

PUBLIC HEARING

November 16, 2022

At 8:02 p.m. Supervisor Schiliro stated that Public Hearings would be held in accordance with the Public Notices that follow:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Preliminary Budget of the Town of North Castle for the year 2023 has been completed and that the same has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town where the same is available for inspection by any person interested therein, and that a Public Hearing thereon will be held by and before the Town Board of said Town at Town Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Armonk, NY, on November 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, at which time any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any item therein contained.

Supervisor	\$50,000
Four Town Council Members	\$72,544
Town Clerk	\$94,640

By Order of the Town Board
Town of North Castle, NY
Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: November 10, 2022
Armonk, NY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budgets for the year 2023 have been completed for Sewer District Nos. 1, 1B, 2, 3, and 4; Water District Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5, Street Light District Nos. 1, 2 and 3; Parking District No. 1; Ambulance District Nos. 1 and 2; Fire Protection District No. 1; and Long Pond Park District; and that the same have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town, and

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of North Castle, NY, has been assessed the amount of estimated expenditures for Sewer District Nos. 1, 1B, 2, 3, and 4 for the year 2022 less the estimated revenues as set forth in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefits which each lot or parcel will derive therefrom, and has prepared an assessment roll describing the several properties, the names of the owners or reputed owners thereof and the aggregate amount of assessment levied there against, and filed the same with the Town Clerk of said Town where it may be examined by any person interested therein, and

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review such Preliminary Budgets and such assessment roll at a Public Hearing to be held by and before said Board on November 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, at Town Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Armonk, NY, at which time any person may be heard in favor of or against the estimates and/or assessment roll as compiled or in favor of or against any item therein contained.

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The Public Notices were marked Exhibit "A" for the record.

The Affidavit of Posting calling the Public Hearings were marked Exhibit "B" for the record.

The Affidavits of Publication from The Journal News calling the Public Hearing were marked Exhibit "C" for the record.

The 2023 Preliminary Budgets were marked Exhibit "D" for the record.

Supervisor Schiliro thanked Director of Finance Abbas Sura and Town Administrator Kevin Hay for continuing to modify the Town's budget process to make it easier for the Town Board and the residents. The Supervisor noted that the Town Board appreciates the work of the Department Heads and their diligence to continue to run the Town in a very efficient way. He said that the 2023 Budget, as was last year, presents a zero tax increase to the residents. He further thanked the Town Board for their comments in the three Budget Work Sessions.

Mr. Sura gave a presentation on the 2023 Budget. The total tax levy for 2023 is \$24,143,579. The tax levy that is related to the General, Highway, and Library Funds, which is common to all Town residents, is \$21,066,986. He noted that there is no change in the tax rate; the tax rate for residents remains flat, year over year. Mr. Sura explained that the Town's tax levy is under the tax levy limit of \$25,370,975 to stay under the New York State 2% tax cap.

Mr. Hay spoke about projects completed this year which include the School Street and Cox Avenue intersection safety improvements, Lombardi Park resurfacing with pickleball striping, Clove Road baseball dugouts, Town-wide playground improvements, continuation of drainage improvements and paving of Town roads, paving of the Town Hall complex, elevator installation in the Armonk Branch of the Library, purchase of Mt. Misery property for historic preservation, and the five year financial projection of budget expenses for Town Departments.

Mr. Hay spoke about future projects which include the completion of the North White Plains Community Center, continued paving of the Town roads, the waste water treatment efficiency program for which the design phase is currently at 95% completed, development of the new well in Water District 4, Wampus Brook Park lighting project, Wampus Brook Park North Bridge replacement, improvements of Town fields at Lombardi Park and Community Park, and development of the Kent Place parking lot (former Verizon property).

Mr. Hay thanked the Department Heads for their work throughout the year and the time spent developing their budgets; and he thanked the Supervisor and the Town Board for their work through the budget process and their support throughout the year. He recognized Mr. Sura for his work on this year's Budget.

Councilmen Milim, Hussain, DiGiacinto, and Berra, commented on the thoroughness of the budget process, and recognized the work of Mr. Hay, Mr. Sura, and the Department Heads.

Supervisor Schiliro provided insights behind the numbers in the 2023 Budget. He noted that 1.3% of Fund Balance is being allocated to the Budget and a \$700,000 surplus is being added to the Budget.

The Supervisor thanked the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, and recognized the lasting effect provided by Larry Ruisi who was a member of the Committee from its establishment in May 2014 until his resignation from the Committee in October 2022.

The Supervisor said that the Budget is structurally balanced, as in prior years, and includes, as part of the Town's Fund Balance Policy, a \$120,000 contingency line which goes back into the surplus and added that the Town Board is happy to present a budget with a zero increase for the second year in a row.

After all persons were heard who desired to be heard, Councilman DiGiacinto moved, seconded by Councilman Hussain, at 8:22 p.m. that the Public Hearings be adjourned to the December 14, 2022 meeting.

The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen, DiGiacinto, Berra, Hussain, Milim, Supervisor Schiliro.

Noes: None.

Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: December 7, 2022