing, watering, and emptying garbage cans village-wide.
- Completed work to bring Police Department cameras fully online.
- Installed a new pole and electrical service for the beach camera.
- Removed downed trees from the Greenwood Park lagoon.
- Repaired and restored the fountain in the Greenwood Park lagoon.
- Trimmed trees by the basketball court.
- Repaired the leaking boiler at the Community Center.
- Set up the generator for the caisson well test.

DPW (reported by Bill Roe) Blacktopping work continued this month; ditches were cleaned on Old Dutch Hollow. New bases for Bennett Field have arrived and will be installed Monday.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Reported by Sgt. Jones for Chief Adam Eirand

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Department Statistics –

- Handled 1155 blotter reports, conducted 272 traffic stops, issued 109 traffic summonses, handled 2 motor vehicle accidents, responded to 40 check welfare/assist citizens along with 28 medical/aided calls and 7 arrests were executed.

Personnel Changes / FTO Completions –

- New Hires–
 - We are seeking board approval to hire Martin Jordan as a part-time police officer to fill an opening for a school resource officer. Mr. Jordan brings over 20 years of experience as a police officer with the New York City Police Department, and we believe his extensive background in law enforcement will be a valuable asset to our department and community.

- We are seeking board approval to hire Anthony Trimarco as our part-time crossing guard. Mr. Trimarco has been a valued member of our community for many years and we believe he will be a great fit for this position.
- Re-Hires –
 - None.
- Retirements/Resignations/Terminations –
 - None.

Public Correspondences –

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of our Village Camera Project. We extend our sincere appreciation to Sergeant Gayler, Sergeant Jones, and Dispatcher Schwetje for their hard work and dedication throughout the project. Their efforts were essential to the success of this important public safety initiative. Special thanks as well to Brendan Kolesar and Joe McNamee for their hard work and diligence in preparing and installing the system. Finally, we would like to thank Chief Tim McGuire and Detective Anthony Grasso of the Village of Chester Police Department for their guidance and support throughout the process.

Several roadway signage improvements are currently underway to enhance traffic safety throughout the village:

Edgemere Avenue: Following a review with the Department of Public Works (DPW), new signage will be installed around a blind curve. This will include a recommended speed limit of 15 mph and “Hidden Drive” warnings to improve driver awareness and reduce potential hazards.

Waterstone Road: In response to frequent concerns about vehicles traveling the wrong way on this one-way street, additional signage and pavement markings will be added.

These improvements aim to improve compliance and overall traffic safety. The project is scheduled to be completed before the start of the school year on September 4th.

Greenwood Park: Special thanks to Anthony Mann for his dedication in completing the Greenwood Park sign installation. The project has been met with strong approval from residents, who have expressed appreciation for the improvement.

Mayor Howley commended the Police Chief for his leadership and coordination on the camera project, noting the effort involved and its importance for public safety. He also recognized Anthony Mann of the Town of Warwick DPW for his ongoing support with signage, traffic recommendations, and quick response, calling him a valuable asset to the Village.

WATER DEPARTMENT: (reported by Mayor Howley)

August 2025

- For the month of August, the department has been performing its daily, weekly and monthly sampling, testing and reporting. Along with utility mark out responsibilities and water service calls.
- We were involved in a conference call this morning with DHS, DOH, our IT personnel and engineers to address some concerns that the agency had with our Cyber Security Vulnerability Report. Their questions and concerns were answered and the report will be updated as needed.
- Our 72-Hour Pump Test is currently being set up at the Caisson (Well 5) by the village Hydrologist. And our engineers are taking the necessary samples to satisfy DOH requirements in order to put the well back in service.
- Delaware Engineering has gotten back the revised Treatment Plant upgrade project plans as some necessary changes had to be made for DOH approval. The Village is hoping to begin the project as soon as possible.
- The department took deliveries of Phosphate, Sodium Permanganate, Coagulant and Chlorine this month as summer water usage has necessitated a high chemical demand.
- The department would like to thank the Warwick DPW for clearing out the all the trees and brush inside the fenced in area at the caisson wellhouse location so the well contractors can access the well with their equipment.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Trustee Pilieri:

Trustee Pilieri thanked the Town of Warwick and Warwick Rotary Club for hosting the annual Senior BBQ. The Greenwood Lake Senior Center remains open Tuesday–Friday with activities including yoga, Zumba, weekly lunches, monthly community meals, technology sessions in partnership with the library, and access to the Dial A Bus service. The Greenwood Lake Library successfully concluded its summer reading program and is resuming regular programming with story times, teen programs (including a credit management workshop on Sept. 10), adult programs (fraud prevention seminar on Sept. 10), museum pass offerings, and extensive digital resources. The Chamber of Commerce will host Restaurant Week (Oct. 6–17), a Fall Mixer (Oct. 22), and a Comedy Night (Nov. 8). The school district begins Sept. 4, with a new state-mandated “distraction-free schools” policy prohibiting student use of electronic devices during the school day.

Trustee Sellier:

Building Dept (July 2025)

Fees Collected: \$5,990

82% of the fees are attributed to Building Permit and Permit renewal fees

Building Permits: \$3,240

Municipal Searches: \$1,650

New Permit Activity: 25
Building activity cost of construction (improvements and new construction): ~ \$235K
1 permit withdrawn
16 new permits opened
8 permits granted certificates

Building Permits closed out: 17
Certificates of Compliance: 17
Certificate of Occupancy: 0

Complaints: 9
5 septic maintenances
3 property maintenance
1 rental property
Resulted in the issuance of 4 violations (see below)

Village Code Violations: 9
85-15 (5)
116-6 Rental Inspections (1)
Chapter 62, Property Maintenance (3)

ZBA/Planning
One meeting held in July, two applications in the village seeking site plan approval and one application also seeking variance to reconstruct and enlarge a pre-existing nonconforming use
Next meeting is August 12

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Survey has been open for a little of two months
Reminder it is accessible on the village website and on flyers with the QR code at businesses throughout the village
264 responses to date, 68% are those over the age of 45 years old; we encourage our young adults and teens to also participate in the survey
22 questions, and should take about 10minutes to complete
Demographic questions (age, relationship to village, how long have you lived here, do you intend to live here in the next 5 years)
Current view and future vision of the village as both a resident and business owner around housing and access to goods and services
Open ended questions about what you love and what you think the challenges are with the village

Areas of focus sub committees will be using the survey data to incorporate into the visioning process for the Comp plan
DoCom (Downtown Cohesiveness, Design, Marketing)
C-Ped (Economic Development & Community Partnerships)
TREF (Transportation, Pedestrian Safety, Recreation, Family & Housing)
Environmental Sustainability

Village Code

See details under building report.

Trustee Trazino:

PUBLIC SAFETY

I have reached out to representatives of our emergency services regarding reporting monthly activity.
Chief Eirand has delivered the monthly report for the Police Department.
The Greenwood Lake Ambulance Corps reported that for the month of June they handled a total of 43 calls and for the month of July 63 calls.
Anyone who wishes to follow the Ambulance Corps on Instagram can see updates for new events they have coming up as well as monthly call volume data.
No issues reported.
No information provided by the GWL Fire Dept.
No issues reported.
I have received some inquiries regarding a recent news report concerning the outlying Greenwood Lake area.
In relation to that, please be advised:
Anyone can sign up to receive notifications from New York State by signing up for NY-Alert.
You will receive alerts for severe weather, transportation issues, consumer protection, public health and sex offender re-locations.
You can sign up for this service by going to alert.ny.gov

Trustee Veth:

Trustee Veth thanked Robert Keegan for his ongoing support with beach concerts, noting his efforts in securing a last-minute band and performing himself. Feedback from residents included appreciation for the removal of hedges at the beach and concerns about the need to strengthen the goose management program. Upcoming events include: Irish Night at the beach hosted by the Greenwood Lake Gaelic Cultural Society with a tree planting for Project Children (Aug. 23); American Legion Post 1443 Red, White & Blue Festival (Sept. 6); Elks Family Fun BBQ with Lions Club support (Sept. 14); and the Community Charity Cornhole Tournament (Sept. 20). Trustee Veth also

reported on attending National Night Out in Warwick, where Greenwood Lake was well represented. Finally, he noted work underway to improve videoconferencing capabilities for meetings.

Attorney Report – Matt Toal: Nothing to report.

Clerk’s Report- Katherine Holder:

Notary hours are now Monday–Friday, 9:00–12:00 and 2:00–3:30. Water bills will be mailed the second week of September, and second notices for unpaid tax bills will also be sent out in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Treatment: The season began with delays in securing permits, but with DEC assistance the treatments were completed successfully, showing very positive results. A smaller touch-up treatment is scheduled for Friday in the north arm and part of the west arm, along with a survey for potential algae blooms. While a possible HAB was reported in the north arm, follow-up testing has shown no issues, and no blooms have been detected at the beach. The kayak launch is expected to reopen Monday, pending final confirmation. There are no swimming restrictions with this treatment, though residents are advised not to use lake water for irrigation. The weed harvester has been returned from West Milford and will be used for cleanup after the herbicide takes effect. Overall, lake conditions are considered the best they have been in years.

Paving: Road paving is scheduled to begin after Labor Day, following completion of work in Warwick. Planned roads include Windermere Avenue (from the light to Holy Rosary Church), Golden Avenue, Sterling Road, Hazen Street, Wilson Street, Felter Place, Mary Road, and Kane Road, though the schedule may change. Some roads will be milled before paving to prevent height issues with driveways and lawns. Updates and timelines will be posted on the Village website and social media.

NEW BUSINESS

West Nile Virus: The Department of Health reported a positive mosquito test for West Nile Virus from traps placed near Elks Drive and Vine Street, though no human cases have been reported. Residents are urged to eliminate standing water on their properties to reduce breeding areas. The County provided mosquito control “dunks,” which were placed in all Village storm drains to help limit mosquito populations. Residents are also reminded to take personal precautions against mosquito bites, and to seek medical care if flu-like symptoms develop.

Beach: Trustee Veth and Kathleen were commended for successfully managing the concert series, which has received very positive feedback. The beach has been well-used throughout the season, with strong attendance during the recent stretch of hot weather. Operations have run smoothly, and lifeguards have done an excellent job maintaining safety. The beach season will be extended by one additional weekend.

Draw Down 2026-2027: The five-year lake draw down is scheduled for winter 2026–2027. Lakefront property owners considering work on bulkheads or other shoreline projects are encouraged to begin planning now, as permits from the DEC, the Village, and the Town will take time to process.

DEC 2025 Grant applications for Nonpoint Source Greenwood Lake WQ Improvement: The grant application, prepared by the Lake Commission with extensive research and statistical data, aims to fund long-term maintenance such as dredging, hydro-raking, and other necessary treatments for the North Arm. This funding will help address ongoing lake management needs on a multi-year cycle.

EVENTS:

- Zoning Board Meeting tentative dates for September are September 9th and September 23rd, located at Village Hall, 18 Church Street starting at 7:30 PM.
- Farmer’s Market – Saturday mornings through October 25th, 9 AM – 1:00 PM, located at Winstanley Park, 133 Windermere Avenue
- Zumba at the Beach – Saturday mornings, at 9:30 AM from July 5th – August 29th, located at Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park, 7 Windermere Avenue
- Yoga at the Beach – Sunday mornings, at 8:30 AM from July 6th – August 30th, located at Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park, 7 Windermere Avenue
- Summer Concert Series – Irish Night at the Beach, Saturday August 23rd at 6:00 PM, located at Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park, 7 Windermere Avenue.
- Summer Concert Series – Mighty Spectrum Band, Saturday August 30th at 7:30 PM, located at Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park, 7 Windermere Avenue.
- Summer Concert Series – Dark Horses, Saturday September 6th at 7:30 PM, located at Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park, 7 Windermere Avenue.
- Pat Ryan United States Service Academies Information Session Saturday, September 13, 2025, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Marist University in the Dyson Center, Poughkeepsie, NY

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #17: Authorizing partial refund of property taxes for 2024 and 2025 for 4 Oak Street. Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Pilieri. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #18: Acknowledges that the required examination of the Justice Court records for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2025, has been completed; and that a copy of said examination shall be transmitted to the New York State Unified Court System in accordance with applicable requirements. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Pilieri. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #19: Authorizes the hiring of Martin Jordan as a Part-Time Police Officer for the Village of Greenwood Lake Police Department, at an hourly rate of \$29.88, effective immediately, subject to all applicable civil service rules and regulations. Motion made by Trustee Pilieri and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #20: Authorizes the hiring of Anthony Trimarco as a Part-Time School Crossing Guard for the Village of Greenwood Lake, at a rate of \$30.00 per day, effective immediately, subject to all applicable rules and regulations. Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

Resolution #21: authorizes the submission of a grant application to T-Mobile, through its Hometown Grants Program, provides funding opportunities for municipalities and nonprofit organizations to complete projects that build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that foster local connections; and WHEREAS, the Village of Greenwood Lake desires to apply for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to support a community project that will enhance public spaces and strengthen local engagement. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Veth. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

APPROVAL TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Veth. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Pilieri to approve minutes from the July 16, 2025, Village Board Meeting and July 28, 2025, Special Meeting. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Sellier at 6:53pm and seconded by Trustee Veth. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Sellier, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Trazino.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katheleen Holder
Village Clerk/Treasurer

The next meeting will be September 24, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.