

PUBLIC HEARING

November 30, 2016

At 8:13 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 2017 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 30, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter, when 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	\$81,500

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budgets for the year 2017 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; and Fire Protection District No. 1; 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 2016 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 30, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter, 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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Dated: November 16, 2016  
Armonk, NY

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

The Affidavits 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 2017 Preliminary Budgets were marked Exhibit "D" for the record.

Supervisor Schiliro said that Town Administrator Joan Goldberg will give a presentation on the budget and he acknowledged Ms. Goldberg for her role in preparing the budget. The Supervisor said that Work Sessions to review the budget were held throughout October with all Department Heads. Mr. Schiliro acknowledged and thanked the Department Heads, all of whom were present

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at the hearing, and said that they began their work on the budget in the summer. Mr. Schiliro said that the public hearing will stay open until the December 14, 2016 meeting, the budget should be voted on at that time, and the hearing will be closed.

Ms. Goldberg presented a summary of the 2017 Preliminary Budgets, including the following points:

- Total Budget is \$32,063,989
- General tax rate increase is 1.71%
- Spending increase is \$454,154
- Spending increase percentage is 1.44%
- Tax impact to the median valued home in the Town of North is an increase of \$53
- Budget maintains tax cap compliance which the Town has maintained each year

Ms. Goldberg presented the following budget highlights:

- The General Fund, which includes the Police Department, is the largest fund, followed by Highway and Library Funds.
- There is an increase in the paving budget to \$1,000,000. Almost 27 miles of roads have been paved in the last four years, which is about 28% of the 94 miles of Town owned roads.
- In accordance with multiple labor studies, one police officer is being added in the budget for a total of 34 uniformed police personnel.
- There is an increase in funding for Highway equipment by 20% to increase fleet reliability.
- Funding for Police fleet improvements has been maintained. Ms. Goldberg thanked Chief Peter Simonsen who has reduced the number of police vehicles from 20 down to 16 due to the Town Board's commitment to replace the vehicles when needed to ensure their reliability and eliminate the need to keep spare vehicles.
- Sal Misiti, Director of Water and Sewer Operations, has managed to lower spending in the Water and Department.

Ms. Goldberg reviewed the Capital Projects which were accomplished in 2016:

- Paved seven miles of roadway
- Renovated Emergency Operations Center in the Police Department which is used as headquarters during emergencies, such as Superstorm Sandy where liaisons from Con Ed and multiple agencies worked together
- Replaced dugout at Clove Road
- Replaced Lombardi Park Pavilion Roof
- Replaced IBM Field 1 Backstop
- Demolition of house at 2 McClure Street (property is intended to be added to an adjacent park)
- A generator has been installed in the Armonk branch of the Library, and the Town is awaiting final design plans for installation of the generator in the community center in North White Plains.
- A bucket truck was purchased for some tree work to be done without having to pay outside contractors.

Ms. Goldberg reviewed the Capital Projects for 2017:

- North White Plains Community Center Expansion
- Additional Paving - Ms. Goldberg said that there is \$1 million dollars in the budget for paving. The Town has been spending about \$2 million dollars each year in an effort to catch up.
- Parking behind Hergenhan Recreation Center – Ms. Goldberg said half the cost for this project is being funded by a grant which Director of Planning Adam Kaufman helped to secure.
- Old Route 22 Streetscape improvements include parking spaces, light and walkway.
- Duck Pond Dam repair
- Ms. Goldberg said that these projects are typically funded through fund balance or debt.

Ms. Goldberg reviewed the General Fund Balances for the years 2011 through 2015.

In response to a query from resident Michael Fareri, Ms. Goldberg said the change in the Town's assessables from 2012 to 2017 is an increase of about three-quarters of a million dollars on assessed value. Last year the Town's assessables were about \$117.4 million and this year they are

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currently about \$118.1 million. Town Assessor Victoria Sirota said that net assessables have increased since 2014.

Supervisor Schiliro acknowledged and thanked the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee for their service.

Mr. Schiliro said that the road paving is a top priority for the Board and the Town is applying as many resources as it can toward the roads. The Supervisor said that the Town's Fund Balance has continued to grow since 2008 which was a factor in restoring the Town's AAA rating in 2014 and enables the Town to borrow at lower interest rates. Mr. Schiliro said the targeted amount for the Fund Balance is about 20% of the General Fund.

Ms. Goldberg said that the Town is constantly looking for ways to work smarter, better and more cost efficient.

Supervisor Schiliro thanked Administrator Goldberg for her work on the budget.

Ms. Goldberg recognized Bookkeeper Kieya Glaze for her help with the budget.

After all persons were heard who desired to be heard, Councilman D'Angelo moved, seconded by Councilman DiGiacinto, at 8:52 p.m. that the Public Hearing be adjourned to the December 14, 2016 meeting.

The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen D'Angelo, DiGiacinto, Reiter, Berra, Supervisor Schiliro.

Noes: None.

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Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: December 13, 2016