

December 29, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the Wickham Water District Improvement of the Facilities. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, December 29, 2009 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing 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 Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on December 16, 2009. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – This is the Wickham Water District; the largest water district the Town has with about 350 to 360 users. It's been plagued with wells that have been declining in capacity since the best wells in the district had to be taken off line in the late 90's due to a contamination issue. Ever since then the district has struggled on older wells and the Town has been searching for good wells to secure water for that district. About a year and a half ago we did find a really good producing well on some property that was given to the Town by a developer in the area. It can produce enough water to supply the entire district and because of the location of that well it's quite a distance from our main storage tanks, so the plan for getting that well on line included building a treatment building where we can treat the well near its source and then pump it into the system. The estimated cost of that entire project was to be about \$450,000 as we stated. We did secure through Senator Morahan a grant of \$200,000 from the Dormitory Authority about a year ago for this project. We have completed the building. We've outfitted the well with a pump, we've connected the well to the building, and we're in the process of getting permitted by the DEC and the Department of Health for the use of the well and then the final construction. We are now having a hearing to make known that there will be an additional need somewhere in the vicinity of \$200,000 to \$250,000 potentially although the district has a surplus and we will use that surplus, so ultimately our hope would be to have to bond no more than \$150,000, but we're having the hearing with the potential that we may need to bond more than that. At the point that we have finalized getting our grant money ascertaining exactly how much surplus from the fund that we want to commit to this and pay off we'll then come back with a bond resolution which will show the exact amount we need to borrow. We don't anticipate that to be much more than \$150,000, so that's what this is about and I'll open it for any public comment or questions.

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

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:20 p.m. 12-29-09 cp.

Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk