

July 16, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing to consider the Creation of a WVOTCP Lighting District. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

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

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow – Absent

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on July 8, 2020. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – For the public’s information there’s a map behind the Clerk and the area outlined in blue is the district boundaries and it is essentially the boundaries of the former Mid-Orange Correctional Facility. The reason you create a special district and in this case a lighting district is that it’s only for those benefitting from the district who pay the charges of the district. When the Mid-Orange Correctional Facility was taken over by the Town it was powered centrally from one building on the site. That was not a viable solution since there were several parcels created, some created by the Town and some purchased by the Warwick Valley Local Development Corporation for re-development. The infrastructure on the site to distribute electricity had to be created and fortunately we were able to get the portion of the district, which is the streetlights refurbished and paid for under a grant from Empire State Development and a match from the Local Development Corporation. The infrastructure to do the rest of that is falling upon what will be the district once it is created and that is for powering power to our pump stations that serve the district as well as the water tower and the water distribution in the district. Any additional street lighting that will be added to serve those commercial parcels, so only those benefitting should pay for that, the general taxpayers shouldn’t and that’s why you create a special district and that is what the intent of the hearing is. The cost to do this is estimated to be \$57,963.00 and we would round it up to \$60,000 for the purpose of creating the district. Do any Board members have questions on why we would do this or why we need to do this? I will note that there is a resolution on tonight to create the district, but I was remiss and gave the Clerk the incorrect language for that resolution, so we would table that resolution tonight and create the district at the August meeting pending any other comments. I will open it up to the public for any comments on the creation of the lighting district to serve the former Mid-Orange Correctional Facility parcel.

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


Councilman Gerstner – Are we taking written comments?

Supervisor Sweeton – We'll take written comments for 10 days after tonight's meeting, so that will be until the 26<sup>th</sup> of July and they can be sent to 132 Kings Highway, attention Supervisor's Office or emailed to [msweeton@townofwarwick.org](mailto:msweeton@townofwarwick.org).

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

Motion Carried (4 ayes, 0 nays & 1 absent – Councilman Shuback absent) 7:25 p.m.

07-16-20 CP

  
Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick will hold a public hearing to consider creating the WVOTCP Lighting District. Said hearing to be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter be heard at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

**DATED:** July 8, 2020

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