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Village Board Agenda

April 12, 2016

Agenda Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM – Trustees Room

Village Board Meeting - 8:00 PM - Rutherford Hall

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

➤ Village Board Meeting of March 22, 2016

Bills & Payroll

➤ Trustee Callaghan

Mayor's Comments

Manager's Comments

Public Hearing

➤ FY 2016/17 Tentative Budget

Public Comments

Committee Items

Mayor Mark and Village Board of Trustees

- Annual Board Resolutions, Appointments and Assignments
-

Mayor – Jonathan I. Mark

- Resolution re: Appointment to the Ad-Hoc Committee on LED Streetlights
-

Finance Committee – Trustee Samwick

- Resolution re: Acceptance of a Gift for the Scarsdale Public Library Addition and Renovation Project
 - Resolution re: Sale of Surplus Village Water Dept. Vehicle
-

Municipal Services Committee – Trustee Pekarek

- Resolution re: Awarding VM Contract # 1198 – Catch Basin Cleaning Services
-

Recreation Committee – Trustee Callaghan

- Resolution re: Scarsdale Art Association - Art Show in Chase Park

Other Committee Reports

Liaison Reports

Written Communications (9)

- Bruce Freyer – 25 Autenreith Rd – Road Paving
- Jeffrey Kleinberg – Road Paving
- Ellen Bierman – Property Tax Increase
- Illga Klvanis – 5 Broadmoor Rd – Property Tax Increase
- Miriam Vagt – 3 Ridgcrest West – Property Tax Increase
- Philip Au – Bronx River Parkway
- Phyllis Finkelstein – Leaf Education Task Force
- John Politii – Herkimer Rd – Letter to the Scarsdale Inquirer
- Mayor Mark – Community Choice Aggregation Plan for Energy Purchases

Town Board Agenda

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

Roll Call

Minutes

- Town Board Meeting of March 8, 2016

Reports

- Report of the Custodian of Taxes as of March 31, 2016

Future Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

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

THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND

REGULAR MEETING

Rutherford Hall
Village Hall
March 22, 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, March 22, 2016 at 8:30 P.M.

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, Deputy Village Attorney Garrison, Village Treasurer McClure, and Assistant to the Village Manager Ringel.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 8, 2016 were approved as amended on a motion entered by Trustee Pekarek, seconded by Trustee Lee, and carried unanimously.

Bills & Payroll

Trustee Stern reported that he had audited the Abstract of Claims dated March 22, 2016 in the amount of \$1,470,727.87 which includes \$54,752.91 in Library Claims previously audited by a Trustee of the Library Board which were found to be in order and he moved that such payment be ratified.

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

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Claims dated March 22, 2016 in the amount of \$1,470,727.87 is hereby approved.

Mayor Mark stated the Board has just come from a wonderful dinner in which they thanked Trustee Lee for his four years of fine and dedicated service to the Board. This is his last meeting as his second term is drawing to a close. Before the Board turns to the business of the meeting, he would like the public to hear this Board's thoughts about Trustee Lee and for him to hear them as well.

Mayor Mark called on the Trustees for their remarks.

Trustee Callaghan stated that he has found Trustee Lee to have a lawyer's gift and that is the ability to get to the point of the matter and very quickly; both vocally and in writing. He stated that he has been on the minority end ready to write the minority opinion on several occasions and Trustee Lee, early on advised both he and Carl that there are no surprises and a full consensus of the entire Board is needed. Trustee Callaghan cited a book entitled "Seven Steps of Efficient People" that sold over 220 million copies and the last part of that book has to do with consensus building, not around one person, but around many people. He thanked Trustee Lee very much for that.

Trustee Finger agreed with Trustee Callaghan's comments and stated that he wanted to personally thank Trustee Lee for taking an interest in facilitating his participation on the Board in the sense of initially spending the time to show him the ropes. People probably don't really get a full sense of how the Board functions just by watching on television. It was much appreciated and really helped him to hit the ground running. During the course of the year, he has found many times that Trustee Lee's comments were mind altering in a good way to assist him to either see the other side of something more clearly or to see things from a perspective that he hadn't thought of and often times regret that he had spoken before him. That will certainly be missed, is greatly appreciated and he hopes that Trustee Lee will continue to alert the Board to the side of an issue that they may not be seeing even when he is off the Board. He thanked Trustee Lee for an instructive year.

Trustee Pekarek stated "with a little twinkle in his eye and the ability to see clearly all sides of an issue in a complex, thoughtful manner, David then weighs each idea to discern the most compelling and essential resolution to the issue at hand, clearly and articulately.

He has approached all responsibilities as a Trustee with a generosity of spirit, an enormous capacity to think deeply and truly listen attentively, to ask questions that get to the heart of the matter. He teases out the nuances that contribute essential ideas that aid the Boards ultimate decision.

Dave's serious and careful, methodical process has provided unique depth to our Board conversations – he encourages us to take the time to think, rethink, ponder, reflect.

More than once Dave's clear thinking, his articulate and carefully crafted discussion that respectfully incorporates opposite views, has helped me make better decisions. It has been an honor to listen and learn, rethink and reconsider.

And then we see David, simply and elementally, as a great neighbor! He is part of the fabric of our Town and Village... Biking to the train station; at Village Parades; at neighborhood events, celebrations and ceremonies; attending multiple meetings in one evening!

We, I, will truly miss you David. It has been especially nice this year sitting across from you. It was an honor to work with a great, ever patient, kindhearted, gentle man. Your presence on the Board has made it better.

Enjoy your new found extra time! See you around the 'dale!"

Trustee Samwick stated "As I already told you, you were the first person I contacted when I was asked to consider running for Village Trustee. I reached out to you because I have known you for years and I value your opinion and I knew, with certainty, that you would give me your direct, thoughtful and unbiased view. As I have gotten to know you better over the past two years, my initial opinion of you has been reinforced many times over.

You have an incredibly open and inquisitive mind. As a Trustee, we are often asked to think about issues from different perspectives without rushing to judgment. David, you are deliberative and unbiased with every single issue. You listen intently to all people who voice an opinion on a given matter and you digest and synthesize a vast array of inputs and their relative strengths and weaknesses in a deeply contemplative way that consistently yields balanced and fair results. I cannot count the times that your thoughtful approach has provided perspectives and insights that had not been considered by others at the table.

David, I have learned an enormous amount from you and I will miss your insights and, of course, your presence."

Trustee Stern stated that he would like to say that when the public attends the Board meetings, they see final decisions and resolutions. These resolutions are not decided overnight. Many of them even take months. They require great insight and careful understanding of all the issues; of unintended consequences and of every Village resident that might be affected by the resolution and the Board tries to do its best. David has an incredibly sharp mind; a legal mind. He has an ability to look at all the issues – some issues that we don't even think of. Trustee Stern stated that he has often come in with one view and David is able, through his tremendous insight, give him a different understanding of what is on the table. Trustee Stern stated that he will miss that. David has a tremendous legal mind, is very insightful, and always looks at the Village residents' interests and point of view on all the resolutions that come before the Board. He will be sorely missed – he is a great asset to the community and a great asset to the Village Board. Trustee Stern expressed his hope that Trustee Lee will continue with his service to the Village. He thanked Trustee Lee for his service.

Mayor Mark stated "David – It has been a pleasure serving with you, a fellow Scarsdale High School graduate, on this Board. After a somewhat rocky take off that involved your surviving one of your first Board assignments, the reading of a resolution to euthanize geese that were visiting the Library Pond – a solution the Board was persuaded not to pursue – your career as Trustee took flight.

Your work on land use issues, your liaison work with various Boards and Councils and your vetting of my Mayor's comments all evidenced your commitment to the Village, your analytic skills and sense of balance and fairness.

Throughout your term you maintained an unflappable nature, heard residents out and approached the Staff and your colleagues on the Board with thoughtfulness and consideration.

I thank you for your diligent contribution to the Board and the Village over the past four years. It is my hope that you will continue to find time in the future to volunteer your valuable skills to the town in which we grew up. Thank you."

Village Manager Pappalardo presented Trustee Lee with an engraved pewter plate to commemorate his four years of service as Trustee and very dedicated service to the Village. He thanked Trustee Lee for his wonderful service and great work on behalf of the entire community.

Trustee Lee stated "It is now my turn to offer some parting praise for my colleagues on the Board with whom, as you can imagine, a strong bond develops after working together for so much time.

I'll begin with our two freshman Trustees, starting with Trustee Finger. Carl, although you are just, as I say, a freshman, one would never guess it was your first year. You hit the ground running as a Trustee, as you said. You speak up at our meetings, both in the conference room and here in Rutherford Hall, with thoughtful, incisive comments, that reflect your quick grasp of the big picture of the issues at hand and, I would add, with no small amount of boldness when you do so before a large crowd on contentious Village issues. You have a lawyer's skill in speaking to the competing interests that we often have to balance in coming to our decisions. Carl, your analytic powers and clarity of thought will continue to be of immense value in helping the Board identify and weigh the key issues in future board discussions.

Trustee Callaghan -- Matt, your enthusiasm for our Village Board work is truly evident, and I can tell that you're soaking in as much as you can both because you love it and because you want to be as well informed as you can be. Your decades of experience both professionally as a safety management consultant and as a volunteer in Scarsdale in so many areas, but especially as a volunteer firefighter and on the Zoning Board of Appeals, gives you a unique perspective on our work ... and your contributions at our meetings reflect that. I happened to catch your presentation in December to the CNC about what they should look for in selecting a Trustee candidate. You are a master at public speaking - and without so much as a note card. They were enthralled and so was I. So, with the wisdom that comes from experience and with your speaking skills, you bring great value to our Board work and

your contributions will become even more valuable with this first year under your belt. Keep it up.

Now on to our two great sophomores, starting with Trustee Pekarek: Deb, you bring passion and a caring soul to your work. You pursue matters such as your work on sustainability and environmental issues to the fullest, until you have fully wrapped your intellectual arms around them, their plus's and minus's, spending more hours probably than any of us (except for the Mayor) in your liaison capacity,... attending functions, visiting locations, and participating in Village government-related events. And then you conscientiously present what you have learned or experienced to us with knowledge and enthusiasm, bringing us up to speed. You also have a great intuitive sense for what is fair and speak your mind on such issues even when you're in the minority. I can remember several times when your voice on a sensitive issue swayed me from my previous thinking. We in the Village are most fortunate to have you on the Board.

Trustee Samwick - Marc, your financial and land-development acumen runs deep and wide, and we all benefit when you bring it to bear - as you regularly do - on the questions we face. In those areas and beyond, you consistently demonstrate a grasp of the major issues with which we wrestle, asking the important questions and helping us identify and focus on the key concerns of the topics before us. You learned the ropes of how we needed to approach issues in your first year and you have gained full stride in this your second year. You express your opinions clearly and persuasively, while still listening carefully to others and occasionally being swayed by them to change your view. Flexibility of mind is a great virtue. Keep up your great work - you add immensely to the quality of the discussions that take place at the Board.

Now to our third-year man - Trustee Stern. Bill, what a fascinating guy you are. Knowledgeable beyond measure, likeable beyond measure, and dare I say quotable in the Inquirer beyond measure. Bill, you bring your special brand of expertise to the board and it's terrific. Your passion for sustainability and the environment is un-paralleled on the Board - and most timely in today's world. We've learned to rely on your expertise and your wisdom. You comfortably address contentious positions taken by some of our residents at Board meetings and do so persuasively, while still showing respect for the other's position. And your lucid, un-scripted liaison reports of meetings you have attended or events you have witnessed are often the most entertaining parts of our Board meetings. You are a terrific partner to all of us on the Board, bringing a hugely valued perspective to our discussions with your engineering and business background. Best of luck in your final year.

Now to our exceptional Mayor Mark. Jon, a fellow Scarsdale high school graduate, you and I first met as CNC running mates (along with Kay Eisenman). You quickly earned my gratitude and respect as you and Kay very generously helped prep me for a pre-election debate among the candidates. The debate was prompted by the fact that an independent candidate was running against the three of us CNC candidates for one of the three available Trustee slots. Over time, my respect for you only grew as I witnessed the irrepressible thoroughness with which you tackled your role as Trustee. And, you brought this same

amazing thoroughness, along with clarity of expression and analysis, to your role as Mayor. From day one as Mayor, you have studied the issues, shared your learning with us and with the community in your carefully crafted Mayoral remarks at our televised Board meetings. Your promptness in responding to communications from all sides, your insatiable appetite for reading the in-depth pieces you come across and sharing those you find worthy with the rest of us -- bringing the level of our preparedness and education on the issues up several notches -- is remarkable. And, despite this massive ability to gain command over and to address the many issues and communications that come your way with clearly crafted expositions, you retain a modesty and an unassuming character that I marvel at. Along the way, I have seen you impress even ardent opponents on issues of reval and roads, budget allocations and the library project. You may not have always changed their minds, but you consistently earn their respect as they hear in your articulate presentations a solid, credible rationale for your position. Jon, you follow a line of outstanding Mayors and have added to their legacy in full measure. Good luck, friend, in your second year.

Thanks to all of you, staff included most assuredly, for making my experience on the Board an exceptional experience.”

Mayor Mark stated that he has one more Mayor’s comment to make about the recently concluded Village Election:

“Many have commented on the recent Village election process and its outcome. So I will weigh in very briefly. First, I would like to say we are delighted that Trustee Pekarek will be re-joining this Board for a second term. Second, we applaud Seth Ross for volunteering to serve and sincerely hope that he will be willing to submit his name again next year as I believe he would make a fine Trustee. I also want to commend both Trustee Pekarek and Mr. Ross for the dignified manner in which they conducted themselves during the process. The civil tone they took in working through what must have been a difficult situation for each of them was stark contrast to the unprecedented spectacle we are witnessing in the national, partisan presidential race.

Third, as for our non-partisan system, it has its supporters and its detractors, and that is to be expected. However, to those who criticize the non-partisan process my observation is simply if another process is desired, pursue it. It is easy to say something is “broken.” It is harder and requires the commitment of time to pursue an alternative. While I have not agreed with all that has been written in the *Inquirer* about the CNC and the non-partisan process, the conclusion in last Friday’s editorial had it right. Those who wish to implement a different process are free to do so. The CNC does not have to be the only game in town. As a matter of tradition borne of a desire to spare Village residents from partisan campaigning for volunteer positions, it happens to work out in most years. However, all that alternative processes require is an investment of time and the desire to pursue them. The barriers to entry are negligible: 150 signatures to get on a ballot, but even being on a ballot is not a necessity. As the recent election has just demonstrated, a write-in

vote can be just as effective. The real issue as I see it is time. Time is precious and we are all busy with family and careers. While there are issues and outcomes over which there is disagreement, for the most part residents seem to be reasonably content with the operation of the Village by our professional staff as overseen by this Board of volunteers.

So let the conversation continue -- more thoughtful involvement is better than less -- and with that, let us turn to our work.”

Manager's Comments

None.

Public Comment

Ann Lewis, Friends of the Scarsdale Library Secretary, spoke in support of the proposed Library renovations. She stated that she visits the library at least once a week and considers it a major amenity in the Village. The building now needs repair and updating to meet present day codes. The amount of money required for only repair and the mandated updates will be considerable and the disruption to the regular use during construction will also be considerable. In her opinion, it makes sense to bite the bullet and fully update the space for the next 25 years. The proposed alterations will accomplish that. The proposal is not a 'dream' library with all the bells and whistles but it is a pragmatic response to current community needs.

Kay Eisenman, Brewster Road, stated that her first order of business was to tear a speech which she had prepared for Deb Pekarek – she was happy to say that she did not need make her speech tonight. However, it is time to say farewell and thank you to David Lee, an excellent and dedicated individual who is leaving the Board. She stated that she wanted to add her praises by saying that it all comes too quickly. David, your quiet, calm demeanor and grasp of the issues, your ability to tease apart the salient points of any problem are something she admires. He is a consummate problem solver, his well-chosen observations manage to quickly get to the core of every decision. He is fair and balanced with great skills; someone who recognizes that there is not an immediate answer to every problem. Some problems require evolving solutions that need time and space to adjust. You have the patience to seek higher ground and therefore, lasting results. As a member of the Greenacres Association Board since her term as Trustee ended, she stated that they have had the pleasure of having David as their liaison from the Board of Trustees. She stated that she can truthfully say that he has done an outstanding job of bringing the important issues to their attention; keeping them informed and involved. He also waited patiently for his turn to speak through long evenings when he might easily have requested to speak at the beginning of the agenda. She thanked him and told him to enjoy having more time with his family.

After serving four years as a Trustee, she stated that he is one of those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.

Gary Katz, Fox Meadow, stated that he and his family are in support of the library renovations. He shared an invitation to the Board that they sent to friends and neighbors to join the public discussion of the library. The library is the residents' public space to relax, meet friends, introduce children to books, to think or just to dream. The building is in need of significant repair, does not meet handicap standards and has failed to keep pace with the changing design and culture of library use. This is an important project for the community. He thanked the Village Board for providing a public forum for this discussion to thoroughly consider this.

Mr. Katz also thanked Trustee David Lee for his very important and valuable service to the community.

Bob Steves, Fairview Road, stated that he had the privilege this evening in participating in the dinner and tribute to David Lee. He stated that he made comments and as he heard the comments of other people, he compared them in his mind with the destructive cynicism around government these days. He stated that he thought it was important to make a public comment about David, first of all, a thoughtful individual who has added much to this Village and who he has worked with. But even more so, David as an example of the quality of individuals this Village has been able to attract both at the School Board and Village Board level to manage this Village. He stated that he had the opportunity but others haven't, to get to know the people who have taken the time and given the energy to serve and knowing them at a level and depth of appreciation that unfortunately, a lot of people may not understand and grasp. If people had a better insight into the quality of people who serve and who are attracted and grow in this job, there wouldn't be the cynicism and the negativity around government. David has been a shining example of someone coming from the community with no political aspirations, no axe to grind, but a commitment and a willingness to serve and has taken that commitment as fully as anyone he has ever worked with.

Mr. Steves urged the community to better understand the people that serve in the Village. Being critical is not the same as disagreeing. In his view, the cynicism that people have concerning government may well be the most destructive element that this country faces. When we have the luxury and opportunity to work with people for which we should not have a cynical point of view, we should enjoy that and take the time and energy to appreciate it. He thanked David Lee for being that example.

Bob Harrison, 65 Fox Meadow Road, congratulated Trustee Pekarek on her re-election. She is a Trustee that performed above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Harrison stated that he and David Lee worked together in the second year of his term on the Board and felt that David did a terrific job – he is very open minded and thinks about problems in detail.

Mr. Harrison thanked Village Treasurer McClure, who fulfilled his request for information on the Tentative Budget. He also stated that the staff has done a terrific job in watching expenditures. However, in looking at the 2016/17 Tentative Budget, page 14, regarding the allocation of monies as a tax relief measure. He read the information on the page to those present. He encouraged the Board to rethink the 3.69% tax increase which in his opinion is harsh. The Board has the ability to bring this tax increase down by using more of the fund balance and he also cited the low CPI. There will also be an average \$118 water bill increase, an increase of 21.95% from the previous year.

Mr. Harrison also stated that it is important that the residents find out what their new reval assessment is as soon as possible. He also urged the Board to schedule the meeting with J.F. Ryan that is mentioned in the Tentative Budget where a progress report will be presented regarding the status of the 2016 reval and take property owner questions. This cannot wait until June 1st as the grievance day will be held sometime around June 15th-20th.

Trustee Samwick stated that Mr. Harrison has brought up some important comments, one of which is that regarding the General Fund. He stated that the General Fund is the Village's primary source of managing unexpected expenses. It is the Village's financial cushion. The Board does not know what the fund balance is going to be on May 31, 2016. If you look at the Tentative Budget, it is expected that the number Mr. Harrison used of \$8.7 million which is expected to decline by a material amount by the end of this fiscal year by about \$800,000. When calculating the General Fund balance as a percentage of the next year's budget which is the appropriate way to do it and the way it is done by Moody's in their credit rating, you have to do an apples to apples comparison. Therefore, you need the final audited number of the General Fund balance and you need the adopted budget. Trustee Samwick stated that the Mr. Harrison's current calculation of over 15% fund balance is likely to be an overestimation based on our expectations in the future.

Trustee Samwick continued, stating that Mr. Harrison referenced CPI as going down by approximately 2/10 of a percent for one single month. The way the Village government works is not at all related to CPI. CPI is an average basket of goods for an average household – the Village is not an average household. The vast majority of the Village's expenses are personnel related expenses and a large portion of those are not controllable and include health care and pension requirements. In addition, a large percentage of the wages are based on union contracts. Union contracts don't go down. So when you look at CPI and look at what is going on within the Village, they are completely disassociated from one another. While we would all like to see a reduced increase in the levy for this year, the Village management has done an exceptional job under very trying circumstances. If you look at our non-tax revenues for this coming fiscal year, many categories are showing reductions in revenue and it took an enormous effort in order to get to a level where the levy increase was 3.69%. When you look at that in conjunction with the purpose of the General Fund, which is to provide the Village with a cushion, and you look at the capital expenditures that are forthcoming in the Village – infrastructure improvements including the replacement of Heathcote Road bridge, construction on Fire Station No. 1, the proposed

renovations of the library – we have a number of major capital improvements coming up and now is not the time to be depleting the General Fund balance.

Trustee Samwick stated that he supports a strong General Fund balance, and as the stewards of the Village's finances, he views it as not a responsible time to be raiding that for taxpayer relief. As a taxpayer, he agreed, he would like to see the number as low as possible but there is a very fine balancing act and there is a very important balance that the Board has to strike. The Board and staff has put in an enormous effort with Village management doing an exceptional job.

Mr. Harrison responded, stating that he is well aware of the capital improvements that are needed. He stated that when Moody's evaluates a municipality, they look at something called capacity, or the ability of the residents to make their tax payments. He stated that his argument would be why the Village has to hold the taxpayers' money when the Village is in its policy range of 10-15%. If the Village needs money in the future, they could raise taxes at that time. The residents are already highly taxed. With the 2016 reval, assessments will change.

Trustee Stern stated that Mr. Harrison has great remarks and ideas, but the Board has to struggle with one thing, which no one has the answer to. That is, what is going to happen next year in terms of some kind of large storm, an emergency repair, or some kind of catastrophe? The Board has to try to anticipate these types of things and take a very conservative approach to the tax base. The Village has the fund balance so unanticipated events can be covered. You cannot go back to the taxpayers easily and make a special levy to cover something that could not be anticipated during the previous year.

Mr. Harrison argued that during the year of Hurricane Sandy, he was on the Board at the time. The fund balance was 14% in 2011 and 12.8% the following year – the Village survived. If the Village needs more money the tax rate can be raised the following year. There is plenty of money in fund balance to cover these things. The residents don't want their taxes to go up 3.69% when there is over \$8 million in the fund balance.

Mayor Mark stated that "No one is happy about a tax increase. The members of the Board are residents and bear their share of the burden of an increase along with their neighbors. The Board and the Staff spend a great deal of time and thought over a five month period reviewing and revising the budget. The result of that effort represents their best judgment of what should be spent in the next fiscal year to maintain Village services at expected levels and to fund capital needs that are considered most pressing.

While the 3.69% increase in the tax levy for the upcoming year is a larger increase than we might like, it may help to put it in some perspective. Looking at residents' total yearly tax bill, using rounded numbers the portion that is attributable to Village taxes is approximately 18% or one-sixth of the aggregate annual tax bill. The other significant components are County tax which represents about 18% or a bit less than one-sixth; and School tax which represents approximately 63%, or two-thirds. A County Solid Waste Tax

and a Mamaroneck Sewer tax make up the balance of the annual bill. While the absolute amount of each of these taxes varies from year-to-year, the relative percentages have been fairly constant over the years.

In thinking about the proposed 2016-2017 Village budget increase it may therefore be instructive to think of it in the context of the total tax bill. In that light, the 3.69% proposed increase would, assuming the other components remain at approximately the same percentages, represent an increase in the total projected 2016-2017 taxes less than 1% -- 0.67% in fact, applying the 18% number above.

As stated at the start, no one is happy about a tax increase. I understand that some have observed that each taxing entity – the Village and the School District – must stand on its own and be analyzed separately in terms of their respective budgets. That is certainly true and in addition, it follows the legal framework in which they operate and prepare their budgets. However, regardless of which taxing entity is being paid, the aggregate tax bill is what we all focus on when we write out our payment checks. When looked at from that perspective and put into context, the increase in Village taxes of 0.67% of total 2016-2017 expected taxes is relatively small.”

Village Manager Pappalardo mentioned that the 2016/17 Tentative Village Budget has been posted on the Village’s website, so anyone in the audience or those watching at home who are interested in looking at the numbers, should look at the budget on the website. He stated that one of the interesting parts of the budget are a number of appendixes in the back of the book. There is an appendix in the back which compares tax rate increases over the ten years or so. The average over the last ten years is right in line with what is in the Tentative Budget this year – $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$ % a year. Certainly what has been proposed in the Tentative Budget is in line with the tax increases that the community has absorbed over the years. In addition, year to year spending has increased at a 3.6% rate since 2008/09, not counting this year. The Village’s expenditures are increasing 1.85% this year and that is the lowest we have seen in many years. That was done by design and for the reasons Trustee Samwick and the Mayor mentioned, the Village needed and wanted and proposed that we decrease the amount of fund balance as a revenue source to lower the tax rate; it was done through cutting expenditures. The year to year expenditure increases are approximately \$1,007,000. Last year was closer to \$1.8 million. There was a decrease in spending of roughly \$760,000 this year. The difference in the use of fund balance is a little over \$400,000 and again, that was done by design to make sure, based on all the issues that the Mayor and Trustee Samwick mentioned before, that the Village has enough money in fund balance.

The Village is coming into a period where there are some very important and expensive capital improvement projects. It is anticipated that the debt service is going to increase; that is another one of the factors that Moody’s looks at. The Village has been looked at and graded very favorably from the AAA standpoint because the Village has been investing in the infrastructure and investing in capital projects by utilizing cash as opposed to heavy borrowing and subsequent debt service payments. The concern is there about the

capital improvement projects that are coming up in the future and again, the Village wants to make sure that there is adequate unassigned fund balance to be able to have that cash on hand in case there are issues with those projects.

Mr. Pappalardo continued, stating that based on his experience over the years and on the size of the projects that are upcoming, it is not unheard that a couple of million dollars could be lost on one of the projects if there are real problems that are unforeseen at this time. Therefore, it is prudent to have that fund balance there at this point in time.

Trustee Samwick stated that the Board was asked Mr. Harrison to carefully consider what he is proposing. As the Mayor pointed out, staff has been working on this budget for five months. The Board has been working on this budget for a number of months and have spent tens of hours – the Board has carefully considered this. This is not something that is taken lightly by anyone. Also, with respect to the fund balance, Mr. Harrison proposed waiting until there is a hit to the fund balance before replenishing it. Once you are behind the curve, it is much more painful to try to catch up than it is to stay at a level where there is adequate comfort. Lastly, Moody's was mentioned. Trustee Samwick stated that his understanding is that Moody's requires generally, for a AAA, 15-20% fund balance level and that the Village has a slightly easier target than most because of the investment that is done on a regular basis with capital expenditures and doing it with funding of which a major portion is from operating expenses. If you are looking at Moody's general standards, the Village is at the bottom end of the range, not at the top of the range.

Mr. Harrison stated that in the Tentative Budget it states that Moody's uses the rate of 10-15% for the fund balance level.

Trustee Samwick stated that to his understanding, there are two different standards and asked the Village Treasurer to expound.

Village Treasurer McClure stated that Moody's looks for a healthier fund balance than the Village carries; 10-30%. The Village is working with an unassigned fund balance of 10-15% in general. However, Moody's has changed its standards over the last couple of years and there are now four different aspects of Moody's evaluation. Moody's does publish them and they are on their website. There are positives and negatives; they have updated their information on the Village whenever the Village goes to the market. In fact, the Village receives a confidential analysis from them. Moody's comment to the Village in the past has been that because the Village takes any available operating funds and use them for capital projects to minimize borrowing, they consider this a favorable evaluation on the Village. In that case, they are more comfortable with the level of fund balance that the Village maintains.

Trustee Finger stated that the notation Mr. Harrison is reading from the Tentative Budget regarding Moody's rating is not Moody's recommendation that is their evaluation of the Village. Because the Village has the 10-15% fund balance, along with the other favorable factors, they are re-affirming it. That is not their general municipal guidance.

Mr. Harrison stated that the Village has historically had a closeout surplus of over \$1 million each year. The Village has that cushion to play with after receiving the audited figures that come out in the late summer. He stated that the Board can do a little more for the taxpayer.

Mark Lewis, 98 Brewster Road, congratulated Trustee Lee on his four years of service on the Board. He also congratulated Trustee Pekarek on her re-election. Mr. Lewis congratulated Mayor Mark on his remarks about the condominiums and the Homestead Tax Option at the Special Town Board meeting. He stated that it was an excellent statement of why he voted to keep the condominium taxes as is.

Mr. Lewis stated that he questions the need for the renovations at Fire Station No. 1. The cost of the Fire Station versus the need is very questionable. There are several other fire stations around the Village that satisfy response time with or without Fire Station No. 1. The money could be better used towards the library renovations. The library is a municipal building; it is the Village's fiduciary responsibility to keep up the building and modernize it in terms of at least the ADA requirements which at this time it does not comply. There are several upgrades that are needed which the Village is responsible for that would run at least \$5 million. The Village should make a commitment to the library.

Mr. Lewis stated that he agreed with Mr. Harrison that the 3.69% proposed tax increase is too high; he felt that the Board needs to take another look at their numbers and see if they can reduce it. There are residents like him and his wife that are living on fixed incomes. In regard to pension costs that are fixed by the State, for the third year in a row, the pension costs have gone down. He stated that as a city planner he is well aware of how budgets work and where money can be hidden.

In terms of Village Hall, Mr. Lewis stated that the walls in Rutherford Hall are a disgrace. Why can't the Village use their employees to sand down and re-stain the walls? The Board should be ashamed of the appearance of the walls. If done in-house, the cost would be very little.

Mayor Mark responded to Mr. Lewis' comments regarding the firehouse, stating that it is his understanding that it is an integral part of the Village's Fire Department safety net. It is the firehouse that is closest to the downtown where the tallest buildings in Scarsdale are, and therefore it is important to have it available for the hook and ladder truck. Its existence is part of the reason the Village maintains its Number 2 ISO rating which is the second highest rating by Municipal Rating organizations and is the reason that residents get better rates on their fire insurance than they would if the Village had a lesser rating. Further, approximately 7-8 years ago, there was a consolidation study done of southern Westchester to see if communities in southern Westchester could consolidate municipal services including fire. One of the recommendations of that consolidation study was that Fire Station No. 1 be retained, not eliminated. That fire station has been recognized as a very important part of the Village's system. The money to do that project has already been

borrowed and plans are in the works. An RFP is being prepared and this project will go forward.

Regarding the capital-type projects and the library mentioned by Mr. Lewis and the \$5 million figure he used. At the presentation held regarding the library, a \$4 ½ figure to do those renovations was mentioned by Paul Zaicek who supervises capital projects in the Village. The Fire Board made a commitment to bond \$4 ½ million contingent on the library raising \$4 ½ million from private donations. A commitment was made, but in fact what has happened is that the library went back with new plans for renovations costing \$18.5 million plus \$1 million estimated to move the library to a temporary space during the renovations. The commitment that had already been made by the Village was scrapped and had to be re-looked at. Members of the Library Board have stated that they will look very carefully at the plans to see if there are any items that they can cut back on. His understanding is that they are doing that but he does not yet know the current status of their review. There will be more meetings concerning the library and he is confident that at some point they will get to a place where they will be able to make a decision. This is not something the Board is ignoring; people are working very hard on this.

As for the tax increase, Mayor Mark stated that the views of this Board are already known. There is not much more to add to that at this time.

Mr. Lewis stated that when the new Public Safety building was constructed, one of the bigger seller points that was made was that they could store the hook and ladder there. After it was built, the Fire Department changed its tune and stated that they needed to put it behind Village Hall. He stated that he is questioning what their position is. He stated that the Board needs to take another look at this and see whether Fire Station No. 1 is really needed.

Mr. Lewis noted that a few weeks ago Trustee Stern was in support of the food waster compost program. He stated that he wrote an editorial in the Scarsdale Inquirer and sent of copy of that editorial to the Mayor which objected to Trustee Stern's support of that program. He stated that Trustee Stern stated that the program was environmentally friendly, but stated that Trustee Stern didn't take into consideration the cost of picking up and transporting the food waste to Connecticut.

Mayor Mark noted that the Food Waste compost program is not in the budget. He stated that if the school buys the machinery to do the composting and the Village can work out a system where the school will take things from volunteers in the Village who want to participate, the Board will look at that. However, the \$45,000 is not in the proposed budget.

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

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Mayor Mark stated that Deputy Mayor David Lee will conduct the Board through the balance of the agenda.

Finance Committee

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

General fund appropriations were 72.31% spent as of February 2016, which is a 0.82% increase from the 71.49% in 2014-2015.

General Fund Revenues other than property taxes are \$13,670,539 through February 2016, compared to \$12,848,788 through February 2015, an increase of \$821,751. The primary factor in the increase was the sale of 3 Edgewood Road which yielded revenue of \$628,300. The proceeds are expected to be appropriated to the Capital Fund as part of the year-end closeout. Building Permit revenue (included in License and Permit revenue) is \$239,000 less than last year's record pace. The Recreation Department increase of \$211,600 is attributable to new programs and has offsetting expenses. Tax penalties and delinquent tax collections are down \$34,900. An increase of \$195,000 in Mortgage Tax, Recreation Department and \$142,400 In State Aid offset declines in Licenses and Permits, Investment Earnings and Miscellaneous Revenue (exclusive of the property sale). Parking Permits and Meter Income, Court Fines, and Rental Income offset declines in Gross Receipts tax and Departmental Fees.

The actual collection of Village taxes through February 29, 2016 is at 99.24%. This is a drop of 9 basis points from last year's collection rate.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Samwick, and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution regarding Calling for a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Tentative Budget was approved by the vote indicated below:

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Village Law §5-508 (3), a public hearing must be held on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget on or before the fifteenth day of April, with notice of such public hearing published in the official newspaper; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees herein schedules a public hearing for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 8:00 PM in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget filed on March 18, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of said hearing pursuant to Village Law.

<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		

Law Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Lee, and seconded by Trustee Samwick, the following resolution regarding Authorization to Execute a License Agreement with 17 Harvest Realty, LLC, 17 Harvest Drive was approved by the vote indicated below:

- WHEREAS**, 17 Harvest Realty, LLC, represented by Lee Handler (hereinafter "Licensee") is the owner of certain real property located at 17 Harvest Drive, Scarsdale, New York, as shown on the official tax map of the Village of Scarsdale as Section 22, Block 11, Lot 31 (hereinafter "Property"); and
- WHEREAS**, Licensee is the owner of an existing walkway that encroaches upon the Village right-of-way at the grass area between the Property line in the front of the home located on the Property and the curblin; and
- WHEREAS**, due to the asymmetry of the property, the dwelling was designed to have a front walkway directly to the street from the front door; and
- WHEREAS**, the Village Engineer has inspected the walkway and determined that the existing encroachment of the Village right-of-way does not result in a visual obstruction or unsafe condition; and
- WHEREAS**, Licensee has requested that the Village Board approve a license agreement to legalize the encroachment to permit the use and maintenance of the existing walkway in the Village right-of-way, at the Licensee's expense, in accordance with the final as-built survey dated February 11, 2016 prepared by The Munson Company, attached hereto and made a part hereof and included as Exhibit "A" of the license agreement; and

WHEREAS, Licensee will indemnify and hold harmless the Village in all actions, claims, judgments, costs or expenses arising from said use and maintenance of said walkway and provide the Village with a certificate of liability insurance naming the Village as an additional insured, at limits approved by the Village Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the granting of said revocable license agreement will not interfere with the Village's present use and maintenance of said Village right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has informed the Village of a pending sale of 17 Harvest Drive and has requested that the license agreement be transferable to said buyer upon completion of the sale; and

WHEREAS, should Licensee sell the property and home at 17 Harvest Drive within three months of the Village Board's approval of said license agreement, the Village agrees to provide for the transfer of said license agreement without additional fee, contingent upon the necessary amendment to the agreement and proof of ownership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is herein authorized to execute a revocable license agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto, with 17 Harvest Realty, LLC, represented by Lee Handler, owner of the Property located at 17 Harvest Drive, allowing for the existing walkway to remain in the Village right-of-way; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the FY 2015-2016 Village-Wide Fees and Charges Schedule, Licensee shall pay to the Village of Scarsdale the sum of \$1,000.00 as an administrative fee associated with the preparation and execution of the license agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that should Licensee sell the property and home at 17 Harvest Drive, within three months of the Village Board's approval of the said license agreement, the Village agrees to provide for the transfer of said agreement without additional fee, contingent upon the necessary amendment to the agreement and proof of transfer of ownership.

<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

Municipal Services Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Stern, and seconded by Trustee Samwick, the following resolution regarding Authorization to Execute a Grant Agreement with NYSDEC for the Cayuga Pond Stormwater and Sediment Reduction Project was approved by the vote indicated below:

WHEREAS, In order to understand and mitigate flooding that has historically been prevalent in certain sections of the Village, a Storm Water Drainage Condition Survey was completed in 2004, followed by development of a 2009 Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan, which incorporated mitigation measures targeting six Critical Sub-Drainage Basins located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognized 100-year floodplain, including the Sheldrake River Critical Sub-Drainage Basin identified as SR3; and

WHEREAS, the Village has aggressively pursued grant funding to support the water quality improvement and flood mitigation projects called for in the 2009 Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan, including 2015 work in SR3 targeting silt removal from the open water course between Seneca and Cayuga Roads, thereby increasing both capacity and flow rates; and

WHEREAS, the proposed SR3 Cayuga Pond project will deliver both water quality improvements and flood mitigation services through the combination of a new sediment forebay, increasing the depth of Cayuga Pond by a couple of feet, and installing a pumping station that will help to proactively manage stormwater flows, making it both a logical and necessary project to maintain and enhance the effectiveness of the 2015 completed work; and

WHEREAS, the Village applied for a NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement (WQIP) Grant to support completion of the proposed Cayuga Pond project and was awarded a \$1.4 million grant requiring a 25% (\$350,000) local match, a portion of which can be met through in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has proffered a grant agreement to the Village, attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2016, the Village Board authorized \$350,000 in proceeds from the Sheldrake River Drainage Project Bond Resolution dated March 23, 2010, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to be applied to the required local match; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board also authorized the Village Manager on January 26, 2016, to execute a \$179,450 professional services agreement with D & B Engineers and Architects, P.C., for engineering services associated with the Cayuga Pond project, WQIP #57157 (resolution attached); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is herein authorized to execute a NYSDEC Grant agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto, for the design and construction of the Cayuga Pond project, as outlined in Attachment C - work plan summary of the contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is herein authorized to undertake all administrative acts required pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

<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		

Recreation Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Pekarek, and seconded by Trustee Samwick, the following resolution regarding Authorization to Execute and Agreement with Southeast Consortium for Special Services Inc. was approved by the vote indicated below:

WHEREAS, the South East Consortium for Special Services, Inc. is a voluntary not-for-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to provide therapeutic recreation services to Westchester County youth and adults with physical, developmental, learning and emotional disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium provides these services through an inter-municipal agreement with the member municipalities of the City of Rye, Towns of Eastchester, Pelham and Mamaroneck, the Villages of Bronxville, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye Brook and Tuckahoe, and the Town/Villages of Harrison and Scarsdale; and

WHEREAS, the Village has participated in this program since its inception 33 years ago and has found it to be a very beneficial and successful endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Scarsdale's cost to participate in the Consortium for 2016 is \$16,334.00 which remains unchanged from 2015; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute a renewal agreement for calendar year 2016, on behalf of the Village of Scarsdale, with South East Consortium for Special Services, Inc. to provide special recreation programs for disabled individuals in Scarsdale, in substantially the same form as attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2016 program year cost of \$16,334.00 is hereby approved and shall be charged to the Recreation Department Operating Budget Account #A-7020- REC-DISAB-400-499.

<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

None.

Written Communications

Village Treasurer McClure reported on behalf of the Village Clerk Conking that fifteen (15) communications have been received since the last meeting. All communications can be viewed on the Village's website, www.scarsdale.com under the Board of Trustees or Village Clerk section.

Five (5) communications were received concerning the proposed Library renovations from the following residents:

- Bernard and Jeannie Mackler, 5 Lenox Place
- Carrie Moskowitz & Mark Nesoff, includes a response from the Mayor
- David & Barri Hammer, 29 Circle Road
- Wendy MacMillan
- Steve Kessler, 35 Brite Avenue

Four (4) communications were received concerning the proposed tax increase from the following residents:

- Michael Wachs, 18 Dolma Road
- Howard Goldin, MD
- Anne Schager, 58 Garden Road
- Bob Harrison, Chairman, Scarsdale Taxpayer Alert

Additional correspondence was received as follows:

- An email from Lika Levi regarding various issues such as potholes, development, library renovations, and the proposed tax increase.
- An email from Lena Crandall, 227 Fox Meadow Road, regarding Scarsdale Public Television.
- An email from Bob Harrison, Chairman, Scarsdale Taxpayer Alert concerning the Village's Fund Balance Policy.
- An email from ML Perlman, 1 Carstensen Road, regarding a traffic accident on Crane Road and suggestions to avert future incidents.
- A report from the Scarsdale Leaf Education Task Force.
- A letter from Bruce Freyer, 25 Autenrieth Road regarding road resurfacing.

Future Meetings

Deputy Mayor Lee announced the following future meeting schedule:

- *Tuesday, April 12, 2016* – Agenda Committee Meeting – 7:30 P.M. – Trustees' Rm.
- *Tuesday, April 12, 2016* – Village Board Meeting – 8:00 P.M. – Rutherford Hall

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Samwick moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 P.M. seconded by Trustee Stern and carried by a unanimous vote.

Donna M. Conkling
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, April 12, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall, to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget filed on March 18, 2016.

Donna M. Conkling
Village Clerk

03/23/2016

**RESOLUTION RE: CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 TENTATIVE
BUDGET**

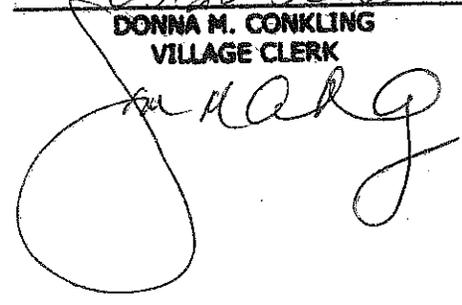
WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Village Law §5-508 (3), a public hearing must be held on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget on or before the fifteenth day of April, with notice of such public hearing published in the official newspaper; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees herein schedules a public hearing for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 8:00 PM in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget filed on March 18, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of said hearing pursuant to Village Law.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Date: March 17, 2016
For: March 22, 2016

**CERTIFICATION
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE ON**
03-22-2016
**DONNA M. CONKLING
VILLAGE CLERK**



ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

The Mayor hereby appoints **Trustee Marc Samwick** as **Deputy Mayor**, **Trustee William Stern** as **Police Commissioner** and **Trustee Matthew Callaghan** as **Fire Commissioner**.

The Mayor also appoints the following Board of Trustee Committee assignments:

Finance Committee
Trustee Samwick, CH
Trustee Finger

Land Use Committee
Trustee Samwick, CH
Trustee Callaghan
Trustee Veron

Law Committee
Trustee Finger, CH
Trustee Veron

Municipal Services Committee
Trustee Pekarek, CH
Trustee Stern

Personnel Committee
Trustee Veron, CH
Trustee Finger

Recreation Committee
Trustee Callaghan, CH
Trustee Pekarek

Sustainability Committee
Trustee Stern, CH
Trustee Pekarek

Agenda Committee
Mayor Mark, CH
All Trustees

The Mayor is an ex-officio member of all committees.

The Mayor announces the following liaison assignments:

Callaghan: Town Board of Assessment Review; Board of Appeals; Advisory Council on Parks and Recreation; SVAC

Finger: Board of Ethics; Judicial Qualifications Advisory Committee; Village Historian; Scarsdale Teen Center

Pekarek: Advisory Council on People with Disabilities; Conservation Advisory Council, Friends of the Scarsdale Parks; Junior League of Westchester; Scarsdale League of Women Voters

Samwick: Board of Architectural Review; Planning Board; Committee for Historic Preservation; Scarsdale Chamber of Commerce

Stern: Advisory Council on Technology, Cable Television Commission; Advisory Council on Human Relations; Library Board

Veron: Scarsdale Edgemont Family Counseling; Advisory Council on Youth; Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol; Advisory Council on Scarsdale Senior Citizens; Scarsdale Arts Council

Mark: SNAP, Scouts, Scarsdale Community Support Council

The Mayor announces the following Neighborhood Association assignments:

Callaghan: Bramlee Heights, Murray Hill/Middle Heathcote

Finger: Colonial Acres, Secor Farms, Fox Meadow

Pekarek: Arthur Manor, Drake Edgewood, Heathcote

Samwick: Sherbrook Park, Old Scarsdale, Crane-Berkley-in-Scarsdale

Stern: East Heathcote, Quaker Ridge, Scarsdale Meadows

Veron: Overhill, West Quaker Ridge, Greenacres

Mark: SNAP

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1 of the Village Code, Stephen M. Pappalardo is hereby appointed Village Manager for the current official year.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1 of the Village Code, Robert Cole is hereby appointed Assistant Village Manager, and further appointed Deputy Village Manager pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-3 of the Village Code for the current official year.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1 of the Village Code, Ingrid Richards is hereby appointed Assistant Village Manager for the current official year.

Pursuant to provisions of Section 3-301 of Village Law, the Mayor hereby appoints Donna M. Conkling as Village Clerk for the statutory term of two years.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Donna M. Conkling as Village Clerk for the statutory term of two years is hereby approved.

The Village Clerk states that pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-402 of Village Law, and the opinion of the State Comptroller 362, 1960, she hereby appoints Veronica Regazzi as Deputy Village Clerk for the current official year.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-400 of Village Law, the Mayor hereby appoints Marie Louise McClure as Village Treasurer for the statutory term of two years.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Marie Louise McClure as Village Treasurer for the statutory term of two years is hereby approved.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-400 of the Village Law, the Mayor hereby appoints Maria Colotti as Deputy Village Treasurer for the current official year.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Maria Colotti as Deputy Village Treasurer for the current official year is hereby approved.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-400 of the Village Law, the Mayor hereby appoints Wayne Esannason as Village Attorney for the current official year.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Wayne Esannason as Village Attorney for the current official year is hereby approved.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-301 and 4-400 of the Village Law, the Mayor hereby appoints Cynthia K. Dunne as Acting Village Justice for the current official year.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Cynthia K. Dunne as Acting Village Justice for the current official year is hereby approved.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-400 of the Village Law, the Mayor hereby appoints Eric Rothschild to serve as Village Historian for the current official year.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Eric Rothschild to serve as Village Historian for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed, is hereby approved.

The Mayor hereby re-appoints Lucas Meyer to serve as Associate Village Historian for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

The Mayor hereby appoints Jonathan Lerner to serve as Associate Village Historian for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

The Mayor hereby appoints Michelle Sullivan Lichtenberg to the **Scarsdale Arts Council** for a term ending April 2, 2018, and re-appoints Edward Morgan as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as successors are appointed.

The Mayor hereby appoints Daniel A. Gerardi as a member of the **Judicial Qualifications Advisory Committee** for a term ending April 5, 2021 and hereby re-appoints Georgann M. Callaghan as Chair said Committee for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed

Trustee Samwick:

RESOLVED, that the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale for 2016-2017 be held in Rutherford Hall in Village Hall, located on Post Road, between Crane and Popham Roads, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 p.m. except during the months of July, August, and December, and that special meetings may be called by the Mayor as necessary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the meetings for the months of July, August, October, November, December 2016, and March 2017 will be as follows:

July 12, 2016	8:00 P.M.	
July 26, 2016	8:30 A.M.	(Limited Agenda)
August 9, 2016	8:00 P.M.	
August 23, 2016	8:30 A.M.	(Limited Agenda)
* October 13, 2016	8:00 P.M.	
** November 9, 2016	8:00 P.M.	

December 13, 2016 8:00 P.M.

December 27, 2016 8:30 A.M. (Limited Agenda)

March 14, 2017 8:00 P.M.

March 28, 2017 8:30 P.M.

* Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.
Village Hall is closed for Columbus Day on Monday, October 10, 2016.

** Village Hall is closed for Election Day on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agenda Committee of the Board of Trustees shall meet 30 minutes prior to every scheduled meeting of the Board, and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that Wells Fargo Bank, JP Morgan Chase, HSBC Bank and the Cooperative Liquid Assets Security System (CLASS administered by Public Trust Advisors LLC) are hereby designated as official depositories of the funds of the Village of Scarsdale; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 10 of the General Municipal Law, the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit at JP Morgan Chase, HSBC Bank and Wells Fargo Bank be set at \$70 million, and a maximum amount of \$15 million may be invested in CLASS, M&T Bank, Signature Bank, and any other financial institution subsequently specified in Section 3.11 of Policy #501, Investment of Village Monies. The maximum amount which may be invested at Hudson Valley Bank is \$2 million.

Trustee Veron:

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON YOUTH

RESOLVED, that Justin Hamill, Lynn Marvin, Priya Taori, and Robin Schafer are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Advisory Council on Youth for terms ending April 2, 2018 or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Scott Altabet is hereby re-appointed to serve as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCARSDALE SENIOR CITIZENS

RESOLVED, that Barbara Baum, Joan Gips, Terry Kessler Schwarz, Marjorie Spiro and Bob Wax are hereby re-appointed to serve as members of said Council for terms ending April 2, 2018, or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Carol Silverman is hereby re-appointed to serve as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Trustee Stern:

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON TECHNOLOGY

RESOLVED, that Carlos Ramirez is hereby appointed as a member of the Advisory Council on Technology for a term ending April 2, 2018, or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Kamal Mehta and Michael Raposa are hereby re-appointed as members of said Council for terms ending April 2, 2018, or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Scott Rompala is hereby re-appointed as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Lorayne Fiorillo and Andrew Sereysky are hereby re-appointed to serve as members of the Cable Television Commission for terms ending April 5, 2021, or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lorayne Fiorillo is hereby re-appointed to serve as Chair of said Commission for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

RESOLVED, that Preeti Singh is hereby appointed as a member of the Advisory Council on Human Relations for a term ending April 2, 2018 or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Michael Duncanson, and Doris Pechman are hereby re-appointed as members of said Council for terms ending April 2, 2018 or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Michael Duncanson is hereby re-appointed as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

RESOLVED, that the purpose and existence of the Advisory Council on Human Relations in accordance with its Constitution is hereby affirmed by the Village Board.

LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Steven Kessler and Elyse Klayman are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Library Board for terms ending April 5, 2021, or until such time as successors are appointed.

Trustee Pekarek:

COUNCIL ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

RESOLVED, that Marian Green and Carol Kadonoff are hereby re-appointed to serve as members of the Council on People with Disabilities for terms ending April 2, 2018, or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Marian Green is hereby re-appointed to serve as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time a successor is appointed.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that John Auerbacher is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Conservation Advisory Council for a term ending April 2, 2018, or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Bernard Kobroff and Ron Schulhof are hereby re-appointed to serve as members of said Council for terms ending April 2, 2018, or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lee Fischman is hereby re-appointed as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Trustee Samwick:

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

RESOLVED, that Jamie Kayam is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Architectural Review for a term ending April 1, 2019 or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Barbara Feinstein is hereby appointed as an alternate member of said Board to fill the unexpired term of Jamie Kayam for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dan Finger and Jack Miller are hereby re-appointed as members of said Board for terms ending April 1, 2019, or until such time as successors are appointed.

RESOLVED, that Jessica Kourakos is hereby appointed to serve as Chair of said Board for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

PLANNING BOARD

RESOLVED, that John Clapp is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Planning Board for a term ending April 5, 2021, or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Timothy Foley is hereby appointed to serve as an alternate member of said Board to fill the unexpired term of John Clapp for a term ending April 1, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that James Blum is hereby appointed to serve as Chair of said Board for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

COMMITTEE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

RESOLVED, that David Peck is hereby appointed as a member of the Committee for Historic Preservation for a term ending April 1, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Abigail Olsen and William Silverman are hereby reappointed to serve as members of said Committee for terms ending April 1, 2019, or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that William Silverman is hereby re-appointed Chair of said Committee for a term ending April 3, 2017 or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Trustee Callaghan:

BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Anil Ferris is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Appeals for a term ending April 5, 2021, or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jeremy Gans is hereby appointed as an alternate member of said Board for a term ending April 5, 2021, or until such time as a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Philip Kermanshahchi is hereby appointed to serve as an alternate member of said Board to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Feinstein, ending April 1, 2019, or until such time a successor is appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jeffrey Watiker is hereby re-appointed to serve as Chair of said Board for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PARKS AND RECREATION

RESOLVED, that Lou Vetrone, Matthew Zik and Sean Kelly are hereby re-appointed as members of the Advisory Council on Parks and Recreation for terms ending April 2, 2018 or until such time as successors are appointed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Sean Kelly is hereby re-appointed as Chair of said Council for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Trustee Finger:

BOARD OF ETHICS

RESOLVED, that Evelyn Stock is hereby re-appointed to serve as Chair of said

Board for a term ending April 3, 2017, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON LED
STREETLIGHTS**

WHEREAS, via resolution dated April 28, 2015 (attached), the Village Board established an Ad Hoc Committee on Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Streetlights with an overarching 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Committee's January 26, 2016 report presenting their findings and future recommendations, the Village Board adopted a resolution dated February 09, 2016 (attached), affirming the continuance of the Ad Hoc Committee on LED Street Lights to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees, and appointing Ronald Schulhof as Chair of the committee, replacing the then recently resigned Victor Goldberg, and reappointing as members the following residents, while also having noted a membership vacancy needing to be filled:

David Raizen, Aspen Road
Michelle Sterling, Brayton Road
Benedict Salanitro, DPW Superintendent – Staff Member
Vacant position to be filled

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists on the Ad Hoc Committee on LED Streetlights, as created by Ronald Schulhof having accepted appointment as Committee Chair; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Farley Baker, 182 Johnson Road, is herein appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on LED Streetlights to fill the vacancy until such time as the Committee's charge has been fulfilled, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Submitted by: Mayor Jonathan I. Mark

Date: April 8, 2016

For: April 12, 2016

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Scarsdale Library has offered to donate the gift of \$51,000 to the Scarsdale Public Library Addition and Renovation Capital Improvement Project; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby accepts the gift of \$51,000 from the Friends of the Scarsdale Library toward the Scarsdale Public Library Addition and Renovation Project; and be it further

RESOLVED,

that the Village Treasurer take the necessary steps to complete the transaction and accept this financial gift of \$51,000 and deposit it in the Library Capital Campaign Account; and be it further

RESLOVED,

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

Submitted by: Village Manager

Date: April 6, 2016

For: April 12, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: SALE OF SURPLUS VILLAGE WATER
DEPARTMENT VEHICLE**

- WHEREAS,** Policy #202 of the *Village of Scarsdale Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual* entitled "Disposal of Surplus Property", attached hereto and made a part hereof, authorizes the Village Manager to declare as surplus any items of scrap metal, used equipment, motor vehicles, and any other property having a value of not more than \$5,000.00; and
- WHEREAS,** said Policy requires that items of scrap metal, motor vehicles and other property declared by the Village Manager as surplus and estimated at a value greater than \$5,000.00 be disposed of after sealed bids or a public auction has occurred and the Board of Trustees has approved that sale by resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village Manager reports that the items attached to this resolution were certified to him in writing by Village staff as having no further use or need to the Village; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 5, 2015 the Village Manager declared the attached items as surplus and recommended them to be sold via an online auction, publically held by Auction International of Buffalo, New York; and
- WHEREAS,** the on-line auction ended on March 28, 2016 with one accepted bid exceeding \$5,000; Village Vehicle # 215, 1987 Ford Utility Truck for \$7,900; and
- WHEREAS,** in the interest of efficiently completing all auction sales, it is recommended that the sale of Village Vehicle # 215, 1987 Ford Utility Truck be approved by the Village Board in accordance with Policy #202 and Policy #201 - Internal Control; and
- WHEREAS,** Village Vehicle #215, 1987 Ford Utility Truck is a Water Department truck, and as such, the proceeds will be placed in the appropriate Water Fund EWS-1000-020 2665-0 – Sale Equip Truck & Cars; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the final sale of Village Vehicle # 215, 1987 Ford Utility Truck, for the amount of \$7,900.

Submitted by: Village Manager
Prepared: April 8, 2016
For: April 12, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING VM CONTRACT # 1198 – CATCH
 BASIN CLEANING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Village’s annual storm sewer system preventative maintenance program, the cleaning of catch basins is conducted in house by Village Staff with the use of contractual services on an as needed basis only; and

WHEREAS, this work consists of vacuuming and shoveling water and debris from each of the approximate 1,600 catch basins located in the Village at least once every two to three years; and

WHEREAS, the most recent VM Contract for this work, VM Contract # 1150, was awarded by the Board of Trustees at their April 15, 2013 meeting (attached) for a term of two (2) years, retroactive to May 26, 2012 with two (2) additional one-year renewals at the sole option of the Village; and

WHEREAS, both single year options were exercised, with the second year option soon to expire, necessitating the letting and award of a new contract, said contract providing for a two-year term with a Village option to renew for two additional one-year terms, with two (2) separate options, Option A, Catch Basin Cleaning and Associated Flow Lines (10’ in all directions) and Option B, Cost per linear foot (LF) of jetting flow lines beyond ten (10’) feet) on an as needed basis only; and

WHEREAS, the Village Manager reports that he publicly advertised for the receipt of bids for VM Contract # 1198 – Catch Basin Cleaning Services on February 19, 2016 and on the bid opening date of March 22, 2016 four sealed bids were opened; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was received from Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc., 228 Albany Post Rd, Buchanan, NY 10511, in accordance with the Bid Tabulation Sheet (attached), at the unit bid prices as follows: Option “A” Catch Basin Cleaning and Associated Flow Line - \$48.00 per catch basin; and Option “B” Jetting of Flow Lines beyond ten (10’) feet - \$.50 per linear foot; and

WHEREAS, Fred A Cook, Jr. Inc., has satisfactorily performed similar catch basin cleaning work previously for the Village; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that VM Contract # 1198 – Catch Basin Cleaning Services, is hereby awarded to Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc., 228 Albany Post Rd, Buchanan, NY 10511, at the unit bid price for Option “A” – Catch Basin Cleaning and Associated Flow Lines (10’ all directions) of \$48.00 per catch basin and

Option "B" – Jetting of Flow Lines beyond Ten (10') Feet at the bid unit price of \$.50 per linear foot subject to adequate budget appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the Village of Scarsdale with Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc., 228 Albany Post Rd, Buchanan, NY 10511; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the costs associated with VM Contract # 1198 – Catch Basin Cleaning Services be charged to General Fund Account # A-1490-HWY-STDNR-400 499, not to exceed budgeted appropriations estimated at \$30,000 annually; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is herein authorized to execute the two additional one-year periods subject to performing an adequate vendor performance evaluation and the provision of adequate budget appropriations.

Submitted by: Village Manager

Date: April 8, 2016

For: April 12, 2016

**RESOLUTION RE: SCARSDALE ART ASSOCIATION – ART
SHOW IN CHASE PARK**

WHEREAS, the Scarsdale Art Association has held an Annual Art Show in Chase Park for over 15 years which has been well received by the community; and

WHEREAS, the event organizers recently filed a permit application and banner request form (attached) to hold the 2016 Art Show in Chase Park on Saturday, October 8, 2016 and Sunday, October 9, 2016, with rain dates for October 15th and 16th; and

WHEREAS, the Scarsdale Art Association has furnished public liability insurance in a form and amount satisfactory to the Village Attorney naming the Village of Scarsdale as an additional insured against any and all claims, damages, or causes of action resulting from the use of Village owned land; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the event, the participants will restore all public areas utilized to the same condition as they existed before the Art Show; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Scarsdale Art Association is hereby authorized to utilize the Village-owned Chase Park for the purpose of holding the Art Show on Saturday, October 8, 2016 and Sunday, October 9, 2016, with rain dates for October 15th and 16th; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to execute the attached Village Event Permit form and banner request form.

Submitted by: Village Manager

Dated: April 8, 2016

For: April 12, 2016

Bruce M. Freyer
25 Autenrieth Rd.
Scarsdale, New York 10583

March 30, 2016

Jonathan Mark, Mayor
Stephen Pappalardo, Village Manager
Village Hall
1001 Post Rd.
Scarsdale, NY 10583

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VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE
MANAGER'S OFFICE
2016 APR - 1 PM 12:03

Dear Mayor Mark & Village Manager Pappalardo:

I want to take this opportunity to thank both of you for the time and effort you put into your letters of response to me on the issue of paving Autenrieth Rd. I especially want to thank you, Mayor Mark, for taking the time to come by and view the street and am only sorry that I was not at home to highlight my concerns as expressed in my letter to you.

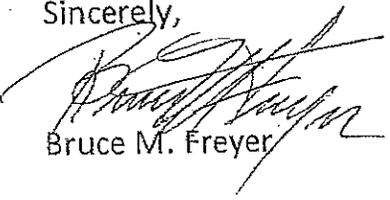
The bottom line to the issue at hand is that, "we agree to disagree," on a number of areas: percentage of the budget allocated to street paving; proportions of streets to be paved in any given year - dependent on budget; infrastructure priorities; continued degradation of streets already in peril, resulting in higher costs to repair them the longer they are ignored; the danger of decaying streets to public safety.

I truly hope that my voice, and those of my neighbors, will send up a message that we are not getting an adequate return on the taxes we invest in this village - especially when it comes to our roads and streets.

While writing this letter, I received the enclosed email I received from my neighbor, Marsha Morton, related to the paving issue for Church Lane where she resides. While this email may have a small hint of encouragement to the issue at hand, I am at a complete loss when I read that there is the possibility that Autenrieth will be paved but that nothing will be done to the curbing. This is

totally beyond my ability to comprehend. To pave a road where the existing curbing, in many places, is at paving level or below, is a total waste of money. Rain water will now wash away more of our property and degrade the edges of this new paving. Curbing is essential to maintaining the integrity of the paved surface and without it the surface will immediately begin to shift and crumble. This is a complete and blatant waste of our tax dollars. I urge you to reconsider the urgent need to newly curb Autenrieth before any new paving is done.

Sincerely,



Bruce M. Freyer



Bruce Freyer <bruce.freyer@gmail.com>

Fwd: Paving of Church Lane Between Crane and Popham

1 MESSAGE

Marsha Morton <marsha0516@verizon.net>
To: Bruce Freyer <bruce.freyer@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 10:55 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dennis Rubich <drubich@scarsdale.com>
Date: March 30, 2016 at 10:53:04 AM EDT
To: Marsha Morton <marsha0516@verizon.net>
Subject: RE: Paving of Church Lane Between Crane and Popham

Hello Mrs. Morton,

I am aware of the situation on Church, and we will be resurfacing that road either in our spring paving session upon the opening of the asphalt plants, confirmation from our utilities/Con Edison for no planned work, and possible repairs to our structures or later this summer. Autenrieth Road will most likely be getting resurfacing although will NOT be getting new curbing. That road will be resurfaced along with Woodlands and Oakwood. In order to make any changes, We will either push back Woodlands and Oakwood and add Church or hold off on Church and group it with the summer roads (which will include the other side of Church Ln south to Lockwood) I will personally drive out there again today to see, and we will confirm by Monday (where I will need to notify all of the residents and public offices of this work/change)

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Rubich

Village of Scarsdale

Engineering Department

100 First Road

Scarsdale, NY 10583

(914) 722 1180

From: Marsha Morton [mailto:marsha0516@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 5:49 PM
To: Dennis Rubich <drubich@scarsdale.com>
Subject: Paving of Church Lane Between Crane and Popham

Hello Mr. Rubich-

I stopped by to see you today but you were out. I have a letter from the former Village Manager, Al Gatta, dated March 4, 2015 stating that Church Lane would be paved "in the summer of 2015 or the spring of 2016". The residents of Autenrieth Road (which T's into Church Lane) have a letter from Mayor Mark stating that Autenrieth Road will receive new curbing and paving this spring. I am asking for confirmation that Church Lane will be done along with Autenrieth Road.

Thank you.

Marsha Morton

11 Church Lane

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Bill Stern; dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Carl Finger; Matt Callaghan; Jane Veron
Subject: Fw: questions

FYL JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2016 3:26 PM
To: Kleinberg Jeffrey
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Benedict Salanitro
Subject: Re: questions

Dear Mr. Kleinberg -- Thank you for your email. By cc I am forwarding it to senior Village staff (the Village Manager, Deputy Village Manager and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works) for their consideration and response as appropriate.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Kleinberg Jeffrey <jkleinberg@mkda.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2016 2:51 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Re: questions

Hi Mayor Mark,
Thanks for getting back to me...
Just a heads up because I notice these things being an architect...
Many of the roads that were repaved over the past several years were probably not done to spec as they seem to fall apart too easily, as is evidenced in the town itself in front of the train station...

Also, I am not sure why we need to salt the roads at the drop of a snowflake...I'm sure you and I can remember growing up where there was little if any salt spread unless icing conditions prevailed...Salt ruins cars and roads.

Also, when utility companies come in to do work where cutting open the roads is necessary, they rarely repave them properly...which leads to the roads falling apart in those areas. This is probably the root cause of bad roads...

In regard to Penn Blvd., being that it there are some very high tax payers there and it is one of the nicer blocks in scarsdale, can we get the town gardeners to beautify the center island and maybe even do the paver curbing as was done down the block.

Thanks for listening,
best regards,
Jeff

Jeffrey Kleinberg
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On Mar 17, 2016, at 4:58 PM, Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com> wrote:

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

Funding for the paving of Village roads is a challenging budget issue that the Village Board and Village Staff wrestle with on a virtually continuous basis. Since you note that you are not sure what the paving issues are, attached is a pdf copy of the Board minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2015. Comments on the subject of road repaving (made in response to comments by Bob Harrison) can be found at page number 165 and following (pdf page 4 and following) of the attachment. A brief update on road repaving was given at the September 8, 2015 Board meeting. See the pdf of the minutes of that meeting attached starting at the bottom of page number 314 (pdf page 3). Note that Board minutes are available on the Village web site under the Board of Trustees section.

As to your Christie Place parking issue and suggestion, I am copying Steve Pappalardo, Village Manager, and Rob Cole, Deputy Village Manager, on this email and by so doing request that they look into the matter and get back to us with their thoughts on it.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Kleinberg Jeffrey <jkleinberg@mkda.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 4:17 PM

To: Mayor
Subject: questions

Mayor Mark,

I know that I have mentioned this before, but the roads in the area are in pretty bad shape. Not sure what the paving issues are.

Two things...Penn Blvd is one of the nicer areas in Scarsdale, yet the town totally neglects not only the roads which are in worse shape than ever, but also what makes it so different, the center island...its in need of paver stone curbing that was done on some quiet streets for some reason and not here and some attention to the landscaping. If you drive by, you will see what I mean.

Also, I pay big bucks to park in Christie place. I take the 5:26am train in the am...there are sometimes cars there that don't have stickers on them and the most infuriating is that overnight parkers tend to take up the front spaces...not much of an issue for me, but for those that take later trains, it means they have to search downstairs for spaces....simple solution...make the overnight parking downstairs only. That will leave a clean open first floor for those of us who use it as a commuter parking lot only.

Thanks for listening,
best regards,

Jeffrey

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Donna Conkling

From: Clerk's Department
To: Mayor; Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Ingrid Richards; Josh Ringel; Christine Sciandra
Subject: FW: Tax Increase

From: Ellen Bierman [mailto:ellen@eabierman.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 7:06 PM
To: Clerk's Department <clerk@scarsdale.com>
Subject: Tax Increase

I am vehemently opposed to the tax increase of 3.69%.
Also suggest strongly that the proposed library expansion be eliminated. Would be nice but totally unnecessary! There are too many demands upon each taxpayer's financial bottom line to countenance either of these two increases in tax and debt!!!!

Ellen Bierman

A full time resident since 1952!!!!

Donna Conkling

From: Janis Klavins <jvklavins@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 12:43 PM
To: Clerk's Department
Subject: tax increase

To the Mayor & Village Board:

We strongly oppose a property tax increase.

We feel that we are already overcharged in taxes- paying \$32,560.64 from previous years of \$27,865.

My husband is 95 years old, paralyzed and bedridden. Our income consists of social security checks plus pension.

Every time we have to pay taxes we have to withdraw from the pension fund.

If anything, we need a reduction of taxes not an increase!

We hope you understand our situation and reconsider raising the tax.

Sincerely,

Ilgia Klavins

5 Broadmoor Rd.

Scarsdale, NY 10583

Donna Conkling

From: Miriam S. Vagt <terrymim@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 6:04 PM
To: Clerk's Department
Subject: property tax increase

Mr. Mayor
Village Board

As a Scarsdale tax payer and voter, I am strongly opposed to the proposed increase in property tax levy. Mr. Harrison, as usual, is correct in his assessment of the situation. In a slow growth economy, a heavy dose of reality is needed in Village Hall. All, including the municipal government, should learn the common sense rule of not spending money frivolously. We tell our children that just because they want something, they are not entitled to it nor do they necessarily need it. Please do not back this proposal .

VTY,

Miriam S. Vagt
3 Ridgecrest West

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole
Subject: Fw: Concerned Citizen - Accident on BRP

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 3:59 PM
To: Philip Au
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole
Subject: Re: Concerned Citizen - Accident on BRP

Dear Mr. Au -- Thank you for your email. I am sad and concerned to learn of the accident you witnessed.

By cc, I am forwarding your email to the Village Manager and Deputy Village Manager who can in turn be in touch with the County about your concerns.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Philip Au <au.philip@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 2:11 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Concerned Citizen - Accident on BRP

Good Afternoon Mayor,

On March 30, 2016 I witnesses a horrific accident at approximately 7:50AM on the Bronx River Parkway. For months after the completion of the Crane Road Project in Scarsdale, I have told my wife of the dangers the "GREEN VISORS" are to drivers unaware of the STOP LIGHT positioned right after a BLIND corner of the Crane Road Project on the B.R.P. Today, a green Toyota compact car slammed into the back of a pickup truck that was STOPPED around the blind corner. These GREEN visors erected I don't believe serve any purpose other then the fact that they pose a great risk to drivers who make this commute daily (including myself). This is not the first accident I have witnessed and have been again telling my wife for months this is a BIG problem for the Village of Scarsdale, accidents have increase since the visors have blocked visibility to vehicles that maybe stopped at the intersection. I urge the County to work with the Village of Scarsdale to truly consider removing these green visors for the safety of its residents and daily commuters on the B.R.P.

Attached are photos of the green compact as well as the intersection were the **accidents** have occurred.

Leaf Education Task Force – An Evaluation of Proposals for 2016

As some of you already know I am graduate of the New York Botanical Gardens' professional training program in gardening, a former licensed N.Y. State pesticide applicator, and former owner of a business in that industry for more than a decade. My education regarding the environmental benefits (or not) of leaf mulch mowing has involved considerable review of university published research studies and conversations with Westchester County horticultural experts, such as the staff at Cornell Cooperative Extension. My training and former career provide easy access to former colleagues, so to speak. I am also acquainted with a member of the board of the NYS Turf and Landscape Association and had several discussions with him on this topic.

In preparation for the final meeting of the LETF I spoke with Jerry Giordano and Amy Albam, both of whom have been horticulturists with CCE for 20 plus years. I asked to be brought up to date on the current findings of local studies conducted by the Cornell Waste Management Institute currently taking place, as well as for any other scientific material that would be helpful in making recommendations and proposals to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale. They were clear in stating that although mulch mowing research shows improvements to the quality of various aspects of top soil composition, varying depending on any number of factors. No research has yet been done to examine the CO2 emissions from the mowers/mulchers and leaf blowers involved in mulch mowing. Without such research, any attempt to compare CO2 emissions to other methods of leaf disposal management, including the vacuuming Scarsdale currently employs, is just guesswork. As CO2 emissions are the number one contributor to climate change and global warming, it is crucial that such information be gathered before promoting mulch mowing as an environmentally beneficial garden practice.

I asked Jerry to provide a statement to be presented at the last LETF meeting, which he did.

"As to our making a general statement about mulch mowing or stating a CCE position at this point, we are waiting for the science to come in for that. We can then formulate a position based on the research findings and it's probably beneficial in the long-term for municipalities to do that as well and especially with the tick question added to the mulch mowing equation. Also, we might say that the practice of mulch mowing involves both biological science as well as the behavioral science. This is why the study is being done under real world conditions. This way, the evidence will not only have been gathered from test plots under more controlled conditions. The latter is the place from which most university based research information on mulch mowing has thus far come. More controlled studies have their place of course, but so does the current kind of university research that the Cornell Waste Management Institute is currently carrying out...and right here in Westchester! A big part of Cornell University is about research of course and Cooperative Extension's role is about applying/making available that research for the good of those we serve."

GERALD G. GIORDANO
SENIOR HORTICULTURE CONSULTANT/
EXTENSION COMMUNITY EDUCATOR/
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT
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The tick question Jerry mentioned is related to using whole leaves as mulch for garden beds, borders, etc. Public health agencies and departments of health along the east coast, including the Center for Disease Control recommend eliminating "leaf litter" from the garden as it provides a habitat in which tick populations overwinter and breed. Tick-borne illness in Westchester County is an increasing public health concern and part of the Cornell Waste Management study includes dragging for ticks.

There is so much passion surrounding the topic of mulch mowing it often obscures the facts. We cannot make or support public policy based on the "hunches" and hysteria that has people shaking jars full of mulched leaves as if this is all there is to it. It's so easy! But is it environmentally sound?

I recommend that the education campaign cease until we have results and recommendations from the studies currently underway in Westchester. The complexity of this issue has been obscured and benefits of mulch mowing have not yet been shown to include reduced CO2 emissions. Residents who continue to have an interest in mulch mowing can find more than enough information on the Internet to assist them. It would be a waste of municipal resources to provide more at this time, and may be misconstrued as support for mulch mowing as well. I recommend that any change in leaf management/disposal by the Village of Scarsdale wait until further research information is available.

The commercial landscape industry, represented by the NYSTLA spoke to these factors in their reluctance to show support for mulch mowing as well. They do support discontinuing pick-up of grass clippings.

Yours sincerely,

Phyllis Finkelstein
Member-at-Large
LETF

Tail wagging the dog: Why isn't Scarsdale Village on the list?

To the Editor,

According to Bloomberg Business, Scarsdale is the wealthiest community in Westchester and ranks 20th overall in the nation.

Having said that, I harken back to a quote by Samuel Langhorne Clemens. "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics."

As a Scarsdale resident for more than 22 years, I measure my own personal wealth in a number of different ways, least of all monetarily. We should, though, consider ourselves most fortunate for having so many dedicated, conscientious and passionate civic-minded leaders that share their time and wisdom to enhance our standard of living. Sure, nothing's perfect, but we're much better off community-wise because of these good citizens.

At times though, we seem to lose our way.

Whether it is razing a historic home like the 1903 brick mansion that was originally the home of toy magnate Louis Marx, allowing the deplorable condition of our roads to become akin

to playing Pac-Man while we manoeuvre the cracks and potholes, or debating the value of the teen center.

Would we rather keep reading about trolls rummaging through our parks and wetlands; let's give our kids a break.

In the March 9 edition of The Wall Street Journal was an article titled Westchester Towns Band Together on New Type of Energy Contract. Seventeen Westchester municipalities signed off on a "first-of-its-kind" energy contract in New York State. Sustainable Westchester and Con Edison Solutions reached a two-year agreement in which energy users will be able to select either 100 percent renewable energy or a slightly less expensive option that includes a mix of renewable and traditional energy.

Sustainable stated homeowners and businesses will "collectively save \$4 million to \$5 million during the life of the contract, compared with the rates they paid over the past 12 months."

The municipalities included: the towns of Bedford, Greenburgh, Mamaroneck, Mount Kisco, New Castle

and Ossining; the villages of Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Ossining, Pelham, Pleasantville, Rye Brook, Tarrytown; and the cities of New Rochelle, and White Plains. Regardless of the considerable reductions at the gas pump due to the tremendous capitulation of oil and gas commodity prices, I've yet to see our monthly Con Edison utility invoice reflect these lower energy prices, so why is Scarsdale missing from this list?

I consider myself to be an informed citizen, but either I missed reading about this in our local paper when it was taking root, or nothing was ever reported. Was this ever an issue discussed by our board of trustees? I'm more than ready to eat humble pie, but let me know why Scarsdale, with all of its sustainability initiatives on the table i.e., solar panels, grass mulching et al., never addressed what amounts to be a real cost savings for its citizens.

JOHN A. POLITI JR.
Herkimer Road

*Village of Scarsdale
Office of the Mayor
1001 Post Road
Scarsdale, New York 10583*

March 29, 2016

Editor
The Scarsdale Inquirer
14 Harwood Court
Scarsdale, New York 10583

Re: Community Choice Aggregation Plan for Energy Purchases

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Mr. John A. Politi Jr.'s letter to the Editor that appeared in the March 25, 2016 issue of *The Scarsdale Inquirer*. Mr. Politi's letter was on the subject of the Sustainable Westchester pilot community choice aggregation (CCA) program for purchasing energy and asked a series of questions as to whether the Village had considered signing up for the program and why it had not done so. Because the Village has taken a look at Sustainable Westchester's program it seemed useful to take Mr. Politi's letter as a point of reference to inform the community of the present thinking of the Village Board and Staff on the subject.

In early fall 2015, the Board of Trustees, with significant input from Village Staff, took a look at the Sustainable Westchester proposal. As a result of that exercise, the Board determined it best to monitor progress of the pilot project and defer a Village participation decision to a later date. There were a number of reasons for the Board's conclusion as it learned that there is more to municipal aggregation than initially meets the eye, particularly under the umbrella of a pilot project occurring amidst an evolving statewide regulatory environment.

Without going into great detail here, and speaking to the ratepayer savings dimension of municipal aggregation, it is important to note that the experience of other communities has shown that anticipated ratepayer savings is among the weakest of rationales for a municipality to use its regulatory authority to switch residents and businesses to a new electric energy supplier under the auspices of a CCA program. To illustrate, recent data indicates that ConEd's variable pricing has recently been below the 7.38 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) that Sustainable Westchester has contracted for with the communities that have joined its CCA. Specifically, ConEd's last four utility bills disclose the following pricing (dates as of mid-months indicated): 5.3630 cents/kWh (December 2015), 6.2241 cents/kWh (January 2016), 6.7911 cents/kWh (February 2016) and 6.6541 cents/kWh (March 2016). Sustainable Westchester's rate is less favorable than the rates for each of those four months, although it is better than the 12-month 2015 average they selected for comparison purposes. However, selecting a 12-month average rate may or may be representative of actual savings so long as ConEd rates remain below Sustainable Westchester's offered rate.

Staff research revealed that economies of scale, presumably the dynamic through which a CCA program hopes to achieve ratepayer savings, may not hold true over time and varying market conditions. The experience of other communities has shown that economies of scale do not necessarily translate into savings. In one example, the City of Chicago decided to dissolve its CCA program due to an inability to demonstrate continuing ratepayer savings. A *Chicago Tribune* article from April 2015 reported that the City of Chicago was one of over 100 communities out of 725 that did not renew their CCA contracts and returned residents to their legacy suppliers.

Furthermore, individual ratepayers (both residential and commercial) already have alternative purchase plans available to them. Energy customers in the Village have the option of switching to an energy supply company (ESCO) of their own choosing without local government making that decision for them. Numerous ESCOs and contact information for them are listed on the ConEd web site. For instance, one ESCO listed presently offers a 36-month fixed rate contract for 7.29 cents/kWh -- pricing which is lower than the current offer through Sustainable Westchester's CCA program -- and for a term longer than Sustainable Westchester's two year contract. Any resident not under contract with another ESCO is free to sign-up on his/her own, although reading the fine print of the offers is advisable since there may be important exceptions to the advertised terms, as well as additional fees chargeable in certain circumstances.

To further complicate the issue, added local government administrative costs are not reflected in CCA power supply rates, yet participating local governments are burdened by significant public outreach and education responsibilities, along with program management and oversight obligations. The costs of funding outreach programs and ongoing oversight become budget line items for the municipality seeking to promote and implement a CCA program.

At the present time, the Village believes that individual residents are in the best position to determine which rate or rate-savings program best fits their needs. ConEd offers programs and services designed to save ratepayers money and advance energy efficiency and conservation goals, while ESCOs also offer competitive pricing. Therefore, while the Village has adopted a wait and see approach concerning CCA participation, Scarsdale residents and businesses are free to pursue rate savings through the alternatives already available to them without local government intervention. The Village will continue to observe the pilot CCA project, wait for the State of New York to finalize the statewide community choice aggregation regulatory environment, and at some future date may consider further whether or not there are compelling reasons to participate in a CCA.

Very truly yours,

Jon Mark, Mayor

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April 7, 2016

The Honorable David F. Gantt
Chairman, New York State Assembly Transportation Committee
188 State Street Room 803, Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblyman Gantt,

The Village of Scarsdale is disappointed that the adopted FY2017 New York State budget fails to adequately address pressing un-funded local infrastructure needs, including roadway rehabilitation/reconstruction and bridge repair or replacement, as well as other non-transportation infrastructure essentials. While the State does provide The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) support, funding levels have not kept pace with increasing costs.

The cities, towns, and villages of New York are struggling to maintain infrastructure critical not only to the social, environmental, and economic health of localities, but also to that of the State of New York. Deferred maintenance contributes heavily to a deteriorated road network and significantly amplifies costs associated with roadway rehabilitation, once such important repairs are finally possible to undertake. Local fiscal constraints, including flat or declining non-property tax revenues, severe limitations on property tax revenue growth as a result of the State of New York's tax cap legislation, sharply escalating costs that are beyond local control, such as employee health premiums through the New York State Health Insurance Program, and reductions in necessary State revenue sharing all contribute to a downward spiral in local roadway conditions, as there is simply not enough revenue to rise to the infrastructure challenges with which we are confronted.

The new status quo, one where critical infrastructure is neglected and increasingly results in reduced reliability and higher costs to taxpayers, is not sustainable. As the safety and reliability of New York's infrastructure continues to erode, we are placing our future economic competitiveness and the desirability of our communities at risk.

I urge you, as New York State Assembly Transportation Committee Chair, to increase the visibility of this substantial local concern and encourage additional FY2017 funding to be re-appropriated in support of local roadway resurfacing and rehabilitation.

Very truly yours,

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Jonathan I. Mark
Mayor

cc: Assemblywoman Amy Paulin
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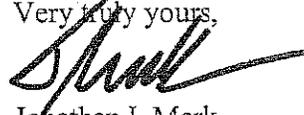
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Jonathan I. Mark
Mayor

cc: Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Scarsdale Board of Trustees
Stephen M. Pappalardo, Scarsdale Village Manager

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Rutherford Hall
Village of Scarsdale
March 8, 2016

A Meeting of the Town Board of Scarsdale was held in Rutherford Hall of Village Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 10:20 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, Deputy Town Counsel Garrison, Custodian of Taxes McClure, and Assistant to the Village Manager Ringel.

Mr. Mark presided.

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Minutes

The minutes of the Town Board Meeting of February 9, 2016 were approved on a motion entered by Mr. Samwick, seconded by Ms. Pekarek, and carried unanimously. The minutes of the Special Town Board meeting of February 23, 2016 were approved on a motion entered by Mr. Finger, seconded by Ms. Pekarek and carried unanimously.

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Report of the Custodian of Taxes

Custodian of Taxes McClure stated that the Board has received the Town financial for February 2016.

As of February 2015, 99.11% of the School tax levy for 2015 has been received and remitted to the School District. This is up slightly from last year's percentage of 99.20%.

In addition, 99.63% of the County tax levy has been collected. This is almost identical to last year's collection rate.

Total uncollected 2015 taxes are \$1,305,920 at the end of February compared with \$1,165,978 at this time last year. Delinquent taxes have increased by \$86,039 from \$684,715 in February of 2015 to \$770,654 in February of 2016.

Ms. McClure stated that to put this in perspective, Town taxes increased an aggregate of about over \$5 million. The increases are not unexpected.

Another set of reminder notes have been sent out prior to the filing of the List of Delinquent taxes with the County.

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Future Meetings

Mr. Mark announced the following future meeting schedule:

- *Tuesday, March 15, 2016* – Personnel Committee Meeting – 6:30 P.M. – Trustees' Rm.
- *Tuesday, March 22, 2016* – Village Board Meeting – 8:30 P.M. – Rutherford Hall

FY 2016/17 Budget Discussions

Finance Committee – Trustees Room

- Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

On a motion entered by Mr. Finger, seconded by Mr. Samwick, the Town Board meeting adjourned at 10:23 P.M.

Donna M. Conkling
Town Clerk