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Mayor Samwick: I'd like to call the April 28 2020 Village Board meeting to order a Roll call, please, Miss company.

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00:20:33.480 --> 00:20:33.870

Trustee Arest: Here.

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00:20:34.230 --> 00:20:35.160

Village Clerk Conkling: St. Crandall

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00:20:35.730 --> 00:20:36.180

Trustee Crandall: Here.

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Village Clerk Conkling: In St. Louis.

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00:20:37.830 --> 00:20:39.630

Village Clerk Conkling: Here trustee Ross.

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00:20:40.200 --> 00:20:41.340

Village Clerk Conkling: There so

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00:20:42.300 --> 00:20:44.010

Village Clerk Conkling: Here is the woman one

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00:20:44.460 --> 00:20:45.930

Village Clerk Conkling: Here or semi

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00:20:46.530 --> 00:20:48.450

Mayor Samwick: Here, please rise for the pledge.

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00:20:52.500 --> 00:20:57.870

Mayor Samwick: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic.

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00:20:58.230 --> 00:20:59.130

Mayor Samwick: For which it stands.

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00:20:59.580 --> 00:21:02.430

Mayor Samwick: One nation under God, indivisible.

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00:21:02.520 --> 00:21:04.650

Mayor Samwick: with liberty and justice.

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00:21:04.740 --> 00:21:05.190

Mayor Samwick: For all

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00:21:05.460 --> 00:21:05.820

For all

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00:21:12.540 --> 00:21:15.330

Mayor Samwick: With respect to the Minutes, I do have a couple of minor classifications.

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00:21:16.680 --> 00:21:18.240

Mayor Samwick: Bills Kurtz that I will be sending to you.

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00:21:19.320 --> 00:21:19.890

Mayor Samwick: Tomorrow,

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00:21:21.330 --> 00:21:29.880

Mayor Samwick: I don't think there's anything at all substantive. So do we have a motion to amend MINUTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. Sorry, of the April 14 village for me.

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00:21:30.660 --> 00:21:31.080

Trustee Ross: So one

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00:21:31.680 --> 00:21:33.510

Trustee Lewis: Second. Second.

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00:21:34.020 --> 00:21:34.800

Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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00:21:35.160 --> 00:21:35.940

Trustee Ross: Aye.

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00:21:36.630 --> 00:21:39.300

Mayor Samwick: All right, very good bills trustee Crandall

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00:21:39.720 --> 00:21:47.940

Trustee Crandall: Yes, Mayor. Thank you so much. I have audited. The abstract of claims data April 28 2020 and the amount of

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00:21:49.350 --> 00:22:16.530

Trustee Crandall: 1,000,236 no one will excuse me \$1,236,882 and 42 cents, which includes \$32,548 and 16 cents of library claims previously audited by a trustee of the library board I have found the claims to be in order, and I moved that they'd be approved for payment.

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00:22:17.760 --> 00:22:18.180

Trustee Ross: Second,

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00:22:18.840 --> 00:22:19.530

Trustee Arest: All in favor.

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00:22:20.160 --> 00:22:20.790

Aye. Aye.

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00:22:22.230 --> 00:22:31.950

Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust your grant. Alright, so now I would like to entertain a motion to amend the agenda to add the town board meeting, and the resolution contained there, right.

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00:22:32.520 --> 00:22:34.380

Trustee Crandall: So moved. Second.

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00:22:34.800 --> 00:22:35.580

Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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00:22:36.360 --> 00:22:38.040

Mayor Samwick: Aye. Alright.

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00:22:38.130 --> 00:22:38.940

Mayor Samwick: Thank you, everybody.

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00:22:40.440 --> 00:22:43.620

Mayor Samwick: Okay, moving on to mayor's comments.

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Mayor Samwick: I hope that you and your families are coping well and are staying healthy

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00:22:51.360 --> 00:23:00.420

Mayor Samwick: As we continue to be on. Pause I'm struck by what has not been on pause the outpouring of generosity and compassion from our residents.

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00:23:01.860 --> 00:23:12.060

Mayor Samwick: Coretta Scott King, King once said, quote, The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members and quote

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00:23:13.140 --> 00:23:23.940

Mayor Samwick: Scarsdale. Thank you for your extraordinary compassion cohesiveness and generosity. We live in a great community and that is because of you, our residents.

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Mayor Samwick: Keep doing what you're doing. We will all get through this together.

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00:23:29.670 --> 00:23:40.380

Mayor Samwick: I'd like to discuss recreation, a little bit Westchester County announced that it is holding bicycle Sundays on the Bronx River Parkway in May. I mean, starting this Sunday, May 3

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00:23:41.160 --> 00:23:58.980

Mayor Samwick: And that it plans to open marinas the county reopen to have the county golf courses Lohan sick and Hudson hills is past weekend with the hope that proven appropriate social distancing will enable the other four county golf courses to reopen including Saxon woods here in Scarsdale

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Mayor Samwick: The county executive believes, as I do as well that providing recreational opportunities inclusive of social distancing is important for residents health and well being.

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Mayor Samwick: The county executive stated that he will continue to open recreational facilities for public enjoyment as conditions permitted having caution that keeping them open requires public respect or social distancing mandates.

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Mayor Samwick: I'd like to move on to assessment exemptions this evening, there will be a public hearing relating to the proposed extension of time that people might have to file exemptions with the village assessor

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Mayor Samwick: Currently village code stipulates that exemptions must be filed by May 1 the proposed revised code would provide for an extension for taxpayers to file exemptions through June 16 2020. Please note that this is a one time change that only relates to this year 2020

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00:24:58.170 --> 00:25:17.070

Mayor Samwick: Information is available on the assessors page of the village website village website is WW dot Scarsdale com WWW. Sorry, it's triple W anyone seeking additional information may contact the village assessor at seven to 1133 that's seven to 1133

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Mayor Samwick: Land use boards. The village is working to get the land use boards. The planning board zoning Appeals Board and architectural review board back in service to residents via teleconference please look for announcements that are expected shortly.

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Mayor Samwick: The village budget Village Board is scheduled to vote on the adoption to the village budget this evening, excuse me, in accordance with New York State requirements.

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Mayor Samwick: That villages adopt budgets by May 1 a couple of high level points about the budget that I would like to share first

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Mayor Samwick: Village taxes represent only 18% of the total real estate taxes paid by village residents school is 65% and county 17% and that represents the remainder of the taxes that are paid

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Mayor Samwick: I was speaking with the mayor of another Westchester village last week, and he made a comment that resonated with me, and I quote, excuse me.

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Mayor Samwick: Residents understand village tax is very well because the benefit of the tax dollars come right back to them and quote

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Mayor Samwick: I admit that I hadn't thought about village taxes and that way before. But the mayor is correct. We receive the benefit of the

services we pay for including police and fire protection sanitation parks recreation paved and plowed streets, and much more.

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Mayor Samwick: Nobody likes to pay more taxes and the Village Board works hard every year to manage tax burdens balancing those burdens with the service levels that we enjoy

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Mayor Samwick: The approach the village is taken to manage its current fiscal and fiscal 2021 budgets, since the advent of the pandemic is one

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Mayor Samwick: Immediately enter into austerity operations with expenses limited to covert related responses and costs associated with the health, safety and welfare, a village residents and employees.

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Mayor Samwick: Identify near term threats to revenues, along with downside analysis of these threats. Number three, identify sources of funds that will fill projected revenue gaps and for

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Mayor Samwick: Reduce the fiscal 2021 budget by \$210,000 which directly relates to savings that result from an identified post foam and the opening of the newly renovated and expanding library and passing that benefit to taxpayers in the form of a reduction in the fiscal 2021 village tax increase.

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Mayor Samwick: These actions were responsible and decisive and provide adequate funds to cover near term revenue threats, along with tax relief to residence. I will provide more extensive comments about the village budget project prior to voting on the adoption of the fiscal 21 fiscal 2021 budget.

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Mayor Samwick: Census I sound like a broken record on this, but it's important. Please remember to complete your senses questionnaire. The census results determine the allocation of enormous amounts of federal disbursements so please be counted to help our county our state and our village.

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Mayor Samwick: Health insurance.

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Mayor Samwick: New York State's health exchange the New York State of Health has reopened to apply coverage to those who have recently lost health care coverage.

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Mayor Samwick: Residents must apply for health insurance coverage by May 15 and within 60 days of losing their prior coverage. For more information, go to [www NY State of health.ny.gov](http://www.ny.gov) that's [www NY State of health.ny.gov](http://www.ny.gov)

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Mayor Samwick: And closing remarks, while I haven't mentioned many of the recurring themes of prior messages. Please continue to join together and support our community by donating blood plasma personal protective equipment and more to our first responders and health professionals.

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Mayor Samwick: We have already done so much yet the needs are still great as we fight this virus.

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Mayor Samwick: As we as the weather continues to improve please make a point of social distancing wearing masks face mass and driving carefully our safety is in our hands.

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Mayor Samwick: As quoted in the beginning of comments. Our greatness, as a community, as measured by our acts and acts of compassion toward others and toward the end towards each other. Let's continue to help the need, where the needs are great and where they're small and be there for one another.

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Mayor Samwick: I'm looking forward to the time in the not too distant future, when we are together in a park on a tennis court, walking at the Scarsdale pool.

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Mayor Samwick: Watching a parade in the village center or enjoying our annual fireworks spectacular our spirit is being tested today and we will come through the other side, stronger, more cohesive and better

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Mayor Samwick: Continue to practice social distancing where facemasks in public settings, stay strong and be well

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Mayor Samwick: Manager comments.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Can you hear me.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Yes. Now we can. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mayor

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Say a few words about what's been happening in the administration over the last few weeks, our central staff continue to function at village hall and the police and fire houses.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Dw and water department facilities, since the governor closed all of our facilities in mid March.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: All 14 department heads and many of our other staff members were issued laptops to work remotely from home and have done so successfully over the past six plus weeks the practice will continue, at least until May 15 in accordance with the governor's executive order.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Of course he's been extending those

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Village Manager Pappalardo: You know those orders of central workers, only now for quite a while, we would expect that that may come again this week or next but as of now may 15 is the date.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: A brief synopsis of departmental activities for the for the

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Week. The two week period.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: That we've since we last were able to speak every department has maintained an onsite presence.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: At a village facility contact with the residents as through reviewing voicemail messages and emails both sent to our respective computers.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And responding daily messages of run the gamut from coven related operational questions to various permit issuance and tax related questions.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Of course, our first responders and field personnel do have contact and have met with our residents individually practicing the requisite social distancing requirements.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: As they respond to calls with respect to the individual departments, the managers office continues to provide oversight and guidance to all departments including interpretations

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And the multitude of the on the multitude of executive orders issued by the governor suspension of New York State's statutes and new coven

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Village Manager Pappalardo: related legislation and local laws staff meets on zoom a few times a week to review these items and share departmental information. So the entire staff knows what each is doing.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The manager also speaks frequently with the department has individually to discuss issues specific to each the managers office employees. The Corbett 19 public information officer Deputy Manager Cole and all official village community outreach emanates from this source.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: In addition, much time was spent this year on the FYI 2021 tentative budget discussions in preparation.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And transitioning to the current year austerity budget environment, the mayor mentioned earlier.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Our emergency public safety police and fire department Public Works personnel, including the water department have been maintaining operations at their respective facilities.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The Scarsdale volunteer volunteer ambulance Corps maintaining operations at their headquarters on Weaver Street.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: All of these first responder departments and our agencies have held up extremely well under very difficult circumstances.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I'm happy to report that as of today, all but two personnel one in DP W, who is part of

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Our custodial team and a soul firefighter are reporting to work to fulfill their shifts

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Of course, our dedicated first responders have much to do for our success in this area. However, the village has managed the staff.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Knowing the importance of keeping these first responders healthy and working

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Our ability to extend the length of our shifts established steady working crews to minimize department wide personnel exposure.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Deploy regular routine sanitizing of all active village facilities including emergency vehicles and apparatus accomplished in house by our facilities maintenance crews and actively

managing return to work policies and procedures for those employees,
assisted by our HR director

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Out of work have been the cornerstones of our
success to date.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: In addition to assisting scar back on certain
MS calls the police department continuous Delhi patrols and has dealt
with recent burglaries in the village, especially vehicular thefts

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Village Manager Pappalardo: There have been arrests and our detectives
continue to investigate I remind residents to be sure to lock their
vehicles, while parked in the driveway and be sure the key fob and or
keys are not left in the vehicle. This has been an issue with more than
one of the recent thefts

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Village Manager Pappalardo: During patrols police are checking parks
playgrounds and other village and school facilities.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Currently closed based on New York State
guidance to maintain social distancing and to slow the spread of the
virus.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The chief reports that went totally because
facility resident residents and others have complied.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: We did have an incident last week in which a
wedding reception was held in a backyard in Scarsdale

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Village Manager Pappalardo: At which social distancing was not practiced
the police responded and issue summonses I asked that all residents
adhere to these closers closures until such time as we can safely reopen

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Village Manager Pappalardo: We don't like our facilities to be closed,
any more than you do, but it is currently a public health necessity with
potentially dire results.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The fire department continues to respond to fire related calls from all three firehouses this past week, the department instituted a public outreach and goodwill program.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Whereby for a few hours twice weekly our firefighters drive by homes in the fire truck and play the Happy Birthday song from the truck to a child whose birthday falls within that month.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Volunteer company. Number one is spearheading this program and their members join our career firefighters with their antique fire engine.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Which we use in parades on the visits something a little lighter and something to bring a little, a little change in a little joy to some of the school aged children in the village.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Scar vac has and continues to perform admirably with responding to emergency service calls most coven 19 related treating are sick resonance and transporting them to the hospital.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Score that President reports that all of his members are still available for duty.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Additionally scar back has been instrumental in securing much needed supplies and personal protective equipment and is working closely with the village staff in this regard.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Sanitation Department operations continue daily. We have seen a 19% increase in garbage collection tonnage year to year.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: With so many people home. Now this is not a surprise the DP W superintendents plan to establish work teams consisting of highway and facilities personnel.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: With sanitation employees working alternate weeks has worked out very well and maintain healthy and working crews

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The recycling center remains open daily and on Saturdays, the sanitation office, however, is closed.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: We asked all residents when visiting the site to wear masks and to stay in their vehicles and wait for worker to come and remove what you have brought

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Our essential garage mechanics continue to maintain our fleet and good working water.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The water department distribution system water towers and pumping stations are all operating in good order, we have had a minimal number of automated service line issues.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Allowing the department to focus on my maintaining our water systems. We are gearing up for the hotter weather, which brings more water use.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Other department heads are reporting to work to complete the central functions, both in village hall and remotely.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: These include the village treasure and select staff to complete the bi weekly payroll and to issue and collect the 2020 Westchester County tax.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And prepare purchase orders in the bi weekly bill lists the village clerk's office.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Who continues to review and process for all requests prepare village board minutes and resolutions published legal notices and unfortunately

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Prepare an issue and influx of death certificates and burial permits.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The building department has inspected all open building permits sites and contacted the contractors to make the site safe.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And to close them down, pursuant to the governor's executive order a single tradesmen is allowed to work at each site that's important to know because if you do see somebody at a construction site.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: They are allowed to be out there if it's just one if you see more than one call us the building inspectors and DP W staff have also contacted local landscapers of record to inform them that only maintenance.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Loud at properties.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: No ornamental plantings out of the executive order building inspectors are enforcing these rules for contractors and landscapers

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The village engineering staff are issuing treat permits for emergency tree removals only

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And unfortunate incident occurred last week and Green Acres whereby a contractor clear cut nine trees on the property for located in the village right of way without a permit.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: summonses and appearance tickets were issued last week to both the contractor and the homeowner in consultation with Council.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Under both the applicable laws local laws and the New York State executive orders each carrying various finds the villains Justice Court is aware of the pending case which is calendars for June 17 conditioned on whether the court, we will be open by then.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The building inspector and village planner as the mayor mentioned earlier, I'm working with the land use for chairs on preparing for zoom meetings of the BA BA and planning boards to start next month.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The Justice Court remains close with an eye toward reopening as I just mentioned in mid June, should the governor allow that the clerk has been the

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Court Clerk has been contacting all defendants to inform them of the current court closures and assuring them of their due process rights. She is also managing phone calls and responding to all increase

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The assessor who's with us tonight and her staff are split between the office and home and continue working on preparing the tentative assessment role do on Jen. On June 1

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00:39:58.530 --> 00:40:11.190

Village Manager Pappalardo: There are two assessment related items on the boards agenda this evening one a public hearing on a local law to extend the time period for senior citizens to file for certain senior tax exemptions and the other to enter into an agreement for updated software.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I do executive order was issued by the government to lay a lot today, allowing for annual grievance day to also occur remotely. I haven't had a chance to talk to our new

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Village Manager Pappalardo: assessor about that yet, but we'll plan for this.

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Moving folks.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Are new assessor Victoria Sirota is transitioning very well under very difficult circumstances and we are happy to have her

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Village Manager Pappalardo: It continues to do everything for everybody, as it relates to desktops, laptops, our system servers those services in the cloud and cyber security protocols.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The attorney's office continues to assist the staff of the executive order accounting local law interpretations and to stay up to date on the ever changing legal landscape with this pandemic.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Last but not least, the Recreation Department continues to consider their programming options in the context of current covert 19 restrictions.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Anticipating easing of these restrictions and lead time necessary to provide the programs. After cancelling most of the spring programs, we are currently reviewing those offered in the summer.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: decisions will be made on most of the summer programs, including the opening of the pool complex and the day camp by May 15 the last day of the governor's current closure date for the existing social distancing requirements.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: We're going to, you know, any, any time after that it's going to be difficult for us to be able to prepare appropriately for at least a camp in the pool.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: So that was an earful. Thank you for listening. That's it for now. I appreciate mayor, the opportunity to provide this update and the good work that our dedicated village staff continue to perform on our behalf. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much. Steve And, and, you know, as we've said a number of times. And as it's clear. Every time you provide an update.

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Mayor Samwick: You know, building staff is really doing a marketable job and very, very challenging circumstances. And so, you know, thank you and and department heads for your leadership and staff for

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Mayor Samwick: You know pitching in and doing whatever needs to be done to to make the village run and for essential services to continue to be delivered. So thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: We now move on. We have a public hearing this evening trustee asked if you would introduce that please

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Trustee Arest: Sure, man. Thank you. So, this will be a public hearing on a local law amending chapter 269 of the Scarsdale village code entitled taxation.

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Trustee Arest: I don't want to put our assessor on the spot, but would you like to make any comments on this or should I just keep going.

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Assessor Sirota: Keep going.

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Trustee Arest: Okay, sorry. I actually, I have to give you a lot of credit that you've been incredibly proactive in reaching out to our senior citizens to make sure they understand how the process will work to ensure that as many residents can get the exemptions that they are entitled to

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Trustee Arest: And that process and deadline don't interfere. And that's something that I think all of us are trying to do and try to find

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Trustee Arest: Possibilities and similar to what we're doing with the county tax, of course, and opting in later on the town board meeting, but for this public hearing

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Trustee Arest: It is for an emergency extension for filing of renewal application.

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Trustee Arest: And again, our assessor it will move the deadline which is actually currently Friday, May 1 it will move it until June 16 grievance day 2020. And so with that, I would like to open the public hearing and see if there's any comment.

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Assessor Sirota: Can I just make one comment.

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Trustee Arest: Oh, please.

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Assessor Sirota: So it's important to note that this law is specifically geared towards senior citizens who are applying for the low income senior exemption for 67 and this is specifically for those that have already

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Assessor Sirota: enjoyed the benefits of this exemption in the past. This is not for new applications and all other applications for exemptions are due on May 1 the deadline has not been extended by the governor

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Mayor Samwick: So anybody wishing to be heard, please raise your hand. And again, this is only with respect to this public hearing matter not to anything else. So this is only relating to this matter, I'd see Mr Harrison.

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Mayor Samwick: Just a minute, Bob.

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Harrison: Hello, I'm I'm

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, you are.

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Harrison: Okay, good.

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Harrison: Okay, I guess it's interesting. The last comment. I wasn't aware of that.

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Harrison: If you hadn't filed previous senior but you hadn't filed previously or you hadn't filed for a couple of years. It sounds like you need to file.

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Harrison: By name first

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Harrison: Mr road, is that correct

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Assessor Sirota: That's correct the exemption deadline every year is may 1

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Harrison: Right, except that you talked about extending it for certain I don't

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Village Attorney Pozin: quite understand the difference with renewals

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Village Attorney Pozin: Only for renewals but

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Harrison: OK, so now in my own case. I haven't filed last year. So what's my situation, I have to file by May 1

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Assessor Sirota: So by May 1 please provide us with the application.

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Assessor Sirota: We will review it and if it's not complete by May one, we will advise you, what additional information is required, but as long as you get the application into us. We will make every effort possible to process your application for the 2020 assessment role.

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Harrison: So can I download that application on our website and then file is really tall or it's all done electronically.

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Assessor Sirota: You can you can do that. You can also contact our office. You can send us an email or a call us and the number 7221133 we always pick up our messages on a rolling basis during the day and you will be properly called back and we will be happy to discuss the particulars with you.

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Harrison: Right. Okay. Can you, if you don't mind. One or two more comments. So I'd say there are several aspects of the exemption. Like, I think there is a

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Harrison: Depends depending on income levels. Uh, what I'm trying, I'm trying to think of the phrase. I don't know if there's an excess exemption or something for people with low incomes and then there's maybe the normal exemption.

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Assessor Sirota: So this exemption is for those individuals who are making less than 37,400. There are other exemptions then hand star and others that are available for senior citizens who are making more than that 37,400

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Harrison: Right, that's, I was looking for the word enhance star. So that doesn't have an upper limit on it.

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Assessor Sirota: changes every year, but I believe that this year the adjusted gross income should be 88,000 or less than the look back is to 2018 but please feel free to call my office and we'll go through all of your questions.

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Mayor Samwick: Yeah, I'd like to actually suggest that anybody who has any specific questions related to to their circumstances should reach out

to the assessors department directly. I don't know that this is necessarily the forum for those types of questions.

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Harrison: Okay, can I, can I just say something else, I guess. Yeah, okay, good. So, you know, I think it's important. I can you say how many people are on the call.

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Mayor Samwick: Right now, I thought that's not related to this. We'll get to that.

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Harrison: No, but it's if we were in the room and Billy Joel we'd see how many people were there. Why can't you say very public comment on which number of

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Mayor Samwick: People are on during that time because

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Harrison: I already. Okay. Anyway, I think, you know, this information is helpful to her.

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Absolutely.

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Harrison: And I think Mr Rhoda for her efforts and welcome to Scarsdale. Thank you.

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Assessor Sirota: My pleasure.

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Mayor Samwick: Alright, I believe we have

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Mayor Samwick: My recovery dollar rig is wanting to speak and he just a moment.

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Mayor Samwick: Already there.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Thank you might occur Kundalini yes Fox better road.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: assessor sir Radha and perhaps other members of the administration, could you just kind of be detail.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: How you're going to disseminate this very, very information important information that you just relate because I'm constantly running into people who aren't aware

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Of all of these exemptions and especially right now with the incredible income sensitivity in that particular demographic, other than scheduling choir, other than 12583 dot com

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Mr. Cole now is doing a

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Brilliant job with

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Twitter.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: But you know a lot of people aren't on Twitter. So what other ways, are you going to get this information out there. Thank you very much.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Victoria, um, let me just mention one thing

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Village Manager Pappalardo: That Victoria and her staff actually reached out to all of the previous recipients of the seat of the senior exemptions that we had on record to inform them of this

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Opportunity and remind them that they need to submit their most recent income tax statement so direct contact with everyone who had previously.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Been benefited from this, from this exemption was the way it started and I'll let Victoria answer the rest of it.

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Assessor Sirota: Thank you. So we, we, we actually have called several times and not just left messages. We've made sure that there is direct contact

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Assessor Sirota: With these individuals, they are the most vulnerable members of the community and we want to make sure that they continue to receive every possible exemption that that they are entitled to. So that's one way. Another way is on our website. We have specified the

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Assessor Sirota: Exemption deadline is me one and that

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Assessor Sirota: You know, and our phone number and we've we've made ourselves available to phone calls regarding questions on exemptions and such. So primarily via direct telephone contact. It's available on our website.

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Assessor Sirota: Those are the primary modes of dissemination of this information.

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Deputy Manager Cole: And I would like to add that assistance assessor serota and I will work together on a press release, just to get this out after our public hearing today so that

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Deputy Manager Cole: Any other seniors in Scarsdale that haven't received a phone call or been able to be contacted by Minnesota directly through her extensive efforts will

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Deputy Manager Cole: At least have that opportunity as well. So, well, we'll use all the communication channels that we have available to not only communicate this particular senior exemption, but others that are available to text a text favorite sport broadly.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Thank you very much. And obviously, I'm signed up for all your mailing so Mr call as soon as I see that. I'll go ahead and get it out to

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: You know, various distribution channels and I appreciate. I appreciate all of you working on that. Thank you very much.

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Deputy Manager Cole: And thank you for your help.

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Mayor Samwick: All right, thank you. Seeing no one else with their hand raised. I will go back to trust you, Eric.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you. And I will just quickly mention I am very confident that trustee Crandall who is the liaison to the senior Advisory Council will keep

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Trustee Arest: That the chair of that Council apprised of all this information as well so that they can reach out to that contact list because this is very important information. I'm sorry.

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Trustee Crandall: If I may add to that, I have been in touch with Carol Silberman the chair of the senior advisory council via email.

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Trustee Crandall: And Carol actually indicated that she was going to watch the board meeting tonight. I know that she's part of the communications advisory committee and I, it sounds like everyone's really going to make their best effort to make sure that our senior citizens are informed.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you. With that, I would like to entertain a motion to close the public hearing

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Trustee Ross: Second,

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Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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Aye.

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Trustee Arest: So now, um, whereas I am usually very hesitant or unwilling to like the idea of voting on something like this, any public hearing

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Trustee Arest: The night that the public hearing happens being that this is so time sensitive and important and the current deadline is May 1, I would like to suggest that we do go ahead and vote on this and if I can just find the language that I'm looking for.

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Trustee Arest: Be it resolved.

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Trustee Arest: That the local law.

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Trustee Arest: To amend chapter 269 of the village code of the village of Scarsdale entitled taxation is hereby adopted.

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Trustee Crandall: Second,

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Again,

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Mayor Samwick: Just a quick matter for the village attorney. Is this a roll call vote or is this a voice vote.

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Village Attorney Pozin: I would I would do it by roll call, just in case.

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Okay.

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Mayor Samwick: Roll call, please.

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Village Attorney Pozin: you're muted.

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Village Clerk Conkling: First

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just incredible.

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Trustee Crandall: I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Just did was

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just see Ross.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just the Baron

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trusted Waldman

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Village Clerk Conkling: Hi, Sam.

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Hi.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: will now move to public comment and for Mr Harrison and everyone else listening. We do have 32 attendees.

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Mayor Samwick: In addition to the 15 panelists that are here today.

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Mayor Samwick: So, you know, with that said, our policy is generally to have a five minute public comment period at

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Mayor Samwick: This point in the meeting and and again at the very end of the meeting.

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Mayor Samwick: And so with that said, I think we should

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Mayor Samwick: Continue with that.

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Mayor Samwick: Here today as well.

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Mayor Samwick: So with that, an open public comment and

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Mayor Samwick: We'll start with

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Mayor Samwick: Mayor Hartford. Give me just a moment, Dan.

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hochvert: On Friday, signed by for

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hochvert: Former me

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hochvert: Hello.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes. Damn. We hear me can hear you now. Yes.

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hochvert: Okay, I'm going to share the art or the letter that for former mayors sent to the enquirer because probably people didn't see it. It was a David Chrome line john Mark, Bob Steve's and he

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hochvert: But before I read that, I want to thank trustee Baron for working overtime.

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hochvert: Dear neighbors. Recently, a petition has been circulating in town arguing for a \$2 billion reduction in the village budget proposal in the petition is an emotional

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hochvert: To a common financial desire.

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hochvert: You have one taxes go down, not up. However, the approach.

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hochvert: In the pitch does not withstand a common sense view of village operations approximately half of the reductions proposed are placed on the backs of our Professional Firefighters

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hochvert: Another quarter of what is proposed would come from our police department. The remainder is a grab bag of odds and ends which have been focused on by the village board and staff.

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hochvert: In the course of months have been public budget meetings as to our firefighters and police read the public, sir.

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hochvert: During the unprecedented public health crisis residents are more dependent on their homes than know

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hochvert: Since most of us are quote trapped in for extended periods in many cases. Our kids are stuck inside with us, our seniors are told not to go out at all if they can help it these highly unusual circumstances seemed to increase the

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hochvert: Permits

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hochvert: And he

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hochvert: Is to respond to them that prompted the call these encounters require wearing personal protective

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hochvert: Up and and if responders coming down with co the ID 90

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hochvert: Are common or time shifts in firefighting are not caused by routine business over time happens in emergency

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hochvert: Situations when it takes more time than a shift to put out a fire or there is need to report for duty, because other firefighters are sick or a major storm requires working in concert with kindness in the garden down

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hochvert: Is are sparking power lines close intersections

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hochvert: For the first responder and segmentation is simply wrong hidden with who are out there every day for us the superficial or petition is under

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hochvert: But

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hochvert: In effect is bozos would have on those we rely on protect us. The Village Board of bank it's appropriate government's role with respect to the budget.

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hochvert: providing guidance to staff to asking questions setting priorities and maintaining excuse me financial flexibility for the village as as public

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hochvert: Health Crisis rapidly evolves. They have demonstrated that they're committed to following a logical process and assessing the fiscal picture going

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hochvert: Representing all residents best interest you support as they and we work our way through this challenging time thanks for this.

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Mayor Samwick: Mayor, thank you very much for your comments. We, it seems like we did not have a great connection. So if you would please send your comments to

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Mayor Samwick: The village clerk, that would be very helpful in terms of memorializing what we said this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Not and then I'm just on a side note, I just would like to thank you for your service to our community. Everybody that is on the board right now stands on the shoulders of those who came before us.

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Mayor Samwick: And the responsible management of the village is here because of the work that you and many others have done so thank you very much. There

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Mayor Samwick: Give me just a moment.

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Mayor Samwick: Randy white stone. Give me just a moment. You should be there.

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Mayor Samwick: Ready. Are you there.

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RB Whitestone: Yes. Can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can. Thank you.

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RB Whitestone: Hi, good evening. Thank you, Mayor Randy white stone 94 Sprague road, I want to thank, again, the essential workers village staff and board for all I've been doing. We haven't yet emerged on the other side of this very real, very personal crisis, but hopefully we are getting closer.

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RB Whitestone: On the fiscal front is County Executive Latimer said recently the rainy day is come, it has actually he said a fiscal monsoon. We're talking about a state facing a \$13 billion budget cap county facing a \$90 million deficit.

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RB Whitestone: The Scarsdale village budget budget as, as I think we've all agreed needs to be a living dynamic document and never more so than in the coming fiscal year.

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RB Whitestone: It's important to recognize where the pressure points are and a municipal budget, the main levers are points of variability on the revenue side, we've been presented with different scenarios for property and sales tax collections, as well as for fees, such as parking

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RB Whitestone: I, I appreciate that cost may also go up and I'd like to see those scenarios developed more in the months ahead.

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RB Whitestone: On the revenue side sales tax have been hit hard, the county is much more dependent on sales taxes which account for 35% of its revenues versus only about 6% of scars. Yes.

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RB Whitestone: I'd also like to hear more in the coming months, regarding which costs could vary. I understand the labor contracts situation. But what about pension costs.

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RB Whitestone: Village manager Pappalardo mentioned, for example, tonight, the fact that garbage collection is up 19% due to people being at home or so I'd like to have the continuing understanding

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RB Whitestone: Of how those pictures on the both the revenue and the cost side may change and coming months.

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RB Whitestone: I do think all of the work done in 15 plus hours of board working group sessions going through the capital and operating budgets line by line.

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RB Whitestone: Will come in handy. During this Live fire exercise and budgeting in 2021 the time wasn't wasted. It will help the board set priorities, going forward, but I'd like to see the board and staff, keep the community posted on a regular basis as the numbers move around as they will

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RB Whitestone: Finally, I'd like to talk for a minute about perspective. There are two kinds of perspective. First, we're talking dollars and cents. We have tragedy as a backdrop

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RB Whitestone: It's easy to lose sight of the magnitude of the heartbreak we're living through we have lost loved ones friends and neighbors and many have lost jobs are dealing with care or living situations, they didn't anticipate. We can't ignore that backdrop

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RB Whitestone: Second, we will get through this as we had before. Since Kayla Keith goats time three centuries ago Scarsdale is cope with revolution civil war.

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RB Whitestone: World Wars a depression and many economic ups and downs. This has been an awful time but we will get through this with a sense of common purpose and mutual respect.

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RB Whitestone: So, in closing, let's remember what we're talking about a village budget and it asks that we all live in our observations with sense of this perspective. I look forward to the continuing budget discussion in 2021 hopefully with an improvement picture in time. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Randy.

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Mayor Samwick: Okay, anybody else wishing to be heard this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Alright, I believe.

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Mayor Samwick: It's Robert I believe it's Bob Burg

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Mayor Samwick: Bob is that you

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Robert: That's me. Can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can. Thank you.

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Robert: Good evening, Robert Burke's 32 Tisdale road. I have several different items to cover tonight.

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Robert: Since the board is about to vote on the final village budget in a few minutes. I want to urge you one final time

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Robert: You still have the opportunity to do the right thing for Scarsdale residents and cut the village budget.

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Robert: Now that we are homebound I walk my puppy holding the sheep dog and my big old English sheepdog around our neighborhood.

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Robert: And I speak with folks at a safe distance I hear terrible stories about neighbors have lost their jobs, others whose businesses have collapsed.

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Robert: Some have had their salaries slashed others have seen their retirement savings shrivel Worst of all, of course, is the endless stream of deaths mostly of our seniors. We're all hurting financially and otherwise.

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Robert: I, along with my BCP colleagues have studied this budget very carefully. Nearly a month ago we showed you how it's possible to make reasonable budget cuts without affecting essential services.

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Robert: Some of our suggestion should not be controversial at all like the \$200,000 you're appropriating for freight way lawyers and consultants on a pause project.

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Robert: Or the \$29,000 for attorney books and periodicals for a village attorney. We no longer have other large appropriations, or for line items that have never been explained at all.

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Robert: You all taxpayers an answer as to what they're paying for our budget analysis which the board has had for over three weeks has a bunch more questions and suggested cuts.

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Robert: But board has refused to address them. It's not okay to respond by brushing us off with it's complicated as the mayor said to me.

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Robert: Or there were complications with that which I don't want to discuss now as the village manager answered.

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Robert: You all spent so much time at the public hearing on the budget on April 14 but moaning cutting \$20,000 for new village tree plantings.

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Robert: And yet you freely tax us for unnecessary items like \$200,000 for freight we lawyers and consultants. I just don't get it.

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Robert: Please consider our plight a residence can't shoulder the financial burden, this year, you can actually cut our village taxes for a change. This is the time to do that.

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Robert: Second under government Governor Cuomo executive orders authorizing the Village Board to conduct these public Village Board Meetings via zoom conferencing.

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Robert: The village is required to prepare a verbatim transcript of each such meeting to date. I haven't seen any such transcripts of these meetings.

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Robert: Have any been prepared and if not, when will they be prepared and where will they be made available to the public, preferably on the village website.

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Robert: Next, I've reviewed the minutes of the village board meeting of April 14 2020 I noticed that there are no minutes of the town board meeting of April 14 2020

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Robert: That followed the Village Board meeting that evening, both of verbatim transcript and official minutes of that meeting are required.

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Robert: As for the April 14 minutes. They're incomplete whether intentionally or by oversight.

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Robert: They fail to include my colloquy with trust the arrest regarding the \$200,000 appropriation for frankly lawyers and consultants in the budget and the propriety of their of

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Robert: That's where trust the IRS stated, for example, quote, for, quote, for example, freight way I don't anticipate there being any money expended on those freeway uses

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Robert: But what are we going to do with them. Where are they going to go. We could put them immediately. I guess into the contingent account.

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Robert: And quote and I responded by saying that some proper accounting that's fraud.

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Robert: And later, the mayor provides this comment that maybe the board was spend the \$200,000 on the frankly lawyers and consult consultants after all this year.

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Robert: There's nothing in the Minutes reflecting these exchanges, there should be

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Robert: Finally, last Friday evening mayor SAML issued an official village press release on village letterhead entitled quote open letter to scores will community Kovac 19 update April 23 2020 and quote

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Robert: Since the onset of this of this horrible pandemic, the mayor has released a couple of these community updates. That's his job and that's laudable

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Robert: But this latest missing one further in his section discussing the village budget, the mayor launched into a political diatribe against me and my fellow bc candidates for village trustee.

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Robert: I've lived in this village for 18 years now. I've been a very active community volunteer, the entire time.

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Robert: From serving as President, the crane Berkeley neighborhood association holding most officer roles in the scores the forum, including President

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Robert: And serving on the board of assessment review for seven years in all my time here. I've never seen a mayor uses official position to denigrate other residents in such a fashion.

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Robert: I released the mayor is the head of this political party, and he's supporting his political party, which is controlled scars global politics for over 110 years. But is it really appropriate for the mayor to use village resources and the village email system that residents sign up

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Robert: In order official village information for his political screen. Shouldn't he be sending out his political campaign.

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Mayor Samwick: That's, that's five minutes. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: I appreciate your comments.

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Mayor Samwick: Anyone else wishing to be heard this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Zoe bird. Give me just a moment.

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Zoe Berg: Can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can.

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Zoe Berg: All right, hold on. Once one second. I just have to run into this room.

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Zoe Berg: Hi there, my name is Zoe Berg 32 Tisdale road in the interest of transparency, I'm the daughter of Bob Burg, who you just heard, who is running for village trustee and the upcoming election sometime in June.

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Zoe Berg: I'm a proud graduate of Scarsdale high school and Barnard College where I studied environmental policy.

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Zoe Berg: I now work as the project director for Americans for Responsible Technology, a nonprofit organization that works directly

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Zoe Berg: With local, state, and federal representatives to educate them about health risks associated with exposure to wireless radiation.

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Zoe Berg: Since graduating, I have lobbied Washington DC countless times attended conferences with leaders across the country and built a national coalition of 120 plus local 5G action groups across 37 states with a following of nearly 100,000 people

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Zoe Berg: With that, I'm here tonight to express my own independent views of this administration's process and handling the proposed fiscal 2022 2021 village budget.

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Zoe Berg: Frankly, I am very frustrated and disappointed in the Stonewall approach our local officials have taken during the time when we need to be especially communicative and open to new ideas.

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Zoe Berg: This administration has been unresponsive to reasonable questions and concerns about where our residents money is going and why property taxes are increasing during the greatest economic catastrophe since the Great Depression.

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Zoe Berg: Democracy is about welcoming public discourse. It's about working together to find solutions that work for all of us. What we are seeing in Scarsdale right now is not democracy.

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Zoe Berg: We are seeing closed minded individuals who are unwilling to respect and engage with people who have different points of view.

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Zoe Berg: The local level is where Hope Starts and this administration has not inspired that hope in me.

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Zoe Berg: Our residents that are losing their jobs that are struggling to get by will suffer the consequences of the actions taken tonight if this budget is passed.

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Zoe Berg: I'll leave with one last thought actions speak much louder than words.

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Zoe Berg: Members of this administration say that they hear the nearly 400 450 residents who have signed the voters choice party petition to lower property taxes and cut unnecessary spending out of this year's budget.

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Zoe Berg: This administration says that they care but passing the current budget is an action that reinforces all of their hollow words. I hope that we can learn from this experience and come together and work together for a better Scarsdale in the near future. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much. Zoe.

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Mayor Samwick: Sean Cole. Nobody wants to be heard.

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Mayor Samwick: Sean, are you there.

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seancohen87@aol.com: Oh yes, I'm Mary. Can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can.

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seancohen87@aol.com: Okay. I think there are a lot of passions running around. And when I read the scars down in Colorado. There's a lot of passions and

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seancohen87@aol.com: Unfortunately attempts at vilification so I would like to quote our governor who was Thursday, right, these heartfelt and beautiful words.

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seancohen87@aol.com: The fact is they are no red or blue coronavirus deaths. If ever there was a time to put aside Pettiness and partisanship. It's now.

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seancohen87@aol.com: Democrat or Republican, we're all in this together. So there's not two parties in Scarsdale. There are scores dalliance. I think we're all part of it. And instead of a CNN, Fox hour news cycle.

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seancohen87@aol.com: I think residents and the board. I would like you to look at the VC P petition as a working document, draw your own conclusions. There might be some very valuable material there places where things

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seancohen87@aol.com: As the words of other people can reasonably done where we can have a flat tax and I'll just start off with what Governor Cuomo said if ever there was a time to put aside Pettiness and partisanship. It's now. Thank you, man.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Okay, yung

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Mayor Samwick: Chen. Give me just a moment.

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Mayor Samwick: Right. Looks like we're having a little bit of technical difficulty. Bear with me just a moment.

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Mayor Samwick: It does not occur to be unmuted here.

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Mayor Samwick: Alone. I don't know if you see this as well.

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Yingyong Chen: Now we're okay.

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Mayor Samwick: There we go.

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Mayor Samwick: Yeah, good young, are you there.

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Yingyong Chen: Yes, thank you, Miss Maier. This is Yung Chen from 122 Fox meadow. The first I want to start by thanking our first responders and or village stuff for doing you know such a long one for job doing all this challenge in time.

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Yingyong Chen: And then come to the budget, I have to say I agree with multiple speakers before me. I feel very disappointed to see the village.

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Yingyong Chen: And our Board of Trustee insisting on passing a budget, like it was has been discussed multiple times. And that's basically ignoring near unanimous community outcry for help. Really outcry for help in this kind of very tough economic times, right, and passing such a

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Yingyong Chen: Budget with the bloated budget was extraordinary waste and we need in my mind zero sense of fiscal responsibility or accountability.

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Yingyong Chen: For example, right, to set aside \$30,000 money, whatever that is for the free way redevelopment after such a widespread opposition from the residents.

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Yingyong Chen: In such a year. And that's incomprehensible to me. I don't understand why I didn't steal even on our agenda.

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Yingyong Chen: And to I have heard again and again from the Mayor and as a pretty good trustee a risk that you know budget, the money right now, doesn't mean it's going to be spent.

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Yingyong Chen: As interest the RS particular mention the free money. Turn this as an hour harbor, that is, it's very unlikely to be spent, and then

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Yingyong Chen: You know, we were also told the veil is it does have the freedom quote unquote freedom to sort of adjust actually expenditure during the year and depends on how the situation goes what I wanted to say is in the times now.

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Yingyong Chen: When the times, not your way.

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Yingyong Chen: If some items not going to be used or I'll actually two weeks. Spend it then. The time is now. Right. The best way to get the residents that relief or help is to put money back into their heads, instead of

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Yingyong Chen: Trying to collect more tax, just in case the village want to spend it this year is certainly not the time right we I mean we the residents. We certainly don't.

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Yingyong Chen: authorize the village to overclock tax merely to have the flexibility to spend them and you know when you wants to or need, you know, we need demand the immediate removal or or unnecessary spending and we demand the reduction of any

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Yingyong Chen: Unnecessary or essential spending and provide immediate tax relief to the residents. I think we so deserve.

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Yingyong Chen: I really strongly object to the notion, or even a slight hint. I think I heard from some comments or feedback that you know a responsible budgeting process.

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Yingyong Chen: Is somehow not respecting our first responders, or our village employees. That's completely false. On the contrary, I think the scars that

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Yingyong Chen: residents have always and will always continue to generous and support our public servants or first responders and all the employees, but we do not authorize the village in this tough time to stash money away just for some really

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Yingyong Chen: Known with for spending and we do not also want you guys to come back in six months it. See, I told you I can save this money.

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Yingyong Chen: And what we want. If you can save the money in six months. I want you to decide to save the money now because that's money that residents can use

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Yingyong Chen: And three, an overload. This year's budget with unnecessary expenditure is not only unjust unwarranted. But you may view really short sighted.

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Yingyong Chen: That's why, because such economic hardship, the very last only a quarter or two, but they will likely have much longer lasting impact on the residents and the community.

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Yingyong Chen: And we all know the state of the city are you know facing deficit in the billions. Right.

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Yingyong Chen: And what will happen likely right our village or our school district will probably be facing with very large reductions in state aid and rightfully so because we are the richest one in this whole country and the mistake property.

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Yingyong Chen: Right, and also our non property tax revenue will likely to decrease, to the extent we have never seen.

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Yingyong Chen: What that means we need to preserve as much financial firepower as possible for our residents that way when

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Yingyong Chen: Either the tougher time comes, and or when there is unexpected large expenditure items that either our school district or ability to have to take on that system unexpected accident or something.

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Yingyong Chen: We have to do the residents of was to be able to reasonably shoulder, those can I expect expenses so I

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Yingyong Chen: Overburden in residence with this unnecessary expense and tax increases at this time is extremely unwise and dangerous in my dear.

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Yingyong Chen: And for I also heard many times that village tax is only a small portion of our property tax. That's correct. It's smaller relative to other items compared to the school budget for sure, but again, our school

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Mayor Samwick: In young I'm sorry to interrupt, but we've gone beyond five minutes we provided that it's

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Mayor Samwick: Before 10pm, we will have a second public comment period at the end of the meeting and you're certainly more than welcome to continue comments at that time.

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Yingyong Chen: I should thank you kind of just summarize was

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Yingyong Chen: One one sentence right

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Yingyong Chen: I really urge, so I've been earned our I believe our vintage bar Board of Trustee have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of our residents.

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Yingyong Chen: And I strongly urge every one of you to really act this way and listen to the community and vote tonight to disapprove this budget proposal as it is right now. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Anyone else pushing to be heard this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Give me just a moment.

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Mayor Samwick: Jerome, are you there.

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Jerome Wong: Yeah. Hi, thank you just kind of want a second that you know in this unprecedented times

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Mayor Samwick: A Jerome if you wouldn't mind before you start. I'm sorry, if you would, state your name and address please

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Jerome Wong: Jerome 194 brown road.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you.

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Jerome Wong: No worries. Thank you. Yes, it's kind of unprecedented times and can't be business as usual. So just having some financial, you know, responsibility, as well as control.

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Jerome Wong: It just sends a good sign to set that that there is some fiscal responsibility by managing the budget and not just going up as business as usual, which is obviously not

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Jerome Wong: Yeah, I think, you know, the majority of what I hear from my neighbors, also, is that why should it be going up when

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Jerome Wong: You know, it's, it's a matter of managing expenses, even if it's flat is still considered up kind of given you know what the people are suffering through a lot of their income.

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Jerome Wong: So again, if nothing else, it's a sign of fiscal responsibility at least keep a flat versus actually increasing in this environment.

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Mayor Samwick: Okay, thank you very much. Drone about it.

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Jerome Wong: Thank you. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: All right. Anyone else we shouldn't be here this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Murray there.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Yes. Can everybody hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Thank you very much for your time. This is my darker candelabra that he is at Fox meta road. Thank you very much. Village personnel and board for your work and your volunteerism.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: On March 31 as you know I published a piece, stating that the coven 19 economic crisis would be far worse than the 2007 2009 financial crisis.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Unfortunately macroeconomic and market signals have deteriorated much more than when I spoke at that time, both in my research and work looking at coincident and leading indicators.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Show that things are far worse, New York, unemployment is at least 13% and that figure completely misses millions of people who do not qualify for that statistic.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: And more importantly, who are not getting their

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Benefits after sending multiple letters to you as you know. And speaking of various important meetings, imploring you that you justify all budgetary appropriations.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: That you make numbers used for stress test transparent and that you define what a stress test is I also encourage you to lower taxes.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: After that a number of residents actually wrote and said that they wanted a number of us to put together a petition why they're busy.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: They want to be able to communicate with you. And so, together with voter's choice party trustee candidates Bob Burg Sean Cohen and Bob salado we launched a petition Sunday, April 19

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: In the interest of transparency is, as you know, Mayor mark and Board of Trustees, I wrote you the following day to let you know that we had the trust the petition. I sent you the link so that you yourself could

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Track the signatures and the comments today I submitted the petition at about 10 in the morning.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: And as I speak. There are now over 455 signatures. Some people signed this couples and I sent the link. A couple of days ago to trust the Lewis who happens to be the liaison.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: To old scars old neighborhood association, where I live and where I'm the communications liaison and I thank you very much. Trustee Lewis, for your kind remarks. When you respond, it

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: There are five salient themes of the almost 100 commenters in that petition fiscal responsibility and sustainability questioning whether employees take precedence over your own residents a board out of touch with residents and reality.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Continued expenditures on straightway and paint on the fiscal responsibility or residents said, and I quote, fiscal responsibility and long term sustainability.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: are of paramount importance at this time, we urge the village of Scarsdale not only to just pay lip service to residents, but also to take concrete actions and reduce unnecessary spending.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: And other residents said, and I quote village government should be fiscally responsible to the residents, it seems too often the village employees take precedence over taxpayers another resident said in tough times, we all have to tighten our belts deferral expenses should be

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Deferred exactly and expenses that can be capitalized should be handled so

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Another resident said, I agree with the objective of this petition the village mayor and board of trustees have a fiduciary duty to scrutinize

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: And challenged every single item on the budget and remove the ones that are unnecessary and bordering on frivolous.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: This is not the time for salary increases, there were also many heartbreaking comments. One said these are extraordinary and difficult times.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Senior residents said we can barely live here one woman said that she might have to leave.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Another residence said I'm not working and have not had income for the last three weeks Scarsdale schools are closed under these circumstances, I expect a reduction in taxes.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: One person said covert 19 makes our life horrible. I have to stay home and I have no income. Mr. Mayor, thank you for your comments that compassion matters.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: I personally believe that Scarsdale is only as strong as its most vulnerable residents residents.

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Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez: It's because of them that I'm actively involved and I respectfully submit our petition urging you to lower taxes in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Thank you very much for your time and for your hard work.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much, Mr.

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Mayor Samwick: Mr Harrison, are you there.

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Harrison: I am here.

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Harrison: Hello. Come on.

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Okay.

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Harrison: Thank you, Mayor Sam, we're doing. I had a nice conversation yesterday. Thank you for your time. I have

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Harrison: Talked to every one of the elected village trustees. Thank you for the time you spend with me on the telephone.

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Harrison: And

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Harrison: This is an unprecedented situation.

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Harrison: The latest figures for unemployment claims are up to 27 million people in the United States.

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Harrison: This is about three or four times as much as back in the great recession of 2008 2009

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Harrison: I hope you all understand the seriousness of this. I think you do I spend my whole day and

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Harrison: Watching what's going on in the economy and in the markets and what's going on with individual companies and layoffs and reductions.

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Harrison: And the arguing hopefully they'll be some help for states and localities from Washington, but we can't count on it.

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Harrison: But we all have to tighten our belt and I use the word shared sacrifice, sacrifice. I'll repeat it. Two more times shared sacrifice shared sacrifice. I don't see it in this budget.

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Harrison: You're putting it on the backs of our resident taxpayers. There is absolutely no reason to have a tax increase in this environment and I so urge you tonight.

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Harrison: To make some move maybe going down to a half a 1% increase as I understand it from my conversations with some of you, we need \$400,000 a reduction.

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Harrison: To create a

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Harrison: Half of 1% increase in the budget, you shouldn't be able to find it quite frankly, it's easy. There's 200,000 right off the top. How can you have 200,000 in the budget for free way.

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Harrison: No way, please. I shouldn't be in there. There's 200,000 of the 400,000 then you have some of these other categories 370,000 for supplemental services.

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Harrison: That probably could be cut by 100,000 shade trees 260 7000 that could be cut, and then something that I think I looked at the

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Harrison: items on the agenda packet through the internet or through your website and you show that the non union employees are going to forego their 2% increase, at least for six months.

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Harrison: And I think the number comes up to like 19 \$95,000 of reduction in a budget. Why isn't that going to help the taxpayers. Why are you sticking sticking it into some reserves been

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Harrison: That's wrong. It's just so wrong. Where's your compassion for all of our residents, you use the word compassion. I don't say it action speaks louder than words.

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Harrison: I so encouraging you. I hope, as I've talked to each one of you that at least four of you out of the seven will say, Well, we've got to reduce the tax rate increase. It's not right.

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Harrison: You can be heroes, people will love you, Mr. Young young I was named my chin. I love his comments is not a regular speaker at the Village Board meetings. He was terrific.

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Harrison: And there's an outcry, you can't ignore the outcry your fire elected officials.

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Harrison: You have to do something you have to lower the tax rate increase. You think it's small. I'm sorry. We already pay tremendous taxes in this town. We want to stay here, our seniors want to stay here. So I'm urging you, please, please, adjust this budget tonight. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Mr Harrison.

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Mayor Samwick: Steve are you there.

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Steve Pass: Yep. Hey, Steve pass Shawnee road.

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Steve Pass: I'd like to discuss a petition furiously circulated by a group called the voters choice party as for of our last few mayor's wrote in a letter to the Scarsdale inquire last week.

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Steve Pass: The proposals in the petition are an emotional pitch to a common financial desire to have ones taxes go down, not up. However, the approach taken in the pitch does not withstand the common sense view of village operations.

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Steve Pass: This is probably why I cannot find a single village in West Chester that has proposed lowering taxes this year and everyone everywhere is struggling

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Steve Pass: But Larchmont up Terry towns up wrong fills up Irving tins up Pelham manner is up ardsley is up rye Brook is up Pelham separate from Pella manner is currently proposing an increase of 5.5%

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Steve Pass: It cannot be the case that all the elected officials in all of these areas are on empathetic insensitive tone deaf. Rather, it's more likely that their hands are tied by a variety of facts and circumstances and they have to make the hard decision of raising taxes in this environment.

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Steve Pass: Why might all of these villages be raising taxes right now.

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Steve Pass: A few reasons, but the most significant factor is that the vast majority of spending in these budgets is for employee compensation and benefits.

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Steve Pass: Nearly all of which is subject to collective bargaining agreements and New York state mandates when close to 80% of village expenditures are contractually obligated to rise say

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Steve Pass: Two and a half percent. You can see why the villages have little financial flexibility. Additionally, consider Scarsdale his village budget.

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Steve Pass: Of the \$60 million dollars budgeted only about 70% or 42 million come from property taxes. The remainder 18 million comes from other revenue.

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Steve Pass: Such as sales tax mortgage tax building permit fees parking ticket fees parking permit fees, etc. So this year. The Village Board must address the usual budget issues mentioned above.

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Steve Pass: But is now also confronted with the considerable uncertainty about how much money the village can expect to receive from these other revenue streams.

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Steve Pass: The Board of Trustees could panic and make big changes to services have layoffs.

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Steve Pass: Etc. That would be hard to undo or they could raise enough money from property taxes that would cover the cost of services, even in a scenario in which the other revenue sources produce less than originally anticipated.

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Steve Pass: And without draining our reserves too much. The board is forced by our president president public health emergency to find a balance between reducing

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Steve Pass: The costs, it can control in the face of the emergency, while at the same time making sure the village collects sufficient funds to assure the services we would expect can be provided. When life starts going back to normal.

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Steve Pass: Our village and we as residents deserve more than thoughtless political grandstanding at this time of crisis, the mayor and board of trustees are working hard, in my opinion, to make

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Steve Pass: Sure that essential village functions continue during this crisis and that the Scarsdale we cherish is still here for all of us when it ends, I support the budget, thank you very much for all the work that you do.

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Mayor Samwick: That comes to pass.

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Mayor Samwick: Anyone else wishing to be heard this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Now we do have another one. Give me just a moment, Jeremy.

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Mayor Samwick: Jeremy, are you there.

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Jeremy Gans: Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can.

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Jeremy Gans: Okay. Good evening. Jeremy GANs 45 harvest drive. I'd like to thank everyone here for your hard work throughout and sensitivity throughout the crisis.

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Jeremy Gans: Over the weekend, Bob Burg made an unprovoked and completely out of blue statement to me that me and my rich friends.

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Jeremy Gans: Sorry, it's actually you because to me, you and your rich friends do not think it is worthwhile to look for savings in this year's budget.

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Jeremy Gans: Mr. Burke, nothing could be further from the truth. No one in Scarsdale Westchester, New York or the United States goes to their elected officials and says,

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Jeremy Gans: Higher taxes place and to that and I'm a little surprised that the BCP petition titled simply lower Scarsdale taxes didn't get even more signatures.

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Jeremy Gans: Who wouldn't want lower taxes and include the trustees. My guest is they have looked at every option possible actually know they have to make the taxes as low as possible.

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Jeremy Gans: The trouble is, it's very easy to screen lower taxes, it's much more difficult once you get into the details of a budget and have to decide what to cut

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Jeremy Gans: When I look at a budget. I look at the services provided by our government, whether it's local state or national and decide. Does this make sense.

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Jeremy Gans: And when looking at Scarsdale specifically, I think it's important to keep in mind the overwhelming majority of voters.

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Jeremy Gans: Chose to live here in spite of Scarsdale high taxes relative to talents both nearby and far away, they move here because not withstanding those type taxes on a relative basis.

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Jeremy Gans: Scars deals an incredible place to live, Mr Berg may know better than I do. If I'm quote rich, but I'll tell you, I definitely feel richer.

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Jeremy Gans: For living in Scarsdale because our community safe. We have Wilmington great green space and recreation areas to utilize and recreational programs.

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Jeremy Gans: We have wonderful schools, our taxes are used to maintain those activities and those village parks to pay the wages. The first responders.

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Jeremy Gans: Who keep keep us safe 365 days a year, but especially during this crisis and they're used to fund our schools, taxes are the cost of living in a civilized society.

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Jeremy Gans: I want to be clear. So my comments are not misconstrued. I'm not in favor of higher taxes relative or absolute

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Jeremy Gans: I think cuts should be made to the extent possible, especially now it's vital to look at all expenditures

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Jeremy Gans: I don't necessarily agree with every single line in the budget, but that's not the way budgets work. I don't get to go through it

and orders every single citizen and formulate a budget that appeals solely to them.

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Jeremy Gans: Nor does it mean that every projection used to formulate the budget will be 100% right because projections, whether the villages, the voters choice party or anyone else they're never 100% right

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Jeremy Gans: But we live in a community and overwhelmingly this budget serves the interests of the Community, the cuts proposed by the voters choice party would make us less safe or public spaces less beautiful in our schools less competitive.

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Jeremy Gans: I understand the school budget is different, but those have been addressed as well. The trustees have proposed a thoughtful budget that balances the expectations of its citizens and the economic challenges like the next year is likely to bring. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank You Jeremy

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Mayor Samwick: Mr. Roger either

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I am

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Bob Selvaggio: I am, thank you for thank you for recognizing me, I would just like to point out that 13% of New Yorkers are currently unemployed.

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Bob Selvaggio: My friends in Scarsdale number of my friends in Scarsdale have been furloughed have been laid off. I've taken a substantial pay cut myself, my wife is not able to see patients at the moment. So she's taking a pay cut

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Bob Selvaggio: We've got probably a quarter of our population earning less than \$150,000 a year. And that's some good times. I just like to offer this is not the time to be raising taxes.

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Bob Selvaggio: Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: I can misuse of audio.

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Mayor Samwick: Rice, are you there.

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: I am indeed. Do you hear me.

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Yes, we can. Thank you for recognizing me and Bryce Ricardo deter us from 19 Fox middle road. And I just want to encourage you to consider that you not underestimate the broad scope of economic fallout from coven 19

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: This is really unprecedented and you know i'm i'm talking to neighbors that are seeing a 50% or even two thirds reduction in their household income.

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: As, to say nothing of losses that are market related or otherwise, I think what makes this particular circumstance so unique is the fact that it's so sudden

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: And creates a level of uncertainty, we've not seen since the Great Depression, you know, the idea of not raising taxes is an emotional issue.

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: It certainly is. But there's empathy that one needs to apply in these circumstances, and even though it may not seem significant a modest increase in the budget, it is the emotional impact that rots

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: On our neighbors who many of whom are really uncertain about their futures. Those who are empty nesters and wondering whether they need to sell into a down market because they can't afford to be here. Suddenly,

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: Or families who worked very hard to get here are suddenly wondering whether this is the lifestyle they can maintain, and though it may seem insignificant.

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Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez: To maintain a flat budget and I'm not personally advocating a cut in the budget, but I think you can find what's necessary not to raise it. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Mr. Gardner.

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Mayor Samwick: Anyone else was some to which will excuse me. Anyone else wishing to be heard this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Alright. With that, we will close public comment.

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Mayor Samwick: Again, time permitting, there will be a second public comment section of the meeting coming up again, provided that it is before 10pm.

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Mayor Samwick: Um, I

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Trustee Arest: Think there's one more hand off, let me

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Mayor Samwick: Know their

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Mayor Samwick: Common Yep, thanks. Thank you very much for noticing that trust era. So, we will not get close it.

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Mayor Samwick: Mike are you there.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes. Okay.

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Michael Levine: Okay, got in at the last instant. Thank you, Justin. This is not really a budget comment but

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Mayor Samwick: Wait, but

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Mayor Samwick: Before you started, you might get here it's please state your name and address please I'm

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Michael Levine: Sorry, Mike Levine 54 wall with no

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Thank you.

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Michael Levine: I just, you know, I wanted to register my appreciation for the non union civil servants who are

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Michael Levine: At their workstations on duty helping us and keeping everybody else safe and

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Michael Levine: Taking risks themselves and I see Steve and Rob and others here and they're clearly at the village hall and I just wanted to express my appreciation and facts.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much, Mike.

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Mayor Samwick: Okay, so again if anyone else wishes to be heard. Now would be a time

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Mayor Samwick: And not seeing anyone else and trust the iris, please let me know if you see anybody else, we will close public comment. Um,

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Mayor Samwick: You know, a couple of of comments. I'd like to make with respect to things that we've just heard.

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Mayor Samwick: The Village Board. A is not immune to this downturn at all.

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Mayor Samwick: I'm not going to speak for anybody other than, you know, from what I've heard in my conversations with people were in the same boat as everybody else.

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Mayor Samwick: We care deeply about this community and every year. I don't know anybody who's on touched by what is going on right now. And so, you know, do we want to lower taxes. Absolutely. I would like to lower taxes, I would like to keep taxes flat are our perspective as trustees is

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Mayor Samwick: Sort of that forgot the timer from last speaker on our job as as fiduciaries is to represent the best interest of the entire community.

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Mayor Samwick: And that's for today and down the road, I said earlier when mayor Hartford called in that we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and those who came before us.

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Mayor Samwick: had the foresight to have fiscal responsibility at the at the top of their list of priorities always we're no different. We're doing the same thing. Unfortunately, those who came before us.

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Mayor Samwick: did an outstanding job and we have a very healthy fund balance and we have, we don't have too much debt.

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Mayor Samwick: We are viewed and rightfully so, as you know, one of the premier communities in Westchester County we have a triple A bond rating, we have

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Mayor Samwick: financial flexibility today. And so how did we end up said this number of times I'm probably gonna say it again shortly. When we discuss the budget vote.

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Mayor Samwick: We've taken a very responsible approach to managing the covert crisis.

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Mayor Samwick: We immediately started tracking expenses in early February we went into budgetary austerity mode.

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Mayor Samwick: We identified risks to revenue and as a result of that, therefore identified ways to cover those risks with primary and secondary sources of capital.

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Mayor Samwick: That don't even get to the point where they do tap into our fund balance or where they do require us well they do require delish words for capital projects.

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Mayor Samwick: The next approach that we took was saying, Where can we cut our tax increase. And we're not alone, increasing taxes.

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Mayor Samwick: A number of people have mentioned that they've looked at other communities. I asked staff to look at other communities and we went to villages.

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Mayor Samwick: Everybody's on a different time cycle cities and towns have already adopted their budgets for this year villages are on June 1 fiscal year. So we are now all in the process of having to adopt our budgets by May 1 by Friday.

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Mayor Samwick: And when we looked at that list of 15 comparable communities and, you know, we can share that information and show everybody what that is.

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Mayor Samwick: There were only four communities that had tax increases of less than one and a half percent

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Mayor Samwick: Does that mean that that's the right thing to do. No, again, if we had our druthers, we would strongly prefer to have a zero increase or to have even better attacks decrease

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Mayor Samwick: As as people also alluded to. There are fixed costs associated with running a village, and that is something that we all have to deal with.

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Mayor Samwick: But when you also look at that group of 15 villages that we surveyed. You also see two thirds of that group had increases over two and a half percent in the tax levy in the coming fiscal year.

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Mayor Samwick: And a third had increases over three was either three to three and a half percent. So again, if I'm saying that, just to illustrate what it is like to operate a village what it's like to show fiscal responsibility for a village.

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Mayor Samwick: We are in the lower third of the comparable villages that we surveyed

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Mayor Samwick: Again, we'd love to do better. We take our fiduciary responsibility very seriously, we're no different shape than anybody else. You know, we would love to be able to deliver the services we do

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Mayor Samwick: You know, maybe even more for less money the discussions, we're going to have over the coming months are also critically important.

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Mayor Samwick: And those are the discussions where we are going to look at those trade offs.

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Mayor Samwick: We're going to look at the services that we have, we're going to look at the cost savings that might be able to be delivered by

modifying those trade those level services or potentially sacrificing those level services and so

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Mayor Samwick: Again, you know, we take this job very seriously fiscal responsibility is really one of the cornerstones of what we try to achieve, day in and day out, and never has that been more important than it is today.

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Mayor Samwick: clearly recognized the economic circumstances that we are under and we will continue to work very hard to try to deliver that responsible balance between who we are as a community over the long term.

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Mayor Samwick: And fiscal savings that might be able to be delivered in the short term, and anybody who has any comments or any questions. We are all available.

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Mayor Samwick: My email is mayor at Scarsdale calm the trustees emails are the first letter of their first name and their entire last name at Scarsdale calm.

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Mayor Samwick: We want to hear from you. We want to engage in a dialogue and as we do with every budgetary decision that we make.

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Mayor Samwick: These discussions will be held in public and decisions will be based on not only what the seven of us believe, but what we hear from you. And we want to hear from you. So please continue to stay involved as this process evolves.

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Mayor Samwick: Now moving on to trustee reports like to start with trustee Vera

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Trustee Veron: Thank you, man. I have two reports this evening. The first is a library update this first from the building committee.

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Trustee Veron: The Olmstead road construction site is open and work is progressing with covert precautions instituted. To date, there have been no cases of coronavirus reported by the contractors

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Trustee Veron: Keeping the project on pace allows ability to control costs and the building is on track to be substantially completed this summer.

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Trustee Veron: For those of you closely following the library's progress the delayed delivery of light fixtures that are coming from Canada. Those are the ones that caused the domino effect of other slow downs. They've arrived on site last week and have now been installed.

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Trustee Veron: As I reported the last board meeting, thanks to careful management and prudent oversight by director Beth per mile and village capital project manager polls I check

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Trustee Veron: Among others the library will be able to cover additional cost resulting from this project current project delay without any new burden to the village taxpayers.

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Trustee Veron: More over extension contracts also have been successfully negotiated with all project team members with favorable terms for Scarsdale as you'll see in the forthcoming resolutions.

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Trustee Veron: The building committee will be posting on the library website updated photos of the renovated and expanded space for the community to enjoy.

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Trustee Veron: And speaking of the website director Beth for Mel notes that there is much to be had digitally the library continues to offer online programs and other virtual resources.

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Trustee Veron: They have a librarians corner blog and calendar if e blast to keep people up to date and also patrons are following them on Facebook and Instagram.

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Trustee Veron: And director her mouth that she's been in discussion with the Westchester library system and other library directors, as they try to determine the safest and most prudent course forward to opening buildings, when the building is building currently and will be ready the new building.

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Trustee Veron: Now for the Scarsdale Business Alliance and local merchant Community Update.

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Trustee Veron: Our residents regularly reach out to ask how to support our local businesses during this crisis. And I'll talk about that in a moment.

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Trustee Veron: The SBA discards Business Alliance in turn has been devoting energies towards supporting those on the front lines.

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Trustee Veron: Last month the SBA worked in collaboration with other community volunteers to provide meals to White Plains hospital healthcare workers.

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Trustee Veron: And this month, they will honor all of the hospitals and nursing staff spearheaded by Jackie's and in supportive National Nurses week which is May six, to make 12

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Trustee Veron: This special initiative will honor and thank our dedicated nurses nurses will each receive a bottle of wine from Zach ease and is interested partners.

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Trustee Veron: And there's this will also participate in daily Raffles with gifts donated by our local merchants residents or others who want to help can buy gift cards from 10583 businesses and direct those contributions toward the raffle have to do so by May 1. This is a quick turnaround.

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Trustee Veron: During this crisis, the scars of Business Alliance has graciously offered provisional membership to all 10583 businesses.

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Trustee Veron: The SBA has kicked up a website redesign so that every scars of business can be featured once unveiled the SBA website will be a single repository of all information for our local businesses, providing updates offers and reopening information and I will keep you posted

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much trust you.

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Mayor Samwick: Trust you Robin

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Trustee Waldman: Thank you, mayor. I have a report from the safe coalition April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Wednesday, April 29 tomorrow is denim day

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Trustee Waldman: Denim day has become a symbol. A symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

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Trustee Waldman: The village board and staff traditionally show their support of denim day by wearing jeans to the Board of Trustees meeting.

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Trustee Waldman: Although you cannot see us in person. We are all wearing jeans and I was hoping you would see that when we stood up to say the Pledge, but unfortunately, that was not the case.

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Trustee Waldman: The safe coalition of the Scarsdale edge man family counseling services will be participating virtually in denim day tomorrow.

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Trustee Waldman: They are encouraging community members to make a social statement, but their fashion by wearing jeans tomorrow as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that's around sexual assault.

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Trustee Waldman: Please join us with your families and wear jeans and post your pictures to the scores, they'll save coalition Facebook page@www.facebook.com slash Scarsdale coalition

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Trustee Waldman: Or send your pictures to Lauren. Pomerance at El. Pomerance at Scarsdale schools.org although we are all separated in our homes we can come together as a community to show our support, thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust your

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Mayor Samwick: Trusty Crandall

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Trustee Crandall: Thank you, Mayor and I'd like everyone to know that I wore a denim shirt in supportive denim day it's a bit wrinkled. I apologize. No disrespect. I couldn't find the iron

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Trustee Crandall: But I'm actually, I'm speaking, because I would like to thank village manager Pappalardo

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Trustee Crandall: Village engineer, David. Gasol and our police department for their serious response to the unauthorized clear cutting of nine mature trees at 81 Green Acres Avenue.

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Trustee Crandall: Manager Pappalardo, would you please tell residents who to call. And what number to call if they are concerned about healthy trees being removed without a permit, both during the week and on weekends.

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Trustee Crandall: Just in case someone tries to get around the shutdown again, who should residents call if they're concerned that healthy trees are coming down without a permit during the stop work order.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Sure. I mean, they can call the during the week they can call the engineering department, the number there is 7221102

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And you can also call 7221110 that's the village managers office and we'll get that call, and will redirect it to the right location and

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The police department is a 24 seven operation. So you're always welcome to call them seven two to 1200 is the main line non emergency

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Village Manager Pappalardo: But certainly on the weekends I would recommend that you call the police department and they will they will go out and and check the site and take the appropriate action.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I

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Trustee Crandall: Really appreciate everyone's help with protecting our tree canopy, especially now that we, you know, decided to cancel the tree order for street trees. So thanks everyone. Thank you for your teamwork and for your concern. It's appreciated by many. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trusted Crandall I don't believe that the other trustees have reports, but if you do, now would be a time to speak up.

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Mayor Samwick: Okay.

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Mayor Samwick: Moving on to the agenda items trust the IRS, you've got four items.

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Thank you.

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Trustee Arest: The first item is the statement of expense and revenue for June.

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Trustee Arest: THROUGH MARCH 2020. Now, of course, I just want to point out, and I know that everyone who reads these understands this. These are

fairly backwards looking, but some of this data will be very helpful for us in the coming months, especially if you look at March.

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Trustee Arest: Actual compared to last year, you already noticed that some of the revenue sources that we've we've discussed, such as parking meters.

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Trustee Arest: You know fines for recreation, of course, recreation. It's important to point out that, of course, there's a there's an expense offset that comes with that as well.

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Trustee Arest: But other other other items as well. We're already seeing the impact of coven 19 so we'll be looking at these numbers very carefully, but I would, I would like to read this, of course,

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Trustee Arest: And say that the general fund appropriations were 77.49% spent as of March 2020 as compared to 77.80% in

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Trustee Arest: General Fund revenues, other than property taxes are 13,000,370 \$4,512 through March 2020 compared with 13,000,440 \$2,720 in the first 10 months of last year. This represents a decrease of \$68,208 from

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Trustee Arest: Overall revenue from special assessments in delinquent tax collections increased \$59,339

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Trustee Arest: gross receipts taxes are down \$37,600 sales tax receipts increased 360 \$5,400 reflecting the increase in the county sales tax rate that took effect in August.

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Trustee Arest: building permit revenue included in the license and permit category increased 112,000 \$700 from last year again overall inclusive of building permits licensing permit revenue is up 119,000 \$400 the largest impacts in the insurance recovery and equipment sales.

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Trustee Arest: Of over 140 \$3,800 are in the reimbursement for special details which is up \$50,800 from last year and the receipt of over \$94,100 from Con Edison for paving reimbursement

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Trustee Arest: Parking revenues flat investment earnings declined \$29,000 reflecting lower rates and longer maturities

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Trustee Arest: Recreation revenue dropped 130 \$2,000 as the spring activities were cancelled due to the coven 19 virus departmental revenue decline 102,000 \$400 since 1819 was impacted by elite snow reimbursement

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Trustee Arest: And there was a significant drop in parking fines also related to the code 19 virus and the need to shelter in place.

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Trustee Arest: Mortgage tax dropped 270 \$9,700 court finds her down 204,000 \$300 and state aid is down 180 \$6,600 as New York State has changed the timing of AIM related aid.

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Trustee Arest: To the end of the fiscal years for towns and villages revenue from property rentals is up \$27,400 the actual collection of village taxes through March 2020 is it 99.68%. This is down three basis points from last year's collection.

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Trustee Arest: I will now move on.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Air. Can I interrupt a minute.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Um, can I say a few words and pick up on what trust the Irish just mentioned, I'm just to make the point that trust Yaris alluded to before he read that statement which covered the period, you know, from

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Village Manager Pappalardo: March.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The period from June 2019 I'm sorry through March 2020

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Village Manager Pappalardo: If we just, you know, take a look at the month of March, this virus became a serious concern in in February.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: When village hall was closed on March 16 and since that time village business as it relates to fee for services and Program Fees as effectively ceased.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: We're focusing primarily or essentially on on our central emergency village services to our residents. So if you just take a look at a comparison between certain departmental revenues during the month of March for our fiscal year 1819 and the current 1920

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Village Manager Pappalardo: You really see the effects of covert

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Village Manager Pappalardo: A very evident in the first, you know, full month that we we were dealing with this pandemic. So for parking permits in meters in March 2019 that month we took it 103,000 \$183 and march 2020

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Village Manager Pappalardo: We took an \$80,915 to 27.5% decrease

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Village Manager Pappalardo: That parking revenues primarily made up and weekly parking meter and

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Pay by phone revenue collections and with the majority of the village center stores closed as non essential and most computers are working from home.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Commerce and traffic in general is extremely slow and the parking demand is low. We've seen a steady weekly decline and parking meter income with this week's collection roughly 10% of our average weekly collection. So it took

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Village Manager Pappalardo: A month to lose 90% of our parking meeting meter revenue one month into this pandemic recreation fees. As I mentioned earlier, we effectively cancelled all of our spring programming.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: In March 2019 we collected 160 7130 \$31 in recreation fees in March 2020 \$25,370 that's an 85% loss in revenue in one month.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: licenses and permits. These are primarily building permits march 2019 \$164 160 \$4,155 march 2020 \$74,428 55% decrease court fines march 2019 \$74,388 in March 2020 we took in 40 \$200 that's a \$70,000 increase or 94%

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And then the departmental permits for

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Village Manager Pappalardo: For the clerk and also for our land use boards. We've seen a 50% decrease

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Village Manager Pappalardo: From roughly \$28,000 to \$14,000

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Village Manager Pappalardo: So, you know, just an example of one month in this pandemic and the

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And the and the significant adverse impacts on some of our operational departmental revenues and we can expect to see these loss of revenues continue with the next few months ahead.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Until the village can reopen our doors for business. So just to illustrate the real real impact on our, on our budget, just in a single month. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, manager. I like to expand on this just a little bit as well.

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Mayor Samwick: These are the changes we expected.

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Mayor Samwick: Nothing here is out of the ordinary when when you saw our revenue exposures in scenario one and scenario to

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Mayor Samwick: These are the LA Times. We expected parking, you'll see these down 90%. And so within scenario to scenario one scenario to there was a

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Mayor Samwick: Hit to parking that was assumed between two and six months of zero percent. So we haven't hit zero percent. At this point, but these are, this is the budgeting that exists. And this is, this is what we what we see happening now.

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Mayor Samwick: We also see some things that are timing issues. So, for example, court fines, we expect that the Court as the manager skating is closed.

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Mayor Samwick: We expect when the court opens. We're going to see some degree of rebound there. So it's important as we go along to differentiate between

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Mayor Samwick: Items that we don't expect to collect and timing issues. And then lastly, the last point I'd like to make is with regard to recreation fees, which I believe trustee Iris mentioned earlier.

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Mayor Samwick: There is not just a revenue impact on on recreation free fees. Those are programmatic fees.

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Mayor Samwick: What that means is if we have a program, we're going to have an expense and we're going to get revenue.

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Mayor Samwick: And so, by and large, it's a rule of thumb that may work. Generally, it may not necessarily work in each individual case.

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Mayor Samwick: Is that we're going to see roughly a 90% decrease in the expense item associated with the revenue increase that has fallen so with rec fees. Again, it's important to look at a net number, not just a revenue number

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Mayor Samwick: Sd ours to believe you have some

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Trustee Arest: Revenue

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Trustee Arest: And I'm sorry to the village manager actually have a note to ask you if you wanted to add any comments to that and I skipped it

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Trustee Arest: So I will now move on to the resolution regarding the adoption, the fiscal year 2020 2021 village budget.

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Trustee Arest: And I won't go through all the whereas because we spent a lot of time at various meetings going over all the steps for anybody that isn't familiar. I would you know ask you to look it over.

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Trustee Arest: There is one, whereas that I think is extremely important, which is the last one that I do want to read and then the results. And I understand that.

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Trustee Arest: A lot of my colleagues will have comments as well. So I'll start with whereas recognizing that the adverse budgetary impacts related to cope to the covert 19 emergency will continue into fiscal year 20 2021 eliminating

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Trustee Arest: Actually, I apologize. I will go to the second to last, whereas the fiscal year 20 2021 but tentative budget included 2% salary increases for 47

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Trustee Arest: Non union employees representing department heads managerial and confidential employees and others.

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Trustee Arest: And whereas recognizing that the adverse budgetary impacts related to the code 19 emergency will continue into fiscal year 20 2021

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Trustee Arest: eliminating these non union salary increases from a fiscal management standpoint is proven at this time, but in no way reflects on the hard work, dedication and professionalism of our non union staff not only under normal circumstances, but never as evident.

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Trustee Arest: In their day to day management operations and service delivery during this unprecedented coven 19 emergency

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Trustee Arest: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the fiscal year 20 2021 tentative budget filed on March 20 2020 is hereby adopted.

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Trustee Arest: As the budget of the village of Scarsdale for the fiscal year June 1 22 may 31 2021 with the following amendments included

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Trustee Arest: One, that the general fund transfer to the library fun be reduced by \$210,000 for a Revised Total of 3,000,780 \$8,163 and that this reduction to be reflected in the total fiscal fiscal year 20 2021 budget expenditures

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Trustee Arest: To that the 2% salary increases for all applicable non union personnel totally \$97,000 for all phones be eliminated.

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Trustee Arest: With the \$83,500 charge to the general fund placed in the contingency account established

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Trustee Arest: For coded related matters and the balance place in the appropriate contingency accounts in the water or central garage internal service funds and be a further resolved.

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Trustee Arest: That the several amount stated in the columns and title 20 2021 adopted in the appropriations schedules of the budget document.

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Trustee Arest: Including the total amounts listed in the position summary schedules for salaries and wages are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and be a further resolved.

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Trustee Arest: That the salaries benefits and other terms and conditions of employment for employees represented by a bargaining unit be provided in accordance with contract terms.

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Trustee Arest: And that salaries benefits and other terms and conditions of employment of employees covered by written agreements.

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Trustee Arest: Be provided in accordance with such written agreements and the benefits and other terms and conditions of employment for non union employees not covered by written agreements be paid.

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Trustee Arest: In accordance with budgetary provisions, as provided by the adopted fringe benefit policy for non union employees and be it further resolved.

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Trustee Arest: That the sums enumerated in the columns and title 20 2021 adopted in the revenue schedules of the budget document including estimated revenues and appropriated fund balances are hereby made available for the purpose of financing such appropriations.

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Mayor Samwick: This is a roll call vote is Conklin

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Trustee Arest: Married go to comments before we

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Mayor Samwick: Let's look I was going through, but we've already had a second so alright so let's do that. Okay, so

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Trustee Arest: It's

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Trustee Arest: It's your subject.

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Mayor Samwick: Let's go ahead and go ahead with comments, then, before we, before we call the boat trust you asked, why don't you start

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Trustee Arest: Thanking their oversight of the communities finances is one of the most important roles of a trustee.

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Trustee Arest: And in this capacity and everything we do. We are governed by New York State law and of course the Constitution's of both New York State and the United States of America.

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Trustee Arest: I mentioned this because the steps we must take in devising and implementing our financial plans are regulated.

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Trustee Arest: For example, New York State village Law Section 5508 speaks to the adoption of a budget.

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Trustee Arest: We were obligated to hold a public hearing on or before April 15 and during the notice period leading to the hearing. We were not allowed to make changes.

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Trustee Arest: Once the public hearing was closed. We were then permitted to make changes, but we also must adopt the budget, no later than May 1 which is this Friday, there has not been an executive order to change this mandated timeline.

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Trustee Arest: As my record over the past two years, clearly reflects process is of the utmost importance to me and I'm willing to vote against the measure due to a lack of process.

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Trustee Arest: I believe strongly in meetings conversations and debates, I believe in consensus when possible, and that the disagreements that get us there, make our decisions better

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Trustee Arest: I believe in a data driven approach, up until the creation of the tentative budget. I think our process was well considered countless hours were spent creating the budget and reviewing and revising it

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Trustee Arest: I think the two reports crafted by independent well respected nonpartisan resident organizations that attended our budget meetings.

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Trustee Arest: recognize those efforts. I appreciate their support for not only how we got here, but also our plan moving forward.

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Trustee Arest: Understanding that we are living through a health crisis that has created an economic crisis and therefore the restraints that we have on resources. Our staff is working around the clock.

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Trustee Arest: And putting themselves in harm's way, I believe we have acted sensibly and with great care.

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Trustee Arest: Unlike previous years, this boat tonight is not the culmination of our work. It is something of a beginning.

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Trustee Arest: The tentative budget file was the result of hard work long hours and prudent fiscal planning and as always done in good faith, the steps taken today.

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Trustee Arest: This evening's vote and the meetings to come, are all indicative of the board's commitment to a process based on knowledge and focused on ensuring our communities fiscal well being.

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Trustee Arest: We will continue to have meetings to discuss their needs and make appropriate changes and I will stand by my words.

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Trustee Arest: I as one trustee believe that should the economic crisis, not receive certain possibly many line items included in the budget will not be feasible.

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Trustee Arest: But not because there was never a will to complete them or that they were frivolous in nature. It is because we will be in a position where we must choose not to proceed.

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Trustee Arest: In order to protect our communities finances and that is why the budget for fiscal year 2021 must be flexible and adapt to our needs.

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Trustee Arest: Do I know how bad things will get it exactly which items will need to be sacrificed to solve the deficit we face know at this point. No one can

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Trustee Arest: There are two changes included in this resolution one to reduce the library's operating budget and use those savings to directly reduce the tax levy and therefore the taxes are residents pet.

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Trustee Arest: The second is a reallocation of a plan salary increase for non union employees to the code contingent accounts.

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Trustee Arest: Both changes are necessary now because without action the monies would be allocated and at least partially distributed and unavailable for tax relief and additional protection from the crisis later.

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Trustee Arest: It is important that the resolution passes, because without it we would be faced with higher taxes for our residents and less money in our covert account.

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Trustee Arest: Village last section 5508 specifically states that if we do not affirmatively adopt the budget by May 1 but the previously file tentative budget and only changes made by resolution shall constitute the budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

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Trustee Arest: What allows us to make changes as we intend while operating under an austerity policy is also New York State village law.

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Trustee Arest: Section 5520 speaks to general budgetary controls to summarize money can only be spent for what it is earmarked for unless another official action of this board is made, and only then can it be reallocated

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Trustee Arest: And that is what we will do over the coming months, through meetings which are as always open to the public and welcoming of Resident input.

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Trustee Arest: Last meeting. I tried to lay out the levers available to address our budget and the tools that we have to potentially lower the tax levy

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02:16:23.220 --> 02:16:36.930

Trustee Arest: Our tentative budget is 69% funded by property taxes if the deficit predicted and scenario two is correct, our tax levy will account for 74% of our revenue and his predictions get worse that number only grows

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Trustee Arest: Our primary and short term options for dealing with deficits are borrowing and use a fund balance, but both are limited and have longer term implications service reductions was much which must be on the table.

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Trustee Arest: Could be a long term solution, but must be made with better data and widespread community input.

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Trustee Arest: This is why I am in favor of starting to map out our budget process, including a review of services and community engagement as soon as possible.

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Trustee Arest: I understand that many hurdles, including time constraints on staff will exist throughout the health crisis and for a period of time beyond due to an inescapable backlog.

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Trustee Arest: We need to plan how to deal with this so that we are prepared and can continue to be proactive.

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Trustee Arest: Of course, the work needed to be properly, excuse me, of course, the work needed to properly evaluate our budget and the included services and infrastructure projects will be both quantitative and qualitative

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Trustee Arest: But it was important to recognize that the data and statistical analyses that will be part of that needs to be considered careful

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Trustee Arest: I'm currently reading a book by John Kay and Mervyn King titled radical uncertainty came King or two of the most prestigious British economists, with the latter serving as governor of the Bank of England during the 2008 financial crisis and the great recession.

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Trustee Arest: I learned the book from a review by Martin sandwich published in the Financial Times, Mr Sambo refers to the book as an eloquent rant against the folk precision of mathematical mathematical models.

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Trustee Arest: He writes that the author's pet peeve is the standard approach to uncertainty in economics and related disciplines, which requires a comprehensive list of possible outcomes with well defined numerical probabilities attached

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Trustee Arest: This is an impoverished and at times even fraudulent approach to decision making. They argue, apart from stable and repeated situations they explain

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Trustee Arest: Probabilities do not exist or they, in their possible outcomes are unknowable, or all the above at once.

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Trustee Arest: All that probabilistic analysis does. In other cases, usually were good decision making matters most is it best. Give a false sense of precision by an aggregation of impossible scientific respectability probability analysis can turn evidence based policy into policy based evidence

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Trustee Arest: Again, excuse me again there will certainly be a time in the near future, when this board must

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Trustee Arest: And will more heavily rely on various sources of data, but for now we have made major changes to the current fiscal year budget, as well as 2021

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Trustee Arest: to reallocate and or earmark funds to protect our finances.

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Trustee Arest: This path forward under a fiscal austerity policy allows us to make better decisions with more community input and also ensures continuity of essential services.

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Trustee Arest: I want to conclude speaking directly to the tax increase on a residents tax bill our village tax portion will increase by 1.46%

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Trustee Arest: Village taxes cover all of our municipal services such as public safety sanitation water department building department and all other everyday services and account for roughly 18% of our total property taxes.

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Trustee Arest: The balance of course is separate from our village government and it's comprised of county taxes at roughly 17% and the remaining 65% is school taxes.

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Trustee Arest: None of us are immune to the impacts of coven 19 and I am in favor of doing everything I can. In my role as your trusty to help

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Trustee Arest: And that is why my message to anyone in the community who genuinely does not understand how we can increase taxes in the current environment is that all of us.

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Trustee Arest: Take this role extremely seriously. We are definitely aware that our decisions have implications and that we would not, in fact, could not advocate for any increase if we did not believe it is necessary at this point.

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Trustee Arest: I understand that many in our community are out of work have seen their businesses so severely impacted and their savings diminished.

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Trustee Arest: There are residents who are rightfully worried and those worries have nothing to do with political opportunism.

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Trustee Arest: I pray for better times for all of us financially, but my main concern currently is for all is for all of our health and safety, as well as the financial health of our village.

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Trustee Arest: We must realize that the tools we have in planning our budget are not the same as those us by our county, state and federal governments.

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Trustee Arest: Among other differences. We do not have the ability to print or borrow virtually unlimited amounts of money.

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Trustee Arest: And we cannot save money by passing responsibilities to lower levels of government in the form of unfunded mandates our property

taxes are spent to deliver services and infrastructure maintenance and improvements.

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Trustee Arest: I would be remiss if I did not recognize the two of the strongest advocates for a property tax freeze or reduction have also been two of the biggest proponents of aggressive uses of borrowing and fund bounds in recent years.

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Trustee Arest: They both separately argue that the village has been irresponsible for not using those tools more

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Trustee Arest: Let's be clear had previous board succumb to the pressure from these individuals we would be far less prepared to deal with the current prices.

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Trustee Arest: And the results would unequivocally be a much higher much more significant property tax increase.

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Trustee Arest: We are fortunate that this board and previous boards, along with our dedicated staff have exercised fiscal prudence and taken steps that have allowed us to wait an extra knowledge rather than be forced to act now out of panic or fear.

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Trustee Arest: Again, I believe that by passing this budget tonight we as a board will have reaffirmed our commitment to continue to evaluate our budget and make necessary changes in the coming months.

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Trustee Arest: As I said on the dais, and Rutherford Hall almost two months ago, we must always hope for the best. But plan for the worst.

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Trustee Arest: If we are facing something as bad as some of the more bearish economists are suggesting our plan will ensure we are prepared.

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Trustee Arest: Our village has de facto term limits on its elected leaders, if we have chosen the politically expedient path, you would see seven trustees insisting on a tax reduction or at least a freeze.

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Trustee Arest: We might become more popular today and might not even be in these seats are facing reelection when the detriment of unwise choices comes back to haunt us

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Trustee Arest: However, we as individuals and as a collective board. Look at our job is doing what is best for our community.

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Trustee Arest: Not what might be in our own political interests, we are doing what we and your village staff believe is the best action to look after and protect the Scarsdale. We all love. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust us, trust your own

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Mayor Samwick: And just so everybody knows that. Guess we'll go and sit in seniority order from this point forward, so

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Mayor Samwick: You know, trust, yeah. I started because of his role with finance, but now will revert to seniority trust you.

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Trustee Veron: Thank you, man.

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Trustee Veron: In pre coven days what feels like another lifetime we finalize a tentative village budget after months of rigorous analysis discussion and debate.

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Trustee Veron: We struck just the right balance, providing services, our residents valued investing in our future and being responsible fiduciaries to our taxpayers.

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Trustee Veron: Then covert hit and my knee jerk reaction was to cut taxes to the bone, no matter what I knew that people would be hurting, and I wanted to do whatever I could to help

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Trustee Veron: But then I move past my emotional response, I realized that what felt good. Now, would likely have perilous results later.

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Trustee Veron: Well, I want to give Taxpayer Relief, how much is responsible to cut. Is it worth risking not having the wherewithal to pay our emergency workers over time if covert send their ranks.

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Trustee Veron: Could I justify not being able to regularly pick up virus infected trash. And what about the unanticipated costs that will likely arise.

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Trustee Veron: Just tonight. We have a resolution to buy more police uniforms within note that we dispose of some because of covert contamination. Could I have foreseen that

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Trustee Veron: The Village Board has discretion over 18% of your total tax bill schooling county taxes account for approximately 65% and 17% respectively.

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Trustee Veron: Of the approximately \$59 million village budget over 75% is non negotiable contractually obligated personnel related or state mandated expenses. Expenses. The village budget pays for services you rely upon police, fire sanitation sewers water roads recreation.

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Trustee Veron: While none of us knows how the future will unfold. From this vantage point at this moment in time, non property tax revenue will likely be in a precipitous decline and we anticipate a revenue shortfall in the ensuing months Scarsdale will likely need to do more with less.

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Trustee Veron: We're all keenly aware of the harsh economic conditions before us and we want to make the best short, medium and long term decisions for our village.

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Trustee Veron: So you can follow along. I will share our process. Here's the short term.

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Trustee Veron: As soon as covert struck. We took immediate action first by resolution on March 24 we have instituted austerity measures built up a covert emergency account using fund balance and redirected funds from the 1920 budget.

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Trustee Veron: And ran multiple scenarios pressure testing assumptions. Next, on April 14 we propose Taxpayer Relief decrease in the property tax level from 1.96% to 1.4 or 5%

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Trustee Veron: Tonight we will vote on the revised budget that includes a property tax decrease and a proposed cut to salary increases for non union village employees.

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Trustee Veron: It seems in Congress to defer hard earned increases to those who are working without break during this unprecedented time but in preparing for the worst we are choosing to allocate those funds to the covert emergency account.

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Trustee Veron: We have also sought relief for hardship cases to aid our residents in dire financial straits. We will opt into county legislation to MIT deferral and late payment reductions and we are seeking options to provide other forms of leniency to those hardest hit

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Trustee Veron: The budget before us this evening was informed by all of these short term measures and I support it.

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Trustee Veron: I uncomfortable that we make good decisions, given what we know now and feel grateful that we have the flexibility to make even tougher choices later respected civic groups, including the League of Women Voters and the Scarsdale forum endorse our budget.

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Trustee Veron: I'm always a planner and I feel best when I am doing did I want to develop contingency plans beyond those of you already articulated imagine all of the potential realities of this crisis, of course.

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Trustee Veron: In fact, I was a nuisance clamoring for more budget meetings to discuss alternate eventualities, but the pushback was this

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Trustee Veron: How could we ask any more of the village staff at this moment when they are working without sleep to keep our residents safe and secure.

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Trustee Veron: How could we require them to evaluate departmental expense or other line items when they are already short staffed handling the emergency. This can wait and it should. What would we really get without real time data resident input and perspective.

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Trustee Veron: So here's the medium and long term this budget journey is just beginning, it is impossible to know right now, how deep and far reaching the wrath of coven

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Trustee Veron: There will be tough decisions that we will need to make together with data analysis and public conversation.

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Trustee Veron: Together, we will arrive at what is fundamental to Scarsdale and at what cost, how much of the ways we do things in Scarsdale will need to change.

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Trustee Veron: How much change will our residents desire or tolerate. What did we learn through past crises that can help us now. What have we learned in our quick pivot. Now that will inform how we work in the future.

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Trustee Veron: We want to take care with our decision making. We saw the lasting implications of the 2008 financial crisis.

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Trustee Veron: During that emergency we cut spending on roads and endured the fallout later we postponed investment in DP W equipment and had a hefty tax bill thereafter.

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Trustee Veron: We can't defer capital expenditures forever. We have an aging infrastructure that requires investment so bridges. Stay strong sewers function properly and water flows easily

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Trustee Veron: The conversations, we will need to have together are complex and nuanced. We need your collective wisdom and your good faith commitment.

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Trustee Veron: What we do know now is that we will need to rethink what we do and how we do it. Disruption presents opportunity.

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Trustee Veron: We will be measured in our approach, data driven and inclusive. We will institute an open process to engage the public your village board is entrusted to protect the long term health of Scarsdale and we will do that job.

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Trustee Veron: Now, none of us is untouched by this crisis, we as a village have already suffered tragic loss. What I hope more than anything is that tragedy ceases those on the front lines get relief and that all of you are residents and your loved ones stay safe, healthy and strong.

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02:30:43.440 --> 02:30:45.870

Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much, trusting their own trust you. Ross.

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Trustee Ross: Thank you, Bear.

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Trustee Ross: First of all, I very much appreciate my fellow trustees comments and the thoughts shared by four deservedly very well respected former mayors and the perspective on our budget as a whole that they reflect

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Trustee Ross: Before we vote on the budget in my role as fire commissioner, I'd like to say a few words about the fire department component of the budget.

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Trustee Ross: Questions have been raised in connection with holiday pay personal leave pay overtime and utilization of volunteer firefighters with thanks to Chief Seymour for educating you on these matters.

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Trustee Ross: I would like to offer the following with respect to holiday pay holiday pay is a mandatory subject of collective bargaining in New York State.

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Trustee Ross: This benefit was negotiated in good faith by the village and the uniform firefighters Association and as a standard provision.

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Trustee Ross: In collective bargaining agreements for career fire departments, the collective bargaining agreement provision provides for 12 hours of pay and each member's rate of pay for 12 holidays. The benefit is paid annually in December.

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Trustee Ross: On personal leaves pay personal leave is also collectively bargain.

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Trustee Ross: The, the collective bargaining agreement indicates that firefighters are entitled to five personal leave days while captains are entitled to six personal days.

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Trustee Ross: \$155,726 is based on each member utilizing all of their personal days coverage for personal lead absences is paying at straight time

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Trustee Ross: On training over time, while the far majority of our training is performed well members are on duty certain training is not available internally.

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Trustee Ross: Examples are code enforcement recertification and arson investigation recertification this type of specialized training.

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Trustee Ross: Is provided through the Westchester County Fire training center the state's fire Academy and other search engines.

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Trustee Ross: And FPA section for a 1403 governance live fire training that cannot be done on duty due to the number of members required to participate. And in order to keep the village protected. While this training takes place.

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Trustee Ross: On suppression. Over time, this is over time for expansion actually fighting fires. This covers short and long term vacancies personal sick leave on the job and off the job injuries workers, workers compensation vacancies created through retirements prior to replacement in the like.

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Trustee Ross: On our volunteer firefighters, while the volunteers play an integral role, we must remember that only about half of them are interior certified, meaning that half are not trained

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Trustee Ross: To enter and immediately dangerous to life and health atmosphere, it is also important to note that most of our volunteers work outside of the village at are not available during the daytime hours.

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Trustee Ross: Now I hope that these remarks have not gone too far into the weeds, because I think that at this stage, it's really important that we have a abroad and overarching perspective today.

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Trustee Ross: I do believe, though, that, that there are certain certain aspects of the operation of our fire department that we're really not well known in the community. And that, I think our, our residents are better off knowing as we

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Trustee Ross: I expect those two adopted budget that includes the the the figures that it does. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much trust you. Ross. Moving on to trust the credit

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Trustee Crandall: Thank you, Mayor

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Trustee Crandall: It's important for the community to know that we focused on keeping the tax levy low throughout our winter public budget hearings well before the pandemic hit

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Trustee Crandall: We also kept the water rates, where they are, even though we know that there will be significant costs in the future to maintain and update the old infrastructure.

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Trustee Crandall: The village board and staff worked diligently to ensure good value for every dollar of revenue.

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Trustee Crandall: Now that we are in the midst of this crisis and have heard the community, the tentative budget has been slightly modified to provide some taxpayer really

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Trustee Crandall: Although we don't know what challenges lie ahead. It is our best data driven projection at this point in time.

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Trustee Crandall: Going forward we have the flexibility to adjust budget allocations.

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Trustee Crandall: Of course it's paramount that we follow the principles of good governance, as defined by the United Nations quote participatory consensus oriented accountable transparent responsive effective and efficient.

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Trustee Crandall: Equitable and inclusive follows rule of law responsive to the present and future needs, close quote. Of particular importance to many is that the concept of efficiency.

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Trustee Crandall: Also covers the sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of the environment, close quote. And that's from a PDF called what is good governance by the United Nations Economic and Social condition for Asia and the Pacific.

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Trustee Crandall: We must all work towards this ideal of good governance as we face the future.

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Trustee Crandall: It's up to us as your village government to provide information on a timely basis, together with properly. Notice public work sessions for constructive dialogue.

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Trustee Crandall: I hope that many of you will take the time to read past village board minutes

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Trustee Crandall: The Scarsdale forum in Scarsdale League of Women Voters budget reports, not only from this year, but from previous years to get a feel for how municipal business works.

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Trustee Crandall: Follow new information and thoughtfully contribute to the process.

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Trustee Crandall: Let us know your suggestions by writing to mayor at scarsdale.com with a copy to the village clerk Donna Conkling email address de ce O n k pay Li n g@scarsdale.com we need to work together as neighbors, not as adversaries for the best interests of our community. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trusted Crandall

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Mayor Samwick: Trustee Lewis.

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Trustee Lewis: Thank you, Mayor

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Trustee Lewis: A little historical context in 1942 former mayor Warren Cunningham, explain that the purpose of Scarsdale non partisan officeholders was to give scars quote the best possible business administration.

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Trustee Lewis: Marketing him does not say, Our duty is to agree with each other at all times. So our tradition is collaborative

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Trustee Lewis: His statement which appears on the website of the Scarsdale citizens non partisan party is that our objective is the best result.

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Trustee Lewis: With regard to tonight's budget resolution and my vote on it, I believe there is the world before coven 19 and the world after coven 19

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Trustee Lewis: I am very proud of this board and the process that led to our original budget with regards to the current budget.

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Trustee Lewis: I believe that in recent board meetings and in our one working group session on the budget back in March, we never asked or addressed. What I believe is the key strategic question.

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Trustee Lewis: What is the right level of taxation for this time. What is the proper level of taxation for this new period we saw abruptly ended, what is the right level of taxes consistent with the best possible business administration now.

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Trustee Lewis: Our core business is essential services and public safety. I want to acknowledge a recent letter by for former Scarsdale mares

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Trustee Lewis: Chrome line Hartford mark and Steve's I know these four individuals and respect them greatly

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Trustee Lewis: I agree with their conclusion that it is critically important. We maintain full budget support for our first responders our police department and a fire department.

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Trustee Lewis: In this emergency, nothing is more important as trustees and maintaining the critical services including sanitation and water that KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR NEIGHBORS safe and healthy.

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Trustee Lewis: My view is that the best possible way to ensure that we will always maintain critical services at appropriate levels.

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Trustee Lewis: Is by insurance our village balance sheet is strong flexible and stress tested by a variety of scenarios, including a worst case one.

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Trustee Lewis: Reserves our last line of defense if we want to maintain public safety at optimal levels, we need to maintain reserves to have financial flexibility and plan in advance and plan in advance how we will respond should reserve levels fall we have not done that exercise yet.

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Trustee Lewis: To that end, one work sessions on the budget should occur in an up tempo manner, perhaps every two weeks, perhaps alternating weeks with traditional Board of Trustees meetings.

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Trustee Lewis: In these sessions we will be debating a priority list of items that we would consider cutting in the future to maintain our strong financial position should this become necessary. I think it will become necessary.

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Trustee Lewis: Some might argue that more meetings may tech staff resources during a period of crisis, I believe we do not need additional staff support to discuss our strategic goals.

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Trustee Lewis: This board own strategic goals and an owns the budget and this board is capable of discussing important strategic goals without significantly or unreasonably drawing on staff time

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Trustee Lewis: This type of planning is essential, in my view, to secure our ability to pay for a fully funded level of essential services, even the darkest scenarios to

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Trustee Lewis: In these work sessions we should revisit our scenarios one into and define a scenario three worst case scenario.

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Trustee Lewis: There's yet to be any conversation at board meetings about possible adverse, shots, shots to our cost structure that would negatively impact our financial position.

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Trustee Lewis: These cost structure shocks could include an unexpected surge over time and increased required contribution to state pension plans to the stock market sell off, amongst other factors.

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Trustee Lewis: These should be discussed and modeled soon three a particularly great concern is the need to create contingency plans regarding reserve levels if revenues fall more and costs rise more our reserves will drop

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Trustee Lewis: There is likely a level of reserves this board will view as an absolute minimum requirement to maintain a flexible and effective financial profile.

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Trustee Lewis: We've not discussed this, we could consider framing this conversation in terms of the fiscal stress indicators monitored by the State Controller.

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Trustee Lewis: The analysis noted above, would be for me important inputs to evaluating a budgets fitness for these times.

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Trustee Lewis: Finally, my own view is that a time of great pain and suffering. There should be no tax increase. We show solidarity with our neighbors through actions.

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Trustee Lewis: And I believe no increase would have been the strongest possible initial statement of solidarity, being in solidarity with our customers, our taxpayers.

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Trustee Lewis: Is good government and good for business. While many Westchester communities may still be raising taxes, I believe we should hold ourselves to our own standard

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Trustee Lewis: I have great admiration for my fellow board members and for our village manager Steve popper llodra and his entire staff who have shown great strength and resume resiliency in this crisis. I want to thank all for their public service. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much. Trustee of us.

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Mayor Samwick: Leave. I'll move on to my comments just you, Robin. If you want to say anything. Give me a heads up. Otherwise, I'll move on to my

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Mayor Samwick: Okay.

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Mayor Samwick: If villages top priority has been and must continue to be the health and safety of our community. The fiscal health of Scarsdale, however, also remains the top our priorities.

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Mayor Samwick: That is why steps have been taken since February to ensure that the village is prepared to manage its Fiscal Affairs.

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Mayor Samwick: What actions have we taken to date.

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Mayor Samwick: The village started by quickly and decisively implementing austerity mode, meaning that village spending is limited to operating costs associated with the current state of emergency, as well as the health, safety and welfare of residents and village employees.

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Mayor Samwick: The village then quickly move to running initial scenario analyses based on current economic conditions and identifying funding sources to protect us from these fiscal threats.

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Mayor Samwick: The village then move to identifying funding that allowed us to responsibly. Lower the tax burden initially proposed in the budget.

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Mayor Samwick: The budget, we will be voting on contains a 1.4 or 5% increase in the tax levy, which amounts to a \$95 annual increase in taxes, based on the average Scarsdale assessed value.

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Mayor Samwick: Future fiscal 2021 budget plans.

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Mayor Samwick: The Village Board has repeatedly affirmed our commitment to review village finances regularly and make as many budget revisions as needed, as the pandemic and its aftermath continue to unfold.

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Mayor Samwick: Our actions to date and into the future will be from an informed position with the latest data and the best visibility possible

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Mayor Samwick: We have taken quick decisive action. We do not believe it to be proven to take actions that have panic or fear and we will certainly not make decisions based on political interest.

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Mayor Samwick: That is not who we are as a community, on the contrary, we have a long history of responsible long term financial stewardship, that we will not abandon

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Mayor Samwick: His long term focus on financial stability and strength is widely recognized, including the recognition received by our long standing triple A credit rating and has proved that has provided the village with the financial flexibility to manage the economic impact of the pandemic.

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Mayor Samwick: The village also benefits structurally from the ability to revise its budget continually throughout the fiscal year.

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Mayor Samwick: As we work through the pandemic and gain better visibility services and projects will be reevaluated if we need to cut services in the future we will do so carefully thoughtfully and with community input.

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Mayor Samwick: budget decisions may have unintended consequences, and it is our job to consider those to the extent possible, and not to act in haste.

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Mayor Samwick: Personally, I take comfort in the extensive work done by two nonpartisan century old local institutions, the Scarsdale league of women voters and the Scarsdale forum.

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Mayor Samwick: These organizations attended all of the villages budget meetings and prepared thorough reviews of the proposed fiscal 2021 village budgets.

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Mayor Samwick: Both organizations ask probing questions about the budget and engaged in deep and thoughtful debate before coming to independent consensus statements that support adoption of the proposed fiscal 2021 village budget.

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Mayor Samwick: I asked staff to review the tax levy changes that are proposed or implemented by other Westchester villages, we selected villages because villages around the same fiscal timeline with the fiscal year starting on June 1

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Mayor Samwick: Please note that cities and towns have different fiscal years and are therefore not comparably positioned with respect to their potential to adjust to the current economic conditions.

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Mayor Samwick: Of the 15 villages that were surveyed. There are four villages with increases in their tax levies below one and a half percent, which include one village below 1% and Scarsdale with a 1.4 or 5% increase

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Mayor Samwick: Notably, there are 10 of the 15 villages surveyed or two thirds of the villages with tax levy increases of 2% or higher with five of those above 3% or one third of the villages survey.

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Mayor Samwick: Again, nobody likes to see tax increases, especially now, not the residents and not the Village Board.

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Mayor Samwick: Let's talk a little bit about the nature of village operations. It is important to recognize that operating a village is different in many ways from operating a business.

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Mayor Samwick: And important element to immediately know is the essential nature of much of the work that is done by a village.

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Mayor Samwick: A primary element of providing village services.

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Mayor Samwick: That is also important to note is that about 75% of the costs are personnel related further

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Mayor Samwick: A meaningful majority of the personal related costs are subject to collective bargaining agreements, which are contractual obligations that may not be unilaterally reopened during the term of the labor contract.

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Mayor Samwick: The village has a number of other costs that are fixed. Another other costs that are fixed or relatively fixed such as debt service utilities facilities maintenance trash disposal fees and more

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Mayor Samwick: As one quickly sees villages operate with a high proportion of fixed and cause I fixed costs.

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Mayor Samwick: What do we get in exchange for these relatively fixed costs a stable delivery of essential and other services including

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Mayor Samwick: police and fire protection sanitary service sanitation services as well sanitary services road maintenance and much more.

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Mayor Samwick: So as I mentioned in my earlier comments village residents received direct benefit from the taxes we all pay with a meaningful percent percentage of the services that we received deemed to be essential.

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Mayor Samwick: In summary, the Village Board will continue to be proactive and work to make in its judgment. The best fiscal silly decisions for all of Scarsdale

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Mayor Samwick: And we will do it together with the community to balance as optimally as possible the trade off between costs and services delivered. And with that, I'd like to ask you this Conklin to do a roll call vote on the adoption of the budget as read by trustee early

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee Randall.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I St. Louis.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee Ross.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just the Baron

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just a woman.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I may or Simon

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Miss Conkling

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Mayor Samwick: Just the IRS. We go back to you for your

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Mayor Samwick: Second resolution.

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Thank you.

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Trustee Arest: So this is an resolution regarding the authorization to execute a software agreement with software Consulting Services, Inc SCA a division of government brands.

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Trustee Arest: And what I'd like to say about this is that we have used pass property assessment system designed by SCA now government brands company for assessment administration since 2002

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Trustee Arest: Because we also use SCA products for tax collection geographic interface and building

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Trustee Arest: At excuse me and building planning and engineering functions using past provide certain operational efficiencies and allows us to work with fewer FTS

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Trustee Arest: Than some other municipalities who need to stay on top of manually integrating their systems. The downside with past besides the fact that it has reached the end of its end, end of its life.

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Trustee Arest: And the lack of support that comes with that has been that at LAX and Max a mass appraisal evaluation function.

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Trustee Arest: Some municipalities use many municipalities use RPS version for which does have such a feature. But again, does not interface with our systems.

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Trustee Arest: New York State has been working with Tyler technologies to create a new RPS version called aces.

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Trustee Arest: While the state still remains hopeful that some to have something completed by the end of 2021 many professionals with at least some involvement believe that to be overly optimistic.

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Trustee Arest: In addition to the lack of integration opting for aces would also require a lengthy and costly transfer data which can also result in the loss of some of it.

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Trustee Arest: SCA two point O will be cloud based and will also include a mass appraisal valuation function.

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Trustee Arest: And while we make the commitment to SCA now we are not financially responsible until the product is delivered after Scarsdale has tested it and there are protections in place in case SCA does not meet the included representations and warranties.

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Trustee Arest: I should also note that a very thorough memorandum is included from our assessor which shows the potential that potential concerns were considered and dressed

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Trustee Arest: The belief at this time is their pricing for the software will be significantly higher. Once it is available and that committing now is providing us with favorable pricing.

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Trustee Arest: I should also know that this agreement has been in the works for some time, or at least the conversation about this new version of past some of the original conversations that I was somewhat privy to

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Trustee Arest: Third party, but through the assessor search process was that the sun municipalities, we're talking about an upfront commitment and payment without the delivery of any product and there were so many municipalities, who were

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Trustee Arest: Amenable to that. So I credit our village manager with ensuring that he would not recommend any arrangement that would not protect us and he's worked with

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Trustee Arest: The village attorney and other experts in the field to ensure that disagreement does have all of our interests in mind. And I don't know if if our assessor or village manager want to make any comments before I read the results.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Sts. I think you summarize it define Victoria. If you want to say a few words. You're welcome.

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Assessor Sirota: To the, I think that you did a wonderful job summarizing it. I have nothing for further

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Thank you.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you made that mistake.

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Trustee Arest: Before so I wasn't going to do it again. So now, therefore, be it resolved that the village manager is here and authorized to execute a software license and support agreement, the software consulting Associates, Inc.

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Trustee Arest: A New York corporation with its principal place of business at 54 Elizabeth street suite 17 Red Hook, New York.

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Trustee Arest: 12571 license or for property assessment software services in substantially the same form as attached here to for a three year term. And one time fee of \$34,000

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Trustee Arest: And annual maintenance fee of \$10,200 and the further resolved that the village manager is authorized to perform all administrative X pursuant to the agreement.

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Trustee Arest: And be a further result that software developed and first that software development and first year maintenance costs.

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Trustee Arest: Pursuant to the agreement be charged to the following general fund assessment department operating accounts for the amounts identified below.

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Trustee Arest: With the maintenance fees and I will suggest that we fix freeze. I didn't catch that. Sorry to fees for years, two, and three of the agreement, subject to adequate budgetary appropriations and there are the accounts named here in and the amounts associated with them listed

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Trustee Crandall: Second,

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Mayor Samwick: This is a row column this conference, please.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Just areas.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just incredible.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I St. Louis.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just do Ross.

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Trustee Ross: I'm sorry I was muted. I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee Baron

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Village Clerk Conkling: Hi, Leslie woman.

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Trustee Waldman: I

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Mayor Samwick: Layer sandwich. Hi.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, interest. Yes.

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Trustee Arest: Last resolution.

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Trustee Arest: Which is resolution regarding the awarding

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Trustee Arest: the awarding of VM contract number 1264 furnish and deliver police uniforms. So there's two parts to this part of this is a commitment in the collective bargaining bargaining agreement that we have

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Trustee Arest: With the Scarsdale Police Benevolent Association in order to replace their uniforms and a certain amount of time. The other point which trust the Verizon, very importantly, I think alluded to earlier is that this is really

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Trustee Arest: Essential at this time and important more important than ever.

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Trustee Arest: Because if I read the whereas the code 19 emergency operation has resulted in the necessity to discard a number of police uniforms.

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Trustee Arest: Due to potential contamination during the course of assisting with MS service calls further increasing the need for these new uniforms.

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Trustee Arest: Now, therefore, be it resolved that VM contract number 1264 furnishing deliver police uniforms be awarded to golf LLC of 1340

Russell cove road Lexington, Kentucky 40505 and a bid price of \$24,690 and 61 sense

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Trustee Arest: And be a further resolved, but the cost of same be charged to the appropriate police department fiscal year 20 2021 general fund budget.

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Trustee Arest: Account subject to the availability of adequate funds and be further resolved the village manager is hereby authorized to execute VM contract number 1264

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Trustee Arest: Furnishing deliver police uniform with golf LLC of 1340 Russell cove road Lexington, Kentucky 40505 at a bid price of \$24,690 and 61 cents and to take all administrative acts in accordance with the contract. I can

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Mayor Samwick: This again is a roll call is concrete, please.

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Trustee Arest: Yes, I

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Trustee Crandall: I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Just lose

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Trustee Lewis: I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Can see Ross.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I just again.

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Village Clerk Conkling: High trust the woman.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I there, Sam.

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Mayor Samwick: Hi, thank you. St. Louis, I believe you have three resolutions this evening.

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Yes.

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Trustee Lewis: And hold on one second.

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Trustee Lewis: Sorry about that. The first resolution is to execute an agreement for the Drake Edgewood sanitary sewer evaluation study SS s

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Trustee Lewis: And to reallocate capital budget appropriations accordingly. I just think it's worth taking a moment to note that there has been considerable discussion of board meetings by the board and by staff.

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Trustee Lewis: About the flooding and the sewer backup that has occurred in the neighborhood. And I'm Barry road and that this is an issue that this board takes quite seriously.

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Trustee Lewis: And addressing it is a high priority as, as evidenced by this resolution and for those who haven't looked at it. There's this great detail about this in the March 24th memorandum to see pop a lot from David. Guess I'll

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Trustee Lewis: Our village engineer, which

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Trustee Lewis: describes it, because of the importance and the serious Mr the matter. I just like to read all the whereas causes

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Trustee Lewis: Whereas a public presentation before the Village Board of Trustees took place on November 12 2019 to discuss historical flooding in the Hudson River quarter.

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Trustee Lewis: And the related sanitary sewer backups along Barry road and were subsequently the villagers consultant engineer on the mamaroneck district SS S H two engineers and architects 1025 West Chester Avenue suite LL 01 White Plains, New York.

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Trustee Lewis: was briefed in our expanded SSC s needs and was requested to provide a proposal for additional SS IDs work in the Arthur manner and Drake Edgewood neighborhoods.

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Trustee Lewis: And whereas hmm responded with a proposal to provide the needed fieldwork and engineering services with estimated project costs to be 130 \$7,662

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Trustee Lewis: For which he wants free is for a total not to exceed 109,006 24 and the balance estimate 28,000 038

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Trustee Lewis: Will be paid to the National Water main cleaning company of Kearney, New Jersey, by the village under VM number 1222

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Trustee Lewis: With final cost of the project based on field quantities and optional wet weather TV. And by the way, I just want to encourage people again to refer to the attached memo with regards to the optional wet weather televising it's fascinating, the technology that now exists for this work.

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Trustee Lewis: Where's the village manager of those treasure rather confirms that the following unspent appropriations totally 130 8005 96 representing accrued savings for each line item.

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Trustee Lewis: Are available to be reallocated for the needed Drake Edward SSE is worth inclusive of approximately 944 in contingency funding. Please read table below.

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Trustee Lewis: Whereas, he has performed the existing as SEO services side of fact satisfactorily and are capable of providing the additional scope of services.

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Trustee Lewis: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the village manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement.

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03:00:19.110 --> 03:00:25.560

Trustee Lewis: With hmm engineers and architects 1025 wishes to Avenue suite at all 01 White Plains, New York 10 604

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03:00:25.980 --> 03:00:33.180

Trustee Lewis: And substantially the same form as here to and to undertake all administrative access required pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

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03:00:33.690 --> 03:00:55.770

Trustee Lewis: And being further resolved at the village manager is hereby authorized to allocate 130 8005 96 from the identified drainage capital budget cost center accounts to the sanitary sewers. Call Center account. He at 129 60 520 18 dash zero 96 sanitary sewer as as SEO study and CMO one

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03:00:56.310 --> 03:00:56.760

Trustee Lewis: I can

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03:00:57.690 --> 03:00:59.580

Mayor Samwick: This again is a roll call this company, please.

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03:01:00.300 --> 03:01:01.500

Trustee Arest: Yes, I

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03:01:02.010 --> 03:01:02.970

Village Clerk Conkling: Just to handle

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03:01:03.540 --> 03:01:05.280

Village Clerk Conkling: I St. Louis.

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03:01:05.460 --> 03:01:07.170

Village Clerk Conkling: I just see us.

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03:01:07.560 --> 03:01:09.150

Village Clerk Conkling: I guess we ban.

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03:01:09.510 --> 03:01:11.220

Village Clerk Conkling: High touch the woman.

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03:01:11.610 --> 03:01:12.960

Village Clerk Conkling: I make your sandwich.

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03:01:13.980 --> 03:01:17.730

Mayor Samwick: I thank you very much. Miss Conklin and also, I'd like to just say,

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03:01:18.780 --> 03:01:28.290

Mayor Samwick: To reiterate what trusted Lewis said, you know, this has been a very high priority, and this is very clearly relating to the health, safety and welfare of village residents.

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03:01:29.040 --> 03:01:38.970

Mayor Samwick: So this is something that we're very pleased to see moving forward in spite of the difficulty that that we're all having during this this pandemic with that trustee Lewis.

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03:01:40.260 --> 03:01:50.340

Trustee Lewis: Yes, the next resolution is awarding BM contract 1265 catch facing and cleaning services in this regard the mental dated March 31

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03:01:50.820 --> 03:01:58.680

Trustee Lewis: From Tyler Seaford Department of Public Works too steep Harper, a lot of our village manager actually is. It's quite interesting for these statistics.

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03:01:59.550 --> 03:02:10.980

Trustee Lewis: As noted in the memo the villages annual storm sewer system preventative maintenance program in this program. Each of the villages 1600 catch basins.

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03:02:11.430 --> 03:02:21.150

Trustee Lewis: 1600 catch basins is cleaned, at least every two to three years, the purpose of which is to maximize the effectiveness of our cash base and maintenance program.

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03:02:21.480 --> 03:02:30.450

Trustee Lewis: Our 2018 mechanical street sweeper and vacuum removes 1500 cubic yards of debris, which might otherwise be deposited in catch basins.

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03:02:30.900 --> 03:02:38.610

Trustee Lewis: And the 2018 sewer jet and vacuum truck is additionally deployed to clean catch basins with as many as 230 catch basins clean annually.

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03:02:39.030 --> 03:02:50.640

Trustee Lewis: By village personnel. I read all that because I just think those stats are really interesting about the very important details that have to occur properly and get executed well

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03:02:51.090 --> 03:03:01.080

Trustee Lewis: Every year, every day by our, our village staff, and I think it's just important to note those specific details. Some of those details are summarized in the whereas clauses.

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03:03:02.430 --> 03:03:12.900

Trustee Lewis: I'd like to go to the results clause resolved that the village manager is hereby authorized to execute VM contract number 1265

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03:03:14.130 --> 03:03:28.500

Trustee Lewis: Catch bass and cleaning services for two year term with Fred a Coke, Jr. P. O. Box 71 Montrose New York 10 548 a unit price of \$49 and 50 CENTS PER catch basin \$1 per linear foot for jetting flow lines beyond 10 feet.

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03:03:28.890 --> 03:03:29.880

Trustee Lewis: And the aforementioned bid.

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03:03:29.940 --> 03:03:37.680

Trustee Lewis: unit prices for total cost, not to exceed \$30,000 and available fri 1920 DB W operating capital budget funding.

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03:03:37.980 --> 03:03:44.220

Trustee Lewis: And additional appropriations identified on the fly 2021 budget for those ones we made available and be it further resolved.

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03:03:44.550 --> 03:03:53.850

Trustee Lewis: That the costs associated with VM contract 1265 catch face and cleaning services be charged to fly 1920 and if I took 2021 general fund operating account.

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03:03:54.570 --> 03:04:08.070

Trustee Lewis: Number 814 90 highway STD or and 404 99 and capital fund account 8597 dash 965 2020 dash 017 at the unit price for option they have 4950 per catch basin.

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03:04:08.400 --> 03:04:16.800

Trustee Lewis: And associated flow lines of dollar per linear for option B jetting flow lines beyond 10 feet for a not to exceed the mount of \$30,000

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03:04:17.100 --> 03:04:26.610

Trustee Lewis: And fri 1920 budget appropriations and be a further result that the use of these budget appropriations for both FYI 1920 and that by 2021

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03:04:26.880 --> 03:04:36.840

Trustee Lewis: Maybe further restricted in accordance with current and future fiscal austerity measures related to adverse financial and budgetary impacts associated with the coven 19 pandemic.

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03:04:37.290 --> 03:04:49.050

Trustee Lewis: And be further resolved that the village manager, she'll take all administrative X required pursuant to the terms of the contract, including the option to renew for two additional when your terms, subject to adequate budget appropriations.

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03:04:49.890 --> 03:04:50.370

Second,

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03:04:51.570 --> 03:04:53.460

Mayor Samwick: This is again a roll call is complete, please.

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03:04:54.120 --> 03:04:55.380

Village Clerk Conkling: Just years I

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03:04:56.520 --> 03:04:57.090

Village Clerk Conkling: Handle

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03:04:57.510 --> 03:04:59.190
Village Clerk Conkling: I just, you lose.

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03:04:59.430 --> 03:05:01.350
Village Clerk Conkling: I trust you. Ross.

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03:05:01.890 --> 03:05:03.600
Village Clerk Conkling: I trust the Baron

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03:05:03.900 --> 03:05:05.640
Village Clerk Conkling: High trust the Wildman

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03:05:05.970 --> 03:05:07.500
Village Clerk Conkling: I were salmon.

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03:05:08.040 --> 03:05:12.540
Mayor Samwick: Hi, thank you just kind of going to St. Louis last resolution of the evening.

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03:05:13.830 --> 03:05:20.940
Trustee Lewis: Yes, so this is the authorization of a public drainage easement agreement for 38 right Avenue.

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03:05:21.990 --> 03:05:25.980
Trustee Lewis: Again, I always like to reference the underlying documents. A lot of work goes into these documents.

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03:05:26.700 --> 03:05:42.780
Trustee Lewis: This one, David February 18 is by our village manager do so. And it's addressed to our deputy village attorneys to mantle and garrison it details historical background and facts as it relates to the property and this particular issue, which relates to drainage pipes and easements

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03:05:44.400 --> 03:05:56.250
Trustee Lewis: If, if all are reasonable lead comfortable with this as has practice. I will go directly to the resolve clauses, as I believe the warehouses are described quite fully in the attached memorandum

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03:05:57.450 --> 03:06:08.880
Trustee Lewis: Resolve pursuant to the New York State village law for desk for 1231 the Board of Trustees of the village of Scarsdale here by accepts the dedication of the relocating public drainage life.

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03:06:09.210 --> 03:06:13.980

Trustee Lewis: More accurately described an exhibit B and exhibit it attached to it made a partner up

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03:06:14.460 --> 03:06:23.250

Trustee Lewis: And be a further resolved that the village board here by authorizes the village manager to execute and substantially the same form as attached here to a major part thereof.

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03:06:23.670 --> 03:06:29.790

Trustee Lewis: easement agreement related to I relocated drainage pipe Republic drainage line at 38 bright, Adam.

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03:06:30.240 --> 03:06:39.270

Trustee Lewis: And being further resolved, but the village manager is here and authorized to undertake all administrative acts that may be required pursuant to the terms of this agreement and be further resolved.

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03:06:39.660 --> 03:06:51.120

Trustee Lewis: At the owner can Highlander and Nancy rattling their or their representative shall be shot record the easement agreement in the office of the clerk of the county Westchester division of land records.

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Mayor Samwick: This is a real calm his company, please.

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03:06:55.560 --> 03:06:56.670

Village Clerk Conkling: just stares.

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03:06:56.820 --> 03:06:57.150

Hi.

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03:06:58.980 --> 03:06:59.370

Trustee Crandall: Hi.

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03:06:59.760 --> 03:07:00.690

Village Clerk Conkling: Justin those

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03:07:00.990 --> 03:07:02.790

Village Clerk Conkling: I just the Ross.

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03:07:03.390 --> 03:07:04.920

Village Clerk Conkling: I just a very

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03:07:05.460 --> 03:07:07.200

Village Clerk Conkling: High dusty Waldman

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03:07:08.880 --> 03:07:09.330

Trustee Waldman: Hi.

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03:07:10.020 --> 03:07:18.000

Mayor Samwick: Sam. Hi. Thank you for calling. All right, we move on to trusty Verizon for the last two resolutions of the

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03:07:18.420 --> 03:07:21.510

Trustee Veron: Yes. Thank you, Mayor these resolutions.

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03:07:22.290 --> 03:07:28.920

Trustee Veron: Are continuing from the conversation we had at our last board meeting regarding the extension for the library project.

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Trustee Veron: The first is with respect to the construction management services.

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Trustee Veron: The Village Board to authorize the 580 3000 constructive Management Services Agreement with seven engineers and in addition \$7,534 and 80 CENTS PER reimburse expenses.

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03:07:45.450 --> 03:07:58.110

Trustee Veron: The project is now projected to be substantially complete by the end of August 2020 that's requiring an additional six months of full time because option management services for the period march 2020 through August 2020

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03:07:59.130 --> 03:08:07.680

Trustee Veron: And beyond which their remaining two months of part time project close up services included in the original agreement, the monthly fee for four of the six additional month

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03:08:07.950 --> 03:08:17.700

Trustee Veron: Has been negotiated down. Thank you. Village staff, but the contractual rate of \$25,717 to \$23,350 per month.

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03:08:18.600 --> 03:08:36.240

Trustee Veron: With the remain to my city by the two Sep 2017 hourly rates in Matt not to exceed \$23,350 per month, resulting in a total potential increase of 140 \$1,100 and not to exceed contract. Total of 730 \$1,634 and 80 cents.

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03:08:37.440 --> 03:08:41.400

Trustee Veron: And continuing CM services is critical to the successful project completion.

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03:08:43.080 --> 03:08:53.880

Trustee Veron: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the village manager is here by authorized to execute an extension to the seven engineers. Construction Management Services Agreement and substantially the same form as attached here to

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03:08:54.180 --> 03:08:58.470

Trustee Veron: For to attend for total potential increase of \$141,000

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03:08:59.160 --> 03:09:10.110

Trustee Veron: And the village managers further authorize to undertake administrative acts as may be required under the terms of the contract and be further result hit the \$63,500 from the library fund.

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03:09:10.590 --> 03:09:21.060

Trustee Veron: fund balance and \$77,600 from accrued interest on library gift donations be transferred to the library. Construction Management Services Captain account noted here and

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03:09:26.520 --> 03:09:30.810

Mayor Samwick: Sorry about that. I had to unmute myself. This again is a roll call. Miss Conklin please

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03:09:31.470 --> 03:09:32.700

Trustee Arest: Listeners I

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03:09:33.180 --> 03:09:33.480

Just

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03:09:34.620 --> 03:09:35.070

Trustee Crandall: I

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03:09:35.310 --> 03:09:35.640

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Trustee Lewis: I

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Village Clerk Conkling: St Ross.

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Village Clerk Conkling: recused trusted

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03:09:42.030 --> 03:09:43.950

Village Clerk Conkling: I trusted woman.

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03:09:44.340 --> 03:09:45.510

Village Clerk Conkling: I am so

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03:09:46.620 --> 03:09:49.020

Mayor Samwick: I thank you Miss Conklin trusted

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03:09:49.500 --> 03:10:01.200

Trustee Veron: Yep. The next resolution is regarding change ours. And again, we discuss it at our last meeting and as my colleague trustee Lewis reference. We have a very detailed memo attached that describes

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03:10:01.680 --> 03:10:10.350

Trustee Veron: A change orders to electrical here Judah unanticipated feel conduction conditions in certain modifications to electrical portion of the project, which were deemed necessary.

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03:10:11.490 --> 03:10:22.380

Trustee Veron: So you can read in detail. It was really well documented. So I just wanted to quickly summarize that during the course of construction. The combination of certain unanticipated feel conditions.

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03:10:22.830 --> 03:10:32.580

Trustee Veron: And added project features expand the scope of work, necessitating associate associated change orders to the village VM contract 1244

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03:10:33.450 --> 03:10:51.210

Trustee Veron: And the change order totaling 140 \$2,950 is describing the type summary have been reviewed, both by staff and seven engineers. Now, therefore, be it resolved that, in accordance with section 2.9 of the village of scars will internal control policy change orders etc oh eight and a co nine

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03:10:51.660 --> 03:11:03.210

Trustee Veron: Total totally 140 \$2,950 that's described in the attached as here an authorized by BM contract 1244 electrical Scarsdale Public Library renovation expansion project.

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03:11:03.840 --> 03:11:14.160

Trustee Veron: And be further resolved said additions and modifications be paid utilizing the available unencumbered approved project funding balances identified any attached spreadsheet accompanying the staff member and

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03:11:15.090 --> 03:11:15.540

Second,

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03:11:16.680 --> 03:11:18.210

Mayor Samwick: Again, a row column is Conklin please

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03:11:18.990 --> 03:11:19.830

Village Clerk Conkling: Let's years

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03:11:20.940 --> 03:11:21.900

Village Clerk Conkling: Just to Crandall

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03:11:22.470 --> 03:11:24.090

Village Clerk Conkling: I just do those

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03:11:24.690 --> 03:11:26.460

Village Clerk Conkling: I just you Ross.

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03:11:26.940 --> 03:11:29.430

Village Clerk Conkling: Reduced trustee Baron

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03:11:29.760 --> 03:11:31.320

Village Clerk Conkling: I Goldman

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03:11:31.590 --> 03:11:32.820

Village Clerk Conkling: Hi, Sam.

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03:11:33.630 --> 03:11:41.670

Mayor Samwick: Hi. Thank you, Miss Conklin. Um, first of all that and I had the opportunity to walk through the library at the end of last week.

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03:11:42.180 --> 03:11:52.410

Mayor Samwick: And get a little progress report on on how things are going and you know in these days where you know we really are struggling. And so, so many ways.

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03:11:53.130 --> 03:12:04.170

Mayor Samwick: It is really heartening to see what is clearly going to be a community treasure coming together and you know one of the bright spots that we do see

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03:12:04.500 --> 03:12:23.040

Mayor Samwick: Coming in this current calendar year is the reopening of that treasure. So, you know, I look forward to to that and I hope many of you join us in in the reopening and and using this great community assets with that trustee Conklin

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03:12:24.090 --> 03:12:24.870

Mayor Samwick: Trustee company.

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03:12:26.070 --> 03:12:26.640

Mayor Samwick: This guy.

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03:12:28.590 --> 03:12:29.910

Mayor Samwick: Whether written communications.

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03:12:30.270 --> 03:12:36.510

Village Clerk Conkling: And less. Thank you, Mayor we receive 14 communications and so last regular Board of Trustees meeting.

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03:12:37.530 --> 03:12:47.910

Village Clerk Conkling: All of these written communications include responses from the mayor and maybe viewed on the villages website at WWW dot sedar sale.com a community.

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03:12:49.950 --> 03:12:59.400

Village Clerk Conkling: To receive from fallen persons in regards to the tentative to school year 2020 2021 builds budget, Dr. Andrew blank Jimmy thing.

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03:13:00.000 --> 03:13:12.120

Village Clerk Conkling: Sandy and our owner may Rock, Arkansas read Regus we receive to communications from her Joe Lawrence Francisco 70 and Robert Dwyer

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03:13:12.870 --> 03:13:19.530

Village Clerk Conkling: Jerome long and Tim Foley president of the Scarsdale forum on behalf of the Fiscal Affairs Committee.

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03:13:20.460 --> 03:13:30.540

Village Clerk Conkling: We received an email from Susan Levine regarding leaf long chain and the village budget an email from Diane may regarding coven 19 and social distancing

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03:13:31.440 --> 03:13:46.170

Village Clerk Conkling: An email from Vic meta regarding the village taxation policies, an email from Camille Roche regarding coven 19 testing and finally an email from Stuart silver regarding a request for tax really

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03:13:48.360 --> 03:13:53.910

Mayor Samwick: Think it was conflict that concludes the Village Board meeting. Do we have a motion to adjourn.

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03:13:55.560 --> 03:13:56.340

Trustee Crandall: So moved.

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03:13:59.340 --> 03:14:00.090

Mayor Samwick: And the second

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03:14:02.100 --> 03:14:02.820

Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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03:14:03.330 --> 03:14:16.770

Mayor Samwick: Aye. Aye. All right. We'd like to open the town board meeting a special town board meeting of April 28 2020 of the town board of Scarsdale Roll call, please, Miss Conklin

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03:14:17.610 --> 03:14:17.910

Mr.

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03:14:23.250 --> 03:14:24.810

Mayor Samwick: Mr. Eric, you're muted still

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03:14:25.080 --> 03:14:26.430

Trustee Arest: I am sorry here.

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03:14:27.720 --> 03:14:29.610

Trustee Crandall: Is Crandall there.

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03:14:29.730 --> 03:14:30.780

Village Clerk Conkling: Mr. Lewis.

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03:14:31.290 --> 03:14:33.000

Village Clerk Conkling: Here. Mr. Ross.

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03:14:33.390 --> 03:14:34.980

Village Clerk Conkling: Here. Miss veteran.

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03:14:35.250 --> 03:14:35.730

Trustee Veron: Yeah.

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03:14:35.910 --> 03:14:37.470

Trustee Waldman: This woman. Yeah.

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03:14:37.800 --> 03:14:38.820

Village Clerk Conkling: Mr Sam work.

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03:14:39.240 --> 03:14:40.920

Mayor Samwick: Here. Thank you, Miss Conklin

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03:14:42.060 --> 03:14:44.880

Mayor Samwick: We have one resolution this evening trustee arrows to

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03:14:45.780 --> 03:14:49.560

Trustee Arest: Thank you, mayor. So as I alluded earlier, there was a resolution.

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03:14:50.700 --> 03:14:59.130

Trustee Arest: About county taxes. This is a resolute party waiver of penalties on Westchester County taxes Special District taxes and assessments.

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03:14:59.730 --> 03:15:07.290

Trustee Arest: For some time now. We've been working to make sure that we can do everything that we are legally able to do to help our taxpayers.

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Trustee Arest: We've been talking about this for some time, we were aware that the county was working on something. Originally, the county executive had proposed.

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Trustee Arest: That there would be a complete waiver of penalties as long as certain taxpayers met a hardship criteria.

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03:15:22.110 --> 03:15:33.090

Trustee Arest: The legislature, the county legislator didn't love that they think there was some concern some pushback maybe from municipalities about how how that threshold would be met and who would be responsible.

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03:15:33.690 --> 03:15:46.860

Trustee Arest: So they came up with their own plan, you know, WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE THAT HAS if taxes are paid after the April 30 deadline and prior to June 1, it would be one half percent penalty, and this is for everyone, by the way.

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03:15:48.000 --> 03:16:01.260

Trustee Arest: It paid from June 1 through July 15 it's a 1% penalty if paid from July 16 through July 31 it's a 5% penalty and if paid during the month of August and September. It's a 7% penalty.

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03:16:01.710 --> 03:16:11.550

Trustee Arest: And again, that's for everyone. And that was passed by the Westchester County legislature on April 17 and has subsequently been signed by county executive Latimer

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Trustee Arest: Now, where it gets a little interesting is obviously the county executive was still working with Governor Cuomo

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Trustee Arest: Because he liked his plan better, or at least thought in conjunction, it would be helpful. And obviously, we will take anything

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03:16:24.810 --> 03:16:42.630

Trustee Arest: That can have that we can help our residents do and so therefore an executive order was issued on April 20 which requires towns

in Westchester County to waive payment of penalties completely for late payment, but only up to July 15 2020 and provided that

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03:16:44.160 --> 03:16:53.700

Trustee Arest: Such towns apply to Westchester County executives criteria for the determination of hardship due to the coven 19 so I guess it goes back to his original plan as well.

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03:16:54.570 --> 03:17:01.770

Trustee Arest: I don't believe that we actually need either you know need this resolution, but I think that Council recommended, and I think it's very wise.

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Trustee Arest: That because there was a little bit of uncertainty about whether you have to opt out opt in.

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Trustee Arest: We're doing this just to make sure that there's, there is no possibility of error and we were affirming that we want to participate in every way that we can. So now, therefore, be it resolved counseled I summarize that. Okay. Before I get to

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Village Attorney Pozin: Place.

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Village Attorney Pozin: The

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Village Attorney Pozin: Boy.

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03:17:31.110 --> 03:17:31.320

Village Attorney Pozin: Which

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03:17:37.020 --> 03:17:38.730

Village Attorney Pozin: Is, you know,

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03:17:42.000 --> 03:17:44.520

Trustee Arest: Having a hard time. Is anybody else having a hard time hearing, Dan.

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03:17:44.820 --> 03:17:46.860

Mayor Samwick: Yeah, Dan. It's very difficult to hear you.

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03:17:50.070 --> 03:17:50.490

Trustee Waldman: Know,

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03:17:50.790 --> 03:17:53.010

Mayor Samwick: It sounds like it's your internet connection.

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03:17:53.250 --> 03:17:55.590

Mayor Samwick: Not something that you're probably be able to remedy.

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03:17:58.470 --> 03:18:00.660

Trustee Ross: Yeah, it's happened to you a few other times this evening.

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03:18:01.860 --> 03:18:06.900

Trustee Veron: If Council can write it in the chat. We can read it aloud. If we can't hear him.

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03:18:24.540 --> 03:18:26.940

Village Manager Pappalardo: A trustee iris. I think you summarized it well.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I'm the governor is executive order.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: would wait would

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03:18:35.190 --> 03:18:42.120

Village Manager Pappalardo: Delay penalties for would be waived completely in the executive order, but there is a hardship criteria that needs to be met.

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03:18:43.410 --> 03:18:54.930

Village Manager Pappalardo: And that threshold and that criteria were based on a on previous language that Westchester County Executive had proposed and many of the municipal officials.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Rejected over concerned for it being too unwieldy and and and for both the taxpayers and also for

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03:19:06.750 --> 03:19:11.850

Village Manager Pappalardo: For the local governments. I think what the county executive did that now is he's got a he's got a

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03:19:13.410 --> 03:19:31.440

Village Manager Pappalardo: Law, that would be applicable to all tax payers and although they don't waive the penalties for late payment, there's a significant step down in the in the percentage of payment that's that's that's necessary and you went through that already. So really the the

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03:19:32.220 --> 03:19:33.600

Village Manager Pappalardo: The two differences is that

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03:19:34.650 --> 03:19:36.930

Village Manager Pappalardo: In the state EO and the government is he. Oh.

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03:19:38.400 --> 03:19:48.240

Village Manager Pappalardo: There's no opt in clause, but the late penalties are waived. But there is a hardship criteria and with the county with the county law.

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03:19:50.670 --> 03:20:03.300

Village Manager Pappalardo: There is the, the, the late penalties are not waived. But they're significantly step down and there is no hardship criteria. So all taxpayers would benefit from that.

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03:20:07.620 --> 03:20:08.370

Village Manager Pappalardo: Question questions.

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03:20:08.670 --> 03:20:10.890

Village Manager Pappalardo: About any of this, they should, you know, call

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03:20:11.070 --> 03:20:15.000

Trustee Arest: Dan This is opt out town taxes.

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03:20:16.110 --> 03:20:27.810

Deputy Manager Cole: What Dan is saying is that the county law in terms of the town taxes does not apply locally. We're just waiting. The late fee on the county taxes in the county district taxes.

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03:20:28.050 --> 03:20:36.600

Deputy Manager Cole: A lot the town taxes because the town taxes referenced in the county law or for towns with a different fiscal year than Scarsdale so

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03:20:37.020 --> 03:20:37.440

Trustee Arest: Read the

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03:20:37.620 --> 03:20:42.000

Deputy Manager Cole: Directly don't get confused because we're not leaving town tax.

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03:20:42.120 --> 03:20:45.780

Trustee Arest: late fees because that's a very that's a very important. Yes.

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03:20:45.780 --> 03:20:46.230

Village Manager Pappalardo: Good point.

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03:20:46.920 --> 03:20:47.280

Trustee Arest: Yes.

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03:20:47.430 --> 03:20:57.270

Village Manager Pappalardo: Thank you for that would require that would require state statute changes or or or or do these these deal with county property taxes only

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03:20:59.340 --> 03:21:04.080

Mayor Samwick: Right. So as it just to clarify, as a village with a June 1

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Mayor Samwick: Fiscal Year we are not in a position to do that. We're not in a position to waive fees.

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03:21:16.290 --> 03:21:16.680

Village Manager Pappalardo: Yes.

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03:21:16.770 --> 03:21:21.420

Mayor Samwick: Daddy get lost in there. Maybe go ahead and opt out regarding town.

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03:21:25.230 --> 03:21:26.430

Mayor Samwick: Oh, that we should add

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03:21:29.400 --> 03:21:32.100

Trustee Arest: But I thought it didn't apply to us because our dates are different.

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03:21:33.330 --> 03:21:34.620

Trustee Arest: I'm not ignoring you, Dan. You're just

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03:21:35.100 --> 03:21:36.630

Mayor Samwick: You're actually you're muted. Now, Dan.

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03:21:37.050 --> 03:21:42.780

Deputy Manager Cole: He's good. Maybe you could call dad and he could tell you what he's trying to say that you could just say it for him.

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03:21:43.260 --> 03:21:44.310

Trustee Arest: I would be happy to.

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03:21:55.980 --> 03:21:57.570

Trustee Arest: I got your voicemail. Try it again.

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03:21:59.520 --> 03:21:59.910

Village Clerk Conkling: But

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03:22:05.130 --> 03:22:07.740

Mayor Samwick: By and large, I have to say the technology is working very well.

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03:22:07.950 --> 03:22:09.630

Mayor Samwick: We haven't really had challenges.

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03:22:09.660 --> 03:22:12.810

Trustee Arest: Like you know you try me because like I've gotten your voicemail three times.

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03:22:14.310 --> 03:22:16.890

Village Manager Pappalardo: Yeah. Hi, Dan, I got him on my phone.

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03:22:18.270 --> 03:22:19.140

Village Manager Pappalardo: All right, so

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03:22:20.910 --> 03:22:22.980

Village Manager Pappalardo: Hang on one second baby. Can you hear him, guys.

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03:22:24.360 --> 03:22:25.440

Trustee Veron: Yes, yes. Oh, yeah.

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03:22:25.470 --> 03:22:26.040

Village Manager Pappalardo: Yeah yeah

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03:22:26.340 --> 03:22:27.480

Village Attorney Pozin: Go ahead, Danny. That's me.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I lost them.

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03:22:30.120 --> 03:22:32.040

Trustee Arest: Know, on the phone. Dan on the phone.

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03:22:34.620 --> 03:22:36.390

Mayor Samwick: didn't speak on the phone and we can hear you.

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03:22:36.780 --> 03:22:39.240

Village Manager Pappalardo: I lost him. He's calling me back, call me back.

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03:22:43.710 --> 03:22:44.460

Village Manager Pappalardo: Is that you, Dan.

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03:22:45.540 --> 03:22:47.130

Village Manager Pappalardo: Me. Okay. Can you guys hear him.

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03:22:47.340 --> 03:22:48.210

Mayor Samwick: Yes, yes.

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03:22:48.330 --> 03:22:48.870

Village Manager Pappalardo: Talk loud.

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03:22:49.980 --> 03:22:56.340

Village Manager Pappalardo: I'm really sorry. That's the first time that I haven't been able to connect on on a zoom call. I apologize. I was on to today.

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03:22:58.440 --> 03:23:08.850

Village Manager Pappalardo: I would just like to add at the, at the very end of the resolution words and asked out of the county law relative to town town district and pound assessments.

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03:23:10.230 --> 03:23:17.940

Village Manager Pappalardo: I can often be the language, but I just want to make sure that the language is in there because that's the fourth in the county and the county law.

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03:23:19.650 --> 03:23:25.620

Mayor Samwick: Right, Dan, would you would you send that language, send it also to Justin. If you can send it within the next minute and therefore he can read it at the end.

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03:23:27.810 --> 03:23:29.220

Village Manager Pappalardo: Yeah. Want me to find a time now.

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03:23:29.640 --> 03:23:32.820

Mayor Samwick: That would be great. President as you read that he could read it as corrected.

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03:23:33.780 --> 03:23:35.370

Village Manager Pappalardo: Okay, let me do that.

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03:23:35.640 --> 03:23:36.060

Mayor Samwick: Thank you.

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03:23:42.180 --> 03:23:53.670

Trustee Arest: Again again data while you're writing or however you're getting to me this is just to be safe on the safe side correct because it doesn't really apply to us. It isn't like it's an option for us. But we're doing it just to be clean.

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Trustee Arest: Correct. Okay.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you.

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03:24:06.060 --> 03:24:07.020

Village Manager Pappalardo: Thank you send it to you.

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03:24:26.670 --> 03:24:29.100

Mayor Samwick: Steve, if you have it may be forwarded to trust you.

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03:24:29.130 --> 03:24:30.480

Village Manager Pappalardo: I don't know if he said it to me or not.

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03:24:30.780 --> 03:24:31.950

Trustee Arest: Okay, I

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03:24:32.790 --> 03:24:34.590

Trustee Arest: I keep hitting refresh on my email.

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03:24:49.050 --> 03:24:49.980

Village Manager Pappalardo: He didn't send it to me.

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Trustee Arest: Phone anymore. Dan, are you

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Know,

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03:24:59.430 --> 03:24:59.970

Mayor Samwick: He sent it.

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03:25:19.020 --> 03:25:19.560

Trustee Arest: Ah,

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Trustee Arest: OK.

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Trustee Arest: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the provisions of executive order number 202 to two and the applicable amendments to chapter 283 of the laws of Westchester County pertaining to the late payment of taxes for County.

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03:25:38.880 --> 03:25:50.040

Trustee Arest: Operating purposes special districts and assessments are hereby ratified for County and county Special District taxes and assessments for the town of Scarsdale and

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03:25:50.790 --> 03:25:59.400

Trustee Arest: Up, up, and that we opt out that the villagers Scarsdale that the town of Scarsdale excuse me ops out of the county law relative to towns.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you have a typo.

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03:26:05.550 --> 03:26:08.430

Trustee Arest: Towns and district taxes and assessment.

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03:26:11.850 --> 03:26:12.540

Trustee Arest: Do we have a second

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03:26:12.750 --> 03:26:13.410

Mayor Samwick: We have a second.

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03:26:13.770 --> 03:26:16.290

Mayor Samwick: Second. Okay. Roll call, please, Miss Conklin

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Village Clerk Conkling: Sister Iris

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03:26:22.770 --> 03:26:24.990

Mayor Samwick: Distracted say Mr. As we couldn't hear you.

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03:26:26.280 --> 03:26:31.350

Trustee Arest: Oh, I said. I said thank you to Dan for his response to this posting

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03:26:33.090 --> 03:26:33.840

Village Clerk Conkling: Mr. Aaron.

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03:26:35.160 --> 03:26:36.480

Trustee Arest: Seriously, you can hear me still.

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03:26:36.660 --> 03:26:37.560

Mayor Samwick: Looking we heard you.

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Trustee Arest: The end. But to the i i

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03:26:41.790 --> 03:26:46.170

Village Clerk Conkling: Trust you Crandall, am I okay Mr. Lawrence.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I. Mr. Ross.

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03:26:48.960 --> 03:26:49.350

Trustee Ross: Hi.

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Village Clerk Conkling: This very when

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Trustee Veron: I

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Trustee Waldman: Was a woman I

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03:26:53.880 --> 03:26:54.630

Village Clerk Conkling: Mr Sam.

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Mayor Samwick: I think it was Conklin Thank you everyone else and in spite of that difficulty. The good news is we were able to get that all done.

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03:27:03.540 --> 03:27:11.790

Mayor Samwick: As it is after 10pm, and this meeting started an hour earlier than usual, we are not gonna have time for public comment. Number two, this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: But before we go, you know, I just want to again.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank village staff for everything that you're doing. It's. It is really

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Mayor Samwick: An everybody uses the word unprecedented all the time. It's a very good word to use right now you're working around the clock every day.

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Mayor Samwick: Doing things that nobody anticipated. We're going to have to be done and rolling up your sleeves and getting it done and delivering essential services, day in, day out. Thank you. The village of Scarsdale thanks you really is quite an effort and and its really tremendously. Appreciate it.

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03:27:51.900 --> 03:28:04.440

Mayor Samwick: I'd also like to thank scar still healthcare workers. We have a number of health care workers in our community and what you're doing, day in and day out, is also really remarkable.

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Mayor Samwick: Is that you are true heroes throughout all of this and I would like to single out our very own trustee Walden, who is a physician as well. And who has

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Mayor Samwick: Taken the governor's call for medical professionals and has been volunteering at White Plains hospital on the front lines. And so we thank you as well.

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Mayor Samwick: With that, I will entertain a motion to adjourn the town board meeting.

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Trustee Ross: So moved.

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Mayor Samwick: Second. All in favor.

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03:28:39.090 --> 03:28:42.570

Mayor Samwick: I thank you very much. Have a good evening and be well everyone

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