

November 5, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2016 Special Districts Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:00 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, 2015.  
(Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – The special districts are by definition just that they're special districts for specific purpose. New York State Law allows us to do that and the hallmark of the special districts is that only those residents that benefit from its service will pay a tax for that district. It is generally water and sewer districts but it can be lighting districts, it can be park districts and we also contract with now 3 different agencies for ambulance service for the volunteer ambulance corp. If you live in the Greenwood Lake Ambulance District you would pay the tax for their service. If you live in Pine Island you would pay for them and if you live in Warwick and or Florida you would pay the Warwick Ambulance Corp because they now have also taken over the Florida District. The water districts we have are the one at Wickham Village area, Bellvale, Eurich Heights, Westside Water which is in Greenwood Lake and we have two commercial ones, which is the new one at the old Mid-Orange Correctional Facility and at the Fairgrounds Shopping Center which is out in Route 94 South. I will tell you for informational purposes most of those operating districts were either flat or their expenses were down so the amount to be raised for the district were pretty flat in just about every one of them. One of the bigger special districts is the recycling which is done for everyone in the town as well as the Village of Warwick, Greenwood Lake and Florida do their own. The expenses in that district are also going down somewhat. I will open the public hearing to comments on the special districts or any questions about them.

Councilman Shuback – In Greenwood Lake when do they collect their fire district taxes in the spring? The other one?

Supervisor Sweeton – The ambulance?

**Councilman Shuback – Yeah.**

**Supervisor Sweeton – That’s on our budget and we contract with the ambulance corps unlike the fire districts which are their own municipal entity. We collect for the amount needed submitted by the ambulance corps on their budgets and then we transmit those funds to them under a contract. Those budgets are designed to cover the costs of providing that service and the capital investment needed to keep things like the water and sewer districts functioning. I will leave this hearing open until we get to the end of the preliminary budget hearing and then we will close them both just in case someone comes in and has a question.**

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

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**Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk**