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Village Board Agenda

February 23, 2016

Agenda Committee Meeting – 7:30 PM – Trustees Room

Village Board Meeting - 8:00 PM - Rutherford Hall

Action

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- Village Board Meeting of February 9, 2016

Bills

- Trustee Pekarek

Mayor's Comments

Manager's Comments

Public Comments

Committee Items

Finance Committee –Trustee Samwick

- Statement of Expenses and Revenues as of January 31, 2016
- Resolution re: Establishing Fiscal Year 2016-17 Village-Wide Fees & Charges

Land Use Committee – Trustee Samwick

- Resolution re: Extension of Building Permit # 142900 for a Residence at 2 Brittany Close

Other Committee Reports

Liaison Reports

Written Communications (10)

- Ann J. Lewis – Library Addition & Renovation Project
- Eric Miller – 10 Overlook Road – Library Addition & Renovation Project
- Simon Landless – 95 Penn Road - Library Addition & Renovation Project
- Joanne Wallenstein – Larchmont Building Moratorium
- Laurence Levy – 40 Olmsted Road – Homestead Act
- Susan Levine – Homestead Act
- Mark Lewis – 98 Brewster Road – Food Composting
- Reyna Gentin – 50 Baraud Road South – Crane Road Exit
- Scarsdale Middle School Parent Teacher Association – Teen Center Funding
- Betty Blume – Plowing, Homestead Tax Option & Food Waste

Town Board Agenda

Special Town Board Meeting
February 23, 2016
Rutherford Hall, Village Hall

Roll Call

Public Hearing (Continued)

- 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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Future Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

- 6:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
 - Boards, Councils and Committee Positions/Vacancies
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(It is anticipated that a motion will be offered to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters)

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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

Finance Committee – Trustees Room

Wednesday, 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

THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH**REGULAR MEETING**

Rutherford Hall
Village Hall
February 9, 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, February 9, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Mark turned the meeting over briefly to the Mayor for a Day Mattie Silberfein; she asked for the Roll Call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Mark stated that the parents of Mattie Silberfein, an 11 year old student from Greenacres, won a raffle at the Greenacres 100th anniversary celebration for the honor of having an hour with the Mayor. Mayor Mark stated that she toured the Village with him earlier today; they visited the Public Safety Building, and the Water Pumping Station. He stated that they are all hoping Mattie gives the Village a good report when she goes back to Greenacres and reports on her day.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 26, 2016 were approved on a motion entered by Trustee Finger, seconded by Trustee Pekarek, and carried unanimously.

Bills & Payroll

Trustee Lee reported that he had audited the Abstract of Claims dated February 9, 2016 in the amount of \$467,434.27 which includes \$12,189.18 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 Lee and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Claims dated February 9, 2016 in the amount of \$467,434.27 is hereby approved.

Trustee Lee further reported that he had examined the payment of bills made in advance of a Board of Trustees audit totaling \$680,224.95 which were found to be in order and he moved that such payments be ratified.

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

RESOLVED, that payment of claims made in advance of a Board of Trustees audit totaling \$680,224.95 is hereby ratified.

Mayors Comments

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

“Proposed Library Project and Funding - Earlier this evening this Board’s Finance Committee held a public meeting in which the Library renovation project was discussed. The focus of the meeting was how the proposal project might be financed and what the pro forma impact of a Village bond issuance to provide a significant portion of the needed funds might be.

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. At the Finance Committee meeting, the Village staff presented an analysis of a bond issuance for the project under a variety of hypothetical scenarios. The meeting was recorded so those interested in the details of what was presented and discussed will be able to view the session on the Scarsdale Public TV web site in a day or so. In general, the discussion included the following assumptions and conclusions:

- The Library Board achieving its goal of raising \$7.5 million from private contributions;
- Village issuance of a \$12 million bond in two scenarios
 - A 15-year bond with an annual interest rate of 2.75% that would be issuable if the project involved a renovation of the existing Library structure, as is proposed; and
 - As an alternative, the issuance of a 30-year bond if the proposed project were revised to be the construction of a completely new building.
- In either scenario, the bond would amortize on a straight line basis over its life as is customary for municipal debt issues.

- The Village Staff also took into account a number of other capital projects that we presently are aware of as requiring action, as well as other capital projects that are reasonably anticipated for the future – all of which would be funded, at least in part, by Village bond issuances.

Note, that while this Board and the Village staff are also aware of bond issues that either are or may be authorized by the School Board which also will impact taxpayers, details of the impact of such issuances were not included in the staff's detailed analysis for the present time. If inclusion of that analysis becomes significant in this Board's decision-making, additional work can be done.

The Finance Committee asked a number of detailed questions of the members of the Library Board who were present at the earlier meeting. The questions were designed to get a better understanding of how the Library Board settled on the scope of the project presently proposed, whether less costly alternatives were considered and, if so, why they were not pursued, details of the contractual arrangements with the architect retained by the Library Board to design the project and questions about how the private fund raising effort was going.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Finance Committee and the Library Board indicated they would continue their analysis once answers to the questions raised at the meeting were available. It is intended that there will be a further public meetings, probably more than one, on this important topic and when that occurs we will keep the community apprised.

Over the past several months, we have received numerous 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 continue to convey their views on the proposal to us whether by email or by attending future meetings when scheduled. We will keep the community apprised of the next steps in the process. In the meantime, it should be noted that this Board has not reach any definitive conclusions on how to proceed in this matter pending its further analysis of the considerations noted.

Budget Matters - The Board spent all day last Wednesday and a good portion of Thursday night going over the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. As has been commented on previously, there is no expectation that the budget will be within the tax cap since the tax cap limitation is presently 0.45%. This equates to an increase of \$170,000 if the budget were to stay within the cap and is clearly an unrealistic number if services are to be provided at the levels expected by residents. The work of this Board and the Village Staff continues and further public meetings on the budget are scheduled for February 24, March 2 and March 8, 2016. Residents interested in learning about the details of the proposed budget are urged to attend those meetings. In the meantime, however, given the likely outcome of the budget process and to meet the timing requirements of applicable New York State law,

one agenda item this evening is Board consideration of the adoption of a local law permitting the Village budget to exceed the so called "tax cap."

Mom's Birthday - There are myriad coincidences that occurred that caused me to wind up in this seat. One that has to be among the most significant was the decision of my father and mother, Sandor and Ruth Mark, now Ruth Friendly, to move to Scarsdale in the summer of 1951. It just so happens that tonight is my Mom's birthday. She is 92. I should be at her birthday dinner, but I am instead here with you. So happy birthday Mom, I'll call you when this meeting is over. I hope you have a great night and had a great birthday.

Manager's Comments

Village Manager Pappalardo stated that there is a large audience this evening and a lot of them are eager to address the Board; therefore, he stated that he will cede his time and allow the community to make their comments to the Board. He also extended a Happy Birthday to Mayor Mark's mother as well.

Public Hearing

Trustee Lee stated that this is a Public Hearing to review a Local Law authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt a budget for the 2016/17 Fiscal Year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law, Section 3c. This would authorize the Board of Trustees to exceed the Tax Cap.

Trustee Lee opened the Public Hearing and invited anyone to comment at this time.

Robert Harrison, 65 Fox Meadow Road, speaking as the Chairman of the Scarsdale Taxpayer Alert, stated that he has followed the Village Budget for many years and he knows how difficult the staff and the Trustees work on trying to do the best they can to keep the tax rate from increasing more than the residents' desire. He understands what the Tax Cap involves, and urged the Board to approve this Local Law so that they will have the flexibility to exceed the Tax Cap. He knows that the Board will do a good job in keeping the tax increases as low as possible.

As there were no further public comments, Trustee Lee moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Finger and carried unanimously.

Trustee Lee then entered a motion to adopt the following Local Law #1, 2016, authorizing the Board to adopt a budget for the Fiscal Year 2016/17 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law, Section 3c, seconded by Trustee Pekarek and adopted by the vote indicated below:

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #1 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.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Callaghan	None	None
Trustee Finger		
Trustee Lee		
Trustee Pekarek		
Trustee Samwick		
Trustee Stern		
Mayor Mark		

Public Comment

Lisa Messenger, 8 Stonewall Lane, Mamaroneck, stated that she has lived in Scarsdale for 38 years and have been excellent years because of the outstanding community that is Scarsdale. She has enjoyed decades of use of the Scarsdale Library. She stated that they owe it to the community and future generations to provide an excellent library of books, technology, human support, programs, and pure communal gathering. The architectural plans are smart, responsible, and responsive to fill these needs. She noted that she has already pledged her support to the campaign. She urged the Board to fully support the Library renovation project.

John Leslie, 43 Greenacres Avenue, disclosed that he is the spouse of Trustee Deborah Pekarek and that she had no idea he was planning to speak this evening before the Board. He stated that he is before the Board for two reasons – first, he wanted to thank the Mayor and the Trustees for their service to the community, as well as all of the past Trustees and Mayor. He stated that it is a thankless job; however, the residents know that whatever decisions are made are made in the best interest of Scarsdale. He stated that he knows firsthand of the time, energy and commitment that is involved with the job. He asked that all citizens of Scarsdale, when they see the Mayor or any of the Trustees, past or present, to express their gratitude to them.

Next, he stated that in his opinion, the Village has a problem in that the Non-Partisan system is broken and needs to be fixed. He knows that Trustee Pekarek has performed an outstanding job as Trustee with distinction, honor and grace. There are some that say that she has been the best Trustee on the Board. She always encourages open and frank discussion, does her homework, and considers the impact of decisions on everyone. She thinks long term and asks the questions that people are thinking but are afraid to ask. She is sensitive to people's feelings; she is honest and upfront. She is a team player and a team leader. She is a cheerleader for the Scarsdalian way and always thinks in terms of what is best for Scarsdale. Her contributions are outstanding.

Under the Non-Partisan system, based on her performance as a first term Trustee, it was a no-brainer that she should have another term as Trustee. It appears that at some point recently, the Non-Partisan system has become the Partisan system. The Citizens Nominating Committee somehow grew into a political minefield and that is not good for Scarsdale. As a result, volunteerism, a Scarsdale attribute that had been valued in the past has taken a big hit. He admitted that as Trustee Pekarek's husband, his feelings do impact some of the previous comments.

However, the following observations are not his, but friends, neighbors and even former residents of Scarsdale. The credentials of the proposed slate are very impressive on paper – Ivy League or very close. Ms. Pekarek does not have those credentials nor do many

Scarsdalian. However, she has other attributes – she is already doing a great job, so why do credentials matter in this case? Does that mean we are becoming even more elitist in the Village? If credentials do matter, then he suggested that a person that gets a college degree from a lesser known college in Pennsylvania and makes it to Scarsdale with the credentials that she earned during that time, the work ethic that she had, the professional and life experiences that she faced, and the decisions that had to be made and lived with and learned from – those credentials are the ones that matter when one is deciding who should be a Trustee. In Trustee Pekarek's case they are second to none.

Based on the obvious skill sets of the slate, there will be three lawyers on the Board. Do we need that amount of legal expertise? It has been his experience in the business world that too many lawyers can tend to impede progress. Do we have a large number of legal concerns? If so, they need to come out in the open. Also, with the proposed slate, the Board for next year will have no one from the Greenacres neighborhood. Three from Heathcote, two from Fox Meadow and one each from Quaker Ridge and Edgewood. Was it managed to be that way by not re-nominating the sitting Trustee from Greenacres and adding a new one from Heathcote? Does that produce an imbalance?

Mr. Leslie continued, stating that a female was fired; not re-nominated to make room for another female which keeps the female-male relationship of the Board a little small. A better solution would have been to re-nominate the sitting Trustee and nominate another female or two more. He stated that he is impressed by the women who live in this Village.

Trustee Pekarek should never have been treated the way she was by the CNC – she should have been celebrated by the CNC and earned the right to be re-nominated, not embarrassed. She did nothing wrong and she should be told that. It is his understanding that the slate of candidates are very good people and will do an excellent job, according to Trustee Pekarek. He stated that he thought one of the nominees should wait another year. What the CNC has done is wrong on so many levels.

As a resident of Scarsdale, Mr. Leslie thanked Trustee Pekarek for all of her contributions in making Scarsdale a better place to live and he thinks that the CNC has made a terrible mistake.

Mayor Mark responded to Mr. Leslie's remarks, stating that the CNC did what the CNC did but there should be no doubt on the part of anyone in this room about what a fine job and what a fine Trustee Deb Pekarek has been and is. That should be clear to you, should be clear to everyone in this room, and those watching on cable television. There is no doubt in his mind that she had done and will continue to do a superb job as long as she is in that seat. Seconded by Trustee Finger.

Carl Pforzheimer, 16 Tompkins Road, addressed the Board concerning the relevance today of the Scarsdale library; especially relevance to a special group. He read parts of the summary of the 2013 Pew Research Center's report concerning *Younger Americans' Library Habits and Expectations*. The Pew Research Center is funded by the Pew

Charitable Trust. It informs the public about the issues, attitudes and trans-shaping of America and the world. They conduct public opinion polling, demographic research, content analysis and other data driven social science research. They do not take policy positions. The summary of findings reviews research results concerning different age groups use of technology, reading habits, use of library services, etc. He noted that the report gives very interesting statistics on how the younger population is using libraries and it certainly counters some people's thinking that libraries have become somewhat irrelevant to that age group; they have not. Mr. Pforzheimer submitted a copy of this report to the Village Clerk for distribution to the Board. He noted that this report can also be viewed on the Pew website.

Harriet Sobel, Claremont Road, spoke in support a bond issue to support the plans for the renovations of the Scarsdale Library. She stated that she is a big library user and visits the Library about twice a week. She noted the comfort offered by the library during Hurricane Sandy. The library needs work; the space is pretty much the same as it was in the 1970's when she moved to Scarsdale. Life, work and learning has changed. The Library Board has come up with a solution and spent a lot of time arriving at this plan. She respects their work and their plan. She particularly liked the idea of incorporating a café into the plans where residents can meet to have a cup of coffee and discuss a book or a movie. Libraries that have this kind of space encourages all age groups to engage with each other.

Lynne Clark, 13 Walworth Avenue, commented on the prior remarks made by John Leslie, stating that she and her husband feel very strongly that the CNC was heartless in their decision not to re-nominate Trustee Pekarek. It is not a good way for our system to say 'thank you' to the people who give their heart and soul to this Village – hours and hours.

Ms. Clark spoke next in support of the expansion and renovation of the Scarsdale Library – it will be a magnificent community center for the Village. She suggested that there be a designated space for older adults, many of whom have advanced degrees and endless desire to continue reading and learning in a beautiful environment while engaging with their neighbors. This program could be named 'Scarsdale Scholars for Intellectually Alive Older Adults' at the Scarsdale Library Community Center. Many other communities have this type of attractive and air-conditioned center. If the Library wants the support of the older generation, they should give them this designated space in the Library. Ms. Clark submitted a copy of a statement in support of this feature, signed by other Scarsdale Seniors to the Village Clerk for distribution to the Board of Trustees.

Linda Hillman Chayes, 16 Taunton Road, stated that she is a firm believer in the power of community and supports those public institutions that contribute to building a stronger and more resilient community. The library is a special place in the community and she strongly supports the refurbishing and expansion plan that has been so carefully researched. The library has long surpassed the traditional function of being simply a place to take out books. Young and old gather to study and do research and find a quiet place to work and think. She has used this library for close to 60 years. The library's educational and culture programming for the community is excellent and keeps getting better.

Justin Arest, 2 Lakin Road, stated that he is an ardent supporter of the Library project and would like to focus on the opposition at this time. There are many in the Village who think that the taxes are too high. He noted that over 60% of taxes go to the School Board. Many believe that inefficiencies exist and that not enough is done to find them and deal with them. We need to be a community of volunteerism and need to encourage new participants and new ideas. We have a responsibility to the Village's current residents but also to future generations to uphold the standard of the brand that is Scarsdale. Every resident can benefit from the library, as the residents in Mamaroneck, Greenburgh, Ossining, and Greenwich among others know. They stepped up and funded their library projects either mostly or completely with public funds. Though the current building has been maintained, there have been almost no improvements since 1973. It needs a new roof, windows, fire safety system, electrical work, ADA complaint bathrooms do not exist. If we continue to just defer necessary maintenance it does not make it less necessary.

Mr. Arest stated that in his opinion, roughly \$168.00 a year for 15 years per household is not unreasonable at all for the community to have the library that it deserves. He urged the Board to support the project and the \$12 million bond.

Jill Spielberg, 40 Ogden Road, stated that she was raised in Fox Meadow. She returned to Scarsdale after college to work and to seek her intellectual goals. She stated that she has found the Scarsdale government to be a group of people who listen and who are reasonable and like to find solutions. The library should be the cornerstone of anyone's intellectual affairs. It should engage every age group. The library as it currently exists does not accomplish those goals. We must build an equal opportunity space.

Laura Miller, 18 Leatherstocking Lane, read from an email she had sent to the Mayor and Board of Trustees concerning her support of the Library renovations. She gave her perspective of the importance of the renovations from a real estate agent who is cognizant of what people are looking for when they purchase a home. The library, while beautiful is lacking in several ways. A library is always of importance to young buyers to go with the great schools. This is a prudent investment on the part of the community and they will see the money come back to them when they sell their homes. A Village investment in the library will be money well spent, as a renovated, handicapped accessible and state-of-the-art library/community center would be a huge asset to the Village and a unique amenity that will bring young buyers to Scarsdale for many years to come.

Joyce Hirsch, 64 Walworth Avenue, stated that she and her husband have lived in Scarsdale for 38 years and she has served on the Library Board and was the President at one time. She encouraged the Board to fully approve the proposal made by the current Library Board and to approve the Bond issue for the \$12 million. The library is really the jewel in Scarsdale's crown and is really the community center. She stated that she would happily spend the \$168 per year to support this initiative.

Howard Nadel, stated that he just stepped down as Chair of the CNC. He reminded everyone, all the Trustees and the Mayor that they were chosen through the Non-Partisan process that we pride ourselves on. He stated that he has worked with those people for the last three years as a TVCC representative, as a Vice-Chair and this year he had the extreme pleasure and honor to be the Chair. They are not a gang, they are not prejudiced, they are not territorial. They did not view this as a political event; it was not used as a pretense for a new census on the Board of Trustees. They looked at the facts, they discussed them, they started their process in early December and ended it in late January. They researched and came up with what they believed to be the best slate. He stated that he supports them and he thought that it is a shame that their voluntary service is denigrated. It is upsetting to loose, but stated that the CNC view their positions and responsibilities very seriously and he felt that they are owed an apology.

Jill Spieler, 33 Claremont Road, stated that she has already sent her comments to the Board of Trustees but also wanted to read them to the public. She expressed her support of the library renovations. In addition to the many programs, community organizations make use of the library on a frequent basis. The library functions as a vital part of the Village. It is important that the Village commitment its collective resources through bonding to enable the project's success. We are fortunate to have a Library Director and a Library Board that are dedicated to steward this project and ensure the library meets future generation needs. They are committed raising the additional funding beyond bonded costs. She asked that the Village Board endorse the bond proposal that will support this project.

Andy Wax, stated that she and her husband Bob have lived in Scarsdale for 40 years. She stated that if the Board is going to consider this plan, she would like them to seriously consider another aspect of the various activities this new plan for the library would include. She stated that she would love to see a swimming pool as part of the plan.

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

Mayor Mark thanked everyone for their comments and thanked them for coming out. Community input is very important to the Board. The conversation concerning the library renovations will continue.

Municipal Services Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Stern, and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution regarding authorization to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with CivicPlus for Municipal Website Redesign and Hosting was approved by the vote indicated below:

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.”

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Callaghan	None	None
Trustee Finger		
Trustee Lee		
Trustee Pekarek		
Trustee Samwick		
Trustee Stern		
Mayor Mark		

Sustainability Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Stern, and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution regarding the Continuance of the Ad-Hoc Committee on LED Streetlights was approved by the vote indicated below:

- 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 and after taking into consideration resident feedback, the Committee would determine whether or not to recommend the installation of 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 installation of LED streetlights on the selected high traffic streets and Town & Country

post-top fixtures utilizing an anticipated \$100,000 appropriation in the FY 16/17 Capital Budget.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Callaghan	None	None
Trustee Finger		
Trustee Lee		
Trustee Pekarek		
Trustee Samwick		
Trustee Stern		
Mayor Mark		

Trustee Pekarek gave many thanks to Victor Goldberg, stating that his leadership was key to moving this project along.

Trustee Stern echoed Trustee Pekarek's statement. He addressed the community, urging them to convert to LED's in their homes – they will save a lot of money and will save the environment also.

Personnel Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Finger, and seconded by Trustee Samwick, the following resolution regarding 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.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Callaghan	None	None
Trustee Finger		
Trustee Lee		
Trustee Pekarek		
Trustee Samwick		
Trustee Stern		
Mayor Mark		

Liaison Reports

None.

Other Committee Reports

Trustee Samwick wanted to report that he attended a farewell party in honor of Jason Marra, Superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation. He stated that there were people there from almost every different department in the Village. It was like a family in the way people interact with one another. The collaboration is something we don't always see; we saw it with Hyatt Field which Jason spearheaded. Benny and his team did a phenomenal job – they built a comfort station in two weeks. Looking at the environment

that has been fostered, the Village is very fortunate and the benefits that are received are not always seen. Trustee Samwick thanked the Village for everything that they do and for the collaboration. He gave special thanks to Village Manager Steve Pappalardo, and the Department Heads for fostering this collegial environment without silos where people work together to all of our benefit.

Trustee Pekarek reported that she attended an event at the library two weeks ago called the "Taste of Scarsdale" and there were a number of our professional firefighters there who cooked. They showcased a few recipes and identified a charitable work that they do at the Ronald McDonald House. The program is called 'Meals that Heal'. The firefighters go to Ronald McDonald House and cook, providing meals for approximately 30 people who are staying at the House. They fund this through their union dues, it is completely voluntary, and they wear their uniforms representing Scarsdale. Not only do the firefighters represent Scarsdale well here at home, but on the outside as well.

Written Communications

Village Clerk Conking reported that Sixty-two (62) 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.

Thirty-five (35) communications were received concerning the proposed Library renovations; 28 wrote in support of this project and 7 wrote in opposition to it.

Additional correspondence was received as follows:

- A communication from Cynthia & Bill Roberts, 15 Autenreith Road, in support of the Food Waste Compost Pilot Program.
- An email from Betty Blume, 246 Mamaroneck Road, with suggestions concerning the Food Waste Compost Pilot Program.
- An email from Robert Harrison, 65 Fox Meadow Road, congratulating the Village Staff on snow removal during the last storm.
- An email from Susan Levine, Ardmore Road, regarding leaf mulching and the 2016 Revaluation.
- An email from ML Perlman, 1 Carstensen Road, concerning a low hanging wire on Woodland Avenue, and thanks to the Village Board for their recent letter opposing the rail line option 3 and their positive response to the Municipal Services Committee's Traffic Report.
- An email from Robert Berg, 32 Tisdale Road, congratulating Jason Marra on his new position and thanking him for his work associated with the reconstruction of Hyatt Field Park.

- An email from Samuel Katz, 111 Brook Street, regarding meter parking in the Village Center.
- Correspondence from Carol Silverman, Chair of the Advisory Council on Scarsdale Senior Citizens in support of the Homestead Tax Option.
- An email from Ilona Pokoik, Crane Road, in support of the Municipal Services Committee Traffic Report.
- An email from Michael Blumstein regarding electronic payments for water bills; a response from Mayor Mark is attached.
- An email from Robert Harrison, 65 Fox Meadow Road requesting that the Board not vote on the Homestead Tax Option this evening.
- An email from Robin Schafer, 30 Greenacres Avenue, concerning lead in her home's water pipes.
- An email from Linda Dietz, 66 Brewster Road, in opposition to the Homestead Tax Option.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Pekarek moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 P.M. seconded by Trustee Lee and carried by a unanimous vote.

Donna M. Conkling
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION RE: ESTABLISHING FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 VILLAGE-WIDE FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, Local Law # 4 of 1976 states that all fees and charges be established and levied at least once a year by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, the Village reviews its schedule of Village-Wide Fees and Charges relative to current operating costs, chronology of previous increases and the completion of comparative municipal surveys, in conjunction with review and discussion with the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2016-17, fee modifications are provided for:

Village Clerk:

- Peddling or Vending License

Water:

- Water Use Charges (Base Rate only)
 - Scarsdale Quarterly Accounts
 - Scarsdale Monthly Accounts
 - Eastchester Water District Quarterly Accounts
 - Eastchester Water District Monthly Accounts
 - Quarterly Accounts served Outside Scarsdale and Eastchester Water District
- Service Charges per Quarter

Sanitary Sewer:

- Sanitary Sewer Rent Fee
 - Scarsdale Quarterly & Monthly Accounts

Building Department:

- Plumbing – more than four fixtures, price per fixture
- Electrical Inspection Permit
- Demolition Permit

Planning Board, BOA, BAR & CHP:

- Residential Special Use Permits
- Application for BOA Variances
- Appeal Determination of the Building Inspector to BOA
- Final Subdivision Fee
- Preliminary Subdivision Fee

Parking:

- Parking Permits
 - Freightway Resident (Semi-Annual)
 - Freightway Resident (Annual)

WHEREAS, the Village Board's Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed FY 2016-17 Village-Wide Fees & Charges Schedule at their February 4, 2016 meeting and supported the proposed fee changes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the FY 2016-17 Village-Wide Fees & Charges Schedule, dated February 5, 2016, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is herein adopted, effective June 1, 2016, with the exception of the Water Use Charge, Service Charges per Quarter and Sanitary Sewer Rent Fee which shall take effect for the August 1, 2016 quarterly water billing, for water used during a three month period covering portions of the months of March, April, May and June 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Water Use Charge, Service Charges per Quarter and Sanitary Sewer Rent Fee shall take effect for the April 2016 monthly water billing for water used during the month of March; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of the changes to the Village-Wide Fees and Charges Schedule.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: February 18, 2016
For: February 23, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: EXENSION OF BUILDING PERMIT #142900
FOR A RESIDENCE AT 2 BRITTANY
CLOSE**

WHEREAS, Building Permit # 142900 for construction of a new home at 2 Brittany Close identified on the Village Tax Map as Section 23 Block 01 Lot 4A, expired on February 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property has been unable to complete the construction within the allowable time provided under the building permit and has requested an extension of said permit for an eight month period from the permit extension renewal date; and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has reviewed the application and visited the site and determined that the renewal request is warranted and agrees that the remainder of the work would take nine months to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Village has incurred additional costs to inspect the home and process this request for a building permit extension; and

WHEREAS, there have been no complaints or violations in conjunction with this permit; and

WHEREAS, §132.99 of the Village Code permits the Village Board to extend such building permit; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the permit for the construction of a residence at 2 Brittany Close be extended to November 21, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the owner pay to the Village of Scarsdale an additional charge of \$8,297.50, in accordance with the pro rata fee listed in the 2015-16 Fees & Charges Schedule, calculated at a rate of 1/24th of the original Building Permit Fee multiplied by the months estimated to complete construction, as compensation for the additional services required to complete this application.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: February 18, 2016
For: February 23, 2016

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:27 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: Library renovation

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Mark Lewis
Subject: Re: Library renovation

Dear Mrs. Lewis -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Mark Lewis <markannlewis@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:16 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Library renovation

Good morning,

I am writing to express my support for the planned renovation of the Scarsdale Library and the necessary bond to assist in financing it. I am a heavy user of the library and a member of the board of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library.

Our library building is well loved and heavily used but old. It needs repair and updating. The cost for those necessary projects will be considerable even if we do not take this opportunity to rethink and redesign the building to function even better in the coming years. The new programs and offerings for all ages which have been added in the last few years have proven extremely popular and well attended, but are stretching the capacity of the building to accommodate them. The building is visibly worn and needs repair as well as updating to comply with ADA standards. This work must be done whether or not the space is fully redesigned or not.

The planned renovations have been thoughtfully developed over the last several years, in consultation with members of this community and professionals. Community members have visited libraries in other towns, villages and cities and spoken with the users of those libraries. This plan represents a real world solution to problems with the present space, rather than a utopian dream of a perfect library. I can think of several expensive "nice to have" elements which have been purposefully omitted in the design to control costs.

The residents of Scarsdale are, by and large, like me, frequent users of this most public of spaces, as reflected by our extraordinarily high per capita usage figures. The transformation of the library will affect many residents in a very positive way over a term of years. I urge you and the trustees to approve the needed bonding.

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 3:08 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: Board of Trustees email

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 3:06 PM
To: Eric Miller
Subject: Re: Board of Trustees email

Dear Mr. Miller -- Thanks for your further thoughts.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Eric Miller <ericmiller411@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 10:00 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Clerk's Department
Subject: Re: Board of Trustees email

Thank you, again, Mayor Mark for your response. I unfortunately was unable to make this week's meeting that included a library funding discussion due to business travel.

I read the synopsis in disbelief that a grassroots organization could believe they have the right to push the Board of Trustees to approve a \$19.5 million project bond without further community discussion and a referendum.

This whole situation is not so different than when the SCC also made a strong push. For a community this size, I sincerely hope our Trustees recognize the fragile state of the economy and remain judicious on being fiscally conservative. Of course a crowd of proponents will make a strong case for the investment - but please remember (as you have) that they do NOT represent the overall community's sentiment for a project this size. The only true way to judge that is to have a well advertised referendum.

I remain concerned of the sheer amount of money they are asking for. I believe they should first raise \$7.5 million and come back to the Board. Perhaps a compromise point is for this group to come back once they can evidence \$5 million in an ESCROWED account.

There is no doubt that the current library can use some restoration. \$3mm? \$5mm? Maybe. \$19.5 million is similar to how the SCC grew from being an idea for an indoor pool for a few million dollars to a \$20+ million megaplex that the community rejected.

I appreciate the volunteer work you and the Board take on. It is commendable and appreciated. You are empowered to do what is best for the overall community over the long run, rather than take on a massive, fiscally irresponsible project being pushed by a smaller, well-funded vocal group.

> Respectfully submitted,
> Eric Miller
> 10 Overlook Rd, Scarsdale
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> Sent from my iPhone
> Eric Miller
> (917) 510 4072
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Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:54 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: Support for the Library Renovation

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:53 AM
To: Simon Landless
Subject: Re: Support for the Library Renovation

Dear Mr. Landless -- Thanks for your follow-up.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Simon Landless <simonlandless@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:42 AM
To: Mayor
Subject: Re: Support for the Library Renovation

Having now read the report in 10583 I would also add that I support you in suggesting this gets put to a community vote. Thank you for all the great work you do for Scarsdale

> On Feb 7, 2016, at 11:27 AM, Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com> wrote:

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> ?Dear Mr. Landless -- Thank you for your email.
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> Very truly yours, Jon Mark

> _____
> From: simonlandless@gmail.com <simonlandless@gmail.com> on behalf of Simon Landless <simon.landless@gmail.com>
> Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2016 10:34 AM
> To: Mayor
> Cc: Chyi
> Subject: Support for the Library Renovation

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> Dear Mayor Mark & Scarsdale Trustees,

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> I am writing to let you know that I support the \$12M bond to transform the Scarsdale Public Library. The library is an essential community resource and deserves our community-wide financial support.

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Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 1:48 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: Building Moratorium in Larchmont

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 1:47 PM
To: Joanne Wallenstein; Marc Samwick; stern_william@yahoo.com; Carl Finger; Jane Veron
Subject: Re: Building Moratorium in Larchmont

Joanne -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Joanne Wallenstein <joanne.wallenstein@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 1:08 PM
To: Mayor; Marc Samwick; stern_william@yahoo.com; Carl Finger; Jane Veron
Subject: Building Moratorium in Larchmont

Hi – I wanted to be sure you all saw the article in the NY Times about the building moratorium in Larchmont. You'll see that two of Scarsdale's builders have expanded east and are now attempting to subdivide lots, tear down historic homes and change neighborhoods. Residents there have banded together to try to protect their Village.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/09/nyregion/larchmont-takes-a-breather-from-building.html? r=0>

I hope we can take some action soon to protect our Village too.
Joanne

Joanne Wallenstein
Scarsdale10583.com
Scarsdalecomments@gmail.com
(914) 980-4803 (phone)
(888) 723-6550 (fax)

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:42 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: Homestead Act

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:41 PM
To: Laurence Levy
Subject: Re: Homestead Act

Dear Mr. Levy -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Laurence Levy <lsl@hphllc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 8:18 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Homestead Act

Dear Mayor Jonathan Mark and the Board of Trustees:

I am a 28 year resident of Scarsdale. My wife Diane and I reside at 40 Olmsted Road.

Seven years ago, I was fortunate that my parents emigrated from South Africa and came to live in Scarsdale. There were limited housing options available for them at the time, but fortunately Christie Place was being constructed and it was a viable alternative. The purchase price of the apartment was high but as a retired couple my parents could justify this investment as the ongoing annual costs and specifically the real estate taxes were manageable. My father unfortunately passed away in November 2015 and my mother continues to live in Christie Place.

When Ginsburg Development ("GDC") received approval to build Christie Place, they entered into a complex arrangement with Scarsdale Village. Amongst other things, GDC committed to build a garage at a cost of approximately \$15 million to be used by Scarsdale commuters with the garage revenue accruing to Scarsdale Village, and GDC agreed to limit occupants of the condominiums to those over 55 years of age, which by definition limits use of the school facilities by Christie Place residents. Scarsdale Village in turn offered modest real estate taxes to Christie Place residents. When my parents bought their condominium in Christie Place, this arrangement between GDC and Scarsdale Village seemed like an equitable trade – my parents' condo price was higher by about \$300,000 (being their proportionate share of the \$15 million cost of the garage) and they would be limited by the restrictions on whom they could sell their apartment to (those over 55 years old). However, they would benefit from modest real estate taxes.

Should the Homestead Act be approved, it will place a significant financial burden on my mother. Additionally, the outcome seems very unfair and inequitable. My mother has assumed about \$300,000 of additional cost for the garage from which she receives no revenue and there is a limitation on whom she can sell her condominium to. However, the

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 5:02 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: From Resident Susan Levine...

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 5:00 PM
To: Bal1998
Subject: Re: From Resident Susan Levine...

Dear Mrs Levine -- School taxes are included in the analysis that was done. County taxes are excluded because under applicable law, the County is only permitted to value condos (co-ops and rentals, as well) using an income model approach.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Bal1998 <bal1998@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 4:52 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: From Resident Susan Levine...

Dear Mayor Mark...

Regarding the Homestead issue..and the Difference between the amounts of Real Estate Taxes that Scarsdale Private Home owners pay and Scarsdale Condo owners pay.. am I correct in thinking that School Taxes are Not included in the equation.. and if they Were included..the disparity would be even greater than it is now?

Thanks very much.
Susan Levine

Food Composting Does Not Make Cents

While saving the earth is a great idea, food composting by Scarsdale does not make Cents. The cost is outrageous. \$45,000.00 for a limited trial is extremely expensive and multiplied by ten times for a full program is out of sight. That amount is \$450,000.00. We are under a budget cap of .12% this year. The money that people are asking to be spent on food composting can be used to pave a mile of roads in the village. Try walking on our streets and you will see that they need repaving more than recycling a few scraps of food. We compost food in our bin in our back yard. If people want to compost food they can bloody well buy their own compost bin like we have done and compost food themselves.

The reason for the high expense is that there is no facility in Westchester that takes and recycles food scraps. That means that we have to have it picked up and carted to someplace in the middle of Connecticut. It does not make economic sense. Let another town take the lead and let us wait for the cost to be reduced when there is a recycling plant in Westchester that will take the food at a reasonable cost.

I and many senior citizens are on a fixed budget. This is a cost we do not want or need to add. We are the highest taxed county in the country. Governor Cuomo is correct in requiring our municipalities to watch our budgets. The library needs expanding. The schools need to be fixed. All this costs money and many of our senior citizens are being taxed out of town.

Perhaps Mr. Stern is much richer than I am and thinks money grows on trees. My son gave me a mug stating that when he was much younger. He now knows that is not true. Perhaps Mr. Stern should be given a mug that states money does not grow on trees. He is a trustee and is supposed to look after the wellbeing of the finances of our town by keeping expenses and taxes down. We are the most taxed county in the U.S. His job is to look after the expenses of our town and keep them in check. I applaud Mayor Mark for doing that and knowing that we cannot keep spending on frivolous items. Mr. Finger should also take a lesson from our mayor. It would be cheaper for the town to buy every household a recycling bin than to put this program in place. My question to both those trustees is the following: Do you have a recycling bin in your back yards? If so use them and if not buy one yourselves and start using them.

If people want to recycle food, let them buy a bin and recycle. The town does not need to do this for us. Keeping up our roads is more important than recycling a few food scraps. People say there is no additional cost to rehabbing our schools. I support keeping our schools properly repaired. However, these same people forget to add that no new bonding would reduce our taxes. That is the flip side to new bonding. Let's keep things in perspective. If people want to recycle, let them buy a compost bin and place it in their back yards as we have done. The town does not need to do it for us at an exorbitant price. I am drawing a line in the sand and saying enough is enough. There has to be a limit as to what we pay in taxes and this is it. Food composting does not make dollars and cents.

Mark Lewis
98 Brewster Road
Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:26 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: exit at Crane Road

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Reyna Gentin
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole
Subject: Re: exit at Crane Road

Dear Mrs. Gentin -- By cc I am forwarding your email to the Village Manager and Deputy Village Manager for follow-up. As the Bronx River Parkway is a county road (I believe; it is certainly not a Village road), they will likely have to take this up with the County.

I am glad you survived your experience unharmed. My best to Pierre.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Reyna Gentin <reynagentin@optonline.net>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 8:46 AM
To: Mayor; Police Department
Subject: exit at Crane Road

Dear Mayor and Police Commissioner:

I am writing to alert you to a safety condition on the Bronx River Parkway that almost turned into a disaster for me and others last night. I was returning from Edgemont at 7:00 p.m., and I was driving south on the Bronx River, intending to get off at the left exit onto Crane Road. Although I am familiar with the roadway, it was very dark, and when my GPS told me to stay left, I mistakenly thought I had reached the exit. I have not gone back this morning to see it in the light of day, but somehow when I stayed to the left and ended up driving into oncoming northbound traffic on the highway. I was able to pull off onto the right side (I don't know what that area was), and avoid being hit. There was NO SIGNAGE whatsoever indicating to me that I was going the wrong way or that I should not exit there. Clearly, it was very easy to do, as I did it without encountering any barrier at all, and I was only fortunate that the oncoming traffic was far away enough to give me a chance to get out of the way.

This was a horribly frightening experience. I do not understand how there could have been no warning, given how simple a mistake this was to make, especially for anyone using a GPS system that may give the direction to turn a little bit ahead of time. Please assure me that you will look into this matter for the safety of all.

Reyna Gentin
50 Baraud Road South

SCARSDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

February 7, 2016

Ms. Leila Shames Maude
President, Board of Education
Scarsdale Public Schools
2 Brewster Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Mr. Jonathan Mark
Mayor, Board of Trustees
Village of Scarsdale
1001 Post Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583

To the Members of the Scarsdale Board of Education and the Members of the Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees,

The Scarsdale Middle School PTA Executive Committee is writing in response to the Board of Education's request for feedback concerning the continued school district funding of the Center@862 (formerly Scarsdale Teen Center), an independent 501(c)(3) organization that operates an updated lounge space with a stated mission of providing teens with "an environment where they can interact with their peers and engage in safe, recreational, social, and educational programs and activities." Conceptually, we are proponents of the existence of a community teen center to provide a supportive, safe, and drug and alcohol-free supervised environment for our community's school-aged children. We view this as an endeavor that is more aligned and fitting within the purview of our Village Government's Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Department to sort out funding (private and public), programming, and management. Because the Center@862, as it currently exists, is neither within the school district's jurisdiction nor part of the district's core programming, we believe that it is not an appropriate line item in the school district's budget. However, we encourage the Village Board of Trustees to explore how to best meet the present and future needs of those currently utilizing the Center@862, including the community's teenagers as well as the several community-based organizations who also make use of that facility.

Sincerely,

The 2015-16 SMS PTA Executive Committee:

Diane Baylor, President
Sharon Higgins, President-Elect
Beth Cukier, Secretary
Christine Peckett, Treasurer
Elizabeth Hoexter, Director of Membership and Student Directory
Eva Romas Wilson, Director of Programming
Anita Mann, Director of School Events & Initiatives

Donna Conkling

From: Christine Sciandra on behalf of Manager's Department
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 2:52 PM
To: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Donna Conkling
Subject: FW: Plowing

From: BettyBlume [mailto:bettyblume@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Manager's Department <manager@scarsdale.com>; Public Works <publicworks@scarsdale.com>; Engineering Department <engineering@scarsdale.com>; planning@scdarsdale.co; Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>; Editor@scarsdaleneews.com
Subject: Plowing

Thank you for your concern!

I am sure some plows need to improve their plowing and that includes Scarsdale's little plow for the sidewalks. The plow never seems to stay on the sidewalk and scrapes and digs off sod on either side of the sidewalk, varying on how it is transported by the driver. We are 246 Mamaroneck Rd.

We have our drive hand shoveled to protect our driveway and not rearrange the gravel.

Additionally my entrance flower bed has been rearranged by the plow last year and this year who knows who hit it and rearranged it again. Its too cold to properly correct at this time.

We have pointed out to a crew member of the sanitation department that the little truck really turns sharps and messes up the driveway. He must have relayed our concern as that problem seems to have been corrected. Thank you.

While you are reading, I will refer you to my recent editorial re "The Homestead Act." If they wanted to protect any kind of multi units in the laws it would have been included. So co-op are exempt and condo's are not, so be it. Condo's have other advantages and are generally easier to market than co-op with a co-op board. High house taxes makes a home harder to market too and to afford. I would love to be subsidized with 2/3 of my tax exempt. I am 72 and cannot afford Scarsdale's taxes anymore. I think it was ridiculous to reassess again so soon, or you really mismanaged did it wrong before. We tax payers should not be paying for it again so soon. If it was incorrectly done demand the performance contract bond reimbursed the town.

Stop wasting money on ridiculous studies and 3-d models ie the rotary circle, and the downtown model, buying new equipment to pick up leaf bags instead of the suction, and the expense of taking food scraps to Peekskill for black gold Next it will be put our trash to the street and machine pick up of trash. There are far more cost efficient ways of being green for those who can be green responsible. Composting leaves at home physically does not work for all. Its pushing the money around to different accounts and will ultimately cost the home owner more.

MEETING NOTICE

Town of Scarsdale

A Special Meeting of the Scarsdale Town Board will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, immediately following the Village Board meeting which begins at 8:00 PM in Rutherford Hall, to continue the Public Hearing on the New York State Homestead Tax Option.

CS: 02-10-16

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PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Scarsdale

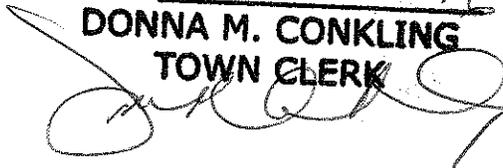
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled by the Town Board of the Town of Scarsdale on Tuesday, February 9, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall to receive comments on a proposed local law adopting the provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, Commonly Referred to as the "Homestead Tax Option".

Donna M. Conkling
Town Clerk

01/27/2016

HEARING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2016 AND HELD OPEN
FOR CONTINUATION ON FEBRUARY 23, 2016

TOWN OF SCARSDALE
DATE 02-10-2016
DONNA M. CONKLING
TOWN CLERK



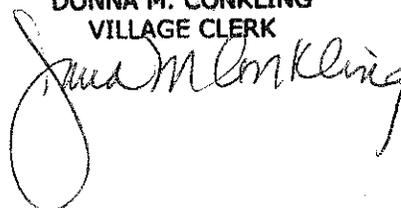
RESOLUTION RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW “ ” OF 2016, ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1903 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE “HOMESTEAD TAX OPTION”

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.