

November 4, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the Special Districts for the 2011 Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 4, 2010 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 Leonard DeBuck
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback

Stephen Brown, Auditor
Town Attorney, John Hicks

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 27, 2010. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – The Special Districts are all of those things like the Town has now; two sewer districts, the main one that serves Wickham Village, Kings Estates and Wickham Knolls and recently we acquired one at the Fairgrounds, which is a small one behind Price Chopper. Five water districts; Pine Island, Wickham, Eurich, Bellvale and West Side Water in Greenwood Lake. The ambulance district which we contract with the ambulance corps for service to the Town and the fire districts have their own budgets and hearings, but we collect the tax, so it passes through onto our budget. The other special district we have is Kings Estates Park District which was formed because that development homeowners association never got formed and the Town now has the district which we contract for service to the park common areas, I guess you would call them as well as recycling. We have a district that encompasses the Village of Warwick and the Town of Warwick for recycling pick up. The preliminary budget for the special districts this year is \$5.6 million dollars which is down from \$8.6 million and the two main reasons one is PDR. There is no PDR being raised and expended because that bond and that program is winding down and the other main reduction comes from the recycling. If you've been attentive the Town has recognized the County and most of the haulers in this area are switching to single stream recycling verses dual stream, which is what we do now. The Town Board made a decision to go out to bid for a single stream vendor since our contract is ending at the end of this year. We did receive two bids; the lowest bid was from our current vendor County Waste which came in as \$3.55 which is down from \$3.93 per house hold per month from last year. Residents will see a reduction on their tax bill for recycling if and when the Town accepts that bid. The Town hasn't decided to accept that bid yet, although I suspect we will. There is also a third option to simply let residents contract themselves for recycling with their hauler, which could potentially save them more or not, so we'll

look at that before we accept that. Fire District budgets; the Florida Fire District budget went down slightly from \$447,000 to \$398,000. Warwick Fire District I, which is the Warwick Fire Department looks to have gone up by \$10,000 and the Greenwood Lake Fire District budget remained constant from the year before and Pine Islands' went down by about \$11,000. So if you live in those areas served by them you should see a flat or a reduction on their part. The Ambulance Districts; the Warwick District went up by \$27,000. Greenwood Lake District went up by \$8,000 and the Pine Island District went up by \$600. All of the Water Districts will see a slight reduction in their tax amount for service. Our operator, Environmental Consultants came in with reduced budgets and we were able to reduce some expenses in each of those districts, so if you live in one of the water district areas you would see a slight reduction also on your tax bill for that. The Fairgrounds Sewer District simply serves the Price Chopper and a vacant parcel at the moment and they bear the full cost of that themselves, so there's no issue for other taxpayers. That's substantially it on this Special District budget. I don't know if anybody has any questions on it at all from the public. Seeing none, I would entertain a motion to close the hearing on the 2011 Special District Budget.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:15 p.m. 11-04-10

Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk