

November 4, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the 2022 Special Districts Budget. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 5, 2021 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:05 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

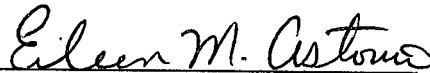
LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 27, 2021. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – In addition to the Town Board we have Stephen Brown our Advisor of the budget that works diligently with us to help us craft what we feel is a very responsible budget. The first course of the hearing for the public's information is the Special Districts Budget. In New York State there are very specific things you can create special districts for, it is actually a special benefit district and the concept is only residents being provided services in that district who benefit from it pay the cost of that district and its typically water and sewer districts. We have 7 water districts and 2 sewer districts in the town and not everyone belongs to those, but there are some in more dense areas that are served by them. The expense of operating those are born only by those residents. In addition to that we have a couple of other things, we have 3 lighting districts for the street lights that are in the Pine Island, Kings Estates and then there's a general town wide one. As residents remember we purchased those lights from Orange and Rockland and we no longer have to rent them and pay the higher rates and we converted them to LED's which will pay for themselves in 5 years and save the taxpayers money. Again, only residents in those districts pay those costs. Then we have one unique district, which is the Kings Estates Park District, that was created when the Kings Estates Development was originally suppose to have a homeowner's association and the developer walked away from that and that homeowner's association was never formalized, but he had built common areas in the development and the residents were left to struggle with that. They came to the Town Board and we worked with the residents of Kings Estates to created what's called the Kings Estates Park District and again, the maintenance of that district for the mowing, snow plowing of the parking lots and clearing of the sidewalks and the mailbox clusters for those residents is born by a contract we made with a landscaper to do that work. Any capital improvements and there was some capital money left originally and that money was put back into the community creating the Julia Brown Field who was a great advocate from that community who passed away. There were some other upgrades in the basketball

court area, so again when a capital project needs to be done there again it's only the residents of Kings Estates who have to bear the cost and traditionally it's been done through collaboration with the Kings Estates Recreation Committee and that committee has been kind of dormant, but hopefully can get rejuvenated for future improvements. Those are all special districts that we have. A couple of notes the Board is aware of this, we received money from the American Recovery Plan Act that was passed by Congress and we got half this year about \$970,000 and half will come next year. There are only very specific things you can do with that money and one of those is water and sewer projects, so we had as we mentioned earlier in some of our meeting in the Bellvale District and the Pine Island District which are very, very small districts had storage tanks issues that were very old and sprung leaks. We made emergency repairs and now have totally revamped treatment centers for both of those districts and that will be paid for not by the district residents but by the ARPA allocation money. That really helps those small districts who couldn't bear the cost of large projects. We have some other things that we will be doing with that \$975,000 in those districts water and sewer districts that we own and operate.

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

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:13 p.m.
11-04-21 CP**


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 4, 2021 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: 10/27/21

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