

TOWN OF MALONE
Public Hearings
November 2, 2016

A public hearing meeting before the Town Board of the Town of Malone, County of Franklin and the State of New York was held at the Town Offices, 27 Airport Rd., Malone, NY on the 2nd day of November, 2016.

PRESENT: Howard Maneely ----- Supervisor
 John Sullivan ----- Deputy Supervisor
 Louise Taylor ----- Councilor
 Ed Lockwood ----- Councilor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Deborah Hutchins, Town Clerk
 Denice Hudson, Budget Officer

ABSENT: Mary Scharf ----- Councilor

ALSO PRESENT: EJ Conzola, Malone Telegram
 Mary Fredenburg, Malone
 Tom Schulz, Malone

5:15 pm – East Side Water District

Supervisor Maneely opened the Public Hearing in regard to the proposed EDU rate for the East Side Water District for 2017, set at **\$151.2523**; up from last year's rate of \$119.1139. The public notice was read by the Town Clerk at this time. Mary Fredenburg asked about the rate increase and Supervisor Maneely showed Ms. Fredenburg the list of unpaid water bills, the reason for the increase. Supervisor Maneely asked how many years were left on the bond and Budget Officer Hudson responded that both bonds mature in 2020. Ms. Fredenburg asked why the Town doesn't just pay off the bond and Supervisor Maneely and Budget Officer Hudson explained the process and if paid off in one year the rates would increase to an extreme for that year to the users. Budget Officer Hudson further explained that part of what reduces the EDU each year is part of the money that is left over or not expended.

At 5:29 pm, with no further comments from the Public or Board Members on this issue, the Supervisor closed the Public Hearing. Action will be taken on this at the Regular Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

5:30 pm – West Side Water District

Supervisor Maneely opened the Public Hearing in regard to the proposed EDU rate for the West Side Water District for 2017, set at **\$76.1326**; down from last year's rate of \$84.3074. The public notice was read by the Town Clerk at this time. Tom Schulz asked where the West Side Water was – where does it start and where does it end. Supervisor Maneely explained that it starts at the Village limits by Route 11 by Dunkin Donuts up to the intersection of the Creighton Road then down the Creighton Road to Industrial Park, up the Meehan Road to Route 11B and loops around back in to the Village by top of Franklin Street hill. Mr. Schulz asked if this notice was an increase to which Supervisor Maneely responded that it was a decrease from last year. Supervisor Maneely then explained that it is a special fee paid by the users in this water district which was done in the year 2000. Supervisor Maneely also explained that the hardship grant was received back then due to the fact that there were contaminated wells.

At 5:44 pm, with no further comments from the Public or Board members on this issue, the Supervisor closed the Public Hearing. Action will be taken on this at the Regular Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

5:45 pm – West Side Sewer District #2

Supervisor Maneely opened the Public Hearing in regard to the Sewer District #2 Pursuant to Article XI, Section 66.29, Town of Malone Sewer Use Law. The public notice was read by the Town Clerk at this time. Supervisor Maneely explained that there are only commercial users on this line. He also reviewed the history of the line and when installed.

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At 5:58 pm, with no further comments from the Public or Board members on this issue, the Supervisor closed the Public Hearing. Action will be taken on this at the Regular Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

6:00 pm – 2017 Proposed Budget

Supervisor Maneely opened the Public Hearing in regard to the 2017 Proposed Budget. The public notice was read by the Town Clerk at this time. Budget Officer Hudson read the proposed tax rates at this time. Inside the Village the rate is \$4.26 per 1,000 – which means a property assessed at \$50,000 would pay \$213.00 in Town taxes. Outside the Village the rate is \$8.83 per 1,000 – which means a property assessed at \$50,000 would pay \$441.50 in Town taxes. The inside Village rate in a \$.06 decrease from last year and the outside Village rate is a \$.21 increase from last year.

At 6:15 pm, with no further comments from the Public or Board members on this issue, the Supervisor closed the Public Hearing. Action will be taken on this at the Regular Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DEBORAH A. HUTCHINS, TOWN CLERK