

April 14, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing on the Establishment of the Town of Warwick Fairgrounds Water District. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Leonard DeBuck
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback

Town Attorney, John Hicks

LEGAL NOTICE: The Deputy Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on March 30, 2011. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – The district we’re talking about creating is on the map here. This is the parcel that currently holds the Price Chopper Supermarket. We current own this lot here which is the sewer plant that serves both this lot and the adjacent lot. This lot is known as Fairgrounds II which was just approved by the Planning Board for three buildings in this area. We had an offer of dedication when the overall project was approved to own this water system and we had chosen not to do it at that time, but since these buildings have now been approved this adjacent parcel has a proposal before the Planning Board now it makes some sense to us to take ownership of this water district. In conjunction with this approval of Fairgrounds II the applicant also did a lot line change that now connects this lot with this property and the sewer lot all in one lot which the Town now owns. Tonight what we are doing is creating the water district which is the boundaries of these lots which are coterminous with the sewer lot as well because they are both the same. That’s the purpose of it.

Councilman DeBuck – Where is Price Chopper in this?

Supervisor Sweeton – Price Chopper is...

Councilman DeBuck – Where is the actual physical structure of that building?

Supervisor Sweeton – Price Chopper is here.

Councilman DeBuck - Oh I see.

Supervisor Sweeton – And the parking lot is here. AutoZone which is another building is part of that first approval will be here in front. The entrances are right there. That is

essentially what we are doing. There is no cost to the Town at this point. The district is already existing all of the infrastructure is in and paid for by the applicant for the projects and we are taking over ownership of it. Currently it's operated by the operator that already operates our water system so it will be a seamless transition once the district is formalized. At this point I'll open it up for public comment if anyone has public comment on it. Any Board members have a comment on it?

Councilman Gerstner – It makes sense to do it.

Councilman DeAngelo – I agree.

Councilman Gerstner – It makes sense to take it over.

Councilman DeBuck – Many times we end up taking over a water district after someone lets it run its life of usefulness and this appears to be a much better opportunity.

Supervisor Sweeton – Yes and actually the storage tank and the treatment for the water system is in the only one building and it's in the sewer parcel, the old sewer parcel, but again it's all brand new infrastructures. There are two wells on the water lot currently that serve the district and there's ample water. This whole parcel sits on an extremely huge sand and gravel aquifer that stretches from further south all the way up through and north of the Village of Warwick, so it's a fairly good water source. We felt in that commercial area it would make much more sense from lots of perspectives, but certainly environmentally to have a town owned and operated system where we would monitor usage and what happens in the well areas instead of having a bunch of wells and septic all along that corridor.

Councilman DeBuck – It will be mandatory upon newcomers in that commercial district to tie into it.

Supervisor Sweeton – Yes the Planning Board will suggest that strongly, correct. We've already worked with the adjacent parcel they're already preceding that way.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:11 p.m. 04-14-11

Carolyn Purta, Deputy Town Clerk