

September 26, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the expansion of the Wickham Water District to include the former site of the Mid-Orange Correction Facility. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton called the public hearing to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Town Attorney, John Hicks – Absent

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on September 18, 2013. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – Each member of the Board has an engineer report on the expansion of the district and essentially what we are talking about here is the existing Wickham District is highlighted on that map in blue. This district serves Wickham Village, Wickham Knolls, Ridge Homes and Wickham Lake Homes and we are proposing to extend the district to include the soon to be acquired prison property of 700 plus acres. It's contiguous to it via the lake which the Town also owns and at this point in time there is no plan to connect it to, although that is a real potential possibility in the future. The current Wickham District serves 1,147 people and produces approximately 195,000 gallons daily and for that district it is served by wells #5, #10, #11 and #6. Well #11 being a large producer is the well that we put on line a few years ago to help alleviate the issues that the district historically had since the original wells were polluted back in the late 1990's. That district is now in very good shape in terms of water quantity and quality, however, in the water business you can never have enough water so the reason we're extending the district to the prison property is part of the development plans of that site in the future is for commercial development and we want to be able to offer municipal water to those sites. We already have septic sewer there but the water system was run by the prison so we're just incorporating the existing prison water system into the district. That system on the prison site generates approximately 336,000 gallons of daily production and has a 750,000 gallon storage tank on site which is certainly sufficient to serve any commercial uses we anticipate happening there. There will be no draw of any water from the current Wickham District but the benefit certainly will be any capital improvements to the district can be shared by all users of the district which would include the commercial property on the prison so that would be a benefit to the residential customers of the district. Then in the future if it ever were to be interconnected there would be a redundancy of water supply that could be used in

emergencies back and forth between the districts. The other thing that it should do is with commercial users paying somewhat of a higher rate than residential users it should keep the water rates to the residential users stable going forward in the future. I think that's the intent and purpose of this. Any Board members have any questions on this? I will open it to the floor for any public comment on the proposed expansion of the Wickham Water District. I will keep the public hearing open until the next meeting which is October 10th and will take written comments until October 6th.

There were no public comments for or against this public hearing.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal, that the public hearing be adjourned. Motion Carried (4 ayes, 0 nays & 1 absent – Councilman Gerstner absent) 7:35 p.m.
09-27-13 CP.**

Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk