

November 7, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2020 Preliminary Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

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

Stephen Brown, Auditor
Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 30, 2019. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – The tentative budget which was presented by departments with projections of what they thought they might need and that was presented to us. We reduced that budget by close to a million dollars and we aimed from the beginning to be under the New York State Tax Cap. As you all know the Governor and the State Legislature passed that several years ago. We've been under it a lot and we didn't get under it last year, but we were determined to do so this year. I'm happy to announce that we are under the tax cap this year. The budget that will be presented to you and has been presented reflects a \$263,177.00 or 1.1% decrease in the town wide fund and that's the fund that everyone pays. Because we have 3 villages within our town, we have separate funds, we have a town wide fund that all resident's village and town pay and then we have an outside fund which is charges only town residents pay because we cannot charge village residents for services that they provide for themselves. Again, the town wide line will be down by 1.1% decrease in the tax levy and the town wide fund will increase by \$967,140.00 or about a 3.6% increase. That increase was driven primarily by a \$621,000.00 increase in the Police Budget and a lot of that had to do with the New York State Criminal Justice Reform. There was just an article today that the Governor reiterated that he will not be funding any cost imposed by those reforms and they will fall on the municipalities, so that was a big piece of the \$621,000.00 increase as well as the mandated health and retirement increase costs for the state plans. There was a \$340,000.00 increase in highway expenditures which had to do with mostly contractual obligations that we have for 3 retiring employees. Again, health and retirement increase, road repair money and equipment purchase. We were able to mitigate some of those increases which were able to drive us down below the cap by using some additional revenues that we expect as well as some surplus that we had accumulated. The overall increase in the tax levy after all of those adjustments was kept to about \$412,000.00 and that does keep us below the cap. I think we are very proud of the budget because we were able to get it under and still provide funds for some of the operations. Just to give the public a sense in the A Fund which is our town wide fund, it funds all of the general government services that are operating up here at the Town Hall, my office, the Justice Court, Tax Collector, the Assessor, the Town Attorney, the Town Clerk's Office, maintenance of

our town facilities, our central communications, data processing and records management, the control of dogs which we contract with the humane society, our signs and striping of roads, highway administration, transportation system, our Dial-A-Bus, our S.N.A.P. delivery, which is the meals to the elderly, we do supply a little for the Veteran's the heating for their Veteran's Organization, our senior programing, our parks department, our town recreation program, the Wallkill drainage district contribution that we are obligated to make, the Bi-State Commission contribution and the newest one the maintenance of cemeteries, which by state law when they're abandoned belong to the town. The outside fund again is the police, highway services, planning functions, engineers, data processing, the building department, street lights, youth programs that we pay for in the villages because town residents go there and our planning department. Just to give you a sense the police is about 42% of our budget, highway combined is about 24% of our budget, so they are the two biggest components of the budget and the rest are the functions I reeled off for you. For the average house we are looking at a \$4 decrease for village residents and for town residents about \$30 increase.

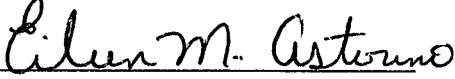
Councilman Gerstner – You did a good job and it was a tough year to get all that down.

Supervisor Sweeton – I want to thank Steve Brown who works diligently with us on the budgets. Steve thank you very much. It's always a challenge and seems to get harder every year, but we came through it and thank you for that assistance.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed.

Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:30 p.m.

11-07-19 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, 2020, will be completed and be on file on October 31, 2019, 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
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 7, 2019 at 7:15 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:

SUPERVISOR	\$64,500.00
TOWN CLERK	\$58,210.00
RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	\$2,733.00
COUNCILPERSONS (4)	\$11,750.00 Each
RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$42,068.00
JUSTICES (2)	\$27,500.00 Each

DATED: 10/30/19

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