

November 6, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2026 Preliminary Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Jesse Dwyer  
Councilman Russell Kowal  
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo  
Councilman Kevin Shuback  
Councilman Thomas Mattingly

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 29, 2025. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

**SUPERVISOR DWYER** - Thank you. So, just a general snapshot of the budget. The Town Board has had many meetings on the budget. We've gone through it, worked, spent countless hours with department heads, with our accounting team, and we've come up with a budget that is below the tax cap. The total tax levy limit increase is 2.73%. The overall impact to taxpayers is roughly 1.86%. This is an increase to your town tax of \$22.72 per year. That is less than your increase in egg costs for probably one week or one month for the average household, and it's a roughly 45% change in the tax rate.

This was an incredibly difficult budget because as the Town Board committed to not only staying under the tax cap this year, we also committed to using less of our surplus and less of our fund balance to balance the budget, and for the last two years, we have used less of our fund balance to balance the budget, and our ultimate goal is to get down to essentially using none of our savings' account to balance our operating budget. I do want to thank and commend the department heads. We have four of them sitting here in the room tonight, and you guys were each very instrumental in us getting to this point, your hard work and ideas, and just dedication to keeping as best of an operation we can with the limited means that we have, and I thank each of you for your hard work and dedication in doing that. Thank you, guys, and to the department heads that are not here, everyone was committed. Everyone was on the same page. We know that it's a very difficult environment that we're all living in right now.

The cost of everything is going up. Everyone's household costs are going up. Ours sitting up here, and likewise, the costs of operating this government are going up.

Our health insurance costs and our recycling costs alone brought us to the tax levy limit of \$414,000 increase, and add on top of that, the electricity costs that are going up, you name it, everything from work comp to contractual raises. Everything is just going up, and it's very, very difficult to operate a government that provides essential services and still try to stay under the tax cap every year. It is extremely difficult, so it takes a dedicated board, a

committed board, and very, very careful thinking department heads and a dedicated team to keep this place going, so I really thank each of you and the board as well.

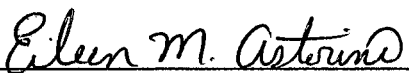
It's tough. We're in a tough environment, but this year, we committed to staying under the tax cap. We also committed to using less of our fund balance to balance the budget, and we were able to accomplish both of those, so I'm very proud of this, and it was not easy, and it'll be even harder to manage the government operations under these situations, but we're committed to doing that and improving in any way that we possibly can.

Any comments from the board? Any comments from the public on the public hearing on the 2026 budget? Okay, and I also want to thank Michael Helme here. You've been at all these meetings coming up with great ideas and, you know, trying to save the environment, but at the same time, you're saving our taxpayer dollars, you know, with all of your ideas in the solar and, you know, really stuff like that, you know, public involvement is critical, not only from a government standpoint in making our government better, but just coming up with ideas and bringing in expertise that we may not have, so I do want to thank you, Michael, for your dedication. You really are bringing some value to our town, and we thank you for that.

Any comments from the public before we close this public hearing?

There were no public comments for or against this public hearing from the Town Board or the Public.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman Mattingly that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:17 p.m.  
11-6-25 CP

  
Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the preliminary budget of the Town of Warwick for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, will be completed and be on file on October 30, 2025, in the following locations where it will be available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours:

1. Office of the Town Clerk, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick,
2. Town of Warwick Website, [townofwarwick.org](http://townofwarwick.org)
3. New York Florida Village Hall, 33 S. Main St., Village of Florida, New York
4. Albert Wisner Public Library, One McFarland Dr., Village of Warwick, New York
5. Greenwood Lake Public Library, Waterstone Road, Village of Greenwood Lake, New York
6. Pine Island Post Office, 665 County Rt. 1, Pine Island, New York

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick, will meet and review the preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, New York, on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained.

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 112** of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following elected officers are hereby specified as follows:

<b>SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>\$69,366</b>
<b>RECORDS MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$4,295</b>
<b>COUNCILPERSONS</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>RECEIVER OF TAXES</b>	<b>\$48,526</b>
<b>JUSTICES</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>

**DATED: 10/29/25**

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF  
THE TOWN OF WARWICK  
Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk**