

November 5, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2021 Special Districts Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback

Stephen Brown, Auditor
Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow

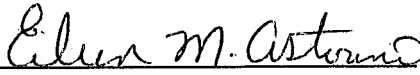
LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 28, 2020. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – You only pay the charge of a special district if you benefit from that district, so if you're in the Wickham Water District and you get water from that district you pay those charges and other Town Residents would not pay those charges. The same goes for the sewer districts, lighting districts etc. The Ambulance Districts, we contract with Warwick Ambulance, Greenwood Lake Volunteer Ambulance, Pine Island Volunteer Ambulance provide that service and their budget is submitted to us and it goes onto the Town Budget where we raise the taxes to fund that. All of those budgets in the districts were pretty much flat, under control, slightly up less than 2% in most cases except for recycling. Recycling has become a real issue in terms of cost because the market for recycled materials was primarily China and that market dissipated several years ago during the trade war. Subsequently when we had to renew our contract for recycling it was about 50% higher to renew it and that bid was the lowest bid. The other 2 bids were almost 100% higher than what we were paying, so in years passed up to 2020 the average resident served by our recycling which was everybody with the exception of the Village of Florida and the Village of Greenwood Lake you were being charged about \$42 a year for the weekly pickup of your recycling at curbside. Which is really a Phenomenally good price but the renewal of that contract which is a 3-year contract so we know that cost going forward. The cost of recycling to the resident was raised to \$66 a year which is still a fair price for what you get, however to the budget it was about \$220,000. In a year where our tax cap was about \$270,000 or \$280,000 \$220,000 of it was eaten up by the increase of recycling, so it didn't leave us a lot of room. As we get into the general budget discussion, I just want to commend the employees of the Town of Warwick, because all of their budgets were very reasonable this year recognizing the struggles not only from loss of revenue due to COVID but also these costs that we could not control. With that being said I will open up any comments on the Special District Budget.

There were no comments for or against this public hearing from the Town Board or the public.

Supervisor Sweeton – I will point out in the lighting districts, we did complete our project to convert our municipal street lights, which is what those lighting districts pay for from ownership by Orange & Rockland and a rental by the town of those light fixtures to a conversion where we own the light fixtures, we converted them to LED and the savings that we are going to get from the rates, which is rate classification owning those lights and not paying O&R to rent them any longer will pay for that installation cost. Each lighting district sees no effect this year from that but what we will see is an ongoing improvement on the cost of those fixtures. I think that was all good.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:15 p.m.
11-05-20 CP**


Eileen M. Astorino
Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick, Orange County, New York, has completed the Assessment Roll for the purpose of raising funds for the operation and maintenance of the following Special Districts of the Town of Warwick:

1. Wickham Village Water District
2. Eurich Heights Water District
3. Bellvale Park Water District
4. West Side Greenwood Lake Water District
5. Pine Island Water District
6. WVOTCP Water District
7. WVOTCP Lighting District
8. Warwick Fairgrounds Water District
9. Warwick Sewer District #1
10. Warwick Sewer District #2 (Fairgrounds)
11. Garbage District
12. Warwick Ambulance District #1 (Warwick)
13. Warwick Ambulance District #2 (Greenwood Lake)
14. Warwick Ambulance District #3 (Pine Island)
15. Warwick Ambulance District #4 (Florida)
16. Kings Estates Park District

That the Town Board has completed the Assessment Roll for the purpose of paying the cost of electricity for the lighting system in the Pine Island Lighting District and the Kings Estates Lighting District and that said Assessment Roll is on file in the Office of the Assessor at the Town Hall and that the Town Board will meet at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick, Orange County, New York on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard for the purpose of hearing and considering any objections which may be made to said Assessment Roll.

DATED: 10/28/20

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF WARWICK
Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk