

TOWN OF WILTON

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PUBLIC HEARING-7:00 P.M

2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Wilton for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilton Town Hall located on 22 Traver Road in said town at which time all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

SAID PRELIMINARY BUDGET will be completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Wilton at 22 Traver Road where it may be examined by any interested person during regular business hours.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN LAW, SECTION 108, PROPOSED SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS ARE LISTED BELOW:

Supervisor	\$26,000
Councilman (4) (each)	\$13,906
Highway Superintendent	\$75,919
Town Clerk	\$57,390
Town Justice (2) (each)	\$34,581

BY RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WILTON

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Johnson said the 2018 Preliminary Budget was introduced last month. The preliminary budget, as submitted, was \$8,276,836.00. The town board held a budget workshop to go over the budget. The only change was to increase the salary of the Senior Center Director by a total of \$2,800. The preliminary budget before us is \$8,279,636. There are copies of the budget for the audience.

Nancy Dwyer, 12 New Kent Drive, said she wanted to speak to this budget. She said she attended the workshop. Our town board member, Joanne Klepetar did request a town planner be put in the budget. That was denied. She requested a part time planner be put in the budget. That was denied and would like to speak to that point. She said she's had the opportunity to speak to a lot of our town residents. One of the main concerns was the development and over development of our town.

In 2010 we had a planner. At the time, Ray O'Connor was the Deputy Supervisor and stated in the minutes, "The town continues to grow as things get more complex. All five members of the board decided unanimously to hire a planner. They were unanimous in creating the position and unanimous on hiring Kate Maynard. On three different occasions, when she was first hired and when we did two subsequent budgets, all five of us voted to fund that position". He explained that in his opinion, we are probably going to have the single greatest period of economic growth in this area. Much will be spurred by the Global Foundries project and we are hoping to play a big role in that. In order to do that successfully we are going to need the expertise of a professional planner who can help us look forward. Councilman Pulsifer is absolutely right; it is our job to create policy to set policy to make sure our goals and objectives are carried out. We need some professional help to do that. He stated that he thought that more than ever, in the history of this community, we need somebody with the expertise, talent and the foresight that Kate Maynard has. Councilman Gerber stated at that time "There are two people on this town board who are vehemently opposed to terminating this position", one of them was a current supervisor, "and two who are strongly in favor of that". She said she believes Art Johnson is the only one today who was on the board at that time and was strongly in favor of keeping the town planner.

A planner is someone who develops plans and programs for the use of land. They use planning to create communities, accommodate growth and revitalize physical facilities in towns, cities and counties. Planners identify community needs and develop short and long term plans to create, grow or revitalize a community or area. They may examine plans for proposed facilities such as schools to ensure these facilities will meet the needs of a changing population. As an area grows or changes, planners help communities manage their related economic, social and environmental issues such as planning a new park, sheltering the homeless or making the region more attractive to businesses. Ultimately, all planners promote best use of a community's land and resources for residential, commercial or recreational purposes. While civil engineers focus on the project themselves, urban and regional planners emphasize how the project will play out in the local planning climate. Engineers and planners cooperate on projects. From a local resident and someone with engineering and planning experience and current planning job, an ideal town planner, engineering working relationship; both professions rely on the other to perform their job duties effectively. A planner is not trained to evaluate engineering reports and must rely on a professionally trained engineer to perform this task. A town engineer does not have the time to properly and thoroughly evaluate basic planning design requirements, relate proposed developments to the comprehensive plan, perform economic evaluations and assess environmental concerns. A town engineer can successfully perform the duties of a successfully trained planner. The argument can be made that for a town to use an engineer to perform planning duties is a waste of personnel resources. An engineer's strength is the ability to get into specific design details and a planner's strength is in code interpretation, strong communication skills, economic and environmental awareness, ability to work with communities, boards, town board officials, big picture and grant writing skills. It is virtually impossible for one individual to effectively cover all these bases. An example of why a town needs a professional planner to analyze developmental proposals. A recent proliferation of housing developments along Loudon Road in the Town of Wilton has had a direct negative impact on the residents along and adjacent to Ingersol Road, transforming the previously residential road into a major connector from these new housing areas and Route 50. Ingersol Road was not designed to function as a major connector but is currently doing so as a result of intensive housing development with relatively high density subdivisions in the area. The Ingersol Road area is not within the specific area limit of the new housing development on Loudon Road. However, the impacts are certainly being felt in the adjacent areas in the form of increased traffic and vehicle speed. This is where a thorough planning review would've exposed this potential problem and recommended the relatively high density of these developments in this area. It also would address the impact on our school. Those developments particularly impact Dorothy Nolan, while the superintendent says and the numbers show,

that it is not at capacity and the student teacher ratio is low. **Supervisor Johnson** reminded Ms. Dwyer the public hearing is about the budget. **Ms. Dwyer** said the budget was asked to have a planner put in. The argument at that meeting was we don't need a planner. Not that we didn't have the money for it, but we don't need a planner. Mr. Riper does our planning for us as well as our engineering. Seven years ago we got rid of a planner that was unanimously voted in and re-voted two to three times. The development in this town is a major concern. Why we are not putting a planner in when one of our town board members has requested it and we can afford it and why we are not doing it is the point, done.

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any more comments. There were none.

The public hearing was closed at 7:10

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-November 9, 2017

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed the following board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Steven Streicher-Deputy Supervisor
Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman
John Lant-Councilman
John McEachron-Councilman

Also present was Ryan K. Riper, P. E., Director of Planning and Engineering.

Public Comment Session

Alan Ross, 29 Edie Road said he spoke before the board last month during the public comment period. He said he is an avid Pickleball player and plays regularly at Gavin Park, as do many other Wilton seniors. He said he spoke at the last meeting and they were kindly recorded in the minutes. The board was going to consider the comments and would discuss it at a future meeting. The online agenda had no reference to Pickleball being discussed at this meeting. There are more meetings this could be considered at. Whatever the case may be he said he would like to keep this topic on the screen of the board. The Pickleball players continue to be interested in this. There are about 30 of us who play on a daily basis at Gavin Park, indoor and outdoor. The issue brought to the board's attention was a change to the fee policy for next year, beginning January 1, 2018. It has been \$3 for anyone to play. We have been paying that for a number of years. The revenue the town realizes for that more than pays for the expenses incurred by us using the facilities. We would like the fee to continue to be \$3 for everyone. The policy the board passed in September was to make it \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. There are a fairly significant number of people who play who are not residents. They contribute significantly to the enjoyment and quality of the play. The residents do not feel burdened or concerned by outside residents playing. We feel we benefit from them playing and do not want to discourage them

by a significantly increased fee, differentiating them from the residents. We would like to continue to ask the board's consideration to keep the fee \$3 for all of the players for the future, at least for the next budget year.

Mr. Ross said the vast majority of the Parks and Recreation budget is devoted to youth and family programs and we believe it should be. A very miniscule part of the budget, a little over \$2,000 of \$1.25 million dollar budget is devoted to adult recreation. We feel the seniors deserve to have a reasonable opportunity to play for a reasonable fee. The \$3 per person already pays for any expense we incur. We would like it to remain \$3 for everyone to play and allow the non-residents to enjoy the same benefit. There are a number of other places people can play that are equal to or less expensive. That includes Saratoga Recreation on Vanderbilt Avenue. We also have a number of players who come from Glens Falls and South Glens Falls. The Glens Falls YMCA has a Pickleball Court. We have already seen a little attrition of some of our north county neighbors. They have already started to move to other programs in anticipation of the increased fee. We would like that put to rest and invite them openly to play at Gavin Park

Nancy Dwyer, 12 New Kent Drive said congratulations to the board for being hired again to work for us again and also to the voters of our town. We had over 4200 votes cast on Tuesday which may be a record breaker. We ran a campaign we are proud of and it was our pleasure to meet and knock doors. We have an amazing group of people who live in our town. Four out of five of us have never run or served in a political position. To garner the support we did is unprecedented. We'd like to think our democracy is hard at work. The town's website link is live if you would like to receive emails from the town. **Supervisor Johnson** said the public comment period is not a political forum. **Ms. Dwyer** said we deserve to know what is going on in order to make informed decisions. We deserve to be heard. Thank you to the voters for coming out and congratulations to the incumbents for winning again and being here to serve the town.

Cliff Sequin said he is the Chairman for Operation Adopt a Soldier. We have been located on Route 50 for about 15 years. Operation Adopt a Soldier has sent over 200,000 packages overseas to the troops. It's not only because of us; it is because of the good town board we have. He said he wanted to thank the board for everything they have done for the soldiers, Operation Adopt a Soldier and for allowing us to use the facilities at Gavin Park for our Haunted Hayride. We had an outstanding year, the best we have ever had with good weather. Thank you for all you have done, you're doing a heck of a job.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #157

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2017 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

2018 Preliminary Budget

Supervisor Johnson said the public hearing was held on the 2018 Preliminary Budget and asked if there were any requests for changes.

Councilman Lant asked if there was any more thought on a leaf program. **Supervisor Johnson** said it could be fit within the existing budget. We can work with the funds if the Highway Superintendent agrees to the program.

Councilwoman Klepetar said she would like to make a motion to amend the budget and request we fund a planner position. All of the minutes from the previous meetings indicate it is still a position in the town; it has just been defunded since 2011. She said she is requesting to have the position funded again. **Supervisor Johnson** asked for a second to the motion. **Councilman McEachron** said the option to hire a part time planner, if one was needed, was discussed at the budget meeting. He said he was in favor of it if the board feels as though one is needed. The growth rate in the last seven years is not as big as it was expected to be. **Supervisor Johnson** said the funding of the planner position was discussed in the workshop if the need arises. **Councilman McEachron** agreed. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked who decides if the need is here. If you talk to folks on the planning board they will tell you this is second only to the big building boom in 2005 and 2006. **Supervisor Johnson** said building is at the lowest point in years. **Councilman McEachron** said there is a 3% growth from 2010 to present. The highest growth rate was 2000 to 2010. **Supervisor Johnson** said the town is at .6% growth right now and one of the lowest corridor towns in the county. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked Mr. Riper if he is seeing that. **Mr. Riper** said the numbers were in the latest report from CDRPC (Capitol District Regional Planning Commission). **Councilman McEachron** said if the need arises he would be in favor of funding the position. He said has he no issue with it or Kate Maynard.

Supervisor Johnson said there was no second. The motion failed.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #158

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018 preliminary budget with amendments made in the budget workshop.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilwoman Klepetar, who was opposed. The motion passed 4-1.

Road Dedication

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 159

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the road dedication of **Easton Court and a portion of Cardiff Circle** contingent upon approval from Town Counsel.

Easton Court-Station 0+00 to 7+84
Cardiff Circle-Station 0+00 to 7+50

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Bid Request for Fertilization-Gavin Park

Supervisor Johnson said this item has been funded. It is a formality to approve the authorization for the item to go out to bid.

Councilwoman Klepetar asked if we could ask for bids for organic fertilizers as well as conventional bids.

Mr. Marino said he is sure John King does look for organic fertilizers. It will be more expensive if we do that. We recently used a company that did not use organic fertilizer but we will look into it. We meet all state requirements. **Supervisor Johnson** said the school district has to approve what is used.

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #160

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve bidding process for a 3 year contract for fertilization, to include organic and conventional fertilization options.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Bid Request for Pavilion Building-Gavin Park

Supervisor Johnson said funding for this project was approved in June.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #161

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve bidding process for the pavilion building at Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Canyon Run Extension-Drainage District

Mr. Riper noted Joe Dannible for EDP (Environmental Design Partnership) was present for any questions. **Supervisor Johnson** said the board is only setting the public hearing. This is a similar district to the one in Olson Farm Subdivision. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if the on-site inspector is an engineer. **Mr. Dannible** said the inspector may not be an engineer but will be working under the direct supervision of an engineer, providing daily engineering reports to the town and EDP.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #162

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for the Canyon Run Extension Drainage District on December 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0

Health Insurance Benefits

Supervisor Johnson stated the next two items used to be part of the organizational resolution but because the health benefit year begins on December 1, the items need to be approved prior to January 1.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #163

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the form of the Plan (MVP and CDPHP) effective 12/1/2017, presented at this meeting, is hereby approved and adopted and that the duly authorized agent of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed

to execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent of the Plan and one or more counterparts of the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the employer shall be the Sponsor of the Plan and shall be the Administrator of the Plan for purposes of ERISA.

RESOLVED, that the employer hereby appoints the Administrative Agent to assist it with the administration of the Plan and to perform all such non-discriminatory duties related hereto.

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Agent shall be instructed to take such actions that are deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan and to set up adequate account and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the duly authorized agents of the Employer shall act as soon as possible to notify the Employee of the Employer of the adoption of the Plan by delivering to each Employee a copy of the summary description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0

Health Reimbursement Arrangement

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #164

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the form of the HRA (MVP and CDPHP) effective 12/1/2017, presented at this meeting, is hereby approved and adopted

and that the duly authorized agent of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent of the HRA and one or more counterparts of the HRA.

RESOLVED, that the employer shall be the Sponsor of the HRA and shall be the Administrator of the Plan for purposes of ERISA.

RESOLVED, that the employer hereby appoints the Administrative Agent to assist it with the administration of the HRA and to perform all such non-discriminatory duties related hereto.

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Agent shall be instructed to take such actions that are deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the HRA and to set up adequate account and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the HRA.

RESOLVED, that the duly authorized agents of the Employer shall act as soon as possible to notify the Employee of the Employer of the adoption of the HRA by delivering to each Employee a copy of the summary description of the HRA in the form of the Summary HRA Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0

Committee Reports

Councilman McEachron asked about the leaf program. **Supervisor Johnson** said it should be discussed with the Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Johnson said the town wide mailing of the Wilton Bicentennial Events, scheduled for next year, has been completed. The website is up. The first event is the Gala at McGregor Country Club. There has been a great response to the event. If you are interested, you should get your tickets as soon as possible because it is likely to sell out.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher said he has noticed in the smaller developments the speed limit is 30 mph. For some of these developments with a lot of children out playing, 30 mph is too fast. He said he would personally like to see the speed reduced to 20 mph. There is a process to go through but would like the board to look into it further, as a community. He said he is always outside with his kids and sees drivers speeding through the development and running stop signs. The worry is someone will be hit by a car. The Highway Superintendent has done a great job posting the speed limit signs but 30 mph is fast in a development. **Councilman Lant** agreed. Maybe Supervisor Johnson could name a committee to come up with a list of roads for a speed limit reduction request. **Supervisor Johnson** said there are a lot of enforcement issues. If the speed limit is 30 mph some people will drive 40 mph. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said there are four RADAR signs out on the roads. The records show Waller and Worth Roads are the worst roads. We are looking at the subdivisions. Most subdivisions are 30 mph or less, which is the 85th percentile. That means 85% of the drivers are going 30 mph or less. The NYS DOT will not create an entrapment situation by lowering the speed limit under 30 mph. We can request it. He said he will be requesting speed limit reductions for several roads next month. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said the control of speed limits in Malta is false. The residents don't want to believe it. Malta received the okay to reduce their own speed limits but they still have to meet certain criteria before the speed limit can be reduced.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2017 Budget Transfer

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #165

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 budget transfer requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 11/9/2017 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session

Supervisor Johnson said there will be an Executive Session.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. for Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of property. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Klepetar** with all board members in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Councilman McEachron made a motion to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Councilman Lant** with all board members in favor.

Supervisor Johnson said there was no action taken.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Lant** and seconded by **Councilman McEachron** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

Councilman, John Lant

Councilman, John McEachron

Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar