

October 27, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the consideration of purchasing two parcels, for back taxes, for the purpose of protecting the Bellvale Water District and the entrance to Cascade Lake Park. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 Town Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 19, 2011. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – This is a hearing to acquire some properties for back taxes. We were contacted by Orange County Real Property Office to say that they were being taken for taxes. One property surrounds the Bellvale Water District Water Well, it's the only well that serves the district and the back taxes on that property was \$5,000. If we pass a resolution to acquire that property the proceeds will come from the water district, so it's only being paid by the water district and it's users and we think it's a wise investment in terms of protecting that sole water source for the district of about 26 or 27 homes served. The other parcel is a 10.3 acre parcel that juts into Cascade Park while maybe we wouldn't be adding parkland the back taxes on it are only \$1,500 for the ten acres, so it seemed almost like a no-brainer to acquire that. That will come from the parkland fund which is supplied by the developers who build residential homes in our Town, so that fund does have the \$1,500 to acquire it and add it to the park. At this point I'll open the public hearing to the floor to see if anyone has any comments.

Councilman Gerstner – I think it's a good move.

Councilman Shuback – We can not afford not to take advantage of this.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:22 p.m. 10-27-11

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Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk

