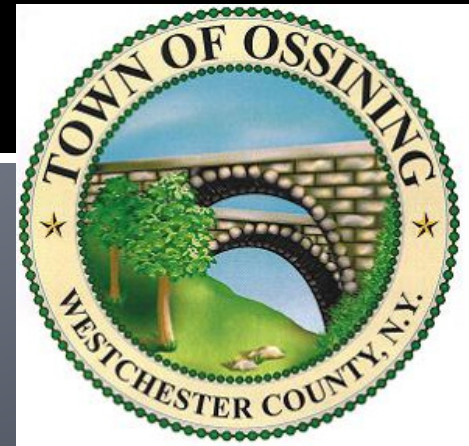


Facts and Figures:

Proposed Annexation of
Election Districts 17 & 20 Into the
Village of Briarcliff Manor

December 2013



Town of Ossining Contains Three Municipalities

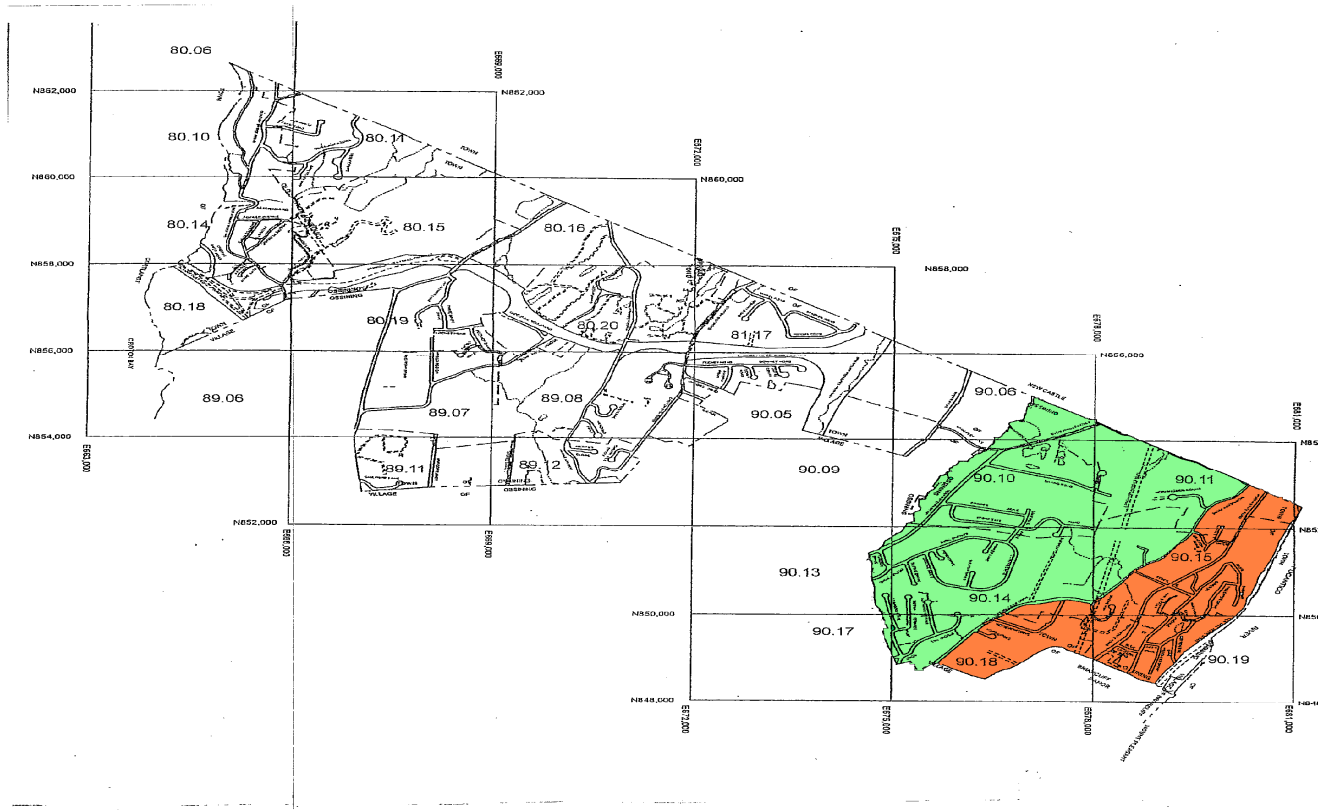
- Town of Ossining
 - Village of Ossining
 - Village of Briarcliff Manor (87% geographically)
 - Unincorporated Area
 - Including Election Districts 17 & 20
- Village of Briarcliff Manor
 - 87% is in the Town of Ossining
 - 13% is in the Town of Mount Pleasant

Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

■ Property Tax Distribution

- **Westchester County:** Around 12%
- **Town of Ossining:** Less than 2%
- **School Districts:** Between 61% and 70%
- **Local Municipality:** Between 15% and 26%
 - Village Tax OR
 - Unincorporated Town Tax + Special Districts

How Much of the Unincorporated Area is in Question?



What Will NOT Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- ▶ School Districts, Post Office Addresses and Political Boundaries **will not change**
- ▶ Special Districts **will be preserved**, and residents of Election Districts 17 & 20 will continue to pay for them
- ▶ Remaining portions of Unincorporated Area will **not** automatically become part of the Village of Ossining

What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- Residents of Election Districts 17 & 20:
 - Will now be taxed for **BOTH** Ossining Public and Briarcliff Village Libraries
 - Will still be **responsible for their proportionate share of** all existing Town of Ossining **debt**

What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- Residents of Election Districts 17 & 20:
 - Will still be responsible for their proportionate share of all existing Town of Ossining contracts
 - Will still be taxed based on property assessment value for purposes of calculating all Town of Ossining special district tax levy amounts

What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

► Residents of Election Districts 17 & 20 Will Now **PAY TWICE** for the following:

- Refuse Collection (Garbage and Recycling)
- Municipal Water
- Municipal Sewer
- Municipal Street Lighting
- Police
- Ambulance Protection
- Fire Protection
- Libraries

What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- ▶ Remainder of Unincorporated Area's taxes to increase significantly (↑ 20%)
 - \$20.16/ thousand assessed
 - Roughly \$414 per household increase

What WILL Happen if Election Districts 17 & 20 Are Annexed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor

- ▶ Village of Briarcliff Manor residents to absorb Town of Ossining debt previously incurred by residents of 17 & 20
 - 33.68% of 2014 Unincorporated Fund Debt + Interest: **\$118,556**
 - 33.68% of 2014 Highway Fund Debt + Interest: **\$29,608**
 - 33.68% of 2014 Unincorporated Contractual Costs: **\$59,868**
 - 33.68% of 2014 Police Contract: **\$845,252**
 - Entirety of North State Road Sewer Debt: **\$55,156**
 - **TOTAL Debt Incurred by Election Districts 17 & 20 in 2014: \$1,108,440**

What is the Rationale?

The Town and Village Boards must consider whether the residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are already receiving vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services.

Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?

- Parks and Recreation Department services:
 - Park facilities, including a water spray park
 - Youth recreation programs and services, including summer camp
 - Adult recreation programs and services
 - Year-round swimming pool

Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?

- Senior services:
 - Senior Nutrition program: lunches and home meal delivery
 - Senior activities and programs
 - RUOK daily phone call service
 - Call-a-Cab program
 - Town Chauffer program

Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?

- Highway Department services:
 - Maintenance of Town streets and roads
 - Maintenance of Town drainage systems/ storm sewers
 - Maintenance of Town sanitary sewer system and pumping stations
 - Snow removal and ice control on Town roads
 - Leaf pick-up
 - Tree removal and trimming of trees in Town right-of-ways
 - Bulk trash collection

Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?

- Police protection and emergency response services
- Fire protection services
- Ambulance and emergency medical services, including EMT & paramedic services

Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?

- Engineering services for Town functions and projects
- Clean filtered drinking water
- Sanitary sewer collection system and pumping stations
- Street lighting
- Sanitation garbage and recyclables pick-up
- Access to Metro North train station and commuter parking

Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?

- Building Department services for building safety and code enforcement
- Planning and Zoning Department services
- Other general government support services, such as assessments, tax collection, Town Clerk, Town legal, Town finance, Town executive, etc.
- Accountable elected officials

Is the Town ensuring that residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20 are provided with vital, valued, appropriate and complete municipal services?

- In addition, being annexed into the Village of Briarcliff Manor will not change the following educational and other services that are currently provided to residents and taxpayers in Election Districts 17 & 20:
 - Primary and secondary education from the Ossining Union Free School District
 - Public library from the Ossining Public Library

Things to Consider

- ▶ How long would annexation take?
- ▶ How much would it cost?
- ▶ Is there a clear benefit to annexation for all stakeholders?
- ▶ Would annexation harm any taxpayers?
- ▶ Would Residents of 17 & 20 see appreciable savings?
- ▶ Would Village of Briarcliff Manor Residents pay more in taxes?
- ▶ Would Village of Ossining Residents pay more in taxes?
- ▶ Would this be a smart choice for everyone involved?