

TOWN OF MALONE  
PUBLIC HEARINGS  
November 7, 2022

**WEST SIDE WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING**

PRESENT: Supervisor Stewart  
Deputy Supervisor Maguire  
Councillor Johnston  
Councillor Walbridge  
Budget Officer Hudson  
Town Clerk Guerin  
Dennis Daly-Malone Resident  
Jim Kenney-Seacomm Employee

Supervisor Stewart opened up the West Side Water District Public Hearing at 5:30p.m.

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Purpose for this meeting was to gather input from property owners, in regard to the proposed 2023 district rate. Dennis Daly Malone Resident was in attendance and wanted to know why the water tax was increased by 84%. Supervisor spoke and made him aware of the water line replacement emergency that had happened in 2020, after discussing the matter and its costs Mr. Daly did not have any further questions and left the meeting. Jim Kenney was present on behalf of Seacomm only reason for attending was fact finding he did not have any questions or concerns, Councilman Johnston also wanted to Thank Seacomm for all the donations for the baseball field. West Side water District is @ \$166.62790 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit. The annual district charge will appear on the Town/County tax bill in January 2023.

**Resolution 314-2022:**

On a motion Supervisor Stewart closed the West Side Water District Public Hearing at 5:40p.m

Adopted Ayes 4 Stewart, Maguire, Walbridge, Johnston

Nays 0

**EAST SIDE WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING**

PRESENT: Supervisor Stewart  
Deputy Supervisor Maguire  
Councillor Johnston  
Councillor Walbridge  
Budget Officer Hudson  
Town Clerk Guerin

Supervisor Stewart opened up the East Side Water District Public Hearing at 5:40p.m.

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Purpose of meeting was to gather input from property owners, in regards to the proposed 2023 district rate.

East Side Water District @ \$141.38317 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit this will appear on the Town/County tax bill in January 2023.

There were no public comments or letters received.

**Resolution 315-2022:**

On a motion Supervisor Stewart closed the East Side Water District Public Hearing at 5:50p.m  
Adopted Ayes 4 Stewart, Walbridge, Johnston, Maguire

Nays 0

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**Budget Public Hearing**

PRESENT: Supervisor Stewart  
Deputy Supervisor Maguire  
Councilor Johnston  
Councilor Walbridge  
Budget Officer Hudson  
Town Clerk Guerin

Supervisor Stewart opened up the Budget Public Hearing at 5:50p.m.

Budget Officer Hudson made the following statement:

The Preliminary tax rate for the Village is \$4.62 per thousand of assessed value (\$4.620239), a decrease of \$.05 cents per thousand (1.07%) over the 2022 rate.

The Preliminary tax rate for the Town is \$9.14 per thousand of assessed value (\$9.135307), an increase of \$.15 per thousand (1.67%) over the 2022 rate.

Items of note, by fund, are as follows: Increase in health insurance, liability insurance and salary decisions.

**GENERAL FUND** – Revenues for Court fines & fees increased slightly as court moving towards normal services. Appropriations for attorney’s fees and judgments remain higher due to ongoing assessment litigation, as well as an increase in dog control contractual due uncertain 2023. Increase in Youth Project Contractual for commitment to Village of Malone Recreation Fund as per agreement.

**PART-TOWN GENERAL FUND** – Planning Contractual remains higher due to increase in solar applications.

**HIGHWAY OUTSIDE FUND** - Increase in commitments for purchases of new highway equipment for much needed fleet upgrading.

**WEST WATER DISTRICT** – Long-Term Financing for 2021 Emergency Water Line Repair.

Town budget officer Denice Hudson said the life of the loan to cover the emergency repairs is for 30 yrs with an approximate interest rate up to 3.3%.

Overall appropriations were increased from 2022 by 3.55% and tax levy was increased by 2.47%.

Alex Violo- Malone Telegram, Wanted to know what led to the 3.5% increase. Supervisor Stewart said it was a commitment to upgrade Highway Equipment in conjunction with the amount of highway work, chips funding, aggressive road improvement program to keep the highway crew compensated and improve highways. Councilman Johnston said we are still 5% below inflation, there has been 150% positive feedback from the community on the roadways. Highway Superintendent has done an outstanding job on getting chips funding which reflects our budget. Councilman Walbridge added he can’t say enough about the Town Employees, the Town is staying within the tax bracket, citizens are seeing where our tax dollars are going. With low attendance at the public meetings the Town is doing something right or we would have a larger attendance. Supervisor spoke and said it has been a rough fall being short staffed, special Thanks to Denice for going above and beyond. The preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2023 has been completed and filed.

Pursuant to section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the Town Offices are:

Supervisor- \$20,000  
Councilors (4) \$8,000 EACH  
Town Justice (2) \$33,250 EACH  
Highway Superintendent- \$62,000

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**Resolution 316-2022:**

On a motion Supervisor Stewart closed budget public hearing at 6:05. Walbridge 2nd  
Adopted Ayes 4 Stewart, Maguire, Walbridge, Johnston

Nays 0

**Respectfully Submitted**

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**Nicole Guerin, Town Clerk**