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Village Board Agenda

February 9, 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 January 26, 2016

Bills & Payroll

- Trustee Lee

Mayor's Comments

Manager's Comments

Public Hearing

- Local Law Authorizing a Real Property Tax Levy in Excess of the New York State Cap

Public Comments

Committee Items

Municipal Services Committee – Trustee Stern

- Resolution re: Authorization to Execute a Professional Service Agreement with Civic Plus for Redesign & Hosting
-

Sustainability Committee – Trustee Stern

- Resolution re: Continuance of the Ad-Hoc Committee on LED Streetlights
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Personnel Committee – Trustee Finger

- Resolution re: Amending the Fringe Benefit Policy Applicable to Non-Union Employees
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Other Committee Reports

Liaison Reports

Written Communications (35)

- Library Addition and Renovation Project (29)
- Betty Blume – 246 Mamaroneck Road - Food Waste Compost Pilot Program
- Cynthia and Bill Roberts, 15 Autenreith Road – Food Waste Compost Pilot Program
- Bob Harrison, 65 Fox Meadow Road - Snow Removal
- ML Perlman, 1 Carstensen Road - Electrical Wires on Woodland Ave, Trains and Traffic
- Robert Berg, 32 Tisdale Road - Congratulations to Jason Marra
- Samuel Katz, 111 Brook Street, Scarsdale, NY 10583 - Village Meter Parking

Town Board Agenda

Town Board Meeting
February 9, 2016
Rutherford Hall, Village Hall

Roll Call

Minutes

- Town Board Meetings of January 12 and 26, 2016
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Public Hearing

- Introductory Local Law ____ of 2016 Adopting the Provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, Commonly Referred to as the "Homestead Tax Option"
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Reports

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

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

- Finance Committee – 6:00 PM – Trustees Room
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1. Scarsdale Public Library Renovation and Expansion Project/Library Capital Budget and Plan

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

- 7:30 PM Agenda Committee Meeting
 - 8:00 PM Village Board Meeting
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FY 2015/16 Budget Discussions

Finance Committee – Trustees Room

Tuesday, February 23, 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

Friday, February 12, 2016

- Lincoln's Birthday – Village Hall Closed

Monday, February 15, 2016

- President's Day – Village Hall Closed

THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH
REGULAR MEETING

Rutherford Hall
Village Hall
January 26, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale was held in the Rutherford Hall in Village Hall on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.

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

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 12, 2016 were approved on a motion entered by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Finger, and carried unanimously.

Bills & Payroll

Trustee Finger reported that he had audited the Abstract of Claims dated January 26, 2016 in the amount of \$850,010.78 which includes \$37,434.06 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 Finger and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Claims dated January 26, 2016 in the amount of \$850,010.78 is hereby approved.

Mayors Comments

Mayor Mark stated that he had a few comments to make this evening as follows:

“Metro North Replacement Staircase - The replacement staircase is open for use and the bus stop on East Parkway has been moved away from the taxi stand and back to the top of the stairs. Our thanks to Steve Pappalardo, the Village Manager and his staff, Benny Salanitro and the Department of Public Works and Paul Zaicek the head of Capital Projects oversight for the Village for their work in planning and executing this project to completion. Our thanks also to the work crews who two weeks ago braved 20 degree weather until well after mid-night to get the staircase into position and endured similar weather a week ago to finish installing the safety railing and completing the installation work.

Snow Clearance - It was the perfect storm. Plenty of light powder, light or no winds and a sunny next day that sped up the melt. Having recognized our relative good fortune in that regard, we also want to thank Benny Salanitro and the Department of Public Works crews for clearing mountains of snow from our streets overnight on Saturday. It was a great and successful effort on their part. We note that their work in clearing our 25 miles of sidewalks and the mounds of snow piled in the Village Center will continue during the week. The sidewalk clearing may result in snow being blown into residents' driveways. The Village makes every attempt to avoid the need to re-clean the driveway aprons, but at times this is unavoidable and DPW does not have the staff to re-clean driveways if they are to finish the sidewalk clearing operation.

One other note - In an effort to protect the plantings made last spring in Harwood Park located between the Library and the gravel High School Parking lot from the pollutants in melting snow (principally salt), the piles of snow initially built up in the Village Center and at Five Corners were not dumped in the vacant land next to the park. Instead, as urged by the Friends of Scarsdale Parks, they were taken to the recycling center and to the leaf transfer station adjacent to the Crossways parking lot.

We ask residents' patience while the DPW crews continue the task of tidying up the Village after the record snow storm we all just experienced.

LED Streetlight Project - Just prior to this meeting, we had a meeting of this Board's Sustainability Committee. At that meeting, we discussed a report dated January 26, 2016 submitted by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Streetlights. The Ad-Hoc Committee, appointed by this Board last April has worked very hard to research the subject of the advisability of converting the Village's approximately 2,000 street lights from the present high pressure sodium lights to LED lights. Many communities across the country have made such a conversion with the prospect of savings on their electric bills being the principal motivating factor. In making the switch, other communities have learned after the fact from complaints by some of their residents that perhaps some features of the LED lights -- their brightness, color, light distribution and glare -- might have been given greater weight in their decision making process. For that reason, the Village has been proceeding in a deliberative manner with this project and the report we heard from the Ad-Hoc Committee illustrates the value in that approach.

The report will be posted on the Village web site for the reference of residents and so it will not be summarized here. However, in brief, a mini-test of LED street lights has been completed over the past four months and the results reviewed by the Ad-Hoc Committee. As a next step, the Ad-Hoc Committee recommends that the Village proceed with a pilot program that would involve installing 25 LED streetlights along selected high traffic streets and "Town & Country" style post-top street lights. As was the case with the "mini-test," residents' input on the lights installed would be sought. Depending on the results of the pilot, complete LED streetlight installations of 287 LED streetlights would be made on the selected high traffic streets and Town & Country streetlight locations by year-end 2016. Should the Village decide in the future to convert fully to LED lights, the estimated cost would be in the range of \$550,000 to \$650,000 with a payback in the form of cost savings over six to seven years.

The Ad-Hoc Committee estimates the cost of the pilot to be approximately \$100,000 and suggested that such amount be included in the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. The Sustainability Committee has recommended that we proceed with the pilot project. The Board will therefore take up consideration of the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation as part of the budget process in which it is presently engaged.

At this time we would like extend our gratitude and thanks to the members of the Ad-Hoc Committee – Victor Goldberg, Chair, David Raizen, Benny Salanitro, Ron Schulhof and Michelle Sterling – for the diligent and thoughtful work they have done on this important topic.

Proposed Library Project and Funding - Since December, the Library Board has been making presentations to residents about the proposed renovation to the Library. No decision has been made to move forward with this project and it is not the intention of this Board to make any such decision until it has a sense that there is broad-based community support for the project itself and just as importantly the willingness to fund it.

As has been previously discussed, the overall funding plan proposed by the Library Board is that it will raise \$7.5 million from private contributions. The Library Board would look to the Village to fund approximately \$12 million through the issuance of a bond. The Village staff and this Board are presently in the midst of the process of preparing the 2016-2017 budget. The budget has two main categories: operating budget and a capital projects budget. The staff has been asked to include in its analysis of both components the pro forma impact of a \$12 million bond issue – should the issue be authorized.

In making that analysis, the staff is considering not just the Library project, but other capital projects both presently anticipated and reasonably foreseeable over the next five years. It is intended that the staff's analysis will be discussed at a public meeting scheduled for February 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Village Hall for the purpose of discussing the Library project. Representatives of the Library Board will be invited to attend and provide an overview of their proposal. While such presentations have been made over the past months, doing so will in conjunction with a discussion of the budget considerations that arise from

the proposal is intended to provide an overall view of how the proposal might fit into the Village's budget and residents' future tax burden.

We have received a number of emails from residents on the subject of the Library proposal. The emails received to date can be viewed on the Village web site under the Board of Trustees heading. It is hoped that members of the community will attend the meeting on February 9th to express their views in person, but if that is not possible your emails continue to be welcome. In addition, if it appears that another public meeting on this subject may be warranted, the Board will schedule one in an effort to allow residents to express themselves fully on this important topic.

Homestead Tax Option - The 2016 Village-wide revaluation is in process as many of you are aware. As a result of that process, the law requires the consideration of the so-called Homestead Tax Option. Under present law, condominiums are assessed as if they were rental properties. In general, if the Homestead Tax Option were to be adopted, that approach would change and condominiums would be assessed in a manner similar to that used in assessing the value of single family residences.

Adoption of the Homestead Tax Option was considered in March 2014 at the time the 2014 Village-wide reassessment was done. It was not adopted by the Village Board at that time. In the present circumstances, the matter will be considered at a Town Board meeting to be scheduled for February 9, 2016. The scheduling of this matter is an agenda item this evening for the Special Town Board Meeting that will follow the completion of the present meeting. However, no action on the Homestead Tax Option other than setting it as a February 9th Town Board meeting agenda item will be taken this evening."

Manager's Comments

Village Manager Pappalardo stated that the storm that hit Scarsdale was a surprise in regard to the amount of snow that fell. Only 4-8 inches of snow was expected and 20 inches of snow fell at the end of the day. The Village was ready and the crews were called out and by 5:00 a.m. there were 38 employees representing a number of departments, primarily DPW, but some employees were in from the Water and Recreation Departments to assist as well. They worked from Saturday night from 2:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning straight through, salting and plowing our roads. A total of 21 plow trucks cleared 79 miles of Village roadway plus the County and State roads that the Village cares for, for a total of approximately 90 miles. Another 25 miles of sidewalks were also cleared, and all of the Village parking facilities which are not only those in the Village Center, but all the building facilities as well (Public Safety Building, Scarsdale Library, Village Hall).

Village Manager Pappalardo continued, stating that the snowfall ended about 11:00 P.M. on Saturday night and by 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning, all Village streets and parking areas were plowed and blacktop revealed. The crews really stayed on top of the snow as it

was coming down; approximately one inch per hour. There were some wind issues and blizzard type situations which are very difficult for the plow operators because it is difficult for them to see when they are in the trucks. They did a tremendous job. At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday they started to plow the sidewalks. They worked through the night until 6:00 a.m. Monday morning just doing the sidewalks. There are a couple of special machines that go out and it is quite a process. It is not easy because those bituminous sidewalks in the Village meander and when you have a foot or more of snow they are operating by feel and memory it is a very tricky operation. The grass does get tipped up somewhat and they will have to go back in the spring and have a separate operation of putting topsoil down and seeding. It is a lot of work during the snow and afterwards but it is the service that the Village has provided to the community for many years and is special to Scarsdale. Most communities do not do this.

Because there was so much snow, Village Manager Pappalardo stated that unfortunately they had to start moving it out of the Village Center and the Five Corners this time around. When the snow gets stacked up in those areas, it is not safe to keep it there as the people driving cannot see at the intersections and parking spaces are lost. The snow was moved to a couple of new locations this year instead of the Brewster Road site that they had been bringing it to for many years. It worked out well – the operation of moving the snow from the Five Corners began midnight on Sunday and continued until the end of business today. It is a lot more difficult and time consuming to do it during the day when there are cars and people out and about but they had to continue to get the work done and it was done in a safe manner.

A total of 400 tons of salt was used and 2900 gallons of liquid calcium chloride as deicers. There were no major equipment breakdowns which is amazing for a storm of this nature and the longevity of the storm. The fact that those trucks held up is really a testament to the Central Garage staff. The mechanics did a tremendous job; not only making sure that the equipment stayed on the road but the fact that they do such a tremendous job of preventative maintenance so that these vehicles are ready to roll when it is time for them to be put into action. Also important is the fact that there were no employee injuries reported. Again, just excellent results.

Village Manager Pappalardo noted that a lot of the work done on the weekends is time and one-half and some of them are actually double time. Village wide with all of the departments involved the overtime cost is roughly \$100,000.

Public Comment

Dan Hochvert, Woods Lane, stated that he came across an article in the January issue of National Geographic that he wanted to share with the Board. However, he stated he also wanted to share all the appreciative comments from his friends and neighbors for the work that the DPW and other members of the Village staff did this past weekend during the

snow storm. He stated that he was able to take advantage of clean streets by midday on Sunday. While watching the evening news this evening, there are still streets in neighboring communities that aren't drivable, so the residents of Scarsdale really appreciate the work that was done.

Mr. Hochvert stated that approximately three or four months ago, the Board had a meeting of the Whole for both the CAC and the Friends of the Scarsdale Parks to discuss the benefits of trees and possible ways to change the Village Code to make the trees more retainable. At that time, they talked about the well known facts about trees; they provide shade, take up water so there is less flooding. However, there is something that he discovered in this article that he didn't know at that time and that is that it has to do with health.

Mr. Hochvert read a short paragraph from the article in the National Geographic Magazine. He stated that he didn't know that the world is scientifically investigating the impact of what 'the Village in a Park' has on peoples' health. For those living in or near green space, both physical and mental health was greater. So when we see people walking through parks or walking down our streets with the tree canopies, we can appreciate the work that our staff has done in protecting our green space. The Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Scarsdale Parks sent appreciative notes to staff and the Board, but he stated he will represent the entire Board of the Friends of the Scarsdale Parks to say how much they appreciate this.

Michelle Sterling, 6 Brayton Road, stated that she would like to respond publicly to one of the Mayor's comments from last week regarding the food scrap pilot program that was put before the Board by the Scarsdale Forum. One of the comments or questions was in regard to the tangible benefit to residents.

Ms. Sterling stated that the benefit is to give residents an opportunity to participate in a valuable program to help the environment in a way that they couldn't otherwise do so. Right now we can recycle our bottles, cans, and paper with curbside pickup. Growing up in Ardsley she didn't have this and had to bring it to a central site on the weekends. When you don't have curbside pickup it is not convenient and is more difficult. When it is convenient more people participate in it and they feel great about it.

Food scrap composting is something we can do in our homes and can reduce at least 15% of our waste and could have it turned into dirt. The benefit is to give residents an easy, convenient opportunity in their homes to do something to help the environment. She stated that she believes that residents do care about the environment. There are 50% recycling rates here in Scarsdale, which is one of the highest recycling rates of any community. She felt that residents would really appreciate having this program. Another reason is that Scarsdale schools has the most extensive food scrap collection program of any school district in Westchester County. It is in five of our seven schools; over 2,000 children participate which represents a lot of families. Our residents know about it and know how to

do it, the kids enjoy it and the families appreciate it. It is a benefit to give this opportunity to residents.

Ms. Sterling stated that a few years ago when she was initially having some talks with the central office in the School District, she asked them to fund this pilot program in one of the five elementary schools, Fox Meadow, in only one of two lunchrooms. At that time there was a lot of discussion surrounding the cost of the program and the benefit. She said that sometimes you need to broaden your view of what a benefit is and what a cost is of not doing something. She asked the Mayor and the Board of Trustees to consider what the benefit is in a broader way and also what the cost is of not doing something where we have so much momentum and also community support.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Mark closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

Mayor Mark – Appointment of Acting Village Justice

Upon motion entered by Mayor Mark, and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution regarding the Appointment of the Acting Village Justice was approved by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-301 and 4-400 of the New York State Village Law, the Mayor appointed Joaquin Alemany as Acting Village Justice on April 6, 2015, with a term expiring on April 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2015, Joaquin Alemany was appointed Interim Village Justice by Resolution of the Village Board for the unexpired term of retiring Village Justice John Galloway, effective October 31, 2015, and expiring at the end of the official year on April 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a press release was published in the November 6, 2015, edition of the Scarsdale Inquirer announcing the appointment of Joaquin Alemany as Interim Village Justice and the application process for potential candidates for the vacated position of Acting Village Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Qualifications Committee is created pursuant to Article VI of the Town Village Civic Club's Non-Partisan Resolution, with the Committee's function including recommending qualified residents to the Mayor for the position of Acting Village Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Qualifications Advisory Committee convened on December 1, 2015, and December 8, 2015, to evaluate the candidates and conduct interviews; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Qualifications Advisory Committee submitted the names of its recommended candidates to Mayor Jonathan I. Mark for his consideration; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016, Mayor Mark and the other members of the Board interviewed candidates for the position of Acting Village Justice, which included Cynthia K. Dunne of 14 Edgewood Road, Scarsdale, New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-301 and 4-400 of the New York State Village Law, the Mayor hereby appoints Cynthia K. Dunne as Acting Village Justice to fill the unexpired term of Joaquin Alemany, expiring on April 4, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees herein approves the appointment of Cynthia K. Dunne as Acting Village Justice for the unexpired term of Joaquin Alemany, expiring on April 4, 2016.

Finance Committee

Trustee Finger reported on the statements of expense and revenue for the various funds of the Village for the first seven months of fiscal year 2015-2016.

General fund appropriations were 59.14% spent as of December 2015, which is a 2.09% increase from the 57.05% in 2014-2015.

General Fund Revenues other than property taxes are \$10,949,432 through December 2015, compared to \$10,909,583 through December 2014, an increase of \$39,849. Building Permit revenue (included in License and Permit revenue) is \$242,000 less than last year's record pace. Please note that the 2014-2015 first quarter License and Permit revenue through December included a single permit fee of \$91,000. Tax penalties and delinquent tax collections are improved \$8,300. An increase of \$195,000 in Mortgage Tax and \$133,000 in other Miscellaneous Revenue offset declines in Licenses and Permits, Investment Earnings and Court Fines. Parking Permits and Meter Income, Recreation Fees, and Rental Income offset revenue from the Sale of Equipment and Insurance Recoveries.

The actual collection of Village taxes through December 31, 2015 is at 99.18%. The change from last year's collection percentage is negligible.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Finger, and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution to set a Public Hearing on a Local Law Authorizing a Real Property Tax Levy in Excess of the New York State Cap was approved by a unanimous vote:

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale to be held in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. to review a local law authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt a budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c, as attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

Municipal Services Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Stern, and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution regarding a Professional Service Agreement for Cayuga Pond Stormwater and Sediment Reduction Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP #57157) was approved by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, the 2009 Village Wide Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) found that the Sheldrake River Drainage Basin includes one of the most complicated flood prone sub-drainage basin areas in the Village, including the sub drainage basin area identified as SR3, located within the FEMA designated 100-year flood plain.; and

WHEREAS, the Village has aggressively pursued grant funding to support both water quality and flood mitigation projects in the Sheldrake River Drainage Basin, including several projects completed in 2015 within SR3 targeting accumulated silt removal from the open water course between Seneca and Cayuga Roads and infrastructure improvements to enhance both capacity and flow rates; and

WHEREAS, the Village is desirous of continuing its efforts to improve the Sheldrake River Drainage Basin within critical sub-drainage basin SR3, and having recognized the importance of the proposed project in maintaining and improving the effectiveness of our projects completed in 2015, applied for a NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement (WQIP) Grant to construct a sediment forebay and spillway detention at Cayuga Pond ("Pond") to reduce sediment deposition downstream, thereby improving water quality and providing flood mitigation benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Village was awarded a \$1.4 million WQIP grant requiring a 25% (\$350,000) local match, a portion of which can be met through in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, professional engineering consultant support is necessary to successfully implement the Cayuga Pond project, and the engineering consulting firm of D & B Engineers and Architects, P.C., has provided exemplary contractual engineering support to the Village for many years in its efforts to understand and remedy stormwater management concerns, including extensive work in the Sheldrake Basin; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of both D & B's prior extensive work for the Village involving stormwater project development, management, and implementation, as well as the depth of their local experience and knowledge derived from successful project completion, a professional service agreement for a fee not to exceed \$179,450 has been negotiated with D & B Engineers and Architects, P.C., to provide professional engineering services related to the Cayuga Pond Stormwater and Sediment Reduction Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP #57157), as further described in the Agreement attached herewith; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is, herein, authorized to execute the professional services agreement dated January 21, 2016, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, in the amount of \$179,450 between the Village of Scarsdale and D & B Engineers and Architects, P.C., 330 Crossways Park Drive, Woodbury, New York 11797, for engineering services associated with the Cayuga Pond Stormwater and Sediment Reduction Water Quality Improvement Project, WQIP Project #57157; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds made available from the Sheldrake River Drainage Project Village Board Bond Resolution dated March 23, 2010 (attached hereto and made a part hereof), will be used to fund the Village's share in an amount estimated to be \$350,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager shall take all appropriate administrative acts required for the successful completion of the terms of the professional services agreement.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Stern, and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution to award VM #1194 – Furnish and Deliver Water Meters was approved by a unanimous vote:

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, there are older water meters located throughout the service area that either do not have remote reading capability, under-report water usage, or have otherwise failed with age, therefore necessitating replacement; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that all meters are functioning properly to account for all water usage in the Scarsdale Water System; and

WHEREAS, the Village sent bid notifications directly to four meter vendors and on Friday, December 18, 2015, advertised in the Scarsdale Inquirer for the receipt of bids under VM Contract #1194 - Furnish and Deliver Water Meters; and

WHEREAS, on the bid opening date, January 12, 2016, one sealed bid was received from Rio Supply, Inc., 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ 08081 for the unit bid prices as follows: Item 1 (5/8 x 3/4 inch meters) at \$109.00 each; Item 2 (3/4 inch meters) at \$156.00 each; Item 3 (1 inch meters) at \$206.00 each; Item 4 (1 inch meters w/register for meter pit installation) at \$211.00 each; and

WHEREAS, Rio Supply, Inc., an authorized regional Neptune meter reseller, has satisfactorily supplied water meters and compatible remote reading devices to the Village of Scarsdale in the past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that VM Contract # 1194 – Furnish and Deliver Water Meters, be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Rio Supply, Inc., 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ 08081 for the unit bid prices as follows: Item 1 (5/8 x 3/4 inch meters) at \$109.00 each; Item 2 (3/4 inch meters) at \$156.00 each; Item 3 (1 inch meters) at \$206.00 each; Item 4 (1 inch meters w/register for meter pit installation) at \$211.00 each; for quantities not to exceed budgeted appropriations, not to exceed \$74,890; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of same be charged to the Water Enterprise Budget, Account No. EWS-8310-DSTRB-OP/MT- 400-424; 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.

Recreation Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Pekarek, and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution regarding Acceptance of a Gift – Funding for Irrigation System at Chase Park 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 Village of Scarsdale and the Friends of the Scarsdale Parks, Inc. ("FOSP") have been working on improvements to Chase Park for multiple years; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an irrigation system is needed in Chase Park to further the improvements and to preserve the landscaping enhancements that have been completed over the past years; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was sent to potential contractors for a three-phase installation of an irrigation system at Chase Park; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid amount received for Phase #1 was \$9,350, Phase #2 was \$3,300, and Phase #3 was \$7,150; and

WHEREAS, Phases #1 and #2 are the most critical and there exists adequate funding to complete them at a total cost of \$12,650, while Phase #3 can be delayed; and

WHEREAS, the FOSP agrees to share project costs with the Village through gift donations from the FOSP in the following manner; and

WHEREAS, the FOSP will donate \$3,500 toward the project and further agrees to apply the remaining FOSP gift balance of \$2,788 from the FY 2008/09 de Lima Park project to this project, resulting in total FOSP gift funding of \$6,288; and

WHEREAS, the Village will fund \$6,362 in project costs comprised of \$4,689 from the Chase Park Improvement/Beautification Project (FY 2014/15) unused balance and \$1,673 from the Parks and Recreation Department's 2015/16 playground maintenance Operating account, A-7020-PLGRD-MAINT-400-483; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the gift of \$3,500 from the FOSP; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby extends their thanks and appreciation to the FOSP for this generous gift to the community.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Pekarek, and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution regarding Authorization to Conduct the Annual 15K/4M Road race was approved by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, for the past 46 years the Village of Scarsdale Recreation Department has sponsored an Annual 15K/4 Mile Run in the Fox Meadow and Greenacres neighborhoods which for many years was co-sponsored by the Scarsdale Antiques Running Club and

WHEREAS, the race is planned again for this year, scheduled for Sunday, April 3, 2016 from approximately 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Scarsdale Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Department has submitted an application to the Scarsdale Police Department and Village Manager for use of the public roadways to conduct a road race; and

WHEREAS, the Scarsdale Police Department and Village Manager have recently reviewed the road race application and approve the event pending intra-departmental coordination of traffic control and notification to all affected residents of the race day detours and Village Board approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale herein grants permission for the Village of Scarsdale Recreation Department to conduct a road race on Sunday, April 3, 2016 in the Fox Meadow and Greenacres neighborhoods in accordance with the Race Routes Map attached hereto, pursuant to the institution of appropriate traffic control measures on the applicable public roadways and notification to all affected residents.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Pekarek, and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution regarding Establishing Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recreation Fees and Charges was approved by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, the Village annually reviews its Recreation Fees and Charges with input from the Advisory Council on Parks and Recreation and the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule at their January 14, 2016 meeting and approved the proposed fee changes as presented; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2016-17 increases are proposed for the following new and existing programs, as detailed in the January 20, 2016 memorandum attached hereto;

- Tennis Permits
- Youth Tennis League
- Halloween Window Painting
- Youth Football Teams
- Youth Football Teams- Scarsdale
- Independent Sports Organization Tournament Play Non Resident
- Road Race
- Pool Birthday Party

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the fees and charges for recreation programs identified in the Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule, dated January 20, 2016, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are herein adopted and shall remain in effect unless amended by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees.

Liaison Reports

None.

Other Committee Reports

None.

Written Communications

Village Clerk Conking reported that fifty-eight (58) communications have been received since the last meeting. She noted that all communications can be viewed on the Village's website, www.scarsdale.com under the Board of Trustees or Village Clerk section.

Forty-eight (48) communications were received concerning the proposed Library renovations; 46 wrote in support of this project and 2 wrote in opposition to it.

Additional correspondence was received as follows:

- Two (2) communications were received in support of the Food Waste Compost Pilot Program from Naomi Haber and Melissa Attar.
- Four (4) emails from Jeff Blatt and Josh Frankel regarding Roadways and Traffic; the Mayor's response is attached.
- An email from Susan Levine, Ardmore Road, regarding leaf mulching and the 2016 Revaluation.
- An email from Travis Stratford regarding the Scarsdale Train Station Stairwell.
- Submission of the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on LED from Victor Goldberg, Chair.
- An email from Madelaine Eppenstein & Susanne Jones, Co-Presidents, Friends of the Scarsdale Parks commending Village staff for their ecologically friendly snow removal during the recent storm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Pekarek moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M. seconded by Trustee Finger and carried by a unanimous vote.

Donna M. Conking
Village Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

Village of Scarsdale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall, to review a local law authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt a budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Donna M. Conkling
Village Clerk

01/27/2016

**RESOLUTION RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
AUTHORIZING A REAL PROPERTY TAX
LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE NEW YORK
STATE CAP**

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale to be held in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. to review a local law authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt a budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c, as attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: January 15, 2016
For: January 26, 2016

CERTIFICATION
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE ON

01-26-2016
DONNA M. CONKLING
VILLAGE CLERK



INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #___ of 2016

AN INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 269.
ARTICLE XII "TAX CAP OVERRIDE"

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale as follows:

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Scarsdale to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016 –May 31, 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale, County of Westchester, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court of law determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
CIVICPLUS FOR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE
REDESIGN AND HOSTING**

WHEREAS, due to rapidly changing technology and evolving user needs and expectations, industry best practice dictates updating municipal website design and functionality every four years, while the Village's website, www.scarsdale.com, was last redesigned in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a well-designed municipal website should be accessible using common mobile devices and platforms, inform and engage the public in a user-friendly manner, and enable service delivery efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, design, implementation, and hosting of a suitable website requires specialized training, resources, and equipment unavailable in-house; and

WHEREAS, staff solicited proposals from five competing firms, having invited each to provide a presentation in September 2015, with a staff review team finding that CivicPlus, Inc., an award-winning design firm, is most capable of providing the necessary services and resources; and

WHEREAS, CivicPlus presented competitive pricing at a cost of \$25,000, plus \$4,000 annually for maintenance and hosting charges after the first year, inclusive of a basic redesign after four years at no additional cost; and

WHEREAS, the Village has sufficient funds for website redesign budgeted in the 2015/2016 Capital Budget with subsequent annual system support and hosting fees subject to annual appropriation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is herein authorized to execute the attached agreement with CivicPlus, 302 S. 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, KS, 66502, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, in the amount of \$25,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the costs associated with this agreement be charged to the FY 2015/16 Capital Budget Account #H-1997-961 2016-100, titled "EQP – System Upgrade."

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: February 5, 2016
For: February 9, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: CONTINUANCE OF THE AD-HOC
COMMITTEE ON LED
STREETLIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Village currently deploys roughly 2017 streetlights through a combination of sources including high pressure sodium, metal halide, mercury vapor and incandescent, at wattages ranging from 50-215 utilizing approximately 633,000 kilowatt hours per year at an annual cost of roughly \$180,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Scarsdale via resolution dated April 28, 2015 (attached) established an Ad-Hoc Committee (Committee) on Light Emitting Diode (LED) Streetlights with an overriding charge to further investigate the applicability, advancement, and installation of LED streetlights as an alternative to the conventional streetlights currently in use throughout the residential neighborhoods and business districts of Scarsdale as further detailed; and

WHEREAS, the primary advantage of LED streetlights is their ability to produce the same amount of luminance while using half of the power consumption, thereby saving energy and decreasing costs; with other reported benefits including a longer useful life than traditional sources, fewer outages, more accurate color rendering and consistent light distribution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforementioned April 28, 2015 resolution, the Committee conducted a demonstration project by replacing a handful of existing streetlights with LED lights on arterial, collector and residential roads throughout the Village to obtain feedback from Village residents as to their acceptability; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented its findings and recommendations in a report dated January 26, 2016 (attached) at a Village Board Sustainability Committee held on the same date; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended that the Village move forward with a Pilot program to initially install 25 LED streetlights on high traffic streets and locations with Town & Country post-top fixtures, thus allowing the Committee to finalize specifications for the LED fixtures, confirm assumptions about installation time, and obtain additional resident feedback; and

WHEREAS, this initial Pilot program of 25 LED streetlights would be funded utilizing the \$25,000 appropriated in the FY 2015-16 Capital Budget for the original demonstration project, as certain LED light vendors provided no/low cost samples; and

WHEREAS, once this initial Pilot program is complete and the Committee determines the appropriate LED fixtures, location and method of installation while obtaining sufficient resident feedback, the Committee would complete the balance of the Pilot program through the continued installation of approximately 262 LED streetlights on the selected high traffic streets and Town and Country locations, utilizing an additional \$100,000 to be allocated in the FY 16/17 Capital Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in furtherance of the efforts of the LED Streetlight Committee and the February 13, 2007 Village Board resolution (attached) regarding the pursuit, development and use by the Village of renewable energy sources, Mayor Mark and the Village Board of Trustees, hereby, affirm the continuance of the Ad-Hoc Committee on LED Street Lights to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees, with Ronald Schulhof as Chair of the Committee replacing the recently resigned Victor Goldberg; with the following residents re-appointed as members:

David Raizen, Aspen Road
Michelle Sterling, Brayton Road
Benedict Salanitro, DPW Superintendent – Staff Member
(*It is the intent of the Mayor to appoint a fifth member at a later date)

and; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee's charge is as follows:

1. To conduct a Pilot program of LED streetlights on high traffic streets, and Town & Country post-top fixtures, consistent with the recommendations in the attached January 26, 2016 report, as well as certain public safety sensitive locations;
2. Determine the appropriate LED fixtures, installation locations and methodology, while obtaining sufficient resident feedback;
3. Provide a written report to the Mayor and Village Board on the work performed, the functioning of the LED lights, community feedback and a recommendation to move forward with the completion of the Pilot program through the full conversion of selected high traffic streets and Town & Country post-top fixtures utilizing an anticipated \$100,000 appropriation in the FY 16/17 Capital Budget.

Submitted by: Mayor Jonathan I. Mark

Date: February 5, 2016

For: February 9, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING THE FRINGE BENEFIT POLICY
APPLICABLE TO NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Village of Scarsdale ("Village") established a Fringe Benefit Policy ("Policy") for Non-Union Employees by Village Board Resolution on October 22, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Policy was amended by Resolutions of the Village Board on May 26, 1998, September 28, 1999 and March 24, 2009, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Policy affords non-union employees health insurance coverage into retirement provided that employees meet the criteria set forth in Paragraph 6.6 of the Policy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 6.6, employee are entitled to health insurance into retirement if they have at least twenty (20) years in the New York State Retirement System (NYSRS), are at least fifty-five (55) years of age, and have been employed by the Village of Scarsdale for a number of years as specified in Paragraph 6.6 based on the position(s) they held during their employment with the Village; and

WHEREAS, a situation has arisen where a non-union employee must retire due to a serious illness, and said employee meets all of the criteria to receive health insurance into retirement, except for the age requirement as he/she has not yet reached fifty-five (55) years of age; and

WHEREAS, by adopting the amended Policy, attached hereto, non-union employees will be granted health insurance into retirement so long as they have at least twenty (20) years in the NYSRS, are at least fifty-five (55) years old or have been granted a disability retirement by the NYSRS, and have been employed by the Village of Scarsdale for a number of years as specified in Paragraph 6.6 based on the position(s) they held during their employment with the Village; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the amended Policy dated February 9, 2016 applicable to Non-Union Employees is hereby approved and adopted.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: February 5, 2016
For: February 9, 2016

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; David Lee (dlee.trustee@gmail.com); Bill Stern; dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Carl Finger; Matt Callaghan
Subject: Fw: Food Composting etc

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:24 AM
To: BettyBlume
Subject: Re: Food Composting etc

Dear Ms. Blume -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: BettyBlume <bettyblume@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:18 AM
Subject: Food Composting etc

Is wonderful black gold, but too little at too high a price to become the homeowners tax burden. People should put in their own composter for this purpose and if this Sustainability Committee wants results educate and work for a tax rebate for putting in a food composter operated manually at each home. The gas or energy consumed by transporting this is going to exceed the savings ecologically. 44000-450000 will negate the savings from leave recycling.

These sustainability people should work toward consuming less energy themselves and take their homes and household uses green. Walk, don't drive to school. Consolidate car trips. Car Pool.

Turn off the house and car AC. Smaller and less TV use. Hang your clothes, no clothes dryer. Eliminate wasting of all things including the food in the first place by not letting it spoil in the refrigerator (get children to eat the food on their plate and serve them less). Stop accelerating the car so fast and use less brakes. Stop watering their lawns especially when not necessary. All this should be done, if they are truly concerned. Pass rules for that instead of paying for feasibility studies and ridiculous expenses.

Oh and I guess don't plant tree, or cut down many since it is not practical for all to mulch their leaves successfully (although many can). They forget the cost will be more to the village property owner to have the gardeners bag rather than the town collect with vacuum. The gardening bagging cost is not income tax deductible while the vacuum is deductible when in the

town taxes. Also since everyone benefits from having trees in the neighborhood, the community should pay for that or they will likely end up with less trees in the community.

I guess we are to get rid of all grass and maintenance and have just native plants in the yard.

Just why did these people move here? They could live where there is less maintenance.

Regards,

The original sustainability recycler from the 40's.

Donna Conkling

From: proscars@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 6:10 PM
To: Donna Conkling
Subject: Great Job On Clearing The Roads Over The Weekend

To The Scarsdale Village Manager and All the Village Staff,
Congrats on a terrific job of snow removal and making Scarsdale
Streets safe from the major snow storm over the weekend.
Rob Cole's message to our residents was very well presented
over the resident contact system.

Best regards,

Bob Harrison

65 Fox Meadow Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

914 725-0962

The Honorable Jonathan Mark
Village of Scarsdale Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Scarsdale, NY 10583

February 2, 2016

Dear Mayor Mark and Members of the Board of Trustees:

We moved to Scarsdale 16 years ago seeking higher quality schools and fell in love with Scarsdale by finding a higher quality of life here. Scarsdale, however, is much more than a charming village with towering shade trees. Scarsdale is a sensibility. Volunteerism is alive and well as neighbors become friends and all work together to improve our community. In order to focus these positive energies in a world of increasing challenges, we urge you to look forward in your leadership.

We urge you to support the proposed pilot program in food waste composting. The benefits of a pilot program can be stated in one word, "data." The only method of gathering accurate data is to measure. A pilot program will enable measurement of how much food waste a family will take out to the curb each week, which equipment works best, and what the hard and soft costs of food waste collection for composting actually are. One of the essential and often unsung benefits of a pilot program is that it will also identify issues we cannot anticipate before the pilot. It will provide quantifiable metrics to aid planning and implementation of a larger program should you decide that it is appropriate. Merely providing a food waste collection bin at the dump, while providing a place for residents to bring waste, cannot provide useful data.

For better or worse, if something happens in Scarsdale it is newsworthy. Surrounding towns and the County will take note of a pilot here. Keep in mind that once Scarsdale decides to move forward, it will take at minimum 18 months to get the results of the pilot. In the meantime, more localities will have witnessed the successes enjoyed by the many places that have already adopted food waste collection: Boulder, Palo Alto, Charlotte, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Denver all enjoy curbside pickup of food waste for composting. Once our neighboring communities explore food waste pick-up there may be economies of scale created for all of us.

Young families are raising children in this era of climate change with an eye towards impacting their own destinies. Perhaps one of the most important lessons these children can learn is that one person, one school and one village *can* make a difference.

I recently visited the Greenacres School and watched at lunchtime as the children disposed of their food waste into bags destined for a commercial compost site. This was not a special Earth Day performance. Rather it was, and is, the daily lunchroom

routine. Fourth grade students explained the many benefits of food waste composting, including that composted food waste can become part of the soil in which to grow more food. These youngsters are connecting the dots between daily practices and global outcomes. The program that is now routine at all five elementary schools is the result of many lessons learned from a pilot program at Fox Meadow School.

Over 2,100 Scarsdale children have mastered food waste collection for composting and are ready to train their parents. How can it make sense to children to compost lunch food waste at school but not at home, where an entire family eats multiple meals? We have an opportunity to enable these children to take on a role as citizen leaders who know first-hand how to change the world. Please allow them to have at it.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia and Bill Roberts

15 Autenreith Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 10:10 AM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Bill Stern; Carl Finger; David Lee (dlee.trustee@gmail.com); dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Matthew Callaghan
Subject: FW: Woodland Ave Electrical Wire + Trains + Traffic

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 10:09 AM
To: 'ML Perlman' <themlperlman@gmail.com>
Cc: Steve Pappalardo <spappalardo@scarsdale.com>; Robert Cole <rcole@scarsdale.com>
Subject: RE: Woodland Ave Electrical Wire + Trains + Traffic

Dear Mrs. Perlman – I am cc'ing our Village Manager and Deputy Village Manager. They can have an appropriate person look into the electrical wire issue you mention.

As for traffic in the Village Center, that is a chronic issue which the Village Staff Traffic Committee is analyzing (again) with the assistance of a traffic consultant and the Municipal Services Committee report you mention.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: ML Perlman [<mailto:themlperlman@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>
Subject: Woodland Ave Electrical Wire + Trains + Traffic

Good Morning Mayor Mark!

Not sure whom I should ask about this, but there is a low hanging Electrical Wire on Woodland Avenue. It has 'caution tape' tied to it - but has been there for months! Surely the electrical service provider should repair such a dangerous condition? Also, it is unsightly and beneath the impressive character of our wonderful town. I will also bring this up with the Municipal Services Committee of the Forum.

Also, thank you both for (i) your recent letter opposing the rail line option 3 and (ii) for your positive response to the Municipal Services Committee's Traffic Report. I have spoken to other residents on Crane Rd who have expressed abject fear taking their strollers across Crane road because of the crazy speeding of cars! I emailed them the report and they were thrilled with its recommendations!

My husband and I have both personally experienced cars honking aggressively at us when I cross Crane to get to the train in the morning. It is very dangerous and cars seem to not understand pedestrian right-of-way. Something needs to be done!

If the town supported 'walking and biking to town' I believe this would also support commerce for local shops. To that end, I hope the Village Commerce department will support the Traffic Report as well.

Thank you for your time.

Cheers,

ML Perlman
1 Carstensen Rd

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5:57 PM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; David Lee (dlee.trustee@gmail.com); Bill Stern; dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Carl Finger; Matt Callaghan
Subject: Fw: Congratulations

FYI. JM

From: robertbergesq@aol.com <robertbergesq@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5:08 PM
To: Jason Marra
Cc: jmark58@aol.com; Mayor
Subject: Congratulations

Hi Jason, I just read in scarsdale10583.com about your new job. While I'm sad to see you go, this sounds like a fantastic career opportunity. Congratulations. You deserve it. And, of course, I wanted to thank you for the superb reconstruction of Hyatt Field Park. I've watched the work in progress, and I'm delighted with the new equipment and the new restrooms. This park is heavily used by Crane Berkley residents, among others, and it will now be one of Scarsdale's many jewels. We appreciate how you reached out to Crane Berkley during the planning phase for our input. Again, my personal best wishes for your new job, and thanks for a job well done in Scarsdale. Best regards, Bob.

Robert J. Berg, Esq.
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Robert J. Berg PLLC
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Scarsdale, New York 10583
(914) 722-0579
(914) 522-9455 (cell)

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 10:15 PM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; David Lee (dlee.trustee@gmail.com); Bill Stern; dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Carl Finger; Matt Callaghan
Subject: Fw: Parking in the Village

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 10:10 PM
To: Sams Gmail
Subject: Re: Parking in the Village

Mr. Katz - -This will acknowledge receipt of your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Sams Gmail <sammykcpa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 5:49 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Parking in the Village

January 20, 2016

Mayor Jonathan Mark
Village of Scarsdale
1001 Post Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear Mayor Mark,

Thank you for the "friendly reminder" of why I hate shopping in the Village of Scarsdale...your meter maids' \$20 summons did the trick.

Sorry for the sarcasm. However, as a small business owner, I feel clobbered. I came into the village to mail some letters, make a deposit, grab a cup of coffee & head back to my office. The meter gave me 17minutes to accomplish this. However, there was a small line at the bank and so I was 2 minutes late. Your man was able to arrive, deliver a summons and disappear, all within 2 minutes...he was not visible in any direction.

I operate a small business on Brook Street, and although the Scarsdale Village Post Office and banking are closer to my office, I will now go out of my way to patronize the Eastchester Post Office

and surrounding businesses. As a courtesy, the Eastchester post office allows 15 minute free parking., as does the Dunkin Donuts, Chase Bank & various delis.

Perhaps allowing a 2 minute grace at the meters or 15 minute free parking at the Post Office will bring back some business. Just a thought. Certainly, I can't be the only "customer/client" of the village to feel this way.

Thank you for hearing me out & again, my apologies for the sarcasm.

Sincerely,

Sam Katz

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

Rutherford Hall
Village of Scarsdale
January 12, 2016

A Meeting of the Town Board of Scarsdale was held in Rutherford Hall of Village Hall on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 9:00 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 December 8, 2015 were approved on a motion entered by Ms. Pekarek, seconded by Mr. Finger, and carried unanimously.

Reports

Custodian of Taxes McClure noted that the Board has received the December 2015 Town of Scarsdale Balance Sheets and Cash Receipts and Disbursements reports. She stated that this the last month of the fiscal year for the Town. She also noted that this is a preliminary, unaudited report.

On the 12/31/2015 Balance Sheet, in the Assets section, Taxes Receivable Current decreased from year end 2014 by \$19,700; delinquent taxes increased \$64,700 from \$726,500 to \$791,200. Total delinquent taxes collected in 2015 were \$522,300. The comparable figure for 2014 was \$803,100 (net of the tax lien write-offs).

The Town collects and remits the School and the Scarsdale share of the County tax levies for these taxing jurisdictions, respectively. The percentage of School taxes collected through December 31st for 2015 was 98.89% and for 2014 was 98.87%; the County tax percentage collected through December 31, 2015 was 99.52% which is up slightly from the 99.38% rate at December 31, 2014.

In the December 2015 reports, Interest Earnings for 2015 decreased \$4,300 from approximately \$10,400 in 2014 to \$6,100 in 2015. Mortgage Tax revenues increased from \$912,200 in 2014 to \$1,003,000 in 2015. Penalties on taxes increased from \$455,300 in 2014 to \$459,700 in 2015.

The Treasurer's Department will mail the year-end tax statements during the last week of January. Unpaid tax balances will be reflected on these statements as well as the taxes paid.

Future Meetings

Mayor Mark announced the following future meeting schedule:

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

FY 2016/17 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’s Birthday – Village Hall Closed

On a motion entered by Mr. Samwick, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Town Board meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Donna M. Conkling
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Rutherford Hall
Village of Scarsdale
January 26, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of Scarsdale was held in Rutherford Hall of Village Hall on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 8:52 p.m.

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

Mr. Mark presided.

Resolution

Upon motion entered by Trustee Finger, and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing on an Introductory Local Law Adopting the Provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, Commonly Referred to as the "Homestead Option" was approved by a unanimous vote:

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Town Board of the Town of Scarsdale to be held in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, immediately following the Village Board Meeting which is scheduled for 8:00PM, on a proposed local law adopting the provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, Commonly Referred to as the "Homestead Tax Option", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

Future Meetings

Mr. Mark announced the following future meeting schedule:

- *Tuesday, February 9, 2016* – Finance Committee Meeting– 6:00 P.M. – Rutherford Hall
- *Tuesday, February 9, 2016* – Agenda Meeting – 7:30 P.M. – Trustees' Room
- *Tuesday, February 9, 2016* – Village Board Meeting – 8:00 P.M. – Rutherford Hall

FY 2016/17 Budget Discussions

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

On a motion entered by Ms. Pekarek, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Town Board meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Donna M. Conkling
Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Scarsdale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Scarsdale on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, immediately following the Village Board Meeting which is scheduled for 8:00PM, in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall to receive comments on a proposed local law adopting the provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, Commonly Referred to as the "Homestead Tax Option".

Donna M. Conkling
Town Clerk

01/21/2016

RESOLUTION RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW “ ” OF 2016, ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1903 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE “HOMESTEAD TAX OPTION”

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Town Board of the Town of Scarsdale to be held in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, immediately following the Village Board Meeting which is scheduled for 8:00PM, on a proposed local law adopting the provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, Commonly Referred to as the “Homestead Tax Option”, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: January 21, 2016
For: January 26, 2016

CERTIFICATION
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE ON
01-26-2016

DONNA M. CONKLING
VILLAGE CLERK



INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW # __ OF 2016
A Local Law Adopting The Provisions of Section 1903 of
the Real Property Tax Law, Commonly Referred to as the
"Homestead Tax Option"

BE IT ENACTED by the Scarsdale Town Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

In 1981 the State of New York enacted Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") known as the "Homestead Tax Option", to provide local governments with a tool to help mitigate a potential shift of the property tax burden onto residential property owners, as a result of townwide revaluation update. The Homestead Tax Option, which contains two main provisions, grants authority to a tax levying body to: 1) value and assess certain qualifying condominiums in the same manner as single-family residences and 2) establishes separate tax rates for two designated classes of property, namely Homestead-classified and Non-Homestead-classified property. The overall purpose of the Town's enactment of the Homestead Tax Option is to value condominiums similar to that of residential properties in the Town and to ensure that the tax rate for Homestead and Non-Homestead properties be the same.

Section 2. Title

This local law shall be known as "A Local Law Adopting the Provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law commonly referred to as the "Homestead Tax Option".

Section 3. Adoption of Homestead Tax Option

The provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law are hereby adopted. The Homestead Base Proportion and Non-Homestead Base Proportion shall be established by resolution of the Town Board of Scarsdale in accordance with the rules of the Office of Real Property Tax Services and shall apply to taxes levied on the 2016 final assessment roll and to taxes levied on subsequent rolls, until this Local Law is repealed.

Section 4. Enforceability

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or provision of this chapter be declared void, invalid or unenforceable, for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this local law. Any other local law, ordinance or resolution inconsistent with this Local Law is hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.