

PUBLIC HEARING

November 18, 2020

At 8:36 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 2021 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 18, 2020 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	\$90,300

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

Dated: November 7, 2020  
Armonk, NY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budgets for the year 2021 have been completed for Sewer District Nos. 1, 1B, 2, 3, and 4; Water District Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7; 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 2020 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 18, 2020 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 2021 Preliminary Budgets were marked Exhibit "D" for the record.

Supervisor Schiliro noted that the 2021 Preliminary Budget was received by the Town Board at the November 4, 2020 meeting. The Supervisor said that work on the 2021 Budget began in Spring 2020. Town Administrator Kevin Hay and Director of Finance Abbas Sura worked with Department Heads; and the Town Board held four Work Sessions with Department Heads. He said that the Budget is balanced; and the Town was able to use funds from its Fund Balance, which he said is responsible to do in these times. He noted that the Town continues to build its Fund Balance. He said there is a proposed 0.98% increase in the 2021 tax rate.

Director of Finance Abbas Sura thanked the Supervisor, Town Board Members, Town Administrator Kevin Hay, Department Heads, and Larry Ruisi, member of the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, for their support with the Budget. Mr. Sura gave a presentation on the 2021 Budget, including the following points:

- The 2021 Budget is approximately \$34.8.million which represents about a 2.25% decrease from 2020 Budget.
- The General Fund comprises the largest part of the Budget, and contains the administrative and legislative functions of the Town, as well as the Police, Recreation, Building, and Planning Departments.
- The Highway Fund represents about 21% of the Budget; the Sewer & Water Districts represent about 13%; the Library Fund represents about 4%; and Other Funds, which include Ambulance and Fire Districts, represent about 3%. Appropriations for Sewer and Water related expenses, and Ambulance and Fire expenses are paid by the users in those districts. Appropriations for the General, Highway and Library Funds appropriations are shared across the Town equally.
- With regard to the budget comparison by Fund from 2019 to 2021, the Funds have been basically flat, with the exception of the budget for the Highway Fund which has been reduced, due primarily to the aggressive road paving over the past few years, especially in 2018 and 2019.
- The Town's revenues for the Budget come primarily from property taxes. About 30% of the revenues come from other sources. The PILOTs from IBM and Engel Berman provide about \$600,000. Non Property Tax Items, including sales tax revenue and mortgage tax revenue, cable franchise fees, and Department Income, also contribute a significant amount of revenues. About 3% of Appropriated Fund Balance, about \$900,000, is being used to balance the Budget.
- As the Town is a service organization, about 64% of the Town's expenses are salaries and benefits. Contractual expenses represent the third party vendors the Town uses for legal, engineering, information technology, and trash disposal services. Other expenses include repairs and maintenance, and vehicles and supplies needed to run Departments.
- The total tax levy for 2021 is \$24,352,941. The tax levy that is related to the General, Highway, and Library Funds is \$21,023,748, which is related to the 2021 tax rate of \$173.15 and the 0.98% increase in the tax rate. The tax levy limit to stay under the New York State tax cap is \$26,049,662. The Town is well under the 2% tax cap.
- Therefore, about \$1.7 million of tax levies will be deferred to future years.
- The tax impact to the median valued home in North Castle will be an increase of about \$32 in Town taxes.

Town Administrator Kevin Hay thanked the Supervisor, Town Board, and all Department Heads, and especially Mr. Sura, for their work on the Budget. Mr. Hay gave a presentation regarding continuing and future projects, including completion of the SCADA Project in the Water and Sewer Department, and continuation of the Wastewater Plant Efficiency Plan; and continuation of road infrastructure improvements. Continuing Town goals include the completion of the pool purchase; North White Plains Community Center improvements; and the installation of bathrooms at Community Park.

Supervisor Schiliro recognized the contributions of Mindy Berard, Larry Ruisi, and Town Board members in the Budget process. He individually recognized the Department Heads, who participated in the public hearing online via web conference, for their work in keeping the Town running during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town Board members thanked the Supervisor, Town Administrator Kevin Hay, Director of Finance Abbas Sura, and the Department Heads.

Town Board Minutes  
November 18, 2020

After all persons were heard who desired to be heard, Councilman Reiter moved, seconded by Councilman Berra, at 9:21 p.m. that the Public Hearings be adjourned to the December 9, 2020 meeting.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Noes: None.

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Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: December 3, 2020