

**VILLAGE of GREENWOOD LAKE  
BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026  
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 6:05 pm on January 21, 2026, for the Village of Greenwood Lake located at 18 Church Street in Greenwood Lake, NY.

**The following persons were present:**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The mayor reviewed the Village snow plan, reminding property owners and businesses that they are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their properties. In accordance with New York State standards, sidewalks must be cleared within 10 hours following the end of a snowfall, excluding the hours between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- The mayor reiterated the village's winter overnight parking regulations: no street parking is permitted on Village streets from November 1 through April 1 between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. He emphasized that vehicles parked on narrow streets significantly impede snow removal operations and create safety concerns for DPW crews working long overnight hours.
- Residents were encouraged to plan ahead during snow events and utilize the municipal parking lot, when necessary, rather than parking on Village streets.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Orange County's Code Blue Alert: Where to Find Warming Centers
- Peter Lyons Hall – Redesign of Website Estimate
- NYCOM and Comp Alliance
- Assemblyman Karl Brabenec - New York State Legislative Session
- Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus- Free Naloxone (NARCAN) Trainings
- NYS Department of Transportation – CHIPS, PAVE-NY, EWR and POP
- Orange County Department of Human Resources – Informational Training Session for Civil Service Administration
- Fred Rumler – Warwick Valley Waste Not, Want Not Survey
- Edward Bartulovich – GWL View LLC – Liquor License

**VISITING OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

Floyd DeAngelo, Town of Warwick Board, had no report.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**DPW** (reported by Bill Roe)

Mr. Roe reported that DPW crews have responded to approximately five snow events this month and thanked the Police Department for their assistance in helping to clear vehicles from roadways, noting that parked cars—particularly on narrow streets—significantly impede snow removal operations and create safety concerns for

operators of large plow trucks. He advised that DPW staff worked extended hours during recent storms, including more than 35 hours of overtime over the past weekend, and acknowledged that crews are tired but continuing their work. Mr. Roe also reported that the village has an adequate supply of road salt, with approximately 500 tons ordered and additional deliveries ongoing, and confirmed there is no current shortage.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT** (reported by Brendan Kolesar)

December 2025/January 2026

- Plowed snow at Village-owned properties during winter storm events
- Cleaned and serviced trucks and equipment following storms
- Completed repairs at Village Hall
- Completed repairs at the Community Center
- Repaired a door at the DPW building
- Repaired the exhaust extractor system at the bus garage
- Performed maintenance on the temporary heating system at the water treatment plant
- Emptied public garbage receptacles throughout the Village on a regular basis

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** (reported by Chief Adam Eirand)

**December 2025**

**Department Statistics** –

- Handled 673 blotter reports, conducted 135 traffic stops, issued 89 traffic summonses, handled 12 motor vehicle accidents, responded to 28 check welfare/assist citizens along with 16 medical/aided calls and 2 arrests were executed. Our average response time for all calls for service this month was two and a half minutes.

**Personnel Changes / FTO Completions** –

- No new hires, rehires and/or resignations.
- We expect two part-time police officers to resign in mid-2026. As a result, we are conducting background investigations on two candidates for part-time police positions, contingent on the successful completion of these investigations. As a reminder, we are currently seeking part time police officers, and we are continually hiring when candidates are a good fit for our department and community.

**Departmental Updates** –

- We are focusing our efforts on enhancing wellness for both our officers and community. Our goal is to have our instructional staff certified in areas such as personal fitness, nutrition, wellness coaching and crisis intervention for individuals and groups. This initiative will be valuable not just for our staff but for everyone in our community, as we plan to roll out programs that benefit all residents.

**Public Correspondences** –

- With the frigid temperatures and icy conditions, it's essential to prioritize safety while enjoying winter activities. As the lake freezes over, please exercise caution around the water.
- Stay off any ice that appears thin or has cracks, keep a close eye on children near the lake, even if they aren't yours, monitor our local weather updates and consider the safety and enjoyment of those around you.
- If you see someone being reckless or unsafe, please call our police department at 845-477-9211 to report it. While we encourage everyone to enjoy winter activities, let's do so safely and respectfully. Stay warm and have fun.

**WATER PROJECT REPORT**

- The department collected year end annual and 1st quarter health department samples.
- Set up temporary heaters and insulated drum blankets to prevent freezing of chemicals and chem pump feed lines.

- Took deliveries of Phosphate, Coagulant and Sodium Permanganate.
- Found significant leak at Scotts Way. And worked with Town DPW on live valve cut-in to repair another distribution leak.
- Replaced entire starter due to a bad coil that kept tripping out Well E during start-up.

## COMMISSION REPORTS

### Trustee Pilieri:

#### Chamber of Commerce

- Upcoming Events: The "Cabin Fever" business mixer is set for Wednesday, January 28, at Murphy's. A Canva workshop is planned for early March, followed by a spring mixer in late March or early April.<sup>1</sup>
- Street Fair: The annual Street Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

#### Senior Center & Community Care

- Operations: Daily attendance averages 25–35 seniors. The center follows the Greenwood Lake School District's weather schedule; if schools are delayed two hours, the center opens at 10:30 AM.
- Outreach: Residents are urged to check on senior neighbors during cold weather to assist with shoveling, salting, or groceries. Concerns regarding a neighbor's well-being should be reported to Village Hall for a wellness check.

#### Greenwood Lake Public Library

- Tax Assistance: Free AARP tax preparation is available by appointment (call 211 or 1-800-899-1479).
- Art & Programs: Local artists and photographers are invited to submit work for 2026 exhibitions. Upcoming events include a Valentine's workshop for children, a Tween Book Club, chair yoga for adults, and a virtual "Songs from the Heart" concert on March 7.

#### School District Updates

- Events: The STEM fair is held tonight. Spirit Week begins January 26, coinciding with the end of the second marking period.
- Key Dates: \* February 6: Sweetheart Night at the elementary school (6:00 PM).
  - February 9: Next Board of Education meeting (6:00 PM at the Middle School).
  - February 16: Schools closed for President's Day.

Contact Information: Trustee Pilieri can be reached via email at [thais@villageofgreenwoodlake.org](mailto:thais@villageofgreenwoodlake.org).

### Trustee Sellier:

#### Building Dept (December 2025)

Fees Collected: \$5,649 (2025 annual: \$110,815)

- 66% of the fees are attributed to Building Permits and Annual Inspections
  - \$ 2,824– Building Permit
  - \$ 1,500 – Stop Work Order
  - \$ 900 – Annual Fire & Rental Inspections

#### New Permit Activity:

- 8 new permits opened
- Building activity cost of construction (improvements and new construction): ~ \$107K

#### Building Permits closed out: 18

- Certificates of Compliance: 17
- Certificate of Occupancy: 1

Complaints: 0

Village Code Violations: 0

#### ZBA/Planning

- There were no planning or zoning meetings in the month of December

- Zoning Board Meeting tentative dates January and February are January 27th, and February 10th and February 24th located at Village Hall, 18 Church Street starting at 7:30 PM

### **Comprehensive Plan Committee**

- Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshop was held on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Greenwood Lake Elementary School. 40 individuals registered, interacting with the 6 stations that were set up
  - Stations were manned by both NPV and Comprehensive Plan Committee members
  - 6 interactive stations
- Welcome Station – station handout to guide you through the workshop and important materials (e.g., pens, post it notes)
- A Vision for the Future
- Strengths and Opportunities
- Village Priorities
- Places and Connections
- Village Enhancements
- Workshop Goal: capture public input on the vision and priorities of the Comprehensive Plan update, building from the themes we constructed from the survey feedback and work of the subcommittees
  - Vision Statement
  - Topics, Goals, and Recommendations
- Public survey was closed on 12/8. In total, we collected responses from 460 individuals who engaged with the survey
- Areas of focus sub committees will be using the survey data and public workshop 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

### Next Steps:

- Our Consultant, NPV, will be tabulating the responses and creating a public workshop summary which will be an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Comprehensive Plan Committee will reconvene in early February to discuss lessons learned from the workshop, and review draft language for the vision, goals and objectives that will become part of the draft Comprehensive Plan Update

### **Trustee Trazino:**

#### **Emergency Services Monthly Update**

- Police Department: Trustee Trazino thanked Chief Eirand for the monthly report.
- Fire Department: The department responded to 187 calls in 2025, with 17 of those occurring in December. No issues were reported.
- Ambulance Corps: Data for December was unavailable at the time of the meeting but will be included in next month's report.

#### **Winter Safety & Ice Skating**

- Ice Safety: Residents are reminded to heed safety warnings regarding ice thickness. It is advised to never go out on the ice alone and to ensure someone knows your location.
- Skate Share Program: A new community initiative has launched at the Greenwood Lake Community Center.
  - How it works: Residents can borrow a pair of skates from the bins located by the garage doors and return them when finished.
  - Donations: The village is seeking donations of used skates that children have outgrown or are no longer in use.

- Maintenance: If any skates are found to be in disrepair, please notify Village Hall or the Police Department dispatch.

**Closing Note:** Trustee Trazino highlighted the program as an example of "Lakers helping Lakers" and encouraged the community to enjoy the ice safely.

#### **Trustee Veth:**

#### **Organizations**

- Elks
  - Karaoke Night Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; anyone interested in membership or singing a tune or 2 come to the Lodge located on Elks Drive
  - Hosting a charity blind draw cornhole tournament Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am
- The American Legion
  - Friend in need tricky tray Sun Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at GWL American Legion Post. \$20 donation. Tricky Tray, 50/50, Music, Buffet, anyone interested in making donation Call Peggy 845-494-3592
  - Hosting a cornhole league for the next 4 weeks on Friday nights at 6:30
- GWL Little League
  - Registration for this coming season is open, register now pay later, visit their website [www.gwllittleleague.com](http://www.gwllittleleague.com)
- GWL Lions
  - Comedy Night Sat Feb 28th 7:30 pm at the American Legion Post 1443
  - Tickets on sale now through February 20 for \$20. After that date and at the door \$25. Online sales through Zeffy. Must be 21+ to attend.

#### **Lake**

- There will be a public workshop on Sat Feb 21st 10 am at the GWL Senior Center on lake weed and geese control programs; anyone interested in helping or info is welcome to attend.

#### **Beach and Summer Concert Series**

- Beach and Summer Concert programs are being worked on. Schedule and budgetary items, and sponsorships are being addressed, some bands and events are booked fireworks will be on Sat July 4th 2026 at Thomas Morahan waterfront park celebrating our 250th.

#### **Info and Technology**

- Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Clerk's Report- (Katheleen Holder):**

#### **Water Department Notices**

- **Billing:** Second notices for water bills have been mailed. Payments must be received by **February 13** to avoid the balance being re-levied onto the June village tax bills.
- **Water Service Line Survey:** New York State requires 100% participation in the service line inventory. Currently, only 104 out of approximately 1,300 households have responded.
  - Residents are urged to complete the survey to avoid repeated annual mailings.
  - **Assistance:** Residents who are not tech-savvy or need help identifying their lines can bring a photo of their water service to Village Hall for staff assistance.

#### **Sanitation Schedule**

- **Holiday Schedule:** The 2026 garbage collection schedule, including holiday service shifts, has been posted to the Village website, Facebook, and Instagram.
- **Weather Delays:** Residents should monitor the Village Facebook page for emergency updates regarding garbage collection delays due to snowstorms or other weather events.

**Attorney Report –Bryan Conway:** no report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ice Safety:** A brief reminder was given regarding ice safety. Residents were encouraged to enjoy winter activities but to use caution, be aware of changing conditions, and stay safe while out on the ice.

**Ice Rinks:** It was noted that the Village has two portable ice rinks that were not installed this season due to leveling issues. There was brief discussion about exploring a more permanent ice/hockey/roller hockey facility in the future.

While the idea is still in very early stages, the Board expressed interest in expanding recreational opportunities and plans to continue discussing the concept as a committee.

**Lead Water Survey:** Mayor Howley explained that the Lead Water Survey is a mandate required by New York State and not an initiative created by the Village. The survey is ongoing, with no rigid deadline imposed by the state, but it must be completed as required at some point in time.

**Building Department Mailer:** The Building Department included a questionnaire in the same mailing as the lead survey reminder. The information being requested is for statistical and record-keeping purposes, specifically to maintain accurate data on single-family and two-family rental units that require inspections, including fire inspections. Residents were encouraged to complete and return the form, as it will greatly assist the Village in keeping accurate records.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Warming Center:** Effective immediately and throughout the weekend, the Village's warming center will be available to residents. The designated warming center is the Senior Center, which has been communicated to the Town as a town-wide resource. The facility will remain open during the day and will be secured in the late afternoon; however, residents in need may contact the Police Department at any time to have it reopened. In the event of a power outage, the warming center may be relocated to the Teen Center next door, which has generator power. Residents, particularly families with children and elderly individuals, were strongly encouraged to use the warming center during the expected extreme cold and not hesitate to call for assistance.

**Tax Grievance Night:** The village will hold its annual Tax Grievance Night in February 23, 2026, for residents who believe their tax assessments are incorrect. Residents were encouraged to contact the Village office in advance for guidance on what documentation to bring, as supporting materials are recommended when filing a grievance. The Town Tax Assessor will be on site, and the session will be held at Village Hall in the conference room from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Safety Traffic Study:** the Town of Warwick is conducting a comprehensive traffic and transportation safety study involving all villages, including Florida, Warwick, Greenwood Lake, and the Town as a whole. The collaborative, town-wide study will evaluate accident reduction, speeding concerns, signage needs, and the appropriateness of current speed limits. A public workshop meeting will be held on January 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Warwick Town Hall, and residents were encouraged to attend and participate.

**Town of Warwick Park and Recreation Community Survey:** The Town of Warwick Parks and Recreation Department has launched a community survey, which has been posted and is now available for public participation. Residents were encouraged to take a few minutes to complete the survey, as feedback will help guide future improvements, upgrades, and changes to park facilities. The survey includes town parks such as Winstanley Park and Thomas Morahan Beach. Public input was emphasized as important in shaping the future of these recreational spaces, and results will be shared once the survey concludes.

## **EVENTS:**

- Teen Center scheduled for Tuesday nights, located at the Community Center, 51 Waterstone Road between the hours of 4-6 PM for 2-5th grades, 6-8 PM for 6-8th grade
- Zoning Board Meeting tentative dates January and February are January 27th, and February 10th and February 24th located at Village Hall, 18 Church Street starting at 7:30 PM.
- Warwick Transportation Safety Action Plan and Demonstration Projects Public Meeting, Thursday, January 29th, 6PM located at Warwick Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY
- Greenwood Lake Commission Meeting, February 17th, 7PM located at the Senior Center at 132 Windermere Avenue
- Workshop on Lake Weeds and Geese control, Saturday, February 21st, 10 AM located at the Senior Center at 132 Windermere Avenue
- Grievance Night – Monday, February 23rd, located at Village Hall, 18 Church Street between the hours of 4 PM – 8 PM

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

None.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #41: Declaring intent to apply for the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grants Program in partnership with the Town of Warwick and the Village of Florida, and the Village of Warwick seeks to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study to determine the viability of establishing a shared Police Department to serve all participating municipalities. Motion made by Trustee Sellier and seconded by Trustee Veth. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Trazino, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Sellier.

Resolution #42: Accepting estimate for the redesign of the village website from Peter Lyons Hall in the amount of \$795.00. Motion made by Trustee Pilieri and seconded by Trustee Trazino. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Trazino, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Sellier.

Resolution #43: Authorizing Retention of Ingerman Smith LLP for Legal Services Relating to bidding matters. Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Sellier. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Trazino, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Sellier.

Resolution #44: Authorizing the Village of Greenwood Lake to Enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Warwick for Grant Counseling Services Provided by Millennium Strategies LLC. Motion made by Trustee Trazino and seconded by Trustee Pilieri. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Trazino, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Sellier.

## **APPROVAL TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS:**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Trustee Veth and seconded by Trustee Pilieri to approve minutes from the December 17, 2025, Village Board Meeting and December 15, 2025, Special Meeting. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Trazino, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Sellier.

## **BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Village Board Meeting by Trustee Trazino at 6:45pm and seconded by Trustee Veth. 5 Ayes- Mayor Howley, Trustee Trazino, Trustee Pilieri, Trustee Veth, and Trustee Sellier.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katheleen Holder  
Village Clerk

The next meeting will be February 18, 2026, at 6:00pm at the Courthouse on Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925.