

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh, held at the Town Hall, 1496 Route 300 or by videoconference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, in the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York on the 13th day of July, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

Paul I. Ruggiero, Councilman

Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Anthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

Mary L. McLymore, Councilwoman

RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH OPPOSING USE BY UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ("ICE") OF A WAREHOUSE LOCATED AT 800 CORPORATE BOULEVARD IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH IF THE USE IS FOR A PROCESSING OR DETENTION FACILITY; GSA Contract Award Number: GS-02P-LNY01055

Councilman Manley presented the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman McLymore.

WHEREAS, members of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh previously wrote to federal officials in support of Orange County's opposition to any proposed plan for locating an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainee processing and/or detention facility anywhere within the County of Orange; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, the General Services Administration (GSA) published notice that the United States Government accepted an offer to lease a 42,377 rentable square foot warehouse at 800 Corporate Boulevard in the Town of Newburgh for a lease term of 15 years, 10 years firm; and

WHEREAS, the 800 Corporate Boulevard warehouse building reportedly meets certain United States Government requirements including space for a dedicated Sally port/garage for secure access by government vehicles, including "detainee buses and vans," 24/7 government access, and an emergency power generator, as well as being located within a defined area near Stewart Airport; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding those requirements, the United States Government has not disclosed the planned use of the building; and

WHEREAS, the 800 Corporate Boulevard warehouse building is part of the Northeast Business Center, an approved business park use, which pursuant to the Town's Zoning Code, must be "operated and controlled by an entity or unified group" and may only contain specific enumerated uses permitted in the Interchange Business zoning district in which the property is situated; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Boulevard is a private street over which the Town has limited authority and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Business Center is located within the federally designated Orange County Foreign Trade Zone No. 37 and the GSA's decision to occupy distribution space where

private international commerce is incentivized through duty and customs benefits instead for governmental purposes by the agency that enforces customs and immigration is problematic; and

WHEREAS, the 800 Corporate Boulevard warehouse and other properties in its vicinity are located in a census tract that is designated by New York State as a “Disadvantaged Community”, a frontline and overburdened community subject to the burdens of climate change risks, socio-economic and other population characteristics, negative public health effects and vulnerabilities that can contribute to more severe adverse effects and pollution exposures and the siting of an ICE processing or detention facility in our Disadvantaged Community will likely compound the burdens already faced; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh already hosts several Federal, State and private facilities meeting national and regional needs including the Stewart Airport FAA Tower and other airport facilities, the New York Air National Guard Base, two traditional power plants and related infrastructure and a fuel terminal on the Hudson River, two NYS Thruway rest areas, a bus transportation center, a postal distribution center, the Newburgh-Beacon bridge, the Conrail freight railroad line, two interstate and several state highways, two New York City aqueducts, federal governmental offices and Thruway Authority, New York State Department of Transportation and State Police facilities, and has faced several challenges such as PFOS groundwater contamination, lowered domestic well pressures and surface water contamination as a result; and

WHEREAS, warehouses are built for the storage of products and packages, not human occupancy, so safety, structural and accessibility standards for safe occupancy differ substantially between commercial and residential (sleeping unit) structures, detainees should not be housed in facilities which have not been designed and constructed at least to the International Building Code standards established for transient occupancies; and

WHEREAS, New York State through the enactment of Executive Law 170-k, has imposed additional public engagement requirements upon local governments, including but not limited public hearing requirements, and extended time periods for decisions prior to the issuance of variances, permits and certificates, for among other things, the reuse of existing buildings or structures by any private entity for use as an immigration detention facility, adding to the administrative burdens and procedural requirements the Town will need to incur, follow and seek to enforce, should the private owner of the 800 Corporate Boulevard warehouse proceed with a use which in whole or in part “detain individuals for any violation of a civil provision of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act relating to an individual’s immigration status;” and

WHEREAS, the 800 Corporate Boulevard warehouse site lacks nearby amenities such as restaurants, retail shops, cleaners, and banks, within safe walking distance which likely means more employee vehicle trips in a 24/7 work environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newburgh lacks the necessary law enforcement manpower and resources to address the potential issues that may arise at a processing or detention facility, particularly those needed to ensure public safety, manage crowds and direct traffic if the facility becomes a focal point for protests in light of the fact that the nearest public right of way is a busy, two lane State highway, and the Town’s police will be diverted from other enforcement priorities; and

WHEREAS, Orange County's other law enforcement resources, primarily consisting of the County's Sherriff's office and mutual aid responders, are already committed to many on-going matters and their potential diversion to the facility could result in safety concerns for the County's populace; and

WHEREAS, the Town's potable water and sewer utility resources are finite and reliant upon other municipalities for water and sewer treatment pursuant to inter-municipal agreements with the City of New York and City of Newburgh and the site is located in the City of Newburgh's Washington Lake Reservoir watershed; and

WHEREAS, other first responders serving the Town, including firefighters and ambulance workers, are primarily overburdened volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh hereby expresses its strong opposition to the use of the 800 Corporate Boulevard warehouse as an ICE processing or detention facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Hon. Markwayne Mullin, Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Hon. David Venturella, Acting Director of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Hon. John Thune, United States Senate Majority Leader, the Hon. Charles E. Schumer, United States Senate Minority Leader, the Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senator for the State of New York, the Hon. Mike Johnson, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Hon. Kathleen C. Hochul, Governor of New York State, the Hon Patrick Ryan, Congressman for the 18th Congressional District of New York, the Hon. Letitia James, Attorney General of the State of New York, the Hon. Robert G. Rolison, State Senator for the 39th Senate District, the Hon. Jonathan G. Jacobson, Assemblyman for the 104th Assembly District, , Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus, Orange County Executive, the Hon. Laurie R. Tautel, Chairwoman of the Orange County Legislature, the Hon. Genesis Ramos, Orange County Legislator for the 4th District, the Hon. Virginia Scott, Orange County Legislator for the 12th District, the Hon. Stephen R. Hunter, Orange County Legislator for the 16th District, the Hon. Gabrielle Hill, Orange County Legislator for the 6th District, and the chief executives of all Orange County municipalities, urging their immediate attention and action in support on this critical matter.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

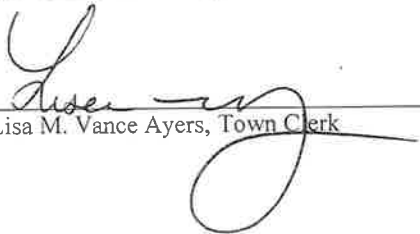
<u>Paul Ruggiero, Councilman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Scott M. Manley, Councilman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Anthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Mary L. McLymore, Councilwoman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
TOWN OF NEWBURGH)

I, Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk of the Town of Newburgh, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing resolution, duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh on the 13th day of July, 2026, and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of said resolution and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and the seal of said Town on this 23rd day of July, 2026.



Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

