Friends and neighbors,

After ten years as Mayor of Greenwood Lake, I will no longer hold this office beyond April 3rd, 2023. Earlier this year, I made the difficult decision not to seek a sixth term. Instead, in light of Warwick Town Supervisor Mike Sweeton's announced retirement, I am running to succeed him as Supervisor. Being our Village Mayor has been the honor of a lifetime and I cannot thank you, the residents of the Village, enough for affording me the opportunity to serve our community for more than a decade. In this bittersweet moment of reflection, I feel confident that our new Mayor-elect, Matt Buckley, along with our hard-working Village Board, will no doubt lead our Village proudly into the future.

Ten years ago, I was elected Greenwood Lake's youngest Mayor at age 27. Since then, I have worked every day – hand in hand with our Board, staff and administration – to tackle a wide array of challenges and prepare our Village for the future. Although there is still much work to be done, I feel proud of the many accomplishments and improvements we have brought to our Village:

- We've reduced our overall debt load by more than 90% while keeping taxes low.
- We've turned our drinking water fund from a deficit to a surplus within 3 years of being elected.
- We secured a grant of \$3 million to upgrade our drinking water infrastructure.
- We secured nearly \$2 million additional grant funding for:
 - o new public parks, including the passive boat launch on the North Arm of GWL;
 - cleaning up our lake;
 - upgrading current parks;
 - o bridges, culverts, road work and infrastructure projects;
 - purchasing equipment such as trucks and lifts to help perform the functions of government without spending our tax dollars inefficiently;
 - o upgrading nearly all of our public buildings to handicap accessible facilities;
 - o constructing sidewalks at 3 of our 5 gateways of the Village.
- We've upgraded nearly 50% of all streetlights to LED saving thousands annually in electricity costs.
- We've upgraded nearly 50% our police fleet to semi-hybrid police vehicles saving thousands annually on fuel costs.
- We've paved roughly 50% of all Village streets with real asphalt over the old model of "tar and chip."
- We converted the old firehouse into a standalone community center which includes a youth center for our local kids and provides a home for all local organizations.
- Lastly, we assumed control of the Thomas Morahan Waterfront Park from the Town of Warwick, which includes Greenwood Lake Beach (a beach dedicated only to local residents).

As difficult as it is to step away from a position I've come to love so deeply, I take solace in the knowledge that if I am elected as Town Supervisor of Warwick in November, I can continue to serve Greenwood Lake along with Warwick's other two villages and many hamlets. For the past ten years, I have relied on our dedicated business owners, volunteers and committed residents to work as a team to improve Greenwood Lake. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you've done to make Greenwood Lake a better place to live, work, play, and raise our families.

Warmest regards,

Jesse Dwyer, Mayor

Village of Greenwood Lake