

November 10, 2022

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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 – Absent

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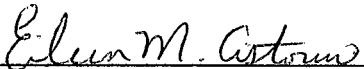
Supervisor Sweeton – before we open the hearing I just want to run through the budget and explain it to the residents, the Board controls four main funds and there's the special district budget which are only paid for by residents who benefit from those districts, such as the water districts, the lighting districts, the Kings Estates Park District and the sewer districts. Not all of the residents pay for those because they don't benefit from the purpose of those districts. I wanted to go through the main portions of the budget that the Town Board controls and all residents pay portions of. It's broken into 2 parts the A Fund and the B Fund and it's broken down further in the Highway Department into a DA and a DB Fund. The reason that is the Town of Warwick contains 3 villages within its borders and the residents of the villages only pay for the services of the town that are not provided by their village government and taxed by their village government. That's why we breakdown our costs into those 2 components, so in the A Fund which is paid by every resident because every resident whether they live in a village or a town can benefit from those services and does benefit from those services. The general government portion contains the Supervisors budget, the Town Board, the Justice Court, our Auditors, our Tax Collector, our Assessor, the Town Clerk's Office which manages all of the records and maintains all of the records and issues licenses, the Town Attorney, Maintenance of the Town Hall Building, the Central Garage Building, our Central Communications Functions, our Data Processing, and our Records Management and the Insurance Component. Our public safety under the A Fund that everyone pays for is the Control of Dogs, Signage for Traffic, Striping of Roads and our Transportation Highway portion of the budget is for the Highway Department Administration, which by State law is a townwide charge that everyone pays and our Dial-A-Bus System, which is accessible to every resident in the town. Our economic portion of the budget includes our home delivery of meals to the homebound, our Veterans heating payment that we make to our Veterans Organizations, our Programs for the Aging, our Senior Functions and a small economic budget. Youth and Recreation includes our Parks Department which manages all of the Town's Parks and Facilities, our

Town Recreation Program and that is the one we run in Pine Island which we fund as a town program. Our Community Center we support the Community Center in the Village of Warwick and our Town Historian. Our Home and Community is our contribution as 1 of 5 towns that contributes to the maintenance of the Wallkill Drainage District, the Wallkill River, The Greenwood Lake Bistate Commission, Our Shade Tree Commission and our Cemeteries and by State Law if they are abandoned it falls upon the town to maintain those. The B Fund is paid for by Town Residents only not Village Residents and it's combined on their tax bill with the A Fund because they pay that as well. In the B Fund the general government is our Planning and Zoning functions, our Engineers, and Central Data Processing. Our public safety is our Building Department and the function they perform, not only issuing permits but doing inspections and violations. The health is our Registrar of Vital Statistics Management and that's a function of the Clerks Office. Our Transpiration portion of the budget is our street lights and we have 3 lighting districts, 1 is a townwide district that is on major highways and they are Kings Estates District and the Pine Island District. Community service would be our Planning and Zoning Boards, our Youth Programs that we supply funding to the villages for their programs and our Planning Department. The BO2 Fund is a separation out of the B Fund that is where our Police Funding resides and the reason it's in a segregated fund is because we have through an agreement with Village of Warwick we provide policing for them, so there's a mechanism by which they pay for extra policing and that's why we break that out into its own sub-fund under the B Fund. The DA and the DB Funds are the Highway Funds, the designation of A and B would indicate where they get charged. Those are the components and I thought it was important for the residents to understand again where their money is going. Here are the 4 main funds and you can see the amounts in each one, you can see the percentages of each one, you can see that the Police are the largest component of our budget which is about 41% and the rest of the functions would be about 60%. This gives you another sort of sense of the A fund and again, those components that I talked about originally shows you the percentage of the major components of that. You see fringe benefits which would be Health Insurance costs, retirement costs which take up a fair portion of the expenses in the A Fund is about 27%, so it's a fairly large number. We go to the B Fund and you can see again, the categories that I spoke about earlier and you can see again the components and how much they are and you can see that really a million dollars for that entire group of services is really a small component of our budget, but it's a lot of critical services that are provided. The BO2 Fund is our Police Department and I think the thing to take from our Police Department, not only is it 40% of our overall budget but that you can see its personnel costs are the main amount in that budget, it's about 90% of the Police Budget is personnel cost. All the other things like their equipment and vehicles is the remaining 10% a fairly small portion. The DA Fund is where we do bridges, drainage, catch basins, machine repairs, equipment and again fringe benefits as you can see the components there. The DB Fund would be our snow removal, bridge work, road maintenance work, that's where we do the highway work that we do, the snow removal. You can see the components are about 13% of the budget, fringe benefits again, in New York State are fairly high and it is something that the Town Board doesn't control what so ever. This goes to show you spending over the years from 2018 to 2023. The payroll costs this year will be up about \$300,000 and the fringe benefits another \$210,000. Our

contractual expenses are actually down. We were able to tighten our budget a bit and be more resourceful and that will help mitigate any of the rise in the overall expenditures in the budget and our debt service is fairly modest. So, what does this mean for you as a taxpayer, it means for this year on the townwide rate which is the rate that everyone would pay and the Village Residents would pay particular attention to this because it's the only portion that you'll see. Your rate last year was \$6.92 per thousand and in this budget it's \$6.93, so it's really less then a \$.50 on the total average household. The average household is assessed at an assessed value of \$50,000 and you can do the math to get to your market value which the \$50,000 is about 15% of the market value. You can do the math but \$.40 overall on your total bill is a essentially a flat number. For Town Residents which pays A Fund and B Fund combined your rate last year was \$22.96 per thousand and this year it will be \$22.78, so it's a reduction of about \$8.00 on your tax bill, so again a flat tax rate fairly across the board and I think the Town Board is proud about that, they worked hard. The departments worked hard to do more with less and they've done a great job with it, so I think we're fairly proud of this budget to introduce.

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 Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:14 p.m.
11-10-22 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, 2023, will be completed and be on file on November 3, 2022, 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 10, 2022 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	\$70,000.00
TOWN CLERK	\$62,910.00
RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	\$4,000.00
COUNCILPERSONS (4)	\$12,250.00 Each
RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$44,198.00
JUSTICES (2)	\$29,500.00 Each

DATED: 11/03/22

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

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The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2023 Special Districts Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman James Gerstner
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Supervisor Sweeton – The Fire Districts are not controlled by the Town. We are under the Tax Cap and we are proud of that. We fund the Ambulance Corps. They bring their budgets to us and we work with them to get the supplies and resources they need to provide ambulance service. We have the Greenwood Lake Ambulance Corp., the Pine Island Ambulance Corp. and the Warwick Ambulance Corp. that covers both Warwick and Florida and they do an exceptional job. They have introduced their budgets and it's included in the total budget which you can see. The Clerk has this distributed in the Libraries and the Town Clerks Office. As I mentioned the lighting districts, Pine Island, Kings Estates and a townwide one. There are 2 Sewer Districts and the largest Sewer District is Sewer District 1 and the Fairgrounds Sewer District. The Fire District Budgets are included in our budget, we do not control them because they are a municipal entity. They elect their own Commissioners to manage the district. They have submitted their budgets to us which we include, but they hold their own separate hearings. We are under the tax cap as the flat rate indicates and we will be under the cap and we are proud of that as well. We are happy to say we have done our parts to not burden taxpayers any further in these tough times. The town tax portion of your property tax budget is the lowest portion of your property tax bill that you would receive from any entity so we are proud of that as well.

James Gerstner Jr. – Resident, Village of Warwick – Why does the ambulance corp. charge people to bring you to the hospital?

Supervisor Sweeton – Some of the volunteer ambulance corps will charge you if your insurance will pay for it, if they don't, they don't go after you for that bill.

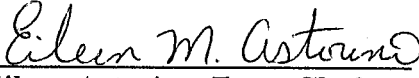
James Gerstner Jr. – If your insurance pays for it they don't charge you?

Supervisor Sweeton – Correct.

James Gerstner Jr. – Thank you.

Supervisor Sweeton – You're welcome. I would like to thank Steve Brown who is our financial advisor, Steve worked hard on getting this in shape for us and giving us the books that we needed to get through it. I want to thank the Board for their comments and input on this and certainly the employees and the departments that worked really hard to really present to us fair and adequate budgets to get the services done.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:19 p.m.
11-10-22 CP**


Eileen M. Astorino
Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick, Orange County, New York, has completed the Assessment Roll for the purpose of raising funds for the operation and maintenance of the following Special Districts of the Town of Warwick:

1. Wickham Village Water District
2. Eurich Heights Water District
3. Bellvale Park Water District
4. West Side Greenwood Lake Water District
5. Pine Island Water District
6. WVOTCP Water District
7. WVOTCP Lighting District
8. Warwick Fairgrounds Water District
9. Warwick Sewer District #1
10. Warwick Sewer District #2 (Fairgrounds)
11. Garbage District
12. Warwick Ambulance District #1 (Warwick)
13. Warwick Ambulance District #2 (Greenwood Lake)
14. Warwick Ambulance District #3 (Pine Island)
15. Warwick Ambulance District #4 (Florida)
16. Kings Estates Park District

That the Town Board has completed the Assessment Roll for the purpose of paying the cost of electricity for the lighting system in the Pine Island Lighting District and the Kings Estates Lighting District and that said Assessment Roll is on file in the Office of the Assessor at the Town Hall and that the Town Board will meet at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick, Orange County, New York on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard for the purpose of hearing and considering any objections which may be made to said Assessment Roll.

DATED: 11/03/22

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Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk**