

November 5, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2021 Preliminary Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 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

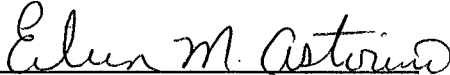
LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 28, 2020. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – For the public information I did want to reiterate that we did remain under the tax cap which is important. We understand the need for the tax cap, but it does create issues in providing the services to the extent the public requires them, but we understand trying to remain under that cap. We were able to do it this year and I want to thank the Board for their hard work on that and I want to thank the employees again. I would like to thank Steve Brown who is our budget consultant and helps guide us through the process. This is the town wide, so for residents if you're new to the area the town budget we cannot charge you if you live in a village for services that a village provides themselves and taxes you for. Generally, you will see that there's a town wide number and then there's a town outside village number. If I'm a town resident and I don't live in a village I pay a higher town tax rate than someone who lives in a village. That's why we quote it that way and we split out those services in what we call A and B Funds and then we have a separate policing fund because we have an agreement with the Village of Warwick to provide police for them. Village residents in the Village of Warwick where we have that service and pay an amount on their town tax to pay for that police component. For the town wide line, so if you live in the Village of Florida and Greenwood Lake you will see a 3% decrease in your town tax bill, which equates to \$10.85 per household for the average house that's assessed value at \$50,000. If you are a town resident outside of the villages you are going to see a .24% increase which is slight and is about \$2.70 for the average household and again both are under the cap. If you are a Village of Warwick resident you will see about a \$3.00 increase because you have that police component as part of your budget. I think overall it's a very modest budget that does allow us to perform much of the services that residents have become accustomed to. Again, a challenge because it doesn't allow us to invest a lot in things that would be beneficial to residents going forward, but it is the age in which we live. I don't know if anybody has any questions on any of the items. We tried to keep it pretty flat on most of our efforts we do. Again, I can just go through some of the A Fund charges which everybody would pay like the general government

services like the Town Board, Supervisor, Justice Court, Auditors, Tax Collector, Assessor, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, Town Hall Maintenance, Central Garage, Central Communications, Central Data Processing, Insurances Cost, Records Management, Public Safety which includes control of dogs, traffic signs, striping of roads, Highway Administration, Dial-A-Bus System, the SNAP delivery to people in need for food, Veterans heating program and for aging, which is the support of over 7 senior clubs in our town including the Friendly Visitor Program in our town which is growing every year, a small Economic development Fund, Youth and Recreation to our Parks Department, we have our own program in Pine Island and we have programs we support in our 3 villages with funding, Home and community includes the Wallkill Drainage District, we are 1 of 5 towns obligated to help maintain the maintenance along the Wallkill River in the farming area to remove snags and it also includes our contribution to the Greenwood Lake Bi-State Commission, our Shade Tree Commission for plantings around our town, as well as upkeep of Cemeteries that have fallen within the purview of the town to maintain. Those are all A Fund charges and part of the 3% reduction in our budget. The B Fund includes our Planning and Zoning functions, Engineers, Central Mailing, Central Data Processing, Building Department, Vital Statistics, Street lights that are town wide and other Community Services like functions that we support in the villages that I mentioned. Those are the kinds of things in those different components. Does anybody have any discussion on the Board? I will open it for public comments if anybody has any questions on the budget.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:23 p.m. 11-05-20 CP


Eileen M. Astorino, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Warwick for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, will be completed and be on file on October 28, 2020, 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 5, 2020 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:

SUPERVISOR	\$65,790.00
TOWN CLERK	\$59,665.00
RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	\$2,801.00
COUNCILPERSONS (4)	\$11,900.00 Each
RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$43,120.00
JUSTICES (2)	\$28,175.00 Each

DATED: 10/28/20

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