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Marc Samwick: let's get to business so i'd like to call the order the February 23 2021 scarsdale village board meeting roll call, please because conklin.

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Village Clerk Conkling: frosty areas.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Here trustee crandall.

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Village Clerk Conkling: here to St Louis your trusty Ross your trusted waldman.

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00:14:50.280 --> 00:14:52.410

Village Clerk Conkling: yeah trustee white stone.

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00:14:52.860 --> 00:14:54.600

Village Clerk Conkling: Here mayor same way.

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00:14:55.320 --> 00:14:57.300

Marc Samwick: Here, please rise for the pledge.

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Marc Samwick: I pledge allegiance.

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Lena Crandall: To the.

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Lena Crandall: flag.

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Lena Crandall: Of the United States of America.

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Lena Crandall: And to the Republic for which it stands.

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Marc Samwick: One nation.

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Lena Crandall: Under God.

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Lena Crandall: indivisible.

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Rob Cole: With liberty and.

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Rob Cole: justice.

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For all.

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Marc Samwick: motion to approve the Minutes from the February 9 2021 village board meeting.

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00:15:30.660 --> 00:15:31.170

Lena Crandall: Second.

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Lena Crandall: hi hi.

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Marc Samwick: Thank you, builds trust you Ross.

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Trustee Ross: Thank you mayor, I have audited the abstract and claims data February 23 2021 and the amount of \$437,526 and 59 cents, which include \$74,178 and 73 cents.

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00:15:51.930 --> 00:15:58.740

Trustee Ross: Of library claims previously audited by a trustee of library, or I found the claims to be an order and I move that they be approved for payment.

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00:15:59.880 --> 00:16:00.360

Lena Crandall: Second.

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Lena Crandall: All in favor Aye Aye.

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Marc Samwick: Okay, there was a second alright moving into mayor's comments this evening, I would like to discuss two important matters and won.

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Marc Samwick: The two payment tax collection system to the village board and active last spring, for school and village tax collections and to to propose 2021 2022 village general fund budget.

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Marc Samwick: And late spring and into summer of last year, the State of New York and local governments across the state endeavor to identify ways to help residents and businesses to whether the fiscal and emotional storm of the pandemic.

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Marc Samwick: Recognizing the habit wreaked upon personal finances a suite of strategies was developed to reduce the financial burden of property taxes.

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Marc Samwick: In the spirit of our long standing collaborative efforts scarsdale schools approach the village in May of 2020 and suggested that we consider transitioning to a to installment tax collection system rather than our long standing single payment plan.

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Marc Samwick: The rationale was simple.

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Marc Samwick: Help scarsdale property owners with cash flow by allowing them to defer half of their property tax obligations to a second installment.

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Marc Samwick: The two installments system was already authorized under applicable tax law and the village board adopted a resolution implementing the new system on June 9 2020.

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Marc Samwick: Subsequently, villages multi pronged communication effort included may oral commentary during village board meetings press releases announcing the transit transition.

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Marc Samwick: And reminding taxpayers of last dates to pay without penalty or interest and delinquent notices after payments that were missed.

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Marc Samwick: The tax bills themselves plainly stated the percent penalty information for late payments, as well as the dates of penalty escalation our efforts exceeded the regulatory notification threshold by a substantial margin.

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Marc Samwick: The village not only leverage numerous tools in seeking to help taxpayers and it's the pandemic, including tourism, including transitioning to the two installment tax from mitten structure.

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Marc Samwick: But also endeavor to reduce taxpayer exposure to penalties and interest by providing notification of upcoming due dates stating statutory penalties for late payment and providing late payment reminders to delinquent tax payers.

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Marc Samwick: Timely tax payment remittance is important to the functioning of government and to maintenance of an equitable system of taxation.

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Marc Samwick: I am the village board regret that a portion of our taxpayers neglected to remit payment on time and we're exposed to see me we harsh statutory penalties.

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Marc Samwick: which the village lacks legal authority to reduce wave or reimburse It is unfortunate that our efforts to help reduce fiscal stress amid the pandemic yielded an unintended outcome for some.

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Marc Samwick: Though i'm also encouraged to report that over 94% of the population read remitted timely payment.

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Marc Samwick: In the future I implore all taxpayers to diligently track the tasks limit and schedule and to call our treasurer's office at 9147 to 1170 with any tax remittance questions.

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Marc Samwick: we're here to help residents within the confines of state and local codes.

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Marc Samwick: Again, the village board deeply regrets that were unable to assist in ameliorating the impact of the penalties and interest for the 6% of taxpayers having been exposed to the liability for failure met timely payment now discuss the village budget.

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Marc Samwick: The 2021 village general fund budget.

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Marc Samwick: has been worked on extensively the village went through extraordinary measures to propose a budget for the fiscal year which starts on June 1.

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Marc Samwick: The budget process commenced, a month early in November, when the village manager convened department heads to start formulating their respective budgets, along with scenarios that consider the impact on village services in the event that budgets were reduced.

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Marc Samwick: The village board added a second full day meeting and an additional evening meeting to it's customary budget deliberations, the additional work was designed to challenge norms and to seek alternative ways to manage village operations in the face of pandemic related fiscal pressures.

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Marc Samwick: By way of background the village acted quickly and decisively to address the fiscal impacts of the pandemic.

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Marc Samwick: By implementing austerity spending constraints which the village continues to operate under and to allocate funds into a covert reserve account that now totals \$2.25 million 2.2 to \$5 million.

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Marc Samwick: The village further identified \$1.7 million of funded capital reserves that could qualify if needed for borrowing with an associated reallocation of those reserve funds to further supplement the covert reserve account.

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Marc Samwick: This prudent fiscal planning was largely the work of the village manager and then village treasurer and we're grateful for their efforts.

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Marc Samwick: Looking forward to the budget, we continue to see some of the strains from the pandemic on our budget, most notably from an expected shortfall and parking and related revenues.

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Marc Samwick: The proposed tentative budget uses two and a quarter million dollars of fund balance, consisting of the use of \$1,023,000 of unassigned general fund balance that is generally included each year in the budget, plus funds from the covert reserve account.

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Marc Samwick: The first pass budget show to propose tax increase of 4.87% this level of tax increase was not acceptable to the board and staff and we push to find an incremental 180 \$7,300 of revenues and to reduce 413,000 \$705 of expenses for a total net budget reduction of over \$600,000.

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Marc Samwick: The resulting year to year proposed increase in the tax levy is now 3.42% for a total tax levy of 43,000,230 \$9,747 and an overall, general fund budget of 60,000,130 \$1,681.

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Marc Samwick: To put this in perspective, a residential property owner owning a home assessed at \$1,510,000 representing the current average home assessment in scarsdale would pay \$7,293 and village property taxes and fiscal year 2122.

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Marc Samwick: This represents an increase of \$182 year over year.

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Marc Samwick: The tax levy increase of 3.42% is below the New York state property tax CAP limit for 2021 2022.

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Marc Samwick: Importantly, the proposed 2122 general fund budget maintains the level of services that residents have come to expect from the village.

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Marc Samwick: As we do each year will be conducting public briefing sessions to review the operating capital budgets, including the public's ability to ask questions and provide input in the proposed budgets.

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Marc Samwick: The operating budget briefing session will be held tomorrow February 24 at 5pm and the capital budget briefing session will be held one week later on march 3 also at 5pm.

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Marc Samwick: Both meetings will be held via zoom and links to join the meetings may be found on the village website www.scarsdale.com We look forward to your participation in this important process, that concludes makers comments manager.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Here I have nothing tonight, but i'll have plenty to say about the budget tomorrow night with the village treasure at our public briefing session, thank you, I.

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Marc Samwick: look forward to seeing you both there okay.

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Marc Samwick: Moving on to a public hearing leave trust the trust was reading this public hearing.

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Justin Arest: And this is a public hearing to consider or proposed local law authorizing the board of trustees to adopt the budget for the 2021 2022 fiscal year.

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Justin Arest: That requires a real property tax levy access of the amount otherwise prescribed in general, municipal law section three dash C.

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Justin Arest: And what I will just mention before we open to comment, for this is a very helpful memorandum in the packet soothing.

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Justin Arest: From our village treasure which points out that we can be a little confusing, but the tax CAP is actually 1.26%.

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Justin Arest: over the previous tax levy limit, but I want to just convert that for everyone to understand that from our previous tax levy from what we tax the village of scarsdale residents last year.

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Justin Arest: we're actually elect will allow we could go up to about 4.52% before meeting this local law before exceeding what the tax CAP is as the mayor just mentioned, we are currently a 3.42%.

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Justin Arest: Unless something very unforeseen and unfortunate happens, our intention is that worse to stay where it is that's our hope.

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Justin Arest: possibly even maybe have that become a little bit lower.

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Justin Arest: So with that, I just wanted to point that out and i'd like to open up to a public hearing and please ask that anybody who wants to participate in the hearing keeps their comments specific to this potential local law and there will be time for public comments, right after.

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Justin Arest: Please raise your hand and the mayor can.

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Justin Arest: unmute you.

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Justin Arest: Maybe give it another 30 seconds Mer.

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Justin Arest: Okay, with that i'll ask for a motion to close the public hearing.

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Trustee Ross: So moved.

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Justin Arest: Second, all in favor.

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Trustee Ross: Aye Aye.

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Justin Arest: Thank you.

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Marc Samwick: Are we voting on the scale.

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Justin Arest: I don't think we should bear.

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Marc Samwick: We have time right Dan.

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Daniel Pozin: Yes, correct.

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Okay.

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Marc Samwick: All right.

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Marc Samwick: Moving on then, thank you trust the iris.

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Marc Samwick: i'd like to open public comment remind everybody that there is a five minute limit.

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Marc Samwick: assistant to village manager katzen will be keeping time, you will see him hold up the time when it gets when it gets close.

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Marc Samwick: And so, please make note of that so with that i'd like to open public comment, anyone wishing to be heard.

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Marc Samwick: Please raise your hand and also while people are raising their hand i'd like to remind everybody that there is a second public comments section of a meeting at the end of the meeting for those who wish to speak further.

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Marc Samwick: Michelle are you there.

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Michelle Sterling: Yes, i'm here, how are you can you all hear me.

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Marc Samwick: Yes, we can.

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Michelle Sterling: So I just wanted to say thank you for considering tonight the.

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Michelle Sterling: Establishment of a climate smart communities Task Force that's terrific and I appreciate.

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Michelle Sterling: That the Board is taking that up, and the second thing is really more of a question.

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Michelle Sterling: Question slash request, I was hoping for follow up to our January 12 working session on guests leaf blowers.

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Michelle Sterling: And I believe the next step would be a public hearing and my request is that it please be scheduled, so that we can have the benefits.

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Michelle Sterling: Of the changes.

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Michelle Sterling: Help residents starting this spring season so we're thankfully pretty close to the spring season.

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Michelle Sterling: So I hope I hope the board can please schedule that Thank you very much.

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Marc Samwick: Thank you, Michelle.

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Marc Samwick: Everywhere else wishing to be heard this evening.

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Marc Samwick: hold on Mr Harrison you keep coming and going just.

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Marc Samwick: All right, Bob are you there.

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robert harrison: I think I and so.

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robert harrison: My name is Bob Harris.

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robert harrison: 65 box meadow road 40 year resonance.

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robert harrison: Go to the chairman of the taxpayer alert, it was.

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Marc Samwick: Bobby if you could, if you could speak into the microphone that would.

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Marc Samwick: be hearing on the sporadically.

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robert harrison: I need a new computer anyway.

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Marc Samwick: I wake up i'm going to break before you start.

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Marc Samwick: i'd like to ask a loan to pause your time for just a moment.

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robert harrison: Thank you.

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Marc Samwick: Somebody somebody told me that that somebody celebrating a milestone birthday next week and I just wanted to wish you a very healthy and happy birthday and many more healthy years.

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robert harrison: Well that's that's really a nice will be the clock isn't running right.

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Marc Samwick: I asked her, I asked her cause and effect.

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Marc Samwick: Be start because yeah.

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robert harrison: So okay i'm gonna be 80 years old, after 40 years in scarsdale, but I feel like i'm 39.

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Marc Samwick: that's great.

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Marc Samwick: If you could bottle that that would be fantastic.

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robert harrison: And I wish everybody on the board well so.

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Marc Samwick: Thank you, and I would like to thank trustee crandall for for whispering in my ear in advance.

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robert harrison: she's my favorite trust.

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robert harrison: You here.

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robert harrison: Anyway, now you're all my favorite trustees and mayor you're the only ones.

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robert harrison: Okay, all right let's see let's get started so some important things.

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robert harrison: Okay, so i'm speaking as the chairman of the scarsdale taxpayer alert which we established in 1989 we do mail mailings on a periodic basis regarding school and village budgets to see the residents get good good quality.

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robert harrison: or village, which we generally have and to keep one capsule.

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Marc Samwick: Bob if you could speak into the microphone.

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robert harrison: Because I don't know why it works that way but anyway, the.

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robert harrison: You have a a meeting let's see what we call it, you went into executive session you surprised, a bunch of us who are looking to here's a discussion on the.

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robert harrison: The interest and penalties on property tax collections, we were very disappointed that we heard nothing before or after your meeting you did it in secrecy.

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robert harrison: we're not happy with that and it's not just me, there are a number of people, particularly from the scottsdale porn who wanted to.

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robert harrison: hear the discussion on this issue as we're working on our report on on your budget, so if you're going to tell us what happened at that meeting.

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robert harrison: But I would like to have the village treasure update us on the situation with the school tax payments and the village tax payments, which I didn't realize when I worked on the village school tax payments that we had so many unpaid taxes from last summer from the.

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robert harrison: village tax, which is smaller than.

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robert harrison: About \$2.2 million unpaid over.

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robert harrison: And over eight \$8 million of school tax not page and the penalties on both of these outstanding items it's quite large I like an update from the Treasury tonight on.

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robert harrison: What those amounts are and what, what are the plans any particular plans to to collect these and then any plans to use a portion of the funds to reduce the increase in the 3.4% propose tax rate as trust the.

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robert harrison: last meeting indicated let's use at least 200,000 of that money to reduce the tax rate and get them closer to 2% instead of 3.41% so.

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robert harrison: You.

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Marc Samwick: Important to the Community.

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robert harrison: Community is hurting i'd like any update, there was an indication at the last meeting that \$900,000 might be appropriated discouraged there if and when the the 9.1 trillion.

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robert harrison: Over the packages passed in Washington, and I think it will be passed and I hope we is the 900,000 a good number, we know that from any of our our representatives are saying.

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robert harrison: Better on this sweet point for one to.

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robert harrison: Two I mean you can wait a few weeks, you don't have to finalize this budget, I think you have marched 19th and when you have to submit that really mean it goes to the state.

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robert harrison: And our Community is hurting you got 10% of our Homeowners have not paid their school tax or their village tax This is serious real, serious.

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robert harrison: And quite frankly it's a shame is those people have to sell their homes to make their tax payments there's a strong market out there there's very.

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robert harrison: Few homes for sale, I think it's less than 50 homes for sale in the under \$2 million Category I have the list not right in front of me at the moment but there's.

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Marc Samwick: We can't hear you.

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robert harrison: So I think i've covered, I hope you heard me say that the that people want to move from the suburbs, to place like scarsdale and the agents that I know are very busy.

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robert harrison: This we're in the spring, selling season and there's no reason why you know people have to make a decision, if they can't pay their taxes they've got to downsize or.

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00:35:18.180 --> 00:35:29.250

robert harrison: Go to an apartment or or lead with a Community i've done it several times, I started with a smaller house went to a bigger house and then I downsize to a smaller house and.

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00:35:29.670 --> 00:35:38.430

robert harrison: i'm looking to downsize again if any of you want to sell me a three bedroom ranch in scarsdale i'm interested Okay, I think that's about it.

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Marc Samwick: All right, Bob, thank you for your comments.

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Marc Samwick: i'll very quickly go through a couple of things so first I believe I was the person who indicated that, in the in the code in the federal covert relief package that was contemplated last I want to say summer, it might have been spring.

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Marc Samwick: There was money allocated, they were at one point was money allocated to municipalities at that time scarsdale was looking at potentially a little more than nine or \$2,000.

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Marc Samwick: I have not seen any numbers at this point, we have, we do not have any information whatsoever so and it does appear that a package is likely to be approved this week, but there's no indication of what that might mean for scarsdale at this point with regard to.

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Marc Samwick: To the confusion around the.

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Marc Samwick: conversion to a two pack to payment plan for taxes.

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Marc Samwick: i'd like to clarify a little information there as well, with regard to school taxes on 86.

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Marc Samwick: Residents did not make the first payment the remainder of the of the delinquencies that we've seen have been second payment only delinquencies and those who have been coming down as a memo I have dated yesterday, the total, including the 86 is 500 parcels that are delinquent.

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Marc Samwick: On school taxes so that would be 86 that are delinquent on the first payment and 414 on the second.

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Marc Samwick: With regard to the village that number is also coming down it's 475 in total, right now, of that 475 103 where the front, where that first payment was not made so.

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Marc Samwick: So we're as a board were very unhappy about this, the entire reason why we switched from a one payment system to to payment system was to help residents.

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00:37:44.820 --> 00:37:59.190

Marc Samwick: And to see some residents cotton across hair here it's it's very troubling you asked why we went into executive session we went into executive session to seek advice of counsel, which, as a former trustee you know.

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00:38:00.090 --> 00:38:13.020

Marc Samwick: Is an executive session matter because we wanted to explore and see whether any options were available to to help here and and, unfortunately, you know as you heard in my comments earlier.

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Marc Samwick: Those options are not apparent so um then finally you indicated that you'd like to see the tax levy increase reduced further keep in mind, it started at 4.87% the increase.

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00:38:30.750 --> 00:38:46.110

Marc Samwick: We work very hard to get that down to 3.42% and you suggested, using some of the late fee income that's expected from the from the second payments first and second payments that were delinquent.

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Marc Samwick: And you know I think our overall view on that is to exercise caution.

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Marc Samwick: We are in a current fiscal year that income would be part of this current fiscal year this current fiscal year has an enormous amount of fiscal strain.

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00:39:02.370 --> 00:39:13.410

Marc Samwick: And so to take funds before we close out this fiscal year and see where we end up we don't really view it the most responsible course so we certainly appreciate the sentiment.

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Marc Samwick: i'll speak for myself personally i'd love to see a lower increase as well i'd like to pay as little as I as as possible for my taxes also, so I think we're coming at it from the best place possible.

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00:39:26.040 --> 00:39:38.670

Marc Samwick: We worked very hard to preserve services, we were very hard to to cut the reduction back and and there was a lot of give and take, you were at a lot of these meetings and you saw a very vigorous debate.

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00:39:39.150 --> 00:39:46.830

Marc Samwick: that occurred on a lot of different items, because we were working very hard to try to to really strike them as best balances, we could find.

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00:39:47.760 --> 00:40:02.460

Marc Samwick: To maintain services and keep the the increase in attacks Lebanon check so that was a very long answer, I apologize, I apologize to everyone else waiting to speak and i'll go back to other people I believe john McCann Johnny are there.

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00:40:06.090 --> 00:40:06.480

Marc Samwick: john.

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00:40:08.340 --> 00:40:09.060

john mccann: Can you hear me now.

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00:40:09.420 --> 00:40:10.410

Marc Samwick: Yes, yes.

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00:40:10.530 --> 00:40:24.150

john mccann: um First, I just want to thank you for calling on me first i'd like to thank the village manager, for all his years of service, he was always been incredibly responsive and thoughtful so thank you very much you've been terrific for the village.

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john mccann: With the vote tonight for the renaming of cross way I just like to say, you know a number of people have said.

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john mccann: they're very interested in supporting and paying for the sign so many people, I think we could probably get a Dome put up on cross ways, but that's for another vote.

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john mccann: But we would like everyone to know that we would be able to lessen the burden on the village for this.

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john mccann: And we'd be able to pay for whatever signs and whatever areas plaques whatever you would like to have we would get the money to raise funds for that and just would like to know how and who we would give the check to.

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Marc Samwick: john Thank you, we appreciate that generous offer.

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00:41:10.470 --> 00:41:18.900

Marc Samwick: I can't help this pond so pardon me but thank you for all your efforts with regard to this, you really took the ball and ran with it.

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00:41:20.730 --> 00:41:22.740

Marc Samwick: Again, my apologies couldn't resist.

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Marc Samwick: anyone else wishing to be heard this evening.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: mayor Excuse me, Mr McCain asked for you know mechanism for getting the you know donations in.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: If you have a contact from Mr McCann i'm happy to reach out to him or have someone reach out to him, so he can get the word out to the rest of the potential donors okay.

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00:41:48.510 --> 00:41:49.470

Marc Samwick: yeah we'll take care of that.

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00:41:49.980 --> 00:41:50.820

Village Manager Pappalardo: Okay, thank you.

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00:41:51.030 --> 00:41:55.110

Marc Samwick: he's he has sent us emails so I know we have and i'll find it and.

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00:41:55.110 --> 00:41:57.060

Village Manager Pappalardo: Get Okay, I can look to Donna.

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00:41:57.090 --> 00:41:58.500

Village Manager Pappalardo: Donna has may have may have it.

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00:41:58.800 --> 00:41:59.220

Okay.

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00:42:00.300 --> 00:42:01.770

Marc Samwick: Thanks Paul, are you there.

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Paul Fix: hi.

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Michael.

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Paul Fix: Thank you very much for your time today i'm speaking in regard to read and in the field.

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Paul Fix: last session I spoke about my experience and what really meant to me and my family today.

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Paul Fix: really just quickly, would like to thank a few people that have made this possible, I believe you did as well john McCain particular.

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00:42:28.710 --> 00:42:44.040

Paul Fix: Michael Phillips, and many others for their tireless efforts also really would like to thank the people who took time out of their lives to write letters it's really incredible quite astounding to me how many letters have have come in and.

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00:42:45.090 --> 00:42:52.650

Paul Fix: Just reading through them, you know I knew the impact of rip you had on my life, but to see how many others how many Members of this Community.

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00:42:54.360 --> 00:43:06.960

Paul Fix: How many lives he's affected was was truly breathtaking and i'd like to thank you mayor and members of the of the Board trustees for for also taking the time to read all of those letters and those incredible stories, I think.

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00:43:08.040 --> 00:43:10.620

Paul Fix: really what that is is is a snapshot.

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Paul Fix: Of what rupee is done and I hope it makes today's vote so much easier and and I hope, without any further delay, we can begin as a community to take the first steps in thanking repeat for for everything that he has done, for us, thank you.

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Marc Samwick: Paul Thank you really appreciate your comments to see if.

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00:43:39.840 --> 00:43:41.220

Marc Samwick: anyone else wants you to be heard.

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Marc Samwick: All right, with that i'd like to close public comment and go back to the agenda trustee liaison reports I know trusted crandall as something this evening.

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Lena Crandall: Thank you mayor i'd like to announce that there's going to be another aging, in place of Program.

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Lena Crandall: This one is on the topic of covert 19 vaccinations it's by Dr Michael palumbo executive Vice President and chief medical officer of white plains hospital this program is on Wednesday march third at 1pm.

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00:44:24.870 --> 00:44:39.600

Lena Crandall: Those interested may actually sign up on the scarsdale public library website, you do have to register with the website and then you can sign up for this and other amazing programs if that's.

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00:44:40.860 --> 00:45:02.310

Lena Crandall: A challenge for you, you can contact the Asian and place coordinator of Mary Ellen singer at 914-723-3281 or claudette glasser at the scarsdale public library phone number 914-722-1300.

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00:45:03.300 --> 00:45:22.740

Lena Crandall: The senior citizens Advisory Council recently met on Friday February 19 in general they recorded that our senior community has been able to schedule their coded vaccines, even though the process has been time consuming and often frustrating.

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Lena Crandall: Those on the Council are looking forward to the pool reopening and they would appreciate a dedicated space and time to use the new scarsdale public library once it opens.

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Lena Crandall: Yet on the other hand, several expressed worries about the pandemic, even though many of them are getting their vaccinations so there's still a hesitancy together in public, even if.

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Lena Crandall: You know they've been vaccinated it was a bit of a split amongst the Council members i'd like i'm happy to report this group is very good at using zoom.

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Lena Crandall: And many are taking advantage of free virtual programs being offered by our library, as well as others in the area, plus the westchester Chamber music society.

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Lena Crandall: They also greatly appreciate the scarsdale recreation departments zoom exercise programs have quite a few of them have been taking advantage and that's the end of my report, thank you.

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Marc Samwick: Thank you trusted crandall and the other trustees with reports this evening, just to well.

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rochelle waldman: I have a library report, so the library has increased its virtual programs offering for all ages, as well as offering taken make crafts for kids teens and adults.

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rochelle waldman: The library is finishing its month of events to celebrate black history month with the presentation on Friday night on Black citizenship in the age of Jim crow.

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rochelle waldman: On Thursday February 25 the library is hosting an event a peek inside the College admissions office registration is required for this please check the library website for this, as well as other events.

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00:47:08.340 --> 00:47:19.020

rochelle waldman: The library teen librarian Jennifer Brindley is starting a teen Advisory Board to work with the scores the library on planning programs and events of interest to teens.

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rochelle waldman: If you have a teenager who would be interested in joining the meeting is Saturday march 2 at 2pm please register on the library website.

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rochelle waldman: And again aviary CAFE is open for breakfast and lunch, please check the library website, as well as instagram and Facebook, for their menu, and please continue to.

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rochelle waldman: Order a breakfast and lunch and support them delivery is also available through grub hub, thank you.

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Marc Samwick: could just do Robin and the other trust Jesus evening.

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Marc Samwick: Alright, moving on to the agenda trustee iris we start with you.

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Justin Arest: Thank you.

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Justin Arest: This is a resolution regarding establishing fiscal year 2021 22 village wide fees and charges I should note that, in the whereas clauses, as well as great memorandum from the system privilege manager.

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Justin Arest: which I think is it is as well as the schedule of fees and charges.

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Justin Arest: paints a picture of a bunch of new fees, this year, in addition to modifications, for various reasons, including some some fees that haven't been updated in many years.

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Justin Arest: Particular a lot of work went into this really show appreciation for a system to village manager cats and did a great job, and you know, we asked for more data we asked him to come back to us, and he did it all very well.

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Justin Arest: Part of the purpose of this is obviously we live in a Community with shared.

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Justin Arest: resources and shared services and a lot of times the economies of scale, it makes sense that we all share it and we all pay for it collectively in our taxes.

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Justin Arest: And so, a lot of this is actually indirectly paid that way, but some services are really better to be paid by the end user, specifically, and I think a lot of these fees and a lot of the changes in particular speak to those.

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Justin Arest: And I think are very important and so with that I will mention two other things, however.

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Justin Arest: In the first where it talks about local law number 419 76 that state that all fees and charges be established at least once a year by Resolution of the village Board of Trustees, that is the case here.

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Justin Arest: And so we're doing it now, we usually we typically do it once a year, at this time, but there has not been any changes to our water rates in this schedule.

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00:49:36.510 --> 00:49:47.280

Justin Arest: They appear to be flat right now, if you were to look at this, there are also some parking changes that are possible, that also don't appear in here we have the ability to come back and change this.

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Justin Arest: Virtually as many times as we feel necessary, and so you know stay tuned, for I think for additional changes to this don't think that, because they are saying constant at this point that that is the intention of this board.

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Justin Arest: For the upcoming year but, so I just wanted to point that out, and with that being said.

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Justin Arest: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the fiscal year 2021 22 village wide fees and charges scheduled dated February 17 2021.

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Justin Arest: Attack here too.

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Justin Arest: and made a part here up is here in adopted effective June 1 2021 and be a further resolved that the village clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of the changes to the village wide fees and charges schedule.

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Marc Samwick: Oh, this is a role chrome is concrete, please.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Just embarrassed.

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Village Clerk Conkling: By trustee crandall.

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00:50:42.840 --> 00:50:43.350

Justin Arest: you're on mute.

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00:50:51.480 --> 00:51:01.800

Lena Crandall: Thank you, sorry about that folks before voting, I would just like to highlight a couple of items for the public in the interest of transparency, so of course.

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Lena Crandall: As i've stated before i'm looking forward to a further discussion of our water rates, I feel it's important for us to you know, keep a close eye on those and monitor them so that we keep up with our present and future expenses, the other.

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00:51:18.540 --> 00:51:29.970

Lena Crandall: topic, I hope the village board can get into during its next term concerns the US the penalty for offenses throughout our village code.

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Lena Crandall: If you thumb through the village code you'll see that the standard penalty is \$250 per violation per day it's been this amount for a very long time yet, as you all know, our expenses have have gone up.

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Lena Crandall: We constantly hear from the public that we need to do a better job and forcing our village code provisions and, in my opinion, we need to study this.

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Lena Crandall: You know.

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Lena Crandall: This a penalty amount to make sure that it's still appropriate, but once again I do see that as something that perhaps the next Board will take up during its work sessions, and with that I vote I thank you.

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Village Clerk Conkling: St Louis.

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Trustee Lewis: i'm.

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Village Clerk Conkling: trustee Ross.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trust the woman.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trust the white stone.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I mayor Simon.

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Marc Samwick: think it was Kathleen.

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Marc Samwick: Thank you trust yourself trust your crandall.

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Lena Crandall: Thank you, this next resolution regards establishing the climate smart communities Task Force.

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Lena Crandall: And before reading the resolution, I would like to thank the conservation Advisory Council chair Michelle sterling, as well as all members of the conservation Advisory Council I, including.

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Lena Crandall: heather Cole, who has taken a leadership role in bringing the benefits of you know, becoming a climate smart Community to the attention of the village.

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Lena Crandall: So with that i'll read the resolution, whereas the New York state climate smart communities program was established to help local governments to lead their communities to reduce.

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Lena Crandall: Greenhouse gas emissions adapt to the effects of climate change and thrive in a green economy.

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Lena Crandall: And the board of trustees believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat exhibiting the potential for significant harmful disruption to natural and human systems.

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Lena Crandall: including environmental, social and economic impacts and by way of resolution adopted by the village board on February 11 2020 the scarsdale the village of scarsdale adopted the climate smart communities pledge.

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Lena Crandall: Whereas to facilitate advancement of the aspirations explicit in our pledge the CSC program mandates that the village, create a climate smart communities Task Force and designate a CSC coordinator for the task force.

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Lena Crandall: which serves to develop recommend and assist as needed with implementing context sensitive strategies and activities that support CSC goals now, therefore, be it resolved.

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Lena Crandall: that the climate smart communities Task Force is hereby created as an advisory body to the village board.

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Lena Crandall: comprised of all members of the existing conservation Advisory Council, with the CAC chair to serve as CSC coordinator.

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Lena Crandall: And charged with developing recommending and assisting as needed with implementing context sensitive strategies and activities supportive of CSC certification program goals.

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Lena Crandall: and be at further resolved that the climate smart communities task forces first order of business Shelby to draft and present or village board review and approval.

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Lena Crandall: A proposed work plan, which shall be updated and approved annually and be at further resolved that the climate smart communities Task Force shall continue to serve at the village boards pleasure and discretion, for as long as there is continuing merit.

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Trustee Whitestone: Okay.

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Marc Samwick: All in favor.

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Aye.

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00:55:24.690 --> 00:55:35.280

Marc Samwick: Thank you trust you crandall and and thank you to the CAC and the climate smart task force, this is something that we're very excited about and and we think there are a lot of opportunities.

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Marc Samwick: To enhance the village to find to increase sources of funding for for climate smart investments that we can make so we believe there's a lot of opportunity here, so thank you everybody for your participation, moving on to the agenda trustee Lewis.

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Trustee Lewis: is before you, we have a resolution regarding the authorization to execute and municipal agreement with westchester county for the use of.

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Trustee Lewis: Whereas the village of scarsdale will conduct the annual village election on Tuesday march 16 necessity necessity and the use.

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Trustee Lewis: Of westchester county Board of elections voting equipment and whereas the westchester county Board of elections has prepared a formal agreement.

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Trustee Lewis: With respect to the user set equipment, a copy of which is attached here to and made a part here too.

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Trustee Lewis: And, whereas pursuant to the terms of the agreement that county will provide the use of for optical scan voting machines one bout marking device and three privacy booths.

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Trustee Lewis: As well as the technicians necessary to operate the voting systems, and whereas there's no direct feed to the county for the use of the voting machines, however.

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Trustee Lewis: The village is responsible for costs associated with transporting the equipment our printing provision of election inspection personnel.

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Trustee Lewis: and obtaining appropriate insurance as detailed in the agreement, and whereas the village attorney has reviewed the attached document and approved it.

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Trustee Lewis: As to form now, therefore, be it resolved that the village Board of Trustees here in authorizes the village manager to execute the attached into municipal agreement with westchester county.

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Trustee Lewis: In substantial the same form is attached to for the use of audio equipment that connection with the march 16 2021 village elections.

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Trustee Lewis: and to take all other administrative X associated with the agreement and, be it further result and all costs associated with the agreement and are conducting the 2021 village election.

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Trustee Lewis: be charged to the village clerk operating budget account Member a dash 1410 dash admin dash admin dot dash 446.

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Lena Crandall: Second.

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Marc Samwick: This is a row column is conquering.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Please go see ours.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I St crandall.

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00:57:35.310 --> 00:57:41.520

Village Clerk Conkling: I trustee Lewis, I trust you Ross I trust you.

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rochelle waldman: I.

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Village Clerk Conkling: trust you white stone.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I mayor Simon.

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Marc Samwick: Thank you, Miss conkling on our agenda, the next item is trustee ross's and, in addition to his new lunar theme or solar.

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Marc Samwick: This.

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Marc Samwick: There was a very unfortunate incident where the lead attorney for one of the parties here passed away over the weekend, and it was requested that we hold this over until the next meeting so we're going to, of course.

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Marc Samwick: do that, and this will come back again in two weeks.

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Marc Samwick: So with that i'd like to hand over to trust your waldman for two resolutions.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: hi Eric mayor, can I can excuse a minute I think I think you should get a vote of the board to table that item.

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Daniel Pozin: Okay.

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Marc Samwick: Make emotion yeah.

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00:58:37.410 --> 00:58:38.010

Lena Crandall: Second.

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Marc Samwick: All in favor.

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Lena Crandall: hi hi.

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Marc Samwick: Thank you for giving me honest their village manager.

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Marc Samwick: Now to trust you well.

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rochelle waldman: I thank you mayor OK now i'm going to read the resolution to name the football field at the crosby athletic complex the Richard repeat the looks field across way we heard from many residents.

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rochelle waldman: At the last meeting and continue to hear from people tonight and again the letters and support of Ruby were truly overwhelming and and you know really just heartfelt and.

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rochelle waldman: i'm happy to read this resolution tonight so whereas long time scarsdale resident Richard Ruby Phillips has been deeply involved in scarsdale youth.

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rochelle waldman: athletics for nearly three decades, and whereas Mr Phillips currently serves as the President of the scarsdale raiders football.

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rochelle waldman: is a member of the West Chester youth Football League westchester youth Football League board and previously served as an Executive Board Member of the score sale youth football league.

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rochelle waldman: Having committed countless hours over the past 26 years to help in scarsdale youth enjoyed the game of football.

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rochelle waldman: or having also encouraged development of valuable life skills, including discipline and collaboration within a team framework, and whereas Ruby has not only committed his life to serve in scarsdale youth.

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00:59:58.410 --> 01:00:03.960

rochelle waldman: Through is demonstrated leadership and commitment to supporting the recreational interest and enhancing their personal growth.

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01:00:04.230 --> 01:00:13.650

rochelle waldman: as reflected in the attached bio but as mentorship guides and supports, are you well after their last down on the field as they continue on with your life pursuits.

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01:00:14.070 --> 01:00:25.170

rochelle waldman: And, whereas a testament to his positive impact and lasting influence more than 100 scores of residents, including former football players have recently written individually to the village board of trustees.

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01:00:25.410 --> 01:00:32.580

rochelle waldman: requesting that the football field at the crossfire athletic complex on mamaroneck road be named in honor of Richard grippy Phillips.

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01:00:33.090 --> 01:00:40.650

rochelle waldman: And were reciting the passion dedication love and the tireless and tremendous amounts of time Ruby has dedicated to the youth football Program.

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01:00:40.950 --> 01:00:51.360

rochelle waldman: The transformative effect, Mr Phillips, has had upon score still scores those youth football players and observing that repeat, is a local institution well respected and loved in the Community.

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01:00:51.810 --> 01:01:00.180

rochelle waldman: The Advisory Councils on parks and recreation voted unanimously to request that the village board consider renaming that cross play football field in honor of grippy.

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01:01:01.380 --> 01:01:12.810

rochelle waldman: Request supported by staff and now, therefore, be it resolved that the football field of the cross for athletic complex shall now be officially known as the Richard repeat Philips field across way.

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01:01:13.140 --> 01:01:21.450

rochelle waldman: And honor held in the highest regard by the village board and be at further resolved that the village board extends it's heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

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01:01:21.720 --> 01:01:31.500

rochelle waldman: To Richard repeat Philips, for his exemplary commitment and selfless dedication to advancing the physical fitness and positive maturation of score sales youth through athletics.

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01:01:32.280 --> 01:01:35.250

Marc Samwick: Second, this is roll call this copy, please.

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01:01:36.300 --> 01:01:37.230

Village Clerk Conkling: sd ours.

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01:01:38.220 --> 01:01:48.750

Justin Arest: Thank you Claire conklin this vote has been much harder than I ever wanted it to be or thought it should be so I just want to share a little bit, if I may, I will try to be brief.

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Justin Arest: I believe in process I believe in policies, I think that's what good governance is founded on.

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Justin Arest: or based on, and I think that we really haven't had process, to say the least, in the past seven plus weeks over this.

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01:02:05.640 --> 01:02:14.730

Justin Arest: Not to the extent that something such a such a big deal really requires, in my opinion, and we haven't had discussions about what this means for the future and what a policy should look like.

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01:02:15.060 --> 01:02:21.000

Justin Arest: Going into the future, and I think that's something that we absolutely have to do, I think it hurts our credibility.

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01:02:21.960 --> 01:02:27.540

Justin Arest: When we when residents come to us and ask for things such as programs added or removed or changed.

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01:02:27.960 --> 01:02:35.160

Justin Arest: And we tell them that important decisions under good governance do require policies and adherence to process, and yet we don't follow that here.

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01:02:36.060 --> 01:02:42.570

Justin Arest: With That being said, I want to make that clear that all of that has nothing to do with the great work and altruistic virtues of Mr Phillips.

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01:02:43.350 --> 01:02:50.040

Justin Arest: repeat clearly has had a wonderful impact on so many in scarsdale, and this is really what makes scarsdale so special and so strong.

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01:02:50.310 --> 01:02:59.190

Justin Arest: neighbors willing to make selfish selfless acts, excuse me to better our Community and the letters written on his behalf we're moving and painted a picture of a great man.

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01:02:59.520 --> 01:03:08.400

Justin Arest: My wife grew up with a speaker this evening, who also spoke spoke at the last meeting, as well as a brother of a speaker at the last meeting and it's incredible what he's accomplished.

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01:03:09.120 --> 01:03:15.030

Justin Arest: So many in our Community that had their lives touched and improved by repeat, and that is why I will vote I.

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01:03:17.400 --> 01:03:18.360

Village Clerk Conkling: trustee crandall.

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01:03:21.510 --> 01:03:22.410

Village Clerk Conkling: St Louis.

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01:03:24.870 --> 01:03:25.890

Village Clerk Conkling: trust you Ross.

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01:03:26.520 --> 01:03:27.930

Village Clerk Conkling: I trust you.

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01:03:29.400 --> 01:03:29.850

rochelle waldman: I.

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01:03:30.510 --> 01:03:31.710

Village Clerk Conkling: Trust the white stone.

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01:03:32.550 --> 01:03:39.180

Trustee Whitestone: just want to say brief, for that would be echoing comments that have been made in letters and by speakers.

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01:03:40.830 --> 01:03:52.950

Trustee Whitestone: You know his dedication and commitment really is provided the vitality, for a program that has benefited hundreds of kids over so many years and positively impacted lives into adulthood.

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Trustee Whitestone: As evidenced by all we've heard i've seen this firsthand, with the participation my own son, starting in the third grade and you play it through high school.

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01:04:03.180 --> 01:04:12.300

Trustee Whitestone: and repeat continues to make these meaningful contributions to our Community, to this day, so it's great to be able to honor him in this way it's by boat.

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01:04:13.680 --> 01:04:14.520

Village Clerk Conkling: So, Sam like.

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01:04:15.330 --> 01:04:18.120

Marc Samwick: I also enthusiastically vote I.

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01:04:19.560 --> 01:04:27.330

Marc Samwick: like to say a couple of words as well um i've known Ruby, for I don't know how long it seems like pretty much right when I got here.

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01:04:28.140 --> 01:04:42.210

Marc Samwick: which was 27 years ago and I have three sons, all of which went through the football program, and so I seen firsthand how rip he works with young children, all the way up.

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01:04:42.870 --> 01:04:46.200

Marc Samwick: Through not just the kids on his team, but through high school.

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01:04:47.130 --> 01:04:59.670

Marc Samwick: He worked with one of my son's during college recruiting i've heard lots of stories, just like that i've heard stories of rugby helping people with jobs and being there for them when they're in need over and over again, then.

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01:05:00.600 --> 01:05:06.360

Marc Samwick: We saw this incredible outpouring from the entire community that.

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01:05:07.680 --> 01:05:10.950

Marc Samwick: You know, was was it was just it was overwhelming.

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01:05:12.090 --> 01:05:15.150

Marc Samwick: It was it was really remarkable and so.

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01:05:17.040 --> 01:05:28.800

Marc Samwick: You know, as leaders of the village elected leaders of the village, you know we have to work on a wide array of things here to do something that is so heartwarming to do something that is.

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01:05:29.640 --> 01:05:39.810

Marc Samwick: So, based in the goodness of our Community, and that is what rip he is he is he is he exemplifies the goodness that we are in scarsdale.

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01:05:41.310 --> 01:05:49.290

Marc Samwick: You know I still think we want to get gratitude, even after this, this is a very significant statement on the part of the village, to name the field after him and.

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01:05:50.520 --> 01:05:55.380

Marc Samwick: You know he's still in the plus column on his side so repeat Thank you.

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01:05:56.640 --> 01:06:07.680

Marc Samwick: This this honor is so well deserved and we're thrilled to be part of it and to help it happen, so thank you just you Robin you have one more resolution of.

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01:06:08.550 --> 01:06:19.230

rochelle waldman: This is a resolution, but the authorization to conduct the annual 15 K four mile road races, for the past 15 years the village of scarsdale parks, recreation and conservation department.

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01:06:19.560 --> 01:06:30.840

rochelle waldman: Has partnered with the scarsdale antiques running Club to sponsor the annual 15 K four mile and kids fun run road races on the same day, and the fox meadow and green acres neighborhoods.

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01:06:31.470 --> 01:06:43.380

rochelle waldman: This year the races, the races proposed for Sunday April 11 2021 from approximately 9am to 12:30pm as per the attached special event application and accompanying course map.

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01:06:44.190 --> 01:06:49.440

rochelle waldman: And, whereas the scores that police department and village manager recommend village board approval of the application.

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01:06:49.770 --> 01:06:57.690

rochelle waldman: inclusive of covert 19 mitigation measures unnecessary staff support activities such as implementing traffic control activities and measures.

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01:06:57.900 --> 01:07:08.730

rochelle waldman: event management and public notification embrace daisy tours now, therefore, be it resolved that the scores the village board here in approves the parks, recreation and conservation department.

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01:07:09.150 --> 01:07:27.870

rochelle waldman: department application to conduct the 51st annual 15 K and four mile road races on Sunday April 11 2021 in the fox meadow and green acres neighborhoods as described here in and further described in the attached staff memorandum and associated special event application packet.

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01:07:28.890 --> 01:07:29.430

Lena Crandall: Second.

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01:07:30.120 --> 01:07:30.870

Marc Samwick: All in favor.

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01:07:31.650 --> 01:07:32.640

Lena Crandall: Aye Aye.

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01:07:34.410 --> 01:07:38.640

Marc Samwick: Thank you christy Whitman move on to written communications miss conklin please.

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01:07:39.510 --> 01:07:45.540

Village Clerk Conkling: Thank you mayor 23 communications have been received since the last regular Board of Trustees meeting.

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Village Clerk Conkling: All of these written communications may be viewed on the villages website at www dot scarsdale calm under written communications.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Eight emails have been received in support of renaming cross Wakefield the Richard Ruby Philips field across ways.

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01:08:05.040 --> 01:08:14.940

Village Clerk Conkling: 12 emails have been received regarding the Committee for historic preservation is decision on an application submitted concerning 11 doma road.

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01:08:15.810 --> 01:08:34.620

Village Clerk Conkling: Two emails received from Robert Harrison regarding budget meetings village taxes and pull permit fee increases and, finally, an email from Robert Byrd requesting that deviltry issue a meeting notice for a village board work session for agenda item clarification.

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01:08:36.720 --> 01:08:43.260

Marc Samwick: Thank you, this conklin i'd like to open public comment for the last time this evening, anyone wishing to be her please raise your hand.

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01:08:54.570 --> 01:08:55.320

Marc Samwick: Bobby there.

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01:08:57.660 --> 01:08:58.470

robert harrison: Hello there.

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01:08:58.860 --> 01:08:59.100

Hello.

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01:09:00.120 --> 01:09:02.910

robert harrison: hey haven't haven't seen it for a while, how you been.

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01:09:04.500 --> 01:09:05.730

Marc Samwick: Very good, thank you, are you.

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01:09:06.330 --> 01:09:09.330

robert harrison: gonna retire retire soon, are you ready for retirement.

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01:09:10.230 --> 01:09:12.960

Marc Samwick: wait till I get to a future meeting schedule and you'll answer.

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01:09:12.960 --> 01:09:14.220

Marc Samwick: That question very easily.

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01:09:14.460 --> 01:09:16.680

robert harrison: Okay, wait till you finish the budget up.

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01:09:17.700 --> 01:09:19.320

robert harrison: Anyway, back to the budget.

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01:09:21.000 --> 01:09:31.710

robert harrison: thanks for your comments earlier, I hope the village treasure might be able to respond to something but i'll start out with a couple of comments.

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01:09:32.610 --> 01:09:49.260

robert harrison: I still feel that 3.41% news is too much our our committee at Community our Community, by the way, i'm Bob harris's 65 bucks man oh road, and I think some other people didn't give their addresses mayor, we got to work on that.

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01:09:50.670 --> 01:09:53.070

robert harrison: Anyway, thank you, so the.

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01:09:54.420 --> 01:10:07.350

robert harrison: The 3.41% tax increases too much, I think the school is going to be around 1.98% and I strongly feel that you can easily lower the.

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01:10:08.970 --> 01:10:16.380

robert harrison: tax rate increase to I think it can get under 2% quite frankly and i'm looking in the budget book and there is this.

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01:10:17.040 --> 01:10:37.500

robert harrison: You know the category that we've looked at real property tax items, there was one comment that we might have a short falling in this year he chose a 2000 22,021 year in projection and \$250,000 under the real property tax items which I think includes.

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01:10:38.670 --> 01:10:45.030

robert harrison: The income from late penalties and you have the same budget for next year \$250,000.

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01:10:45.390 --> 01:10:58.860

robert harrison: So I think you're understating this and then i've said it before we can use bands like we did when I was on the board in 2011 12 you can sell bands for less than 1%.

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01:10:59.280 --> 01:11:10.590

robert harrison: And this, the penalties that people are paying our 10% that's a nice arbitrage, so I think we had to give the benefit to our centers citizens now with part of this.

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01:11:11.400 --> 01:11:30.780

robert harrison: Trust the Jonathan Lewis talked about using 200,000 which certainly isn't an absurd number to reduce the tax rate increase to the 2% area so i'm a little disappointed that you haven't gotten a lot of interaction with the Community i'm on the forum.

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01:11:31.920 --> 01:11:40.800

robert harrison: Fiscal fears of the village committee under and went to my to my sister she's done a beautiful job will have a report but.

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01:11:42.030 --> 01:11:47.160

robert harrison: I think we need to hear from the Community, I know people would like to talk to earlier this evening.

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01:11:47.700 --> 01:11:55.920

robert harrison: At 430 so you have this meeting I guess tomorrow night i'm going to stress that you are a lot oh wow a lot of village.

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01:11:56.700 --> 01:12:08.940

robert harrison: Personnel village resident participation with no cut off so let's let's hear from the Community, I don't I feel you haven't heard from them that's sad, so please, please, but.

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01:12:10.830 --> 01:12:19.980

robert harrison: People whether it's league of women voters are the forum, and so one last thing that I mentioned the bangs and.

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01:12:21.360 --> 01:12:22.500

robert harrison: I want to say where's my.

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01:12:23.580 --> 01:12:29.190

robert harrison: And let's say you know you know I feel the pool increases to large at 12 and a half.

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01:12:31.740 --> 01:12:48.900

robert harrison: And you get a lot of new members from surrounding communities that so that's a real asset let's not let it go downhill, with less less membership, because of the family 12 and a half percent increase and.

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01:12:50.160 --> 01:12:50.580

robert harrison: I don't know.

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01:12:52.500 --> 01:12:54.510

robert harrison: I guess, I thought about using means.

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01:12:55.980 --> 01:13:08.310

robert harrison: easily get this tax increase down to somewhere around 2% not going to cost you anything we're going to get this money from the people who haven't paid it said, but at the log.

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01:13:10.800 --> 01:13:12.030

robert harrison: It said, thank you.

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01:13:13.740 --> 01:13:14.430
Marc Samwick: Thank you, Bob.

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01:13:15.570 --> 01:13:22.740
Marc Samwick: A couple of very quick responses there one is that you know, we really are looking at a.

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01:13:23.550 --> 01:13:31.950
Marc Samwick: likely scenario in which the current fiscal year worrying, which is where these penalties would come into play, will see a deficit.

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01:13:32.520 --> 01:13:44.400
Marc Samwick: An operating deficit and so again, you know just being responsible stewards of the village budget it's important to to make sure that we have much more clarity on that before we give.

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01:13:45.150 --> 01:13:57.750
Marc Samwick: Tax relief in a subsequent year and then also with respect to comments, and we have really handled the meetings as consistently as possible with past practice, which is to you know to.

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01:13:58.230 --> 01:14:04.500
Marc Samwick: allow people to speak at the at the budget work sessions and keep them on they are work sessions at the end of the sessions.

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01:14:05.310 --> 01:14:08.430
Marc Samwick: And we are having, as you mentioned, the public briefing sessions.

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01:14:09.210 --> 01:14:22.740
Marc Samwick: Tomorrow evening at 5pm on the operating budget and Wednesday march 3 at 5pm for the capital budget and with those it will be again, as it is, every year, where there is an.

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01:14:23.190 --> 01:14:32.760
Marc Samwick: Extensive interaction and dialogue on a lot of items, so I think I think some of your frustration, hopefully, will be alleviated tomorrow night and again next Wednesday.

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01:14:34.020 --> 01:14:34.470
Village Manager Pappalardo: mayor.

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01:14:35.130 --> 01:14:38.190
Village Manager Pappalardo: Yes, can I have the floor for just a second.

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01:14:38.430 --> 01:14:51.000

Village Manager Pappalardo: Please, in response to Mr Harrison he mentioned selling pull permits to out of towners as a way of raising some additional revenue, as we have capacity there.

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01:14:51.840 --> 01:15:12.930

Village Manager Pappalardo: The superintendent of parks and recreation informed me today that we've had our first three permits sold from non residents one from Pelham one from the city of Rye, and one from the city of White Plains, so I thought I would relay that information to the board and Mr Harrison great.

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01:15:13.140 --> 01:15:14.580

Marc Samwick: We appreciate the update Thank you.

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01:15:15.060 --> 01:15:16.350

Trustee Lewis: that's great news, thank you.

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01:15:16.500 --> 01:15:17.370

Village Manager Pappalardo: Hopefully, more to come.

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01:15:17.850 --> 01:15:18.420

Yes.

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01:15:19.800 --> 01:15:21.960

Marc Samwick: Anyway, anyone else wishing to be heard this evening.

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01:15:25.110 --> 01:15:29.070

Marc Samwick: Okay, with that will close the second public comment future meeting schedule.

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01:15:30.150 --> 01:15:41.340

Marc Samwick: We had a couple of meetings earlier this evening Thursday February 25 at 5pm the village will hold a work session via zoom.

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01:15:42.090 --> 01:15:49.500

Marc Samwick: In executive session and consider the appointment of individuals to various boards Councils and committee positions and vacancies that exist.

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01:15:50.370 --> 01:16:02.820

Marc Samwick: Monday march 1 at 6pm village will have another work session with the Advisory Council on technology, it will be a presentation of village wide information technology report that the Council put together.

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01:16:03.540 --> 01:16:13.950

Marc Samwick: On Tuesday march 9 at 7pm the village Board will hold a regular meeting via zoom please look at the village website for information, how to access all of these meetings.

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Marc Samwick: On Thursday march 11 at 5pm the village Board will hold of work session which will again is expected to be convened.

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01:16:21.840 --> 01:16:38.730

Marc Samwick: In executive session to consider the appointment of individuals to various boards Councils and committee positions and vacancies there in Monday march 22 at 4:30pm there will be a joint meeting of the scarsdale Board of Trustees and the scarsdale Board of education again via zoom.

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01:16:40.080 --> 01:16:45.900

Marc Samwick: The fiscal 2122 budget discussions will continue, as has been mentioned a number of times this evening.

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01:16:48.360 --> 01:16:59.040

Marc Samwick: Tomorrow evening is a briefing session Wednesday February 24 2021 at 5pm on the operating budget, the following Wednesday march 3 2021 and 5pm will be on the capital budget.

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01:16:59.580 --> 01:17:17.220

Marc Samwick: And the village Board will hold it's expected to be final work session on the budget on Tuesday march 9 2021 at 5pm again every all of these will be held via zoom or the easiest way to say, that is, until further notice.

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01:17:18.300 --> 01:17:22.890

Marc Samwick: Thank you, everybody and i'll entertain a motion to close the meeting.

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01:17:23.820 --> 01:17:24.570

Lena Crandall: So moved.

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01:17:26.580 --> 01:17:26.910

Trustee Ross: Second.

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Marc Samwick: All in favor.

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Marc Samwick: hi.

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Thank you everyone have a good.

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rochelle waldman: night.