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Agenda

January 12, 2016

Agenda Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM – Trustees Room

Village Board Meeting - 8:00 PM - Rutherford Hall

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

➤ Village Board Meeting of December 22, 2015

Bills & Payroll

➤ Trustee Callaghan

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Manager's Comments

Public Comments

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- Resolution re: 2016 Village Election

Finance Committee – Trustee Samwick

- Resolution re: Acceptance of a Gift for the Scarsdale Public Library Addition and Renovation Project

Municipal Services Committee – Trustee Stern

- Resolution re: Authorization to Execute Westchester County Snow and Ice Removal Agreement
- Resolution re: Awarding VM Contract #1184 Furnish and Deliver Meter Interface Units

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- Sal Gulla – Meters During Christmas
- Jerry and Joyce Hirsch – Leaf Collection
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- James Shenwick - Heathcote 5 Corners Roundabout
- Marc Scheer – Scarsdale Train Station

Agenda

Town Board Meeting
January 12, 2016
Rutherford Hall, Village Hall

Roll Call

Minutes

- Town Board Meeting of December 8, 2015
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Reports

- Report of the Custodian of Taxes as of December 31, 2015
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Future Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

- Committee of the Whole – 5:30 PM – Trustees Room
-

1. Conduct Personnel Matters

- (It is anticipated that a motion will be offered to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters)

- Land Use Committee -- 7:00 PM – Third Floor Meeting Room
-

1. Conservation Advisory Council - Landscape Guidance Document for Village Land Use Boards

- 7:30 Agenda Committee
 - 8:00 PM Village Board Meeting
-

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

- Municipal Services Committee – 6:00 PM – 3rd Floor Meeting Room
-

1. Fire Station #1 (Popham Road) Addition and Renovation Project – Presentation of Final Design and Cost Estimate by Engineering Consultant

- Sustainability Committee – Immediately Following the Municipal Services Committee Meeting – 3rd Floor Meeting Room
-

1. Ad-Hoc LED Committee – Status Report

- 7:30 PM Agenda Committee Meeting
-

➤ 8:00 PM Village Board Meeting

FY 2015/16 Budget Discussions

Finance Committee – Trustees Room

Thursday, January 14, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 10:30 A.M.

Thursday, February 4, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 - 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

Public Briefing Sessions – 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Operating Budget

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Capital Budget

Village Hall Schedule

Monday, January 18, 2016

➤ Martin Luther King Birthday – Village Hall Closed

THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH

LIMITED AGENDA MEETING

Trustees' Room
Village Hall
December 22, 2015

A Limited Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale was held in the Trustees' Room in Village Hall on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 8:30 A.M

Present were Mayor Mark, Trustees Callaghan, Finger, Lee, Pekarek (via teleconference), and Stern. Also present were Village Manager Pappalardo, Deputy Village Manager Cole, Village Attorney Esannason, Village Clerk Conkling, Village Treasurer McClure, and Assistant to the Village Manager Ringel.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 8, 2015 were approved on a motion entered by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Pekarek, and carried unanimously.

Bills & Payroll

Trustee Stern reported that he had audited the Abstract of Claims dated December 22, 2015 in the amount of \$1,365,630.39 which includes \$58,683.92 in Library Claims previously audited by a Trustee of the Library Board which were found to be in order and he moved that such payment be ratified.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Stern and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Claims dated December 22, 2015 in the amount of \$1,365,630.39 is hereby approved.

Finance Committee

Mayor Mark reported on the statements of expense and revenue for the various funds of the Village for the first six months of fiscal year 2015-2016.

General fund appropriations were 42.97% spent as of November 2015, which is a 1.49% increase from the 41.48% in 2014-2015.

General Fund Revenues other than property taxes are \$8,888,007 through November 2015 compared to \$8,541,381 through November 2014, an increase of \$346,626. Building Permit revenue (included in License and Permit revenue) is \$140,800 less than last year's record pace. Please note that the 2014-2015 first quarter License and Permit revenue included a single permit fee of \$91,000. Tax penalties and delinquent tax collections are down \$45,400 as the balance of taxes and liens declined from last year. Public Utility Tax, Sales Tax, Department Fees, Licenses and Permits and Mortgage Tax are down an aggregate of \$183,400. Parking Permit and Meter income, Recreation fees, Rental Income, Sale of Equipment and Insurance Recoveries, State Aid and Court Fines increased a total of \$548,400. The change in investment income is negligible and the change in Inter-fund Revenues is due to a timing difference.

The actual collection of Village taxes through November 30, 2015 is at 98.96%. The change from last year's collection percentage is negligible.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Lee, and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution regarding Acceptance of a Gift to the Scarsdale Public Library was approved by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Policy #106: "*Gifts to the Village of Scarsdale*" of the Village of Scarsdale Administrative Policies & Procedures Manual, acceptance of all gifts valued at \$500 or greater must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Gellin Zalaznick Foundation, Inc. wishes to donate \$750 donation to the Scarsdale Public Library; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby accepts the gift of \$750 to be used toward Scarsdale Public Library general operating expenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer take the necessary steps to accept this financial gift of \$750 and deposit in the Scarsdale Public Library Budget Account TE-91-.22 – "Miscellaneous Gifts"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby extends their heartfelt thanks and great appreciation to the Gellin Zalaznick Foundation for their generosity and commitment to the Scarsdale Public Library.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Lee, and seconded by Trustee Stern, the following resolution regarding Transfer of Principal from Library Children's Room Endowment to Library Capital Campaign Account was approved by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, the Library has a non-expendable trust account entitled, "Children's Room Endowment," TN-96-.10, with a current principal of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the endowment is to continue the development of children's interest in reading and learning through books, audio-visual materials, and informational technology, thus promoting early reading and an early love for reading, factors that contribute to successful childhood education; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum of agreement for the Children's Room Endowment (attached) states that "Up to 10% of the principal may be used annually, as authorized by the Library Board of Trustees, to enhance resources and services to the children"; and

WHEREAS the Library Board, in a special meeting on December 1, 2015, approved a transfer before the end of 2015 from the Children's Room Endowment to the Library's Capital Campaign account of \$50,000, and a similar transfer, in January 2016, of \$45,000, all to be expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Endowment (attached); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees concurs with the Library Board's transfer of \$50,000 from the Children's Room Endowment to the Library Capital Campaign Account in a separate, restricted-use Children's Room Endowment Proceeds Sub-Account, by December 31, 2015, said funds to be expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of the endowment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees further concurs with the future transfer of \$45,000 from the Children's Room Endowment to the Library Capital Campaign Account in the separate, restricted-use Children's Room Endowment Proceeds Sub-Account in January 2016, with said proceeds to be expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of the endowment.

Mayors Comments

Mayor Mark noted that he attended and was one of the speakers at a vigil for victims of gun violence on the grounds of the Scarsdale Congregational Church on Sunday, December 20th.

Mayor Mark also noted that the Village has received a grant from New York State for just over \$1 million to further work on the Sheldrake water basin. Although there were numerous grants given, Scarsdale received the largest one. He stated that Village Staff should be complimented for their hard work in obtaining this grant.

Mayor Mark also noted that the Federal Railroad Administration has developed four alternatives for rail transportation improvements along the Northeast Corridor with one of the plans including a high-speed train line that would run either in a tunnel underneath Scarsdale or on an aerial structure above the Village. The Village has had an opportunity to comment on an Environmental Impact Statement for the alternatives and Mayor Mark wrote a letter to the Federal Railroad Administration noting that the tunnel or aerial structure would have a significant adverse impact on the Village's residents, homes, property values, quality of life and character of the Village. He also noted in his letter that it would be better to use the projected \$155 billion in funding to address the existing needs of the Nation's aging and outdated passenger rail and public transit infrastructure. He stated that he emailed copies of this letter to the Scarsdale Inquirer, Scarsdale10583, Scarsdale HamletHub, SNAP, and the President of the Scarsdale Forum.

Concerning Monte Nido, Mayor Mark stated that an attorney from the New York State Mental Health office has been in contact with the Village in regard to holding a hearing after the holidays concerning the Village's objection to Monte Nido's proposal. SNAP, the Scarsdale Inquirer and a number of residents have been made aware of this.

Other Committee Reports

Trustee Stern reported that there will be a meeting of Sustainability Committee on January 26, 2016 at which time the Ad-Hoc LED Committee will give a status report on the LED street lighting.

Trustee Pekarek reported that there will be a meeting of the Land Use Committee on January 12, 2016, at which time the Conservation Advisory Council will present a Landscape Guidance Document for Village Land Use Boards.

Liaison Reports

Trustee Callaghan reported that the Scarsdale Concours has donated the \$24,000 they raised during their October 2015 event as follows: \$8,000 to the Scarsdale Foundation, \$8,000 to the Scarsdale/Edgemont Family Counseling Services, and \$8,000 for the purchase of a motorized wheelchair for a military service veteran.

Future Meetings

Mayor Mark announced the following future meeting schedule:

- Tuesday, January 12, 2016 – Agenda Meeting – 7:30 P.M. – Trustees’ Room
- Tuesday, January 12, 2016 – Board of Trustees – 8:00 P.M. – Rutherford Hall
- Tuesday, January 26, 2015 – Municipal Services Committee – 6:00 P.M. – Third Floor Meeting Room
- Tuesday, January 26, 2015 – Sustainability Committee (*Immediately Following Municipal Services Committee*) – Third Floor Meeting Room
- Tuesday, January 26, 2016 – Agenda Meeting – 7:30 P.M. – Trustees’ Room
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Village Hall Schedule

- Thursday, December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve – Village Hall Closed at 12:30 P.M.
- Friday, December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day – Village Hall Closed

- Thursday, December 31, 2015 – New Year's Eve – Village Hall Closed at 12:30 P.M.
- Friday, January 1, 2015 – New Year's Day – Village Hall Closed

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Mark moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 A.M. and convene in Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters, seconded by Trustee Pekarek and carried by a unanimous vote.

Donna M. Conkling
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION RE: 2016 VILLAGE ELECTION

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 15-104 of the Election Law, the Village election shall be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon and 9:00 p.m; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the polling place for all Election Districts, Numbers 1-19 shall be at Village Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that qualified registered voters who reside within Westchester County may be inspectors of election for Village elections held in Scarsdale.

Submitted by: Village Clerk
Date: January 7, 2016
For: January 12, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FOR THE
SCARSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITION
AND RENOVATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Scarsdale Library Board completed a Master Plan dated June 10, 2013, which identifies a number of building renovations and additions that will increase the capacity of the Library to provide a broader range of rapidly evolving library services while maintaining popular traditional collections and programs by offering a more balanced utilization of the building space within a safe, attractive and inviting comfortable environment, said Master Plan supported by the Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees via resolution dated April 8, 2014 (attached); and

WHEREAS, the improvements identified in the Master Plan will transform the Library into a multi-purpose community asset for future generations, maintain its preeminent status among free public libraries in the County and State, enhance its technological capacity to further library services and create a physical environment that will be a welcoming and versatile learning center; and

WHEREAS, the Scarsdale Public Library Board, at their October 21, 2013 meeting, authorized the retention of the fund raising consulting firm of Plan A Advisors, P.O. Box 165, Thornwood, NY 10594, to design and conduct a capital campaign to implement such a project, subsequently identified in the July 20, 2015, Schematic Design Report prepared by Dattner Architects, at an estimated construction cost of \$16,500,000 and total project cost of approximately \$19,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Scarsdale Library has offered to donate the gift of \$79,600 to the Scarsdale Public Library Addition and Renovation Capital Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Policy #106: "*Gifts to the Village of Scarsdale*" of the Village of Scarsdale Administrative Policies & Procedures Manual, acceptance of all gifts valued at \$500 or greater must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby accepts the gift of \$79,600 from the Friends of the Scarsdale Library toward the Scarsdale Public Library Addition and Renovation Project; and be it further

RESOLVED,

that the Village Treasurer take the necessary steps to complete the transaction and accept this financial gift of \$79,600 and deposit it in the Library Capital Campaign Account; and be it further

RESLOVED,

that the Board of Trustees hereby extends their heartfelt thanks and great appreciation to the Friends of the Scarsdale Library, for their generosity and commitment to the Scarsdale Public Library and Community.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: January 7, 2016
For: January 12, 2016

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The County of Westchester owns 3.22 lane miles of road within the Village of Scarsdale which require snow and ice removal services in order to provide reasonable passage and movement of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety the Village of Scarsdale has historically provided this service to Westchester County through various inter-municipal agreements (IMAs); and

WHEREAS, the latest Westchester County IMA had a five (5) year term which expired on September 30, 2015, and the County has subsequently proffered another five (5) year IMA for the identical services to be provided through September 30, 2020, with said IMA attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement rate received from the County for services rendered by the Village shall be in accordance with Schedule "B" of the attached agreement; and

WHEREAS, any annual increase in reimbursement payments to the Village during this agreement shall be based on a percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) for all Urban Consumers all items, Selected Large Cities for New York, Northeastern New Jersey Area, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statics from the previous twelve months, but not to exceed 3 ½ % from the preceding year's amount; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign and execute an agreement, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, between the Village of Scarsdale and Westchester County for snow and ice removal services on County-owned roads located in the Village of Scarsdale; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is herein authorized to complete all other administrative acts necessary pursuant to this agreement.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: January 8, 2016
For: January 12, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: VM CONTRACT 1184 – FURNISH AND DELIVER
METER INTERFACE UNITS**

- WHEREAS,** The Village of Scarsdale Water Department receives, pumps, treats, and distributes potable water to approximately 5,800 accounts, consisting of both Village Residents and residents of Eastchester Water District #1; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to read water meters, the Village's current infrastructure requires that Village Personnel enter a residence or physically touch a meter on the side of a home; and
- WHEREAS,** in an effort save on operational costs and increase efficiencies, the Village of Scarsdale has embarked on a program to install Meter Interface Units (MIUs), a device installed on each water meter that transmits meter reading data through a single radio frequency that can be easily retrieved by walking by or driving by an MIU-installed residence; and
- WHEREAS,** there are currently 400 Village Water accounts with MIUs, however, once all customers are so equipped, water meter reads can be conducted at Village Hall via a single radio tower to be located in the Village; and
- WHEREAS,** the current Water Enterprise Capital Budget includes \$100,000 for the purchase of additional MIUs; and
- WHEREAS,** on Friday, December 11, 2015, the Village advertised in the Scarsdale Inquirer for the receipt of bids under VM Contract #1184 - Furnish and Deliver Eleven Hundred MIUs through the Scarsdale Inquirer, and sent bid notifications to two MIU vendors; and
- WHEREAS,** on the bid opening date of December 28, 2015, one sealed bid was received from Rio Supply Inc. of New York, 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ 08081, at a unit bid price of \$106.00, for a maximum of 1,100 units totaling \$116,600; and
- WHEREAS,** the contract allows the Village of Scarsdale to purchase up to 1,100 MIU units at the unit bid price of \$106.00 for up to six months after the award of the contract; and
- WHEREAS,** Rio Supply, Inc., an authorized reseller of compatible MIU's in the Northeast, has satisfactorily supplied water meters and remote reading devices to the Village of Scarsdale in the past; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that VM Contract #1184 - Furnish and Deliver 1,100 Meter Interface Units be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Rio Supply Inc. of New York, 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ 08081, at the unit bid price of \$106.00, not to exceed budgeted appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, the cost of the units be charged to the Water Department Capital Projects, Account EWS-8310-DSTRB-CAPTL-500-50; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute VM Contract #1184 on behalf of the Village of Scarsdale with Rio Supply Inc. of New York, 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ 08081, and to undertake administrative acts as may be required pursuant to the terms of the Agreement

Submitted by: Village Manager

Date: January 8, 2016

For: January 12, 2016

Dear Board of Education,

My name is Christine Bessin and I live at 20 Old Lyme road, 10583 Scarsdale.

I apologise for the late email but I just heard about this.

I am writing to express my concern about changing the existing bus policy for private and parochial school students. While I can empathize with the position of the parents who desire busing, I do not think this should come at the expense of the safety and well-being of non-public school students who do not receive any other services from the district. Please consider the following points:

- New York State law requires that Scarsdale non-public school students who live 3 miles from their school are bused to school. The same number of buses and bus drivers will be needed to transport students no matter where they are picked up.

- Families of private and parochial school students pay school taxes but their children do not use the schools, only the buses, which frees up more education dollars for public schools.

- Changing the existing policy would put additional burdens on families already paying school taxes and additional tuitions, and would be unfair given the expectations that were in place upon moving in.

- Currently two of my children use the bus system, while I drive my 3-year old to Nursery. I could not send my youngest to school if I had to drive the other two to their school. I am not even sure I would use a Bee line/or other bus stop as most of them are unfit to accommodate a large group of passengers, especially children. That would be very unsafe. And safety should be everyone's first concern.

On a completely different matter, please remember that Scarsdale is picking up leaves in front of houses, every week. According to me, if the village needs to make cuts, this would be a better place to start!

Thank you.

My best regards,
Christine Bessin

Christine Sciandra

From: Christine Sciandra
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 3:36 PM
To: Christine Sciandra
Subject: FW: METERS during CHRISTMAS

From: Ingrid Richards
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 12:20 PM
To: 'sal329@aol.com' <sal329@aol.com>
Cc: Steve Pappalardo <spappalardo@scarsdale.com>; Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>
Subject: METERS during CHRISTMAS

Mr. Gulla,

Thank you for your e-mail. For many years, the Village Board and administration provided two hours of free parking during certain days during the Hanukah and Christmas holiday weeks. The purpose of which was to support commerce while welcoming visitors to our Village Center. This was accomplished by placing 2-Hour Free Parking meter bags over each single space on-street meter in the Village Center. A few years back, we ceased this operation after requests from a number of key stakeholders, including the Scarsdale Chamber of Commerce and other local merchants. They indicated to us that the aforementioned intended purpose was not being met as various merchants and employees were parking their vehicles at the spaces throughout the day making it difficult for patrons to find parking. As a result, they requested that the practice of covering up the meters be discontinued to ensure adequate parking for patrons when visiting the Village Center during the holiday seasons.

Thank you for your concern and please understand that our decision in this regard is in response to the business community and more of an effort to promote local commerce than maximize parking meter revenues. If you wish to discuss, please feel free to call me at (914) 722-1110.

Regards and Happy New Year,

Ingrid

Ingrid M. Richards
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From: Jerome Hirsch <jeromehirsch@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 6:29 PM

To: Mayor

Subject: Draft Resolution re Leaf Collection

Dear Mayor Mark and The Scarsdale Board of Trustees,

Please keep the current system of vacuuming loose leaf piles because it is highly effective in keeping Scarsdale looking attractive and avoids having our streets littered with more large, unsightly paper bags for 3-4 months a year. The projected cost saving for the Village is less than \$40 per household but it will cost the individual homeowner much more than that for bags, bagging and mulch mowing.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Joyce Hirsch

Sent from my iPad

My name is Anne King and I live at 88 Greenacres Ave, Scarsdale.

I am writing to express my concern about changing the existing bus policy for private and parochial school students. While I do empathize and agree with the position of the parents who desire busing, I do not think this should come at the expense of the safety and well-being of non-public school students who do not receive any other services from the district. Please consider the following points:

- New York State law requires that Scarsdale non-public school students who live 3 miles from their school are bused to school. The same number of buses and bus drivers will be needed to transport students no matter where they are picked up.

- My children attend the French American School. This school has 3 locations. If they were required to be at different group pick-up points at the same time of the morning, it would immediately become impossible for them to reach these locations. The children are too young for me to leave one on the corner while I tried to get the other to their location. I would be forced to remove them from this great school and place them in the Scarsdale Schools. The tax money that I currently pay, being used for other Scarsdale students will then no longer be available. Leading to the next point.

Families of private and parochial school students pay school taxes but their children do not use the schools, only the buses, which frees up more education dollars for public schools.

- What about the parent's who are sending their children to schools such as Windward? They have very unplanned financial strain on their families, having wished to send all their children to the local Scarsdale school (having bought their houses here). These families too pay full taxes and do not get the benefit of the Scarsdale School education for all their children. They have high private school tuition, and would be further strained by a group location pick-up point.

- Changing the existing policy would put additional burdens on families already paying school taxes and additional tuitions, and would be unfair given the expectations that were in place upon moving in.

I believe that the parents looking for busing services for their families have a very good point, though it can not be at the expense for other residence. Not only are there no good sidewalks for their children, there are no good sidewalks for all Scarsdale citizens. In a day and age where people need more exercise I am surprised that Scarsdale, a Village with so much going for it, has not already implemented sidewalk installation everywhere, and/ or safe biking lanes.

The distance requirement for busing does need to be made more reasonable for all Scarsdale families.

Thank you.

Anne King

Steve Pappalardo

From: Steve Pappalardo
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 3:00 PM
To: Steve Pappalardo
Subject: FW: Drake Road

Mr. Shenwick,

I am in receipt of your emails below to Mayor Mark requesting the extension of the Village walkway located on the south side of Drake Road. The only gap in the sidewalk exists between Forest Lane and Woods Lane. In deference to the Mayor's response, as he was not privy to certain knowledge and historical information on this matter, Village staff has previously considered this issue and based on the reasons enumerated below, cannot satisfy your request. By way of background, please be advised that the Village of Scarsdale currently maintains approximately 25 miles of bike paths and walkways throughout various residential neighborhoods. The Village's philosophy in locating these walkways was to provide pedestrian access to local neighborhood schools and a direct route for resident commuters accessing the train stations in Scarsdale and Hartsdale.

Also, contrary to most governments throughout the country, the Village performs all improvements and maintenance work including snow and ice removal on these residential walkways. The annual maintenance expense is significant, while the annual capital appropriation for walkway reconstruction covers roughly a single mile. The only new walkway constructed over the past twenty years is located on the north side of Wayside Lane adjacent to the High School, and was paid through a separate capital project account.

With regard to the section of Drake Road between Forest and Woods Lane, physical impediments at the site, including the presence of four utility poles, one fire hydrant, and one 48-inch diameter tree, limit the Village's ability to construct a walkway extension. Public utility companies such as Consolidated Edison, Verizon, and Cablevision, are granted authority, under New York State law, to use the public right-of-way for their facilities in order to serve the public. Based on the limited public right-of-way adjacent to Drake Road and the high density of utilities and infrastructure, including utility poles, electrical wires, telecommunications lines, water mains, and storm sewers, relocation of these utilities is improbable.

Although I realize this suggestion may be an inconvenience for the limited number of residents living east of Woods Lane, access to the sidewalk at Woods Lane can be obtained by utilizing the section of Forest that intersects with Woods and then proceeding on Woods Lane to Drake Road.

With regards to installing a standard 6 ft. wide bicycle lane on Drake Road, to do so and still provide adequate width for the vehicular travel lanes, requires relocating the sidewalk further south with the aforementioned utility issues, and the subsequent use of the grass right-of-way in the front yards of homes or the taking of private property. This is an issue on most public roads in Scarsdale which consist of a 50 ft. right-of-way of which the paved roadway is roughly 24 ft. The 26 ft. balance is evenly distributed on both sides of the road and consists of walkways, grass or a combination of both. As such there are limited opportunities to construct a bike path system.

Thank you for your concern and please feel free to contact me at (914) 722-1110 if you have any questions, or wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Pappalardo
Village Manager

From: James Shenwick <jshenwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 10:36 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: RE: Drake Road

Thank you for your thoughtful email. I think complete sidewalks/bike paths are long over due and would be a tremendous benefit to the people of Scarsdale. Thanks Jim

James Shenwick
Shenwick & Associates
655 Third Avenue (42nd & 3rd Ave SE Corner) 20th Floor New York, N.Y. 10017

-----Original Message-----

From: Mayor [mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 10:30 AM
To: James Shenwick
Subject: Re: Drake Road

Dear Mr. Shenwick -- In partial answer to your question, it is my understanding of Scarsdale history that decades ago residents resisted installing sidewalks along Village roads. The reason for their position has been reported that they wanted to maintain a "country" or "rural" feel to the Village and they were of the view that sidewalks were too urban in that context. That may or may not explain why there is not a complete walking path on Drake Road.

The more modern points you make are well taken and can be considered. Of course, among other things any such project would, during the budget process, have to vie for an allocation of tax dollars along with other capital projects that are on the Village "to do" list. We can add it to the list for consideration.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: James Shenwick <jshenwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Drake Road

Good morning. There is not a complete walking path on Drake Road to Scarsdale train station and I wonder why not? There are gaps where there are no sidewalks. For persons of safety, exercise and saving gas (not driving) and environmental reasons Scarsdale should construct an entire sidewalk. Also there should be a bike path on Drake so Village residents can safely ride their bikes to the train station. Thanks Jim

James Shenwick
Shenwick & Associates
655 Third Avenue (42nd & 3rd Ave SE Corner) 20th Floor New York, N.Y. 10017

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 12:13 PM
To: James Shenwick
Cc: Donna Conkling; Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole
Subject: Re: A Rotary for the Five Corners in Scarsdale
Attachments: 2011 Heathcote 5 Corners Phase I Feasibility Study.pdf; 2011 Heathcote 5 Corners Phase II Study.pdf; Mins 07-12-11.pdf

Dear Mr. Shenwick -- In 2011, considerable time and effort went into the study of a possible roundabout at Five Corners. While the consultants retained by the Village recommended a roundabout, there was considerable community opposition to the idea. In addition, the then estimated cost of the project, approximately \$2 million, did not become a budget priority when weighed against other capital projects in the Village capital plan. There was talk about issuing a bond to fund the project, if it went ahead, or applying for grant money from NY State to fund all or part of the project, although it was not considered likely that grant money would be obtainable. In any event, the project never went forward. In light of other budgetary demands being placed on the Village presently-- road repaving, the need to remediate the buttresses (dating from 1910) that hold up the Heathcote Road bridge at Five Corners, sewer and storm water system maintenance, not to mention the desire of some residents to have the Village provide substantial funding to a library renovation project, I personally would not think that the roundabout project would be revisited any time soon. I also have my own doubts how successful it would be due to space constraints at the intersection among other things, although I am clearly not a traffic expert.

If you care familiarize yourself with what was done in 2011, attached are two feasibility reports prepared for the Village in February and July 2011 by the engineering firm Creighton Manning. Also attached are minutes of the Village Board of Trustees meeting held July 12, 2011. A useful summary of the then recent history of roundabout considerations can be found starting at the bottom of pdf page 6 (minutes page 246) of the attachment.

I hope you find the foregoing and attachment informative.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: James Shenwick <jshenwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 8:57 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: A Rotary for the Five Corners in Scarsdale

Good morning, one more suggestion if I may. I believe that we need a Rotary/Circle at the Five Corners in Scarsdale to speed the flow of traffic, minimize the waiting time for drivers and the resulting pollution from idling cars. I know that

Scarsdale has studied this issue in the past and that a Rotary had been discussed and/or contemplated. What is the status of this project? I highly recommend that he be implemented. Thanks Jim

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

Rutherford Hall
Village of Scarsdale
December 8, 2015

A Meeting of the Town Board of Scarsdale was held in Rutherford Hall of Village Hall on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 9:17 p.m.

Present were Ms. Pekarek; and Messrs. Callaghan, Finger, Lee, Samwick, Stern and Mark. Also present were Village Manager Pappalardo, Deputy Village Manager Cole, Assistant Village Manager Richards, Town Counsel Esannason, Custodian of Taxes McClure, Town Clerk Conkling, and Assistant to the Village Manager Ringel.

Mr. Mark presided.

Minutes

The minutes of the Town Board Meeting of November 10, 2015 were approved on a motion entered by Ms. Pekarek, seconded by Mr. Lee, and carried unanimously.

Reports

Custodian of Taxes McClure stated that she would like to bring to the Board's attention a matter concerning the STAR exemption and the Correction of Errors that will be necessary on the 2015/2016 School Tax bills. She reported that they recently learned that the STAR Exemption Assessment used in the computation of the 2015/2016 School Tax bills was overstated due to a clerical error. The error resulted in an under billing of approximately \$29.00 for each parcel eligible for Basic STAR Exemption. The total under billing of the School taxes for the 2,392 parcels affected is approximately \$71,000.

The Assessor's office is working with New York State to insure that the statutorily defined process we propose to follow to correct the clerical error remains current. The description of the error and the correction will need to be presented to the Board of Assessment Review. Additionally, a notice will be sent to all the affected property owners as required by law. Thereafter, the additional amount will be added to the 2016/2017 School tax bills as an omitted tax. Please note that the Town is legally required to make the School District whole for the 2015 School tax collection. Any shortfall in collection comes out of the Town Fund Balance until the monies are recouped from the applicable taxpayers on the 2016 School tax bills. Adequate balances exist in the Town fund to cover the temporary shortfall.

Ms. McClure reported that the Board has received the Town financial reports for November 2015.

At the end of November, 2015, 98.62% of the School Tax Levy was collected and remitted to the School District. This is 27 basis points better than the 2014 collection percentage of 98.45%.

Also as of the end of November, 99.36% of the 2015 County tax levy has been collected. This collection percentage is slightly better than the 2014 collection percentage of 99.27%.

Resolutions

Upon motion entered by Mr. Finger, and seconded by Mr. Lee, the following resolution regarding Filing Town Budget Estimates was adopted by the vote indicated below:

- WHEREAS,** §17-1728 of the Village Law requires a town that is coterminous with a village to annually prepare and file, during the month of December, an itemized statement of the estimated revenues and expenditures of such town for the period ending with the next ensuing fiscal period of such Village; and
- WHEREAS,** the expenditure estimates represent allocations of the various Village departmental costs to Town related functions, e.g. elections and collection of school and county taxes and the revenue estimates represent those categories of income that are booked by the Town and subsequently transferred to the Village; and
- WHEREAS,** these estimates may be revised at any time prior to the formal adoption of the 2016-2017 Village Budget in April, 2016; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that pursuant to §17-1728 of the Village Law applicable to a coterminous Town/Village, the Town Board hereby files with the Village Clerk of the Village of Scarsdale, the following estimate of budget revenues and expenditures of the Town of Scarsdale for inclusion by the Village Board of Trustees in its next Village budget:

Budget Estimates Attached

TOWN OF SCARSDALE		2014	2015	2016
APPROPRIATIONS SCHEDULE		ADOPTED	ESTIMATE	PROPOSED
1	PERSONAL SERVICES	29,504	29,333	29,333
2	EQUIPMENT	2,500	0	0
4	OTHER	49,766	50,182	51,116
		81,770	79,515	80,449
412	OFFICE SUPPLIES	600	800	733
435	PROF BUS EXP	167	167	167
454	TRAVEL	133	133	133
458	SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES	0	0	0
469	PRINTING	2,333	2,333	2,333
475	BANK FEES	20,000	19,000	19,000
477	AUDIT FEE	7,699	7,449	7,449
485	POSTAGE	1,933	1,933	1,933
488	GENERAL ELECTION	13,100	13,100	13,100
498	PROF DEVEL	133	1,933	1,933
499	CONTRACTUAL	3,667	3,333	4,333
		49,765	50,182	51,114

Appropriations based on Village Clerk Elections Cost Center and Village Treasurer Taxes Cost Center (two-thirds) for County and School taxes, plus portion of Village Treasurer Audit Cost Center relating to Town.

REVENUE SCHEDULE		2014	2015	2016
		ADOPTED	ESTIMATE	PROPOSED
	INT/PENALTIES ON PROP TAXES	435,000	435,000	435,000
	TOWN CLERK FEES	2,500	2,500	2,800
	INVESTMENT EARNINGS	50,000	7,000	7,000
	STATE AID REVENUE SHARING	48,400	48,400	48,400
	STATE AID MORTGAGE TAX	920,000	920,000	975,000
		1,455,900	1,412,900	1,468,200

AYES

- Mr. Callaghan
- Mr. Finger
- Mr. Lee
- Ms. Pekarek
- Mr. Samwick
- Mr. Stern
- Mr. Mark

NAYS

None

ABSENT

None

TOWN OF SCARSDALE STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion entered by Mr. Callaghan, and seconded by Ms. Pekarek, the following Town Statutory Resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote:

RESOLVED, that Marie Louise McClure is hereby appointed Custodian of Taxes for the statutory term of two years commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017 at the compensation to be determined by the Town Board and as provided and allocated in the budget.

Pursuant to Town Law, Article 3, §35(2), The Custodian of Taxes hereby appoints Maria Colotti to serve as Deputy Custodian of Taxes for the statutory term of two years commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017 and files said notice with the Town Board and with the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED, that Donna M. Conkling is hereby appointed Town Clerk for the statutory term of two years commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017 at the compensation to be determined by the Town Board and as provided and allocated in the budget.

Pursuant to Town Law, Article 3, §30(10a), The Town Clerk hereby appoints Veronica Regazzi to serve as Deputy Town Clerk for a term of two years commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

RESOLVED, that *The Scarsdale Inquirer* and *The Journal News* are hereby designated the official Village newspapers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that HSBC, Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, M & T Bank, Signature Bank, Hudson Valley Bank, and the Cooperative Liquid Assets Security System (CLASS administered by Public Trust Advisors) are hereby designated as official depositories of the funds of the Town of Scarsdale.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 10 of the General Municipal Law, the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit at Class M & T Bank and Signature Bank be set at \$15 million, the maximum amount at Hudson Valley Bank be set a \$2 million, and the maximum amount at the other depositories may be set at \$70 million.

RESOLVED, that the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Scarsdale be held at Village Hall on the second Tuesday of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December; and that special meetings may be called during such months or other times as provided by law or as otherwise designated by the Town Board.

RESOLVED, that the firm of O'Connor Davies, LLP be retained as independent auditors for the Town of Scarsdale for the year 2016.

Future Meeting Schedule

Mr. Mark announced the following future meeting schedule:

- *Tuesday, December 22, 2015* – Village Board Limited Agenda Meeting - Board of Trustees Meeting – 8:30 A.M. – Trustees' Room

Village Hall Schedule

- *Thursday, December 24, 2015* – Christmas Eve – Village Hall Closed at 12:30 P.M.
- *Friday, December 25, 2015* – Christmas Day – Village Hall Closed
- *Thursday, December 31, 2015* – New Year's Eve – Village Hall Closed at 12:30 P.M.
- *Friday, January 1, 2016* – New Year's Day – Village Hall Closed

On a motion entered by Mr. Samwick, seconded by Mr. Stern, the Town Board meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Donna M. Conkling
Town Clerk