

THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH

REGULAR MEETING

Rutherford Hall
Village Hall
February 23, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale was held in the Rutherford Hall in Village Hall on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 8:00 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, Village Clerk Conkling, Village Treasurer McClure, and Assistant to the Village Manager Ringel.

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The minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 9, 2016 were approved on a motion entered by Trustee Samwick, seconded by Trustee Pekarek, and carried unanimously.

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Bills & Payroll

Trustee Pekarek reported that she had audited the Abstract of Claims dated February 23, 2016 in the amount of \$1,406,071.30 which includes \$68,507.68 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 Pekarek and seconded by Trustee Samwick, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Claims dated February 23, 2016 in the amount of \$1,406,071.30 is hereby approved.

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Mayors Comments

Mayor Mark stated that “my comments this evening are not on a municipal matter *per se*, but on a subject that has an impact on oversight of Village matters, namely the upcoming election to fill Trustee positions on this Board.

For almost 100 years the Village has been well served by a Village manager form of government. What that means is that day-to-day the Village is managed by a full time professional staff led by the Village Manager pursuant to authority delegated by this Board. This Board of resident volunteers provides supervisory oversight of the Village staff much in the manner that a Board of Directors oversees the management of a corporation.

Notwithstanding our volunteer status, we take our positions very seriously and among other things commit a great deal of our time to fulfill our roles in a thoughtful and responsible manner. A sense of giving back to the community in which we live is our reward.

The two year terms to which the members of this Board are elected are staggered and so each year there is a Village-wide election to fill positions of the Board members whose terms are up. The process by which that is accomplished is governed by the New York State Election Law. In order to meet those requirements the Scarsdale Citizens' Non-Partisan Party was formed to nominate candidates for election to this Board. The body that makes those nominations is the Citizens' Nominating Committee, or CNC, and its duties are laid out under the Non-Partisan Resolution. The resolution is available on the web site of the Scarsdale Procedure Committee at: www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org.

Currently, the system works as follows: the Village is divided into five "election units" coinciding with the five elementary school districts. Each fall, each of the election units elects two representatives to the CNC, for a term of three years, so that the CNC has a total of 30 voting members, six from each election unit. Candidates for election to the CNC are named by petition signed by at least ten Scarsdale voters. The petition must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the candidate. Any person may submit such a petition, and there may be several candidates for the positions to be filled on the CNC in any year. It is at this level that contested elections are a part of, and encouraged by, the system. At successive meetings, the first of which must be held before January 10 each year, the CNC chooses a single candidate for each Village office for which the incumbent's term ends in that year. The CNC is, in effect, a caucus of the Citizens' Party, under which title the nominees of the CNC run for election. It is also important to note that notwithstanding this process, under New York State election law, almost any resident adult can get on a ballot by simply collecting 150 signatures and filing a request for inclusion on the ballot with the Village Clerk. Further, a person not on the ballot can be elected by write-in vote. In short, there is more than one avenue to being elected to a seat on this Board.

In explaining the rationale for the non-partisan system, former Mayor Warren Cunningham put it this way in 1940 on the occasion of celebrating the 25th anniversary of Scarsdale's incorporation as a Village:

"By means of its system of selecting nominees, Scarsdale has called into public service a succession of able men and women, expert in many fields. Under any other system they would not have been available. Few of them would have had the time or inclination to

contest as partisan candidates for petty public offices, whereas all have responded willingly to the request of their neighbors that they perform for a time, a public service.”

That brings me to this year’s process and the circumstances we are presently facing. For reasons known only to the members of the CNC, Trustee Deb Pekarek was not re-nominated for a second term as Trustee. Quite frankly, that result took me by surprise. As I have said previously, Trustee Pekarek has served – is serving – with distinction as a Trustee. She is thoughtful, dedicated and committed to the Village. It is pleasure to serve with her on this Board. I believe that view is held by the other Board members as well. I see no reason why she was not re-nominated for a second term. However, that did not happen. Much to her credit Trustee Pekarek has taken that result with uncommon grace and has stated that regardless of that outcome she still supports our non-partisan system. I can only commend her for taking the high road in what must be a tough situation personally.

I would not have been prompted to comment on this matter but for the second unusual event that has occurred. That is that the name of Seth Ross, one of the CNC nominees, will not appear on the ballot for the election to be held on March 15, 2016. It appears that this was a matter of an inadvertent oversight in the processing of required paperwork for which the Chair of the Scarsdale Citizens’ Non-Partisan Campaign Committee has taken responsibility.

As a result, in order to fill one of the Trustee seats this year a write-in vote will be required. While anyone can be written in, the two most logical names to choose from are either Trustee Pekarek or Mr. Ross since they have publicly stated their willingness to serve. In last week’s *Inquirer*, Trustee Pekarek was quoted as saying that if she were voted in by write-in she would be “honored to continue to serve” and we would be honored to have her re-join us. However, according to the article Trustee Pekarek said she was not intending to mount a write-in campaign and will leave it to others to decide what to do.

As for Mr. Ross, the same issue of the *Inquirer* included an article profiling him, his credentials, his record as a volunteer in the Village and his interest in serving on this Board. I have worked with Mr. Ross in the past on Village matters and believe that he too would make a fine Trustee if elected.

And so here we are. The non-partisan system that has served us so well for so long faces a challenge of sorts this year as a result of the confluence of unanticipated events. As a Mayor with slightly more than one year left in my term, I have no vested interest in this matter and look forward to working with whoever is elected in March. However, it is my desire that the community not take the unusual circumstances presented this year to be a reason to doubt seriously a system that has allowed us to focus on the nuts and bolts municipal issues that matter without the distraction of partisan politics. It is my hope that those who care about how the Village operates can take the long-term view of the benefits of our system. Trustee Pekarek who has served the Village in an exemplary fashion but who was not selected by the CNC for a second term has stated that she remains committed to the

importance of the non-partisan system and to the success of Scarsdale's political structure. This is as telling an endorsement of our chosen form of government as there can be."

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Manager's Comments

None.

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Public Comment

Lena Crandall, 227 Fox Meadow Road, thanked Mayor Mark for his comments regarding Scarsdale's Non-Partisan System. She stated that she is the 'guilty party' – the Chair of the Scarsdale Citizen's Non-Partisan Party. She serves this community as a dedicated volunteer; unfortunately she said she is also human. She asked everyone who is interested in this year's election, the future of the community, and democracy in general to please say hello to her, learn more about the non-partisan system. Volunteers are needed to run in the fall to represent the neighborhoods. Whether from Fox Meadow, Heathcote, Quaker Ridge, Edgewood – you are needed to run for the Citizen's Nominating Committee and then to attend just a few meetings over the course of the winter.

Ms. Crandall stated that she would also like to thank Donna Conkling, Village Clerk, for answering many of her questions and for giving her excellent advice. She noted that it would be helpful for all concerned in the Non-Partisan system if they could have sample ballots marked up with the appropriate way to write in their candidate of choice. She stated that she did see a copy of the ballot and her concern is that people may write their name of choice in the wrong slot.

Ms. Crandall closed her statement with quoting Trustee Pekarek by saying 'we are all a family of volunteers' and stated that she hoped everyone would join them at the Scarsdale Women's Club, 8:30 P.M. following the election. She hoped everyone would be there to welcome the new members of the Village Board as well as the new Village Justice, whoever they may be. She asked that everyone move forward positively, constructively and help one another in the future.

Max Grudin, 4 Overhill Road, stated that he is the immediate past President of the Overhill Homeowners Association. He stated that he would like to share information on the Library renovation plans poll he ran in his community. He stated to the Library Board that they understand the enormous effort they have put into their project and the proposal. Economic realities inflated the cost of the proposal – let's work together in the best spirit of cooperation to find a sensible and economic solution.

Mr. Grudin stated that when he initially asked for community feedback, a flood of 'no' votes came in. The final count was that one person voted for the proposal and 32 people voted against it. To him this was indicative of a community that does not support the proposal as it stands. It is a big concern that people do not feel the Library Board represents their views. A main objective is that the cost is excessive – many people feel that this is an extravagant use of their money. Scarsdale has other issues that must be addressed. It is important also to have broad support that is built from the ground up. He urged the Village Board to consider the concerns of ordinary taxpayers who are not organized and do not have money to run a campaign against the library renovation and are reluctant to do so.

Mr. Grudin stated that those residents in his neighborhood have spoken. They want a sensible proposal based on the community's needs. If the Board votes for a referendum it would be ideal if the results were decided by a broad consensus rather than by a marginal vote. The proposal should be more in line with the funding originally allocated to it or at least give people a choice. This way the Village Board will be viewed by the Village residents as treating their money in a responsible fashion. Mr. Grudin stated that he also had a message for the Library Board – people want you to listen to them and to represent their views; they want to have confidence in the renovation plan. A lot can be done very quickly if our community and the Library Board work in unison.

Harvey Barten, 12 Overhill Road, stated that he and his wife have been residents for almost over 49 years and wanted to elaborate on the comments made by Mr. Grudin with regard to the library renovations. He has been following this matter very closely and has examined the model a number of times and has been reading all the materials that have been provided by the library. He acknowledged that a great deal of thought and effort has been put into this and the people who have advanced this proposal are very interested doing what would be best for the community. On the other hand there are many questions that are unanswered and he would like to address a few of those.

This is an expenditure of almost \$20 million, \$12 million of which would be from a bond that would have to be floated and presumably approved by the residents of the community. This is a very large sum of money and these funds are finite and if the money goes to this purpose it may well be to the detriment of other projects that might have a higher priority. Recently the Teen Center has been faced with a shortage of \$30-40,000 per year which almost led to needing to close after being in the community for many years. We have to think very carefully if we want to spend such a large sum of money for such a drastic change in the library which in his opinion, continues to serve the community very well.

Mr. Barten stated that he is devoted to the library and visits it every week; he spends a lot of time there and has never seen the resources of the library strained and has never seen the reading room or the reference room overcrowded. In looking at the proposal it appears to him that the redesign of the library is addressing two major issues – one of them is that it is said that it is not up to code and that it doesn't meet the requirements of the ADA. He stated that he would like to have this spelled out in terms of what it would take to address those issues. Regarding the leaks and other deficiencies, he would like to see a proposal as to

what it would take to change those. He would like to see a blanket proposal that would say if we were to address some of those issues and perhaps even add an additional conference space, what would that add up to? Would that be a matter of one or two million dollars as compared to what is proposed? As a community, we should be given a choice rather than being presented with a single, costly and complicated option.

Mr. Barten stated that he feels one of the proposals here is to change the function of the library so that it becomes as much a community center as a library per se. A variety of groups could be served including people with mental disabilities, the aged, young adults, etc. He stated that he would really like to know how much these groups actually would utilize such a facility. Would there really be the need from young adults to attend this? What would be the programs that would be offered? With regard to those with mental disabilities, he said that he could speak with some expertise because he has spent a good part of his career in designing and implementing these programs and he just doesn't see it. He didn't see how these groups could usefully benefit from library programs. The programs that he has designed are costly and require a lot of staff and are not easily accomplished. If it were up to him this is not the setting he would choose.

With regard to programs for the aged, there are many of those that exist already. Although he would be a candidate for one of those programs, he didn't think he would be interested; however he would like to see what would be proposed there.

Mr. Barten stated that many of these things should be spelled out before we embark on a program of this magnitude and one that could extend for a long period of time. If there were cost overruns, he would like to know what kinds of contingencies there would be for that. He proposed that there be some way of polling the community, not asking simply the question as to whether they are in favor or not, but if they were offered a number of choices, which of those they would choose. He also stated that he would like to know if there is a widespread need and support and indication of interest in participation in all of these added programs and if so he would be more than happy to go along with it.

Trustee Stern stated that the Board had a presentation from the Village Engineer addressing the issues Mr. Barten asked about; namely, the cost of renovation, addressing safety issues in the Library – and that budget was clearly spelled out. In terms of the comments regarding available space for programs, Trustee Stern stated that this is simply not the case. The Library made a presentation to the Village Board and the Library Director commented that there are many programs that she can't hold in the Library because the space is not available. If Mr. Barten would like to see what other communities have done in Westchester, they have built libraries which are even grander than the current plan for this library. He respectfully suggested that Mr. Barten visit these libraries and see for himself how they have become such an asset to the community.

Mr. Barten responded that he is frequently at the Library and most of the time he is there, the large meeting room is not occupied.

Trustee Stern again urged Mr. Barten to take a look at other renovated libraries and then form an opinion. In terms of this room or that room not being used, he should speak to the Library Director and she can give him insight regarding the space shortage.

Elise Klayman, 191 Brewster Road, member, Friends of the Scarsdale Library Board, stated that in her opinion, an affluent privileged community that values education and civic engagement should have an up to date library that serves as an intellectual hub where authors speak, meetings are held and discussions of the day's issues can take place. By up to date she means a library that has a sound system that works, reliable Wi-Fi, accessible bathrooms, places to plug in a laptop and a roof that doesn't leak.

She stated that it is unfortunate that the \$12 million got traction early on when estimates were preliminary and many construction details had yet to be worked out. The current \$19.5 million is very much in line with projects of this sort undertaken by other towns in our region. Careful attention has been paid to allow for worst case scenarios and overruns so that this number is real. It even includes new furniture and window shades. The additional work will cost an average household approximately \$167 per year during the ten year duration of the bond will allow for opening up the library to bring in its special park like setting, a revenue producing coffee bar, flexible programs with state of the art technology, a whimsical and fluid children's section with its own program space and areas designed for collaborative study or for quiet solitary learning.

Ms. Klayman noted that she realized that due to competing budgetary interests, she realizes that others may have different, also valid plans for spending Village funds. However, it seems to her that a vital library goes hand in hand with their excellent School system, which is, after all, Scarsdale's calling card. A well-equipped library represents the embodiment of essential democratic values in a vibrant sophisticated town.

Felicia Block, 61 Carman Road, stated that she has been a resident for eight years and the reason she moved to Scarsdale was for the wonderful school district and because her house is across the street from Davis Park. With a park across the street she knew she would be part of the community. This is the first community asset that became a part of her family life. She was on the Arthur Manor committee that helped with the design of new park equipment. This park is more than a park to the neighbors around it – it is a meeting place for families throughout the Village and still is. Another community asset is the Library and is more than just a place to take out books or videos, etc., it is a meeting place for families and people throughout the Village. Her children have real conversations with real people in the real world in the library.

Ms. Block stated that she is in support of the Library plan and spoke on behalf of families throughout the Village that want to make sure there are safe spaces in the community – for the families, the teens and tweens, beyond the after school hours. For all of the families she wanted to make sure that the special meeting place is updated.

Jeremy Gans, 45 Harvest Road, stated that he would like to speak in support of the Library renovations. He stated that his wife and three boys love living in Scarsdale because of the sense of community. The library is there for everyone. It is in need of renovation. He noted the library's proposed "Makerspaces" would be an incredible benefit where people can gather to create, invent, and learn utilizing 3D printers, software, electronics, craft and hardware supplies and tools, and more.

Mr. Gans stated that the proposed library plans transform the library for the mid twenty first century so that it will continue to be a place where people will go to learn, study and congregate and to further the sense of community that attracted so many to Scarsdale in the first place.

Pam Rubin, 18 Cohawney Road, stated that she is a member of the Scarsdale Schools Education Foundation and noted that the library campaign is very similar to what they are doing with their capital campaign for the schools. Their buildings are all 100 years old; however, like the schools, the community needs to bring the library facility into the 21st century. Times have changed and we can no longer just be able to fix. She stated that she read in the paper that the Library Board has raised \$2.5 million in commitments for the library renovations. She stated that shows a huge commitment by this Village. She hoped that the Village would now fulfill their commitment and go through with the bond so the fund raising can continue.

Diane Greenwald, 2 Oak Road, speaking as a member of the Library Board to address an issue the Village Board raised at their February 9th Financial Committee discussion on the library renovation project. The question was asked about other tax implications that exist from capital improvement plans for the School District. She discussed the current and future debt service from the 2016-17 School District budget. Planning of capital projects has been explicitly stated as restricted to tax neutral outcome. Ms. Greenwald submitted related documents for distribution to the Board.

Patrick Tse, 22 Circle Road, stated that he has been a resident for 25 years, and that his children attended Scarsdale and their family avidly uses the Library. Mr. Tse stated that he did not know where the figure of a \$168.00 raise in taxes per family for the library renovations came from. A \$12 million bond for 10 years would cost the Village about \$300,000 in interest costs assuming a 2 1/2 % interest rate; and if we increase amortization, it will cost the Village approximately \$1 million per year. The annual debt service payment of the Village in 2015/2016 is \$2.2 million, and with this bond we would increase that by another \$1 million. The overall recommended 2015/16 Capital Budget of a total \$4.5 million, not all of which is funded and now we are facing another \$12 million for the library renovations. We have to get our priorities straight; \$12 million is out of proportion.

Mr. Tse stated that from his perspective, the library is a place for scholarship, not a social center. It is not going to be a sidewalk café. Is the Village going into the fast food business or trying to get into the commercial rental business? He noted that the Library Board has been very useful in supplying the cost of the other libraries that have been

renovated in Westchester. The Greenburgh Public Library expansion cost \$20 million. The Ossining Public Library cost \$16 million. \$19 million may not be out of proportion except that the Town of Greenburgh has a population of 88,000, more than four times that of Scarsdale. The Town of Ossining has a population of 37,000, double the size of Scarsdale. Are we going to spend the same amount of money to build a library when the population is less than these other towns? Priorities have to be kept in proportion. He respectfully asks the Library Board to reconsider the proposal or at least put the proposal to a public referendum and see how the community reacts.

Mr. Tse also brought up operating costs of the proposed larger library – more lights, more windows to wash, more carpet to replace, more energy consumption. Who is going to pay for the incremental operating costs? We may need more firemen and policemen, more roads to pave – he respectfully asked the Library Board and the Board of Trustees to reconsider the project.

Carol Silverman, 110 Spier Road, stated that she has been a resident for almost 45 years and children grew up here, went to the Scarsdale schools and used the library. She stated that the libraries of the 21st century are becoming community centers but they also need to cater to the 20% of the community that are seniors.

She also noted that she sent a letter on November 17th to the Board which she knows has been read before regarding the Homestead Tax Option. She read her letter again which is in support of the Homestead Tax Option. She stated that it is unfair that the seniors living in the 42 condos at Christie Place get special tax treatment and get a tax break of approximately 2/3 of what owners of single family homes pay for the same market value. Homeowners are subsidizing 42 condo owners at approximately \$1 million per year. This unfair practice has gone on too long and needs to be remedied with the Homestead Tax Option.

Lynne Clark, 13 Walworth Avenue, stated that renovating the library is probably one of the most wonderful things that can be done for the community – a social center is needed for different kinds of people at different ages.

Ms. Clark next addressed the Homestead Tax Option and spoke in support of this legislation. She stated that currently there is a listing at Christie Place that is on for \$1.5 million and the taxes on this property is \$16,503. There is a single family home that is on the market at the same approximate sale price and their taxes are \$36,466. That is a huge difference. She believes that the goal of reval is to create fair taxes based on market value for all Village residents.

Terri Simon, 103 Greenacres Avenue, stated that she is currently serving as President of the Library Board. The Library Board is delighted to hear the expressions of support addressed to the Board of Trustees. They are also happy to hear the questions that other residents are raising. She noted that tomorrow evening at 7:30 P.M. at the Library, there will be yet another public presentation about the plans. They will talk about the

extensive input they had from several hundred community members. The needs that were articulated during those conversations with several hundred residents are very directly the basis for the plans that are before the community. Those conversations, along with the soaring usage of the library, the evolution of the ways that libraries are functioning now will all be addressed tomorrow evening in addition to the specifics of the plan and the components of the cost estimate, how they propose to get there, the very detailed and intensive work they are doing with the Village staff and Trustees to try to make this project as terrific as they can for the entire community. She encouraged members of the community to join them tomorrow evening and at numerous other opportunities that will be available in the coming weeks and months.

Mayor Mark stated that the Board of Trustees have decided to schedule a further meeting of the Board meeting as the Committee of the Whole on March 7, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in Village Hall, which will provide a further opportunity to continue the conversation about the library.

Robert Harrison, 65 Fox Meadow Road, stated that the Scarsdale Tax Payers Alert has been circulating petitions in support of the Homestead Tax Option. He stated that he sent an email to the Board regarding this. So far they have a 12 page petition with 112 signatures and more to come in. He read the petition to the Board which he submitted to the Village Clerk.

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

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Finance Committee

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

General fund appropriations were 65.69% spent as of January 2016, which is a 0.89% increase from the 64.80% in 2014-2015.

General Fund Revenues other than property taxes are \$11,736,451 through January 2016, compared to \$11,649,937 through January 2015, an increase of \$86,514. Building Permit revenue (included in License and Permit revenue) is \$318,000 less than last year's record pace. Please note that the 2014-2015 first quarter License and Permit revenue through December included a single permit fee of \$91,000. Tax penalties and delinquent tax collections are down \$9,300. An increase of \$195,000 in Mortgage Tax, \$136,800 in State Aid and \$199,400 in Recreation Fees offset declines in Licenses and Permits, Investment Earnings and Miscellaneous Revenue. The 2014-2015 Miscellaneous Revenue included \$500,000 for the sale of land abutting 2-4 Weaver Street. 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 January 31, 2015 is at 99.24%. This is a drop of 9 basis points from last year's collection rate.

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Upon motion entered by Trustee Samwick, and seconded by Trustee Lee, the following resolution regarding Establishing Fiscal Year 2016-17 Village-Wide Fees and Charges was approved by the vote indicated below:

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

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

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

Village Clerk:

- Peddling or Vending License

Water:

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

Sanitary Sewer:

- Sanitary Sewer Rent Fee
 - Scarsdale Quarterly & Monthly Accounts

Building Department:

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

Planning Board, BOA, BAR & CHP:

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

Parking:

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

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

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

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

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

AYES

Trustee Callaghan
 Trustee Finger
 Trustee Lee
 Trustee Pekarek
 Trustee Samwick

NAYS

None

ABSENT

None

Trustee Stern
Mayor Mark

Land Use Committee

Upon motion entered by Trustee Samwick, and seconded by Trustee Pekarek, the following resolution regarding the Extension of Building Permit #142900 for a Residence at 2 Brittany Close was approved by a unanimous vote:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Before the above resolution was read by Trustee Samwick, Trustee Finger recused himself from the vote as he stated that he represents the applicant.

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Liaison Reports

None.

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Other Committee Reports

None.

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Written Communications

Village Clerk Conking reported that Nineteen (19) 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

Four (4) communications were received concerning the proposed Library renovations; Two (2) wrote in support of this project and two (2) wrote in opposition to it.

Eight (8) communications were received concerning the proposed Homestead Tax Option; four (4) wrote in support of this legislation and four (4) wrote in opposition to it.

Additional correspondence was received as follows:

- A letter from Ms. Leila Shames Maude, President, Scarsdale Schools Board of Education concerning School District funding of the Scarsdale Teen Center.
- An email from Reyna Gentin, 50 Baraud Road South, regarding her concerns about proper signage at the Crane Road Exit on the southbound Bronx River Parkway.
- An email from Lena Crandall, 227 Fox Meadow Road, regarding an EPA tool to help protect drinking water sources.
- An email from Betty Blume, 246 Mamaroneck Road, regarding plowing, the Homestead Tax Option, and composting.
- An email from Joanne Wallenstein, Scarsdale10583, regarding a building moratorium in the Village of Larchmont.
- A letter from Mark Lewis, 98 Brewster Road, in opposition to the food waste compost pilot program.

- A letter from Scott Altabet, Chair, Advisory Council on Youth regarding Funding for the Scarsdale Teen Center.

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Mayor Mark reiterated that the Village is now posting written correspondence on the Village's website – if you go to the website and click on the Board of Trustees link, you will see another link for written correspondence. The correspondence has been placed in folders; there is a good collection there now. The Mayor stated that if you send a letter in and do not see it posted in a short period of time, you should send the Village Clerk an email. If it should have been posted, we will make sure that it is.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Finger moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. seconded by Trustee Stern and carried by a unanimous vote.

Donna M. Conkling
Village Clerk