

02:14:04.740 --> 02:14:15.690

Mayor Samwick: Alright, I think we're all here so let's call the February 9 2021 meeting of the score still village board to order roll call, please was conflict.

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02:14:16.500 --> 02:14:19.590

Village Clerk Conkling: trusted ours here trustee crandall.

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02:14:20.130 --> 02:14:22.080

Village Clerk Conkling: Here, St Louis.

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02:14:22.530 --> 02:14:24.360

Village Clerk Conkling: Here Betsy Ross.

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02:14:24.750 --> 02:14:26.850

Village Clerk Conkling: Here trustee wardman.

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02:14:27.180 --> 02:14:29.310

Village Clerk Conkling: Here Pasty white Stan.

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02:14:30.180 --> 02:14:31.890

Village Clerk Conkling: Here mayor Simon.

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02:14:32.490 --> 02:14:34.470

Mayor Samwick: Here all rise for the pledge, please.

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02:14:38.220 --> 02:14:38.970

Mayor Samwick: pledge allegiance.

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02:14:39.360 --> 02:14:39.600

Mayor Samwick: To the.

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02:14:40.200 --> 02:14:40.590

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02:14:43.980 --> 02:14:44.250

Village Manager Pappalardo: Republic.

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02:14:44.550 --> 02:14:44.970

Trustee Crandall: for which it.

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02:14:45.360 --> 02:14:46.500  
Trustee Crandall: stands one.

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02:14:46.830 --> 02:14:48.030  
Trustee Crandall: nation under God.

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02:14:48.900 --> 02:14:49.920  
Deputy Manager Cole: indivisible.

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02:14:50.460 --> 02:14:52.860  
Trustee Crandall: With liberty and justice for all.

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02:14:57.540 --> 02:15:02.250  
Mayor Samwick: Do we have a motion to approve the Minutes of the village board meeting of January 26 2021.

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02:15:03.000 --> 02:15:18.390  
Trustee Crandall: Actually mayor, I have an amendment, I received a call from Mr Robert Harrison of 65 fox meadow road this afternoon and on page 31 of the Minutes, where Mr Harrison.

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02:15:21.480 --> 02:15:29.160  
Trustee Crandall: In the Minutes it says garden road twice and his remarks should read a garth road in the two areas so.

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02:15:30.510 --> 02:15:34.290  
Trustee Crandall: I would like to make a motion to amend the Minutes so that.

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02:15:35.970 --> 02:15:44.130  
Trustee Crandall: Where the word garden appears twice on page 31 that it's changed to garth G ar Th.

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02:15:47.070 --> 02:15:47.850  
Mayor Samwick: We have a second.

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02:15:49.260 --> 02:15:50.100  
Mayor Samwick: Two amendments.

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02:15:50.970 --> 02:15:53.940  
Mayor Samwick: Second okay all in favor of amending the Minutes.

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02:15:54.690 --> 02:15:56.520  
Trustee Waldman: I I OK.

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02:15:57.120 --> 02:16:00.450  
Trustee Crandall: And now I moved to accept the Minutes as amended.

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02:16:02.340 --> 02:16:02.940  
Mayor Samwick: We have a second.

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02:16:03.900 --> 02:16:04.500  
All in favor.

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02:16:07.800 --> 02:16:09.270  
Mayor Samwick: Just incredible Thank you everybody.

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02:16:11.040 --> 02:16:12.660  
Mayor Samwick: bills and payroll trustee Lewis.

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02:16:14.970 --> 02:16:20.100  
Trustee Lewis: hi everybody um I have two statements to read and.

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02:16:21.450 --> 02:16:35.610  
Trustee Lewis: First i've examined the payments, which were made in advance of a board of trustees audit totaling to mean 76,003 19 and 35 cents and I found them to be an order and move that session payments be ratified.

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02:16:37.260 --> 02:16:39.900  
Trustee Lewis: mission, do we need to divide them separately.

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02:16:40.650 --> 02:16:44.550  
Mayor Samwick: let's do it separately, just to be sure okay all in favor.

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02:16:45.270 --> 02:16:45.900  
Aye.

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02:16:47.880 --> 02:16:58.320  
Trustee Lewis: In addition, I have audited the abstract of claims data in February 9 2021 and the amount of 1,000,009 5014 and 66 cents, which includes.

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02:17:01.380 --> 02:17:08.280

Trustee Lewis: Of library claims previously ordered by a trustee of the library board, I found the claims to be an order and i'm they'd be approved for payment.

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02:17:11.010 --> 02:17:11.790

Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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02:17:12.420 --> 02:17:12.810

Aye.

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02:17:15.990 --> 02:17:19.320

Mayor Samwick: Thank you to St Louis onto mayor's comments.

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02:17:21.480 --> 02:17:32.550

Mayor Samwick: manager Steve pappalardo announced that he will be retiring in July, following over 30 years of dedicated public service, including nearly six years in his current capacity as village manager.

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02:17:33.390 --> 02:17:50.340

Mayor Samwick: Steve who i've come to know as a colleague friend and trusted advisor will be missed, as he transitions to a new stage in his life after more than 30 years steve's imprints are all over the village, and we as a Community are as much a part of Steve as he is a scarsdale.

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02:17:51.480 --> 02:17:53.460

Mayor Samwick: Thank you for your outstanding service Steve.

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02:17:54.840 --> 02:18:01.140

Mayor Samwick: You have cultivated and nurtured are great Community this special place that we have chosen to make our home and raise our families.

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02:18:02.250 --> 02:18:12.510

Mayor Samwick: Our communities content, knowing that you have been there, looking out for our well being and quality of life, even as we had no knowledge of your presence and profound influence.

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02:18:13.620 --> 02:18:20.340

Mayor Samwick: on behalf of the scarsdale Community Steve best of luck with your future endeavors and i'm sure we will see you in scarsdale.

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02:18:22.440 --> 02:18:33.960

Mayor Samwick: Shifting on to coven 19 the vaccine first covenant seen vaccinations represent an opportunity to protect yourself, while helping to counter the devastating impacts of this global pandemic.

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02:18:35.190 --> 02:18:46.020

Mayor Samwick: Although the vaccine rollout is still not up to speed additional vaccines are becoming available and scarsdale residents are encouraged to get vaccinated once eligible and an appointment can be made.

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Mayor Samwick: If you are a scars Jill senior citizen and are having difficulty navigating the vaccination to appointment process westchester county has launched a new helpline to assist weekdays 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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Mayor Samwick: The phone number is 914813 6300 that's 914813 6300.

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02:19:13.950 --> 02:19:22.050

Mayor Samwick: At this time, all others must either contact their private healthcare provider for an appointment or for vaccination at a New York state facility.

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02:19:22.830 --> 02:19:36.000

Mayor Samwick: check your eligibility and make an appointment through the New York state online or by telephone, through the hotline which is 183369748 to nine.

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02:19:36.690 --> 02:19:51.360

Mayor Samwick: that's 183369748 to nine all residents are encouraged to become fascinated once eligible, in the meantime, please continue to to help slow the spread of coven 19.

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02:19:51.870 --> 02:19:58.230

Mayor Samwick: by adhering to the New York state mandates and continue to follow these CDC and New York State Department of Health guidelines.

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02:19:59.190 --> 02:20:15.000

Mayor Samwick: I know I feel like a broken record and sound like a broken record but it's really important, so please wear a mask washer sanitize your hands frequently avoid touching your face practice social distancing and stay at home if you're not feeling well.

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02:20:16.110 --> 02:20:28.830

Mayor Samwick: undertaking these efforts, including including encouraging children teens and young adults, will reduce the likelihood that more rigorous restrictions on businesses and our daily activities may need to be reinstated.

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02:20:31.080 --> 02:20:34.590

Mayor Samwick: we've done a great job locally, so please keep up your diligent work.

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02:20:36.210 --> 02:20:37.830

Mayor Samwick: Now for a budget update.

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02:20:39.150 --> 02:20:45.180

Mayor Samwick: review and adoption of the annual budget is one of the most important responsibilities borne by your village board of trustees.

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02:20:46.260 --> 02:20:52.560

Mayor Samwick: The financial complexities of this year's budget analysis or particularly challenging with the backdrop of the pandemic.

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02:20:53.910 --> 02:21:06.270

Mayor Samwick: Below is a brief summary of our progress to date, the second review of our operating and capital budgets which are referred to as the second pass were presented on February 2.

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02:21:07.470 --> 02:21:16.920

Mayor Samwick: All budget meetings are included in the village meeting calendar and had been conducted by zoom thereby maximizing the opportunity for public viewing and engagement.

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02:21:18.330 --> 02:21:32.700

Mayor Samwick: The second pass budget gap was slightly over \$1.8 million, including a fund balance appropriation of two and a quarter million dollars, the gap represents the dollar amount needed to present.

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02:21:33.870 --> 02:21:40.650

Mayor Samwick: needed to present a balanced budget one where anticipated revenues are adequate to cover proposed expenses.

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02:21:42.120 --> 02:21:51.540

Mayor Samwick: Following the second pass the proposed fiscal year 2122 general fund budget is currently \$60.3 million dollars.

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02:21:52.740 --> 02:22:16.530

Mayor Samwick: By way of comparison, the adopted fiscal 2021 budget was 29 was not 29 \$59.2 million a year over year increase of approximately \$1.1 million is comprised of \$740,000 of non discretionary items primarily an increase, a 570 \$6,000 in New York state pension expenses.

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02:22:17.700 --> 02:22:40.950

Mayor Samwick: The balance of the \$1.8 million gap, or about 729 \$729,000 is on the revenue side with non property tax revenues, such as parking fees and justice Court finds having sharply decreased in response to pandemic effects these revenues are not expected to rebound fully in fiscal 2122.

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02:22:42.720 --> 02:22:55.590

Mayor Samwick: If the budget gap were to be closed using an increase in property taxes, a 4.37% increase would be needed or \$249 and 13 cents more and village taxes.

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02:22:56.070 --> 02:23:08.250

Mayor Samwick: For property assessed at \$1.51 million, which is the village average, which is the village average, while a 4.37% increase would comply with the New York state tax CAP.

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02:23:09.060 --> 02:23:24.570

Mayor Samwick: We are working aggressively to lower the increase to a more reasonable level that reflects and an appropriate balance between maintaining village services and appreciating the broader fiscal conditions that we are confronted with as an organization and as a Community.

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02:23:26.130 --> 02:23:31.800

Mayor Samwick: Importantly, the second pass does not call for any reduction in village village services.

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Mayor Samwick: The next step in the budget process will take place tomorrow at 5pm when we continue to vet projected revenues and endeavor to reduce the financial burden on taxpayers by minimizing any tax increase by continuing to maintain village services and support Community quality of life.

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02:23:52.500 --> 02:23:58.770

Mayor Samwick: Importantly budget development is a public process and all residents are encouraged to participate.

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02:23:59.970 --> 02:24:10.080

Mayor Samwick: Future budget meetings are still planning to be available by zoom the notice and agenda for each budget meeting is available online at [www.scarsdale.calm](http://www.scarsdale.calm).

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02:24:11.400 --> 02:24:17.880

Mayor Samwick: staff are committed to posting each meetings materials online in advance as soon as practical ahead of the meeting.

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02:24:19.380 --> 02:24:23.340

Mayor Samwick: I look forward to continued Community participation and development of the fiscal.

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02:24:24.900 --> 02:24:25.560

Mayor Samwick: village budget.

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Mayor Samwick: Moving on to the police reform and reinvention committee.

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Mayor Samwick: Pursuant to governor Cuomo his executive order to have three.

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02:24:36.480 --> 02:24:47.070

Mayor Samwick: The village of scarsdale was mandated to perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments strategies, policies procedures and practices.

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02:24:47.790 --> 02:25:00.180

Mayor Samwick: And to develop a plan to improve, where possible, particularly with respect to the intersection of policing public trust and confidence in law enforcement and potential racial bias in the treatment of persons of color.

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02:25:01.410 --> 02:25:17.760

Mayor Samwick: The police reform and reinvention committee has prepared a draft report, which was presented immediately prior to this regular meeting members of scarsdale community are encouraged to read the report watch the work session that took place and present any comments for further consideration.

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02:25:19.800 --> 02:25:24.990

Mayor Samwick: Lastly, i'd like to discuss the ad hoc Council on to combat bias and racism.

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02:25:26.760 --> 02:25:43.980

Mayor Samwick: In the wake of George floyd's tragic death on march 2020 in May of 2020 and following your visual health and chase park in June of 2020 the ad hoc Council to combat racism and bias, the CC rb was formed by Resolution of the village board on July 20 2020.

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Mayor Samwick: Since that time, the ccr be has been undertaking research and convening listening sessions to hear from persons of color about their experiences with diversity and inclusion in scarsdale.

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Mayor Samwick: Most recently, the group conducted a listening session open to anyone, regardless of race or ethnicity wishing to relate an experience relevant to the ccr bees charge.

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02:26:08.790 --> 02:26:21.960

Mayor Samwick: To facilitate broad public participation in this effort, including persons unable to attend the ccr be listening session the C corp law launched an online Community experience questionnaire.

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Mayor Samwick: And issued a press release, to encourage every scarsdale resident to participate non residents were also explicitly welcome to complete the questionnaire.

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02:26:32.880 --> 02:26:43.950

Mayor Samwick: The ccr bees work will culminate in a report to be presented to the village board and its regular meeting on march 23rd 2021 that concludes mayor's comments manager.

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02:26:47.280 --> 02:26:49.080

Mayor Samwick: Thank you mayor and.

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02:26:49.170 --> 02:27:00.150

Village Manager Pappalardo: Thank you for your kind words I I can't think about retirement right now with all it's still has to get done here in the village and starting with the budget which you summed up very nicely tonight.

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02:27:01.710 --> 02:27:14.760

Village Manager Pappalardo: I thought this evening I might give the Board and the Community a sense of how our public works department goes about preparing and fighting these snow storms that we seem to be getting every other day here.

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02:27:15.960 --> 02:27:28.500

Village Manager Pappalardo: during the week leading up to the January 31 2021 storm event, the one that lasted for three days up dp w staff ready to departments equipment.

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02:27:29.100 --> 02:27:47.970

Village Manager Pappalardo: And inventory materials in anticipation of this large storm staff on the highway and facilities maintenance divisions and our central garage or directed to be prepared to report for a long duration event snow fighting operations began at 8:30pm.

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02:27:49.350 --> 02:27:58.680

Village Manager Pappalardo: On Sunday night after a single village wide salt application, the department switched to an all plowing operation until the storm ended.

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02:27:59.310 --> 02:28:10.050

Village Manager Pappalardo: Some 30 hours and 20 inches Slater plowing operations continued through the day on Tuesday February 2 and after leaving for the day Tuesday afternoon.

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02:28:10.530 --> 02:28:21.210

Village Manager Pappalardo: Staff was directed to return to work again that evening in order to resolve all village roadways as a snow squall had recorded the village with fresh snow, some of it icing.

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02:28:22.230 --> 02:28:35.010

Village Manager Pappalardo: The Department storm response included staff, as I mentioned, from central garage highway sanitation our facilities maintenance division comes in and handles all of the sidewalks and the.

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02:28:36.180 --> 02:28:38.100

Village Manager Pappalardo: parking lots in the village Center.

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02:28:39.330 --> 02:28:53.040

Village Manager Pappalardo: Our parks department comes in, as well, our maintenance guys and they take care of all of the parks and recreation facilities that need to be plowed and our water department also comes in and takes care of their facilities.

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02:28:54.840 --> 02:29:06.630

Village Manager Pappalardo: overnight Wednesday into Thursday morning public works staff hauled snow from the village Center and the heath code five corners area and placed it in the open lot at the freight way.

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02:29:07.860 --> 02:29:19.680

Village Manager Pappalardo: You and estimated 3000 cubic yards of snow was removed in a single night when this when the snow depths get to be you know, a footer more we can't leave them in in the village Center or at five corners.

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02:29:20.850 --> 02:29:31.950

Village Manager Pappalardo: it's just too much there sightlines for vehicles and pedestrians are hampered and the streets and walkways just are too narrow, so we haul.

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02:29:32.850 --> 02:29:40.140

Village Manager Pappalardo: And that's a lot of snow that were removed, I don't know if anyone's had a chance to drive past the fray way but there's a mound of snow out there.

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02:29:40.680 --> 02:29:50.610

Village Manager Pappalardo: piled up along that fence, where the metro North railroad track is in total 30 pieces of equipment were used in the operation.

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02:29:51.480 --> 02:29:58.020

Village Manager Pappalardo: 1800 94 a man hours of Labor consisting of a combination of straight time and overtime.

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02:29:58.440 --> 02:30:07.590

Village Manager Pappalardo: 750 tons of salt in 2000 gallons of liquid calcium chloride, which we mix with the salt were used between Sunday night and Thursday morning.

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02:30:08.190 --> 02:30:17.790

Village Manager Pappalardo: For the duration of the event Center garage staff were able to keep up with vehicle repairs are the only one plow truck being sidelined at the end of the snow fighting operations on Tuesday.

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02:30:18.690 --> 02:30:25.650

Village Manager Pappalardo: That vehicle has since been repaired and was ready for service at the beginning of the next no operation this past Sunday.

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02:30:27.090 --> 02:30:37.890

Village Manager Pappalardo: Preliminary accounting has the cost of the storm I just mentioned at approximately \$93,000 in overtime and \$42,000 in materials.

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02:30:39.180 --> 02:30:53.460

Village Manager Pappalardo: For the six inch snow event this past Sunday super bowl Sunday operations began at approximately 8:30am and ended around eight o'clock at night, almost 12 hours we use about 400 tons of salt and 1500 gallons of calcium chloride.

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02:30:55.230 --> 02:31:04.200

Village Manager Pappalardo: We experienced yet another storm today with a few inches of snow fall, fortunately, this happened during the day when our crews were scheduled to work.

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02:31:04.800 --> 02:31:09.720

Village Manager Pappalardo: And they went around and did what they needed to do and the roads are safe, I should also mention that.

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02:31:10.560 --> 02:31:18.510

Village Manager Pappalardo: You know, we have 24 miles of sidewalks in the village to with special plowing equipment that goes around and does the does the sidewalks in the walkways.

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02:31:18.960 --> 02:31:29.850

Village Manager Pappalardo: After we we plow the roads and that operation is usually done early what at daybreak because it's very difficult at nighttime to do that work and and could be dangerous for the operators.

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02:31:31.110 --> 02:31:40.230

Village Manager Pappalardo: The winter started slow relative to storm activity, but as i've just reported here as picked up considerably, and we still have a ways to go.

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02:31:41.940 --> 02:31:51.120

Village Manager Pappalardo: I really would be remiss if I did not recognize our hardworking dp w employees who braved these storms in order to clear a village road sidewalks and walkways for safe travel.

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02:31:52.710 --> 02:31:56.910

Village Manager Pappalardo: We certainly appreciate their reliability diligent efforts and dedication.

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02:31:58.080 --> 02:31:58.680

Village Manager Pappalardo: Thank you, man.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you manager and certainly echo your sentiments about db w.

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02:32:05.580 --> 02:32:07.710

Trustee Crandall: Maybe is good follow up question.

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02:32:07.860 --> 02:32:15.180

Trustee Crandall: Sure, thank you, Mr pappalardo i've noticed that mailboxes have been springing up in my fox metal community.

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02:32:15.540 --> 02:32:24.570

Trustee Crandall: And i'm concerned about the mailboxes and also about our equipment, when we have these large snowfalls, would you please find out.

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02:32:25.080 --> 02:32:31.530

Trustee Crandall: If the mailboxes are getting in the way of the snowplows I saw one that appeared, you know to be somewhat destroyed.

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02:32:32.340 --> 02:32:50.250

Trustee Crandall: And this is a new trend that i've noticed these mailboxes do appear to be in the village right of way and I wonder if you know if they are causing a problem, perhaps we need to have you know, a discussion and then you know some communication with the public.

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02:32:51.510 --> 02:33:02.850

Village Manager Pappalardo: Yes, trustee randall it's not uncommon for the plows, especially when we get this amount of snow to you know hit things like mailboxes or curbing driveway aprons.

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02:33:03.750 --> 02:33:21.900

Village Manager Pappalardo: We do have a you know some damage they'll even hit you know the cars eventually that might be parked on the street, when you get you know, two feet of snow, you know some of these mailboxes probably weren't visible and they hit them, so we have insurance for that.

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02:33:23.460 --> 02:33:27.420

Village Manager Pappalardo: You know by State law, and I think village attorney posing can.

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02:33:28.830 --> 02:33:45.750

Village Manager Pappalardo: Can opine on this that there's immunity during the snow operations during these types of you know snowstorms so

if we do damage to any personal property that's out out the roadway or in the public right away, which is what you suggested, we do have immunity.

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02:33:47.160 --> 02:33:56.460

Village Manager Pappalardo: You know I like to take them on a case by case basis, we do have a facilities maintenance crew and if they can go out there and reset the mailbox or or or make a make a fix that's not too bad.

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02:33:56.790 --> 02:34:00.960

Village Manager Pappalardo: we'll do it because we try to you know, do the right thing by our residents, but there is immunity for this.

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02:34:01.350 --> 02:34:06.660

Village Manager Pappalardo: it's a lot of work and and they're out there continually driving around in difficult conditions to.

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02:34:07.020 --> 02:34:18.450

Village Manager Pappalardo: You know you got wind and it's sometimes very difficult to even see you know out the windshield a few feet in front of you, so these things do happen, but i'll talk to the superintendent and find out whether this past storm.

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02:34:19.740 --> 02:34:31.740

Village Manager Pappalardo: was any worse than then some others that we've had over the years, and if there's and if he feels that there's an issue we certainly can follow up i'm not sure how we would do that, but we could certainly follow up with at least those individuals whose.

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02:34:32.730 --> 02:34:34.590

Village Manager Pappalardo: Whose mailboxes may have been damaged.

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02:34:35.190 --> 02:34:49.620

Trustee Crandall: And please ask if any of our equipment was damaged, you know going through the budget process i'm aware of how expensive our trucks are so I, and I, you know be terrible if if a plow is was damaged by one of those secure mailboxes.

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02:34:49.950 --> 02:34:51.210

Trustee Crandall: Well that's it Thank you.

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02:34:51.570 --> 02:34:51.810

yeah.

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02:34:53.250 --> 02:34:53.700  
Village Manager Pappalardo: you're welcome.

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02:34:54.750 --> 02:34:55.560  
Village Manager Pappalardo: that's all I have mayor.

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02:34:56.010 --> 02:35:13.620  
Mayor Samwick: Okay, thank you manager i'd like to now open public comment but before I do, I just want to remind people that there's a five minute limit to one's comments and, if you look at assistant to village manager cats and he will give you a heads up with about a minute remaining.

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02:35:14.730 --> 02:35:31.170  
Mayor Samwick: We do see a lot of people here today, so if we could try to you know be expeditious say what you want to say, if you agree with what someone else said before you it's fine to just to say that you agree so anyone wishing to be heard, please raise your hand and we can be recognized you.

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02:35:35.400 --> 02:35:36.570  
Mayor Samwick: john McCann are you there.

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02:35:37.320 --> 02:35:38.130  
John McCann: Yes, I am.

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02:35:39.390 --> 02:35:51.120  
John McCann: hi john hi how are you I just i'm here john McCann 800 road, I just wanted to speak on behalf of of naming of a football field across way after.

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02:35:51.960 --> 02:36:03.930  
John McCann: rupee Philips i've sent some letters in I know they're more coming into your inbox is because i'm getting CC on them so even though we're at over 120 or more to follow.

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02:36:05.130 --> 02:36:15.000  
John McCann: I was personally touched by many of the stories, the most recent letter I read was from my son, who did this without me bothering him about it.

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02:36:16.110 --> 02:36:28.320  
John McCann: And he spoke to be helped him into a school through athletics and got a fantastic education, because of repeat and in a town that values education.

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02:36:28.800 --> 02:36:39.870

John McCann: that's pretty significant that a 25 year old boy man who has many other things on his plate some things to do, thought enough and realize what it meant for the things that repeat done.

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02:36:41.130 --> 02:36:42.870

John McCann: I think it's a great way to honor him.

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02:36:44.220 --> 02:36:56.010

John McCann: he's been on that field for over 30 for almost 30 years snow when rain better than the post office, so I just hope you vote yes on this resolution, and thank you for your time.

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02:36:57.120 --> 02:36:58.140

Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much john.

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02:36:59.220 --> 02:37:05.550

Mayor Samwick: My middle son Oliver played on the same team is matt so experienced a lot of that firsthand Thank you.

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02:37:14.400 --> 02:37:17.340

Mayor Samwick: bear with me just a second Madeline are you there.

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02:37:19.980 --> 02:37:20.880

Madelaine Eppenstein: Yes, i'm here.

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02:37:22.560 --> 02:37:23.550

Madelaine Eppenstein: i'm unmuted.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Yes, full disclosure i'm my husband was a popular three sport coach when arison was a youngster and in my individual capacity, this evening, offering my support also for the.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Ruby Philips resolution.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: i'm authorized to state that residents.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: K eisenman that see Bush and Bart hamlin in their individual capacities also support the resolution, recognizing Mr phillips's contribution contributions as a scarsdale volunteer.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: On my on a personal note, familiar with the important and positive role that coaches play my husband Ted who held 14 school records in basketball.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: In his college career is still in touch with his jv coach and his varsity coach her brown which you may recall, was later coach nba teams, thank you for listening.

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02:38:37.890 --> 02:38:39.060

Mayor Samwick: We appreciate your comments.

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02:38:51.240 --> 02:38:52.290

Mayor Samwick: Dave PAC man, are you there.

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Dave Pechman: Yes, I can hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can.

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Dave Pechman: All right, so um I also want to support I renaming the field for a burpee.

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Dave Pechman: I.

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Dave Pechman: started playing football in eighth grade he was very supportive.

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Dave Pechman: I think, is really a great person to be involved with when you're you know seventh, eighth grade, where he was.

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Dave Pechman: He pushed the kids but you know, it was very much in a way that was at the right level for people at that age and then you know.

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Dave Pechman: Very good for instilling some amount of discipline but also camaraderie teamwork.

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Dave Pechman: But then he also supported us throughout high school and even after so you know I graduated know for my brothers three years behind me, we both played under repeat.

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Dave Pechman: For both of us in high school We always knew that review or spotify and very supportive and every year for thanksgiving you get us all together.

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Dave Pechman: And you know still now 1520 years later there's a whole generation of kids from stars Oh, that really a lot to repeat, especially at the age where we can find some discipline them and have that help us forward, but I think I definitely supported my brother does my family does Thank you.

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02:40:03.870 --> 02:40:04.920

Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much Dave.

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02:40:14.340 --> 02:40:15.210

Mayor Samwick: Michael are you there.

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02:40:17.880 --> 02:40:19.770

michaelphilipps: I am, can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can hear you.

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michaelphilipps: I just want to say thank you very much to all the trustees for your consideration of this.

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02:40:26.520 --> 02:40:37.680

michaelphilipps: honor for repeat and repeat younger brother, I have three children it's been hard over the last couple weeks explain to them

they're not a special to rip us as hundreds of other kids that he has touched.

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02:40:38.220 --> 02:40:46.080

michaelphilipps: And it's been virtually unbelievable watching my brother two three decades as most of you know I go to basically every game to watch.

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michaelphilipps: kind of in awe of the way he treats his kids our kids and can lead the opponents.

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02:40:53.280 --> 02:41:04.320

michaelphilipps: Very often repeat after a game will go up to an opposing coach say hello, introduce himself compliment one of his players and ask them where they're going what they're doing, and if he can help them.

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02:41:04.860 --> 02:41:12.840

michaelphilipps: win or lose it's a pretty special quality I am profoundly appreciate that brother like repeat as i've told you guys in my note.

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02:41:13.320 --> 02:41:18.570

michaelphilipps: it's awesome being stopped and someone saying wow your repeat brother that's pretty awesome.

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02:41:18.990 --> 02:41:30.450

michaelphilipps: So, in closing, I just want to say thank you very much for your consideration for something that I think was really, really special to honor rupee self selflessness over the last 30 years, thank you.

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02:41:31.560 --> 02:41:36.060

Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Michael there, we can actually picture, some of the things that you're saying, as you say, those.

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02:41:43.980 --> 02:41:44.910

Mayor Samwick: Dean, are you there.

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02:41:48.450 --> 02:41:49.050

Mayor Samwick: Dean board.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: Yes, can you hear me.

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02:41:51.780 --> 02:41:52.410

Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can.

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02:41:53.070 --> 02:41:54.270

Dean J. Borg SHS '80: Can you see me or just hear me.

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02:41:54.750 --> 02:41:58.440

Mayor Samwick: just hear you and there's a little bit of an ECHO I don't know if you have the TV on in the background, but.

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02:41:59.400 --> 02:41:59.670

Dean J. Borg SHS '80: Is that.

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Mayor Samwick: True let's try it again.

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02:42:04.260 --> 02:42:07.320

Dean J. Borg SHS '80: Let me, let me try Okay, I can how's that.

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02:42:07.740 --> 02:42:09.030

Mayor Samwick: it's fine, we can hear you fine.

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02:42:09.420 --> 02:42:17.070

Dean J. Borg SHS '80: Great Thank you and mayor and to all of you, thank you for your public service i'm 1500 miles away in Florida.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: I did write in, and I think I was the only one doing clued photographs of repeat and I both when we were 17 years old and about three years ago.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: I was captain of the scarsdale high football team in 19 fall of 79 and graduated in 80 likewise for the scars a high lacrosse team rip he succeeded me co captain, I should say rip he succeeded me in both capacities we've known each other, since we were 12.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: You may all know I don't know how many of you knew personally building William Dean, who the scarsdale high school field is named after I was privileged to receive the building trophy.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: My senior year in high school from the athletic department for sportsmanship and so forth, and I knew, Mr Dean personally for a number of years.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: repeat his cut in that same mold incredibly generous civic minded person whose humility is really striking and what you might not know is the last few weeks rip he was unaware of what was happening.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: In the background, on his behalf until I think about 10 days ago I spoke with him a few days ago, and still his humility is really it's amazing.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: I did not know, to the extent of how many children, he has touched and as often as I speak to him and as much as I do know about his selfless service when I read the letters that were available three scars on fire and through your website it just was beyond what I ever knew.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: So I just again, even the way he's conducted himself the last week or so is emblematic or what a special person he is I just think this is an incredibly.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: wonderful opportunity to allow one of our own one of the villages sons to be recognized for what is really murderous conduct by an individual, and I hope that.

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Dean J. Borg SHS '80: Your body will consider that and an act on it, he is is well deserving and I can say as a teammate going back to our teenage years he's the same person he was always and always will be supportive kind generous with vision and integrity and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, we really appreciate your heartfelt sentiments and your input on this, it means a lot to us, we appreciate it hold on one second.

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Mayor Samwick: Sorry i'm having a little trouble navigating some of this there we go Paul you there.

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02:45:17.430 --> 02:45:17.760

Paul Fix: Hello.

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Paul Fix: Yes, ball yes.

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02:45:21.840 --> 02:45:26.670

Paul Fix: Thank you so much for the time and, obviously, thank you for the consideration I.

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Paul Fix: don't know if I can get through this.

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02:45:30.990 --> 02:45:35.940

Paul Fix: can read my letter because that tells the story, as well as the article.

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02:45:37.080 --> 02:45:56.880

Paul Fix: And I sit here with my son and I looked at him I can't think of a more appropriate naming of the field i'm grippy literally changed the trajectory of my life at to think that you know he'll be coached my two sons and my daughter, who all are growing up and go into quick courage.

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Paul Fix: Just makes me show incredibly happy.

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Paul Fix: i'm sorry.

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02:46:07.410 --> 02:46:15.300

Paul Fix: Well, thank you very much, duration it truly means a lot to all of the people that he's helped and they're really.

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02:46:16.350 --> 02:46:29.070

Paul Fix: Not many people that have walked this earth, who who love and care about others the village of scarsdale and the use of scarsdale the way the repeat does Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Well, thank you, thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Scott, are you there.

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Scott Kaufman: Yes, I just I don't want to take a lot of time up, but I want to concur with all the people.

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Scott Kaufman: About ripping.

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Scott Kaufman: he's the epitome of scars little raider football he starts with kids from young falls mother way through high school falls into college and maintains friendship after college.

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Scott Kaufman: I think it's be it's a fitting tribute first decade of.

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Scott Kaufman: dedication, thank you.

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02:47:14.190 --> 02:47:15.060

Mayor Samwick: Scott, thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: All right, anyone else pushing to be heard this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Kathy Coleman are you there.

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kathy coleman: Yes, I i'd like to speak and supportive this resolution as well, I have two girls, so we were never coached by repeat, but I know him from my time serving as Co president of the maroon white organization at the high school.

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kathy coleman: And i'd like to point out how he was always helpful and insightful and supportive, you know great with the history great with.

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kathy coleman: You know what the next project should be or how it should work, so it has influence and support extends beyond seventh and eighth grade football, so I encourage you to vote yes for the resolution.

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Mayor Samwick: Kathy Thank you, we appreciate it.

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Mayor Samwick: crispy arrow you there.

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Chris Pierro: They may say i'm rick how are you.

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02:48:24.240 --> 02:48:25.170

Mayor Samwick: i'm doing well, how are you.

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02:48:25.380 --> 02:48:31.230

Chris Pierro: Good Thank you i've been in the Community now teaching the middle school for 25 years and coaching.

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Chris Pierro: 2020 is the high school, I think I might actually be the longest coach around for a long time and i've had the luxury and pleasure of working with trippy.

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Chris Pierro: For all those 21 years some of the young, some of the men actually speaking tonight, where kids that I coach that came also through from ripping into the high school.

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Chris Pierro: And the biggest thing I can say about repeat, is the fact that he was concerned about the whole child not just winning on a football field.

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Chris Pierro: So it's like Paul fix had mentioned other ways, he touched kids lives were not just.

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Chris Pierro: What he did on the field but off the field, and again I reiterate were built sad I can't think of a better person to have

something named after the amount of time he spent in this Community and representing the children, this Community, thank you for your time.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much, Chris.

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Mayor Samwick: Berg.

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Robert Berg: Good evening Robert Byrd.

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Robert Berg: 17 blackbird plane, I have two points to make first i'm delighted that the village is planning to on a Ruby Phillips by name going across way field for him i've read many of the letters supporting him and they're truly remarkable.

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Robert Berg: i've always known repeated be an ardent supporter of sports in scarsdale and I remember.

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Robert Berg: That when he and my friend for and former naval REP Fisher decided to raise money for the turf field, they did so within a couple of days, it was unbelievable.

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Robert Berg: Both the outpouring of support from the Community.

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Robert Berg: shows what an amazing person he is and he's so deserving of this honor I just couldn't believe the article of the letters that I read and the.

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Robert Berg: testimonials that were given it's it's remarkable and it's a wonderful thing to do, the name field after him.

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Robert Berg: My other point I wanted to talk about is the proposed pool fee increases, while the pool.

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Robert Berg: reserve fund is wrap up rapidly being depleted and needs to be rebuilt it doesn't need to be replenished all in one year.

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Robert Berg: I fear that raising the prices by the large amount proposed is going to drive membership lower we've had a big problem over the last couple of years with membership declining.

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Robert Berg: I don't think the village has performed a sensitivity analysis, but I would bet that if we raise them full membership prices as much as you're planning on.

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Robert Berg: we're going to have a decrease in total revenues and that's going to be an even bigger problem.

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Robert Berg: I do support selling 100 memberships to non scarsdale residents as it did last year, I think the maximum up charge for such membership should be two times the normal scarsdale resident price.

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Robert Berg: at three times the price I don't think you're going to sell too many memberships that's all I have to say now, thanks.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much, Bob would appreciate your comments and you know.

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Mayor Samwick: We have another budget meeting tomorrow evening and and we can have the opportunity to discuss that in further detail tomorrow.

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Mayor Samwick: And with respect to what you had mentioned about the letters that have come in about repeat it really has been remarkable to read some of them to read all of them some, in particular, really.

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Mayor Samwick: really were.

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02:51:39.210 --> 02:51:42.060

Mayor Samwick: Incredibly, heartfelt and.

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02:51:43.140 --> 02:51:50.100

Mayor Samwick: You really get a flavor for who he is and what you know what he means to so many in the Community.

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Mayor Samwick: matt McCann are there.

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Mayor Samwick: matt.

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yep.

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Mayor Samwick: Okay.

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Matt McCann: yep just wanted to chime in and say I support everything that's been said so far, I know that, personally, my story I just without my relationship with repeat, has already been shared.

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02:52:12.270 --> 02:52:27.720

Matt McCann: Earlier, but I just wanted to really hit home that you know ruby's a commitment to the football program and to the people of scar so really expands beyond the field itself, and it really carries through to high school and through college and even after so.

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Matt McCann: You know.

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Matt McCann: He was able to be really committed to everyone, and if anyone was really interested in really wanted to play football on another level, he he never hesitated to assist with that.

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Matt McCann: So I think that only really just supports and you know really speaks to his values and what he thinks of this town and all that stuff people ever bought thanks.

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Mayor Samwick: matt Thank you really appreciate your comments tonight.

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Mayor Samwick: Mr Harrison.

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robert harrison: hi can you hear me.

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02:53:07.530 --> 02:53:08.340

Mayor Samwick: We can oh.

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02:53:08.460 --> 02:53:11.460

robert harrison: Yes, okay Hello there, how are you.

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Mayor Samwick: Very good, thank you, I know your phone call.

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robert harrison: Oh okay i'm glad you said that I was worried, maybe the phones weren't working.

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robert harrison: And anyway Bob Harrison.

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robert harrison: 65 year now what am I 65 year resident of scars that I know repeat he's a neighbor of mine on fox meadow road and I never played football for him because i'm older than him.

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robert harrison: But my two sons play football and enjoy their time in the youth leagues of scarsdale so I strongly support that the the naming of repeat.

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robert harrison: The cross wave fields and he's done a lot for us and myself as a strong supporter of yours you sports I.

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02:54:04.440 --> 02:54:12.900

robert harrison: can understand all the time he put in over the years, so congratulations to repeat, and I am I hope you'll approve it, and I think you will.

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robert harrison: So, moving on, I want to congratulate Steve and a little surprised that he's retiring not really I guess Steve you still have many great years ahead of you.

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robert harrison: But having served on the village board when you were I guess up and coming I served under i'll gather and the.

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02:54:36.600 --> 02:54:48.750

robert harrison: want to congratulate you for the many years of service to the scarsdale Community I guess 30 years plus and and I want to congratulate you, with these two storms we've had, I think.

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02:54:49.140 --> 02:55:07.050

robert harrison: Your management and the dp w and all the the people, the men and women who work for the village it's just been tremendous it's hard to believe that we're able to clean up these roads, particularly that big 15 to 20 inches snowfall and then those huge huge.

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robert harrison: mountains of snow in the village and her son they're gone so I congratulate.

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02:55:15.240 --> 02:55:24.360

robert harrison: All of your your people, and wish you well in the future and the as far as the budget, this is some quick comment.

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robert harrison: And hit the Mr I think she sent you a letter we've seen it's been the scarsdale forum about a truck and vehicle for about 250 \$280,000 that perhaps could be deferred and i'm a strong believer that.

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robert harrison: One that we have the rainy day Fund should be used at a time like this, and hopefully with your work tomorrow night we can get the increase in the taxes, was a to begin building the person number meaning under 3% love to see it at 2% but I know that would be very tough but.

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robert harrison: truck deferral 280,000 plus use the the fund balance to a degree, and maybe other areas that we might save some money so hopefully we can get that tax increase down to a manageable amount, thank you very much.

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Mayor Samwick: Bob, thank you for all your comments and the board certainly shares your view that we'd like to have as low tax increases, we can recognizing, of course, that this year is particularly challenging.

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Mayor Samwick: coach V.

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Andrew Verboys: Thank you very much, I appreciate you all give me a moment here i'm the varsity football coach at scarsdale high school i'm finishing up my 31st year.

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Andrew Verboys: And you know so many years, and so successful and scars down and a lot of people always ask me coach what's been the key to your success and I said.

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02:57:07.230 --> 02:57:12.240

Andrew Verboys: On top of being part of a great school district a great town and an unbelievable community.

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02:57:12.690 --> 02:57:22.650

Andrew Verboys: I have the the hidden weapon of repeat Philips, and to have somebody like him supporting not only the high school program and we work hand in hand.

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02:57:23.100 --> 02:57:35.220

Andrew Verboys: And you know, not a day goes by that I don't get a phone call from repeat asking me what can we do more, where is there anything else we can continue to do and I appreciate you all taking the time to really.

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Andrew Verboys: Consider name in the field i've spent many hours on that field with him and there's nobody more deserving of it and it's great listening to everybody talk about what a wonderful person he is appreciate your time, thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: coach Thank you, thank you for all that you do to win with the hand them off to you.

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Mayor Samwick: You and other coaches, you know you continue the great work that he does so thank you for all that you do as well.

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Mayor Samwick: gallery there.

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02:58:11.160 --> 02:58:11.610

Mayor Samwick: yeah.

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Mayor Samwick: hold on.

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Gail Leone: Can you hear me okay.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, now we can.

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02:58:17.370 --> 02:58:31.770

Gail Leone: I mark and all the trustees Thank you for listening to me i'll keep it quick, I just wanted to say on behalf of the entirely only family that we fully support naming the Cross way field after rip the.

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Gail Leone: he's more than a coach he's really a friend he's a friend of our family and.

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02:58:39.600 --> 02:58:51.600

Gail Leone: He becomes part of everyone's family he becomes interested in who the kid is and who the family is what's happening at home and it's truly incredible.

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02:58:52.230 --> 02:59:02.010

Gail Leone: And you know we just drive drive by cross Wakefield now it's been so many years since my kids have played, and we still still can hear him shouting.

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02:59:02.430 --> 02:59:15.810

Gail Leone: On on the field and just great memories of Saturday mornings there with with the kids great friendships started there and we're just really excited and proud of rugby Thank you.

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02:59:16.680 --> 02:59:17.760

Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much gail.

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02:59:32.580 --> 02:59:37.200

Mayor Samwick: Okay i'm not sure which falco this is but one of the falcons is here.

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DiFalco: hi can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes.

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DiFalco: hi this is Dan to falco the second of for.

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DiFalco: For boys that went through and repeat don't repeat coach does my father also coach drippy he's the one that inspired my father to.

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DiFalco: get into coaching just because he saw you know repeat love for what he did, and my father still still coaches I don't know how many years has been coaching with repeat.

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DiFalco: You know i've known since I was young, played for him followed me through high school followed all my brothers through high school.

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DiFalco: I went on to play college football and coach the varsity football team at ardsley high school and I really owe almost all of it to repeat.

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DiFalco: He really inspired me I was never very talented but you know what what he did for me as as a young man and and now even as an adult.

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DiFalco: I can't thank him enough, and you know just like everyone else said when you know when you drive by that field, you know, the first thing comes to your mind is Ruby Phillips and.

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DiFalco: You know the amount of the amount of young men that he you know you know just did so much for and continues to do do for.

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DiFalco: And I know he's going to do for you know, a long time to come, so you know as as as a very good friend and a mentor would be amazing for you guys to give up that honor, thank you for your time, I appreciate it.

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Mayor Samwick: Dan Thank you really appreciate your comments.

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Mayor Samwick: Paul, are you there is this the same Paul that spoke earlier.

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Mayor Samwick: Paul.

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Paul Pechman: Can you hear me.

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Paul Pechman: Yes, good.

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Mayor Samwick: You spoke earlier correctional.

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Paul Pechman: pacman i'm a 30 year resident of scarsdale both of my boys and David spoke earlier, David peck men and.

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Paul Pechman: I said, Michael had very positive experiences on the team and a lot of it has to do with the wonderful coaches and couldn't coach report.

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Paul Pechman: But also repeat was always an example of team work commitment and accomplishments and fairness and he was always generous with his efforts, he was always thoughtful kind and considerate and I just echoing.

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Paul Pechman: All the wonderful things that have been said, I completely agree, and he really made a huge contribution to our family in terms of.

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Paul Pechman: You know the the Community and the teamwork and we're very appreciative and I think it's a great idea, obviously, to put his name on the course wakefield's and I also want to thank everyone here but keeping the roads, clean, thank you very much.

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Mayor Samwick: All Thank you very much.

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Mayor Samwick: Alright, I don't see anyone else so i'd like to close the first public comment section of the meeting.

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Mayor Samwick: For those of you that want to stay, we have a second public comment section at the end of the meeting and you're you're free to speak again with a five minute limit at that time as well.

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Mayor Samwick: So thank you all for your comments, you know as the.

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Mayor Samwick: As the board, we do a wide range of things like dealing with the budget and dealing this past year with coven and trying to have village.

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Mayor Samwick: You know, managed through lots of different things, I have to say it's really nice to have something positive and constructive that we that we get to hear the Community coming out in force for so thank you everybody for for that.

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Mayor Samwick: i'd like to move on to trustee liaison reports anybody have any reports this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: trust you Robin.

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Trustee Waldman: Thank you, I have a report from the library, please.

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Trustee Waldman: Okay, the library has increased, a virtual program offering for all ages, as well as offering taken make crafts for kids teens and adults parents are encouraged to reach out to the Librarians to get recommendations for their children, which can be picked up through contactless pick up.

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Trustee Waldman: The libraries hosting a variety of events to celebrate to celebrate black history month, including a panel discussion with authors library staff and New York state Senator Andrea Stewart cousins on February 23 at 5:30pm.

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Trustee Waldman: registration is required, please check the library website for all their upcoming programs and events as scarsdale library.org.

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Trustee Waldman: The aviary CAFE continues to be open and is eager for your breakfast lunch or coffee break business.

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Trustee Waldman: Their menu is available on the library homepage and you can order online, they also deliver through grub hub, and again I ordered food from there, and it was very good, so I recommend everybody try it.

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Trustee Waldman: The library is working towards a limited reopening on our around March 1 information about the library's plans on the library website, I know we are all eager for the library to open in a limited capacity initially so let's hope we're able to achieve that by March 1 so thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust your role than.

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03:05:16.170 --> 03:05:17.790

Mayor Samwick: Any other trustee liaison reports.

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Trustee Crandall: Alright, moving on to mayor.

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Trustee Crandall: Oh, I see.

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03:05:23.340 --> 03:05:25.410

Mayor Samwick: I see you there apologize.

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Trustee Crandall: that's quite all right so i'd actually like to add to the goldmans report about our amazing library they've been partnering with our aging in place Program.

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Trustee Crandall: And there are two aging in place programs coming up the first one is tomorrow, Wednesday February 10 at 1pm on zoom.

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Trustee Crandall: Jane slevin of West Chester Jewish community services will address the topic of caregiver burnout the second program on Wednesday march 3 at 1pm.

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Trustee Crandall: features a talk on the coded 19 vaccinations by Dr Michael palumbo executive Vice President and chief medical officer of white plains hospital.

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Trustee Crandall: Both programs are free and open to the public, but advanced registration is required.

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Trustee Crandall: You may contact the aging place coordinator it Mary Ellen sanger at 914-723-3281 or credit glasser at the skulk scarsdale public library 9147 to 21300 for more information or.

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Trustee Crandall: You can go to the library website, which is [www dot scarsdale library.org](http://www.dot-scarsdale.library.org) to register, you will have to create an account but, as you heard from trustee waldman it's well worth it, the library has something for everyone, thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust you credle.

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Mayor Samwick: anyone else.

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Mayor Samwick: Okay, moving on to the agenda items trust the artist.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you, Mary First is the statements of expense and revenue for June 2022 January 2021 The following is a brief review of the statements of expense and revenue general Fund appropriations were 57.95% spent as of January 2021 is compared to 64.38% in the previous year.

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Trustee Arest: General fund revenues, other than property taxes or \$8,509,642 through January 2020.

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Trustee Arest: i'm sorry come through January 2021 I believe that should read.

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Trustee Arest: Compared with \$11,400,736 with the same period of last year, this represents a decrease of 2,000,890 \$1,044 from 1920 the primary factors are the reduction in parking permit and meter revenue of 1 million 1,400,000 and the reduction in recreation revenue of 970 8000.

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Trustee Arest: The sale parking permits was decreased due to the code 19 impact on commutation into New York City, also the coronavirus led to the cancellation of summer camps, with the resultant reduction in revenue and expense.

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Trustee Arest: The actual collection of village taxes through January 2021 is at 94.04% the second half of the village taxes were doing December 2020 the percentage of actual village tax collection a January 31 2020 was 99.46%.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust yaris don't believe you have a couple of resolutions as well.

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Trustee Arest: I did it.

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Trustee Lewis: As a clarifying question about the finances.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, of course.

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Trustee Lewis: Thank you so much so, forgive me treasure, but I just wanted to ask for clarification.

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Trustee Lewis: So I thought that the write up that that trust the RS to read was was.

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Trustee Lewis: Wonderful and very, very clear, I wanted to take a look at page one, and in particular the data and other related to revenues and surplus.

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Trustee Lewis: And you know, when I look at that line and obviously the real property taxes, when we look at a percent to date and percent year ago that's tracking quite nicely.

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Trustee Lewis: That should give us some reassurance, as we project forward and and when we look at the other revenue, as well as the sales tax some of the.

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Trustee Lewis: Matters highlighted by trustee areas that's kind of where the challenge has developed this year, this seems to be the amongst the greatest sources of our challenge.

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Trustee Lewis: And, and when I look at the differential between percent to date versus percent a year ago, you know.

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Trustee Lewis: With a call it's a 10% differential it 54 to 64 or it's 1000 basis points but it's a big number So when I when I look at at the annual budgeted items for those categories, you know 12 million and change 3 million and change, and when we think about future years.

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Trustee Lewis: You know, we can all have views about whether or not these items bounce back in the upcoming year seminar I know we talked about that a little bit.

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Trustee Lewis: But in the years that follow this next year I just speaking for myself it, it would be important to see scenarios, to see what happens to the deficit that we have and the hole in our budget.

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Trustee Lewis: If if this does not have a complete rebound in year two and year three i'm a bit concerned that that habits have changed and we may not return readily to pre covert levels.

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Trustee Lewis: And that that may leave a structural imbalance in our budget, ie a revenue stream that's a bit lower than we would like, as our cost structure escalate so so if it's possible for the budget.

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Trustee Lewis: Work sessions to Mars to to see some multi year projections on this with scenarios, I know i've asked about it before and i'll i'll probably repeat myself a lot on this, but.

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Trustee Lewis: I think it's very tough for us to make decisions on on the budgeting without those kinds of multi year projections on this so so thank you and I guess i've understood this right and those line items are.

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Trustee Lewis: Are the right way to look at it and they tied to the cover memo is that fair of identify the right line items.

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Ann Scaglione: Yes, and the summary for all of those items you're exactly right there in the the budget workbook and.

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Ann Scaglione: there's some items that where the revenue is lower we've also seen a reduction in expenses, as it relates to the parks and REC we've talked about that there's some items that you know it's really hard

to predict what the changing patterns are going to be, for example, the parking.

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Ann Scaglione: revenues so.

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Ann Scaglione: And then there's other revenues that we have seen a increase because of changing patterns we've seen an increase in our mortgage tax.

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Ann Scaglione: we've seen some Spikes in.

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Ann Scaglione: building permits and such so it's we can certainly talk about that tomorrow we've spent a lot of time looking at it, but to project out a few years we really, really it's uncertain what the patterns are going to be.

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Trustee Lewis: God not so i'm with you on that I just think it would be important, because it will influence how comfortable, we are taking reserves this year if we think we might have to take him again next year, but thank you so much for bearing with me with the clarification and.

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Trustee Lewis: And the word count on my observations, thank you.

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03:12:37.020 --> 03:12:44.100

Trustee Arest: Thank you, across the Lewis and I, you know we did request that I second that and I thank you for reminding everyone of that because.

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Trustee Arest: One of the requests for tomorrow's meeting is to get into deeper detail for the revenue assumptions for that exact reason, so that.

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03:12:52.200 --> 03:13:04.560

Trustee Arest: The fund balance that we use there's a big difference in policy about using fund balance for one time deficits versus things that may be ongoing for exactly the reasons that trustee Lewis said so, I look forward to that discussion, thank you yeah.

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Trustee Crandall: If I may jump in i'd like to suggest that we find out, you know.

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Trustee Crandall: What assumptions are our neighbors making I know that when I listened to the county budget presentation to the westchester league of women voters.

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Trustee Crandall: I heard them say that they're assuming that their parking at the county Center will come back by 50% by the summer I don't know if that's changed I don't know perhaps what you know some some other communities like.

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Trustee Crandall: You know the town of greenberg might be assuming they have the parking garage and hartsdale So if you know information along those lines, could be helpful, thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: I asked that we continue the budget discussion at tomorrow's budget meeting and we get back to the agenda.

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Mayor Samwick: Trust to.

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Trustee Lewis: Make sure we have the information we've requested.

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Absolutely.

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03:13:57.690 --> 03:14:08.910

Trustee Arest: Including maybe an extra budget session or two but okay sorry i'll move to it's a resolution regarding public hearing on a local law authorizing a real property tax levy in excess of the New York state CAP.

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Trustee Arest: And I think before I get to the resolve on this, this requires a little bit of explanation for for some who haven't been paying attention to budgets going back you know number of years now.

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Trustee Arest: there's a very good memo backing this up with a lot of information from our village treasure.

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Trustee Arest: The bottom line is the current year tax levy limit for the village of scarsdale is \$43,700,938 which equates to a 1.26% increase from the prior year tax levy limit.

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Trustee Arest: As the mayor pointed out earlier, we are currently as projected from the existing budget which we still have a lot of work to do on we are under the tax CAP, we do not need to go over it, we do not need to override it.

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Trustee Arest: The way this was described some years ago, during the budget process was a housekeeping item.

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Trustee Arest: And I came to like that idea, because this is just a resolution to call for a public hearing to have a public hearing and it's about preserving optionality because if you do not pass this local law.

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03:15:11.610 --> 03:15:14.910

Trustee Arest: You are not permitted to go over the tax levy limit period.

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03:15:15.630 --> 03:15:26.940

Trustee Arest: My understanding is the additional monies that are collected, have to be held in escrow and used for the upcoming budget for the following fiscal year, so your hands are really tied, and so I you know.

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03:15:27.480 --> 03:15:35.280

Trustee Arest: I can make this comment, I guess, when I vote but and all my colleagues can as well, and I think I speak for most or all of the body, we have no intention.

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Trustee Arest: Of even getting to this vote, I don't believe our hope is to not have to ever get to this vote, our hope is we are currently under the tax limit.

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Trustee Arest: We expect to stay under the tax limit I think we've learned, especially this year with uncertainties that exist, you never know what could happen, and so I think it would be irresponsible for this body, not to.

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Trustee Arest: pass this resolution not to have the public hearing, not to preserve that optionality, just in case.

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Trustee Arest: But again, this is not signify that this board is intent on going over it it's it's again.

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Trustee Arest: Like a housekeeping item with for a future discussion I think will be interesting to decide whether you know future boards may want to always at least have the public hearing.

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Trustee Arest: Just so the Community understands, there should be no panic, there should be no concern just from this resolution so with all that said.

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Trustee Arest: resolved that a public hearing is hereby scheduled by the board of trustees of the village of scarsdale to be held on Tuesday February 23 2021 at 7pm via zoom video conferencing.

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Trustee Arest: To consider a proposed local law to amend a local law authorizing the board of trustees to adopt the budget for 2021 2022 fiscal year.

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Trustee Arest: That requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in general, municipal law session three see as attached here to and made a part hero and be at further resolved at the village clerk is directed to advertise said public here in a.

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Mayor Samwick: Second, this is a roll call this company, please.

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Village Clerk Conkling: The stairs.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you, Miss Conklin and I just now getting even more just for myself, although I probably said this before I have absolutely no intention of.

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Trustee Arest: Supporting this resolution unless it really becomes necessary I'm sorry, I have no intention of supporting a vote on an override which by the way, requires five out of seven of us to vote for, and if it eventually becomes.

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Trustee Arest: necessary, but I am happy to support this resolution and go forward with the public hearing, I.

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Village Clerk Conkling: trusted Crandall.

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Village Clerk Conkling: trust you Louis.

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Trustee Lewis: um I just like to say, well, I support the idea of an open public hearing because discussion, and transparency is always helpful, I cannot personally imagine any scenario where we should or would raise taxes anywhere near or above the tax CAP.

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Trustee Lewis: Nonetheless, with these great reservations about yes, and the resolution regarding the public hearing.

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Village Clerk Conkling: trustee Ross.

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Trustee Ross: I would like to echo trust the IRS and crusty Lewis's comments.

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Trustee Ross: I, and I hope that if there's any discussion of actually exceeding the CAP at that discussion will be deferred until such time as the word is actually considering doing that, which I do not anticipate will happen, and with that in mind, I vote I.

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Village Clerk Conkling: trusted woman.

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Trustee Waldman: I agree with my fellow trustees and I bought I.

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Village Clerk Conkling: trusted white stone.

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Trustee Whitestone: yeah I can't say strongly enough that I think we can very much get under a cap and not trigger this, but I do agree with what trustee era said at the beginning, which is optionality matters.

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Trustee Whitestone: And I do concur, on the issue of attacking the structural questions that have been raised, and I know will speak more about that tomorrow.

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Village Clerk Conkling: mayor Sam like.

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Mayor Samwick: I vote I and i'd like to agree with some of what's been said and provide a slightly different perspective as well.

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Mayor Samwick: I agree that we have no intention of going over the tax CAP and I don't think any one of us wants that to happen, anyone on the board neuro staff, however, in the past i've been on boards that have passed the tax CAP resolution because.

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Mayor Samwick: Not just for optionality you don't know what what comes down the Pike and if you are in a position where you do have to exceed the tax CAP, there are very tangible penalties.

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Mayor Samwick: That would be assessed on the village and avoiding those penalties has very real value to the village and its tax base.

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Mayor Samwick: Its residents, you and I, so I think we can have that discussion when when this comes back around in two weeks, but.

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Mayor Samwick: You know I want people to you know, maybe we'll have a little more of a fully informed view before we get to, to the point of having a vote on this and I think I already sent a vote I but, just in case I didn't i'll say it again.

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Trustee Arest: America, can I just clarify something with that and obviously village attorney posed and feel free to jump in or builds treasure.

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Trustee Arest: We were required statutorily to pass a budget by made by me first no later than they first.

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Trustee Arest: The idea in my mind is that we call for public hearing we have a public hearing.

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Trustee Arest: By understanding is, we can pass this local law directly before adopting the budget on may 1 if we have to if we have to go away to the way way end of the process.

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03:20:41.550 --> 03:20:51.990

Trustee Arest: Why would Why would we Why would we consider, and I know this is this we're just having a public hearing now we're just calling for public here, why would we consider voting on this unless we absolutely have to.

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Mayor Samwick: So, Dan I guess what i'm.

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Village Attorney Pozin: asking me.

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Mayor Samwick: That question was directed you.

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Mayor Samwick: And I think but but to frame it a little bit also my recollection from the past and it was a number of years ago and I certainly got an older for so I apologize, but.

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03:21:16.410 --> 03:21:22.050

Mayor Samwick: That there were different threshold dates that we did have to pass the resolution to potentially exceed the CAP.

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Mayor Samwick: In advance of the meeting, so that as trustee arrows to suggesting we couldn't do them essentially simultaneously so Dan if you could clarify that I think it's a very important point.

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03:21:32.820 --> 03:21:45.540

Village Attorney Pozin: yeah I mean i'm not 100% sure about that, but I do know that many municipalities, not only have a public hearing but adopt it and again that doesn't set you on a path to to exceed exceed the tax CAP.

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03:21:46.320 --> 03:21:56.490

Village Attorney Pozin: There are situations that you know, maybe beyond your control that will ultimately affect your budget like maybe the treasurer can can.

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03:21:57.510 --> 03:22:11.700

Village Attorney Pozin: can identify some of those likes information you get from the state and and whatnot and if you're in a position where you need to exceed the tax CAP and you don't have this in place then you're going to be subject to substantial penalties.

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03:22:12.720 --> 03:22:20.850

Village Attorney Pozin: So it's always been done as a as a backstop in case something unknown happens I don't know any.

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03:22:21.810 --> 03:22:35.670

Village Attorney Pozin: I haven't worked with any municipality that has stopped adopted for the purpose of exceeding it, but merely as insurance that should something happened that's unexpected there'll be in a position to to move forward with a budget.

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03:22:38.010 --> 03:22:42.690

Village Attorney Pozin: Without you know, having substantial penalties or or or.

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03:22:45.150 --> 03:22:46.620

Village Attorney Pozin: Just penalties, I guess.

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03:22:48.690 --> 03:22:56.700

Village Attorney Pozin: When I walk hand I don't know a specific issue and I haven't seen one come up, but I do know other municipalities do adopt this.

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03:22:57.600 --> 03:23:00.120

Mayor Samwick: And Would you mind sharing your experience with us.

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03:23:00.780 --> 03:23:07.500

Ann Scaglione: Sure um well I absolutely agree um you know the timeframe.

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03:23:08.820 --> 03:23:22.290

Ann Scaglione: To approve this you can't approve the resolution to exceed the tax CAP without having the public hearing so that's why I definitely think it's smart to go ahead and have the public hearing and we wouldn't need to vote on.

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03:23:23.310 --> 03:23:25.050

Ann Scaglione: exceeding the tax CAP.

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03:23:26.820 --> 03:23:31.980

Ann Scaglione: And last we were going to be adopting a budget that was an access.

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03:23:32.370 --> 03:23:39.870

Ann Scaglione: Now I know that there's a lot of municipalities that go through this and they do it right at the beginning of their year as part of their reorganization meeting.

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03:23:40.260 --> 03:23:52.020

Ann Scaglione: Just to have it as a backup plan, and I really liked that idea, because then it kind of takes it away from the budget process and it gives everybody that flexibility but, but in this case i'm.

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03:23:53.070 --> 03:23:58.470

Ann Scaglione: Oh, I did want to say one more thing in in the past, back in I think it was.

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03:23:59.700 --> 03:24:05.340

Ann Scaglione: I forget what year it was, but there was also a New York state tax freeze Program.

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03:24:05.700 --> 03:24:16.770

Ann Scaglione: Where residents as long as the municipality state underneath the CAP would get a check or rebate check back from New York state that program was discontinued, but that was an extra.

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03:24:17.070 --> 03:24:26.550

Ann Scaglione: incentive for municipalities to stay under the CAP that's no longer the case um, but at this point, I think that we're going to know.

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03:24:27.570 --> 03:24:30.750

Ann Scaglione: And we're certainly leaving a cushion.

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03:24:33.420 --> 03:24:47.070

Ann Scaglione: Where if it's the will of the board, not to exceed the tax CAP, we would not need to pass this resolution, in my opinion, but to go forward with the public hearing, just so we're prepared, if we needed to.

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03:24:48.150 --> 03:24:48.930

Ann Scaglione: Is that clear.

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03:24:49.140 --> 03:24:57.180

Trustee Arest: So, thank you very much for that I, I again this is for another conversation I think the idea of passing something like this organizational meeting.

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03:24:58.080 --> 03:25:04.230

Trustee Arest: You know, isis not a horrible idea but it's it definitely warrants a conversation of the board.

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03:25:04.680 --> 03:25:10.860

Trustee Arest: With That being said, I would appreciate it, the village attorney would look into the Statute just talks about enacting a local law.

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03:25:11.190 --> 03:25:30.750

Trustee Arest: So I don't know if if that means that it has to be filed, perhaps, and maybe there is a lag but, whatever that last date is because my opinion, speaking for myself i'm not comfortable voting for this

anytime soon we are so far away from we have so much work left to do in my opinion, to.

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03:25:32.460 --> 03:25:43.050

Trustee Arest: i'd like to say, lower the tax levy but, honestly i'm not even sure at this point that's my hope that's our goal, but we need to produce the best budget, we can for our residents so that's Those are my thoughts.

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03:25:47.370 --> 03:25:47.580

Trustee Arest: And you.

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03:25:49.440 --> 03:25:51.360

Mayor Samwick: trust us artist I think we're back to you for.

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03:25:51.360 --> 03:25:53.190

Trustee Arest: Another week yeah i'm going.

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03:25:53.520 --> 03:25:53.880

OK.

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03:25:55.380 --> 03:26:01.680

Trustee Arest: And the last resolution regarding establishing fiscal year 2021 2022 recreation fees and charges.

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Trustee Arest: there's a great memorandum.

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03:26:05.640 --> 03:26:16.320

Trustee Arest: In the packet from Brian Gray superintendent of PRC it goes over all the fees that actually goes over some of his original proposals that came to the board for our work session.

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Trustee Arest: and basically the the changes or.

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Trustee Arest: The proposed increases for the following existing and new programs or our offerings.

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Trustee Arest: refer to day camp sports camp soccer camp team travel camp Halloween window painting basketball K through to Sunday clinic K through

eighth grade flag football basketball league pull permits and guests fees  
100 non resident family pool permits.

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03:26:46.560 --> 03:26:58.020

Trustee Arest: Now, I just want to point out that as superintendent Greg mentioned in his memorandum these increases are all directly or indirectly related to increases in personnel costs.

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Trustee Arest: Whether they are you know directly as cost to the village for part time workers, perhaps for the day camp, or if it's through outside contractors that we hire for for various events and programming.

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03:27:10.860 --> 03:27:16.170

Trustee Arest: minimum wage, of course, is going up again from \$14 to \$15 which is accounted for in this.

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Trustee Arest: And so that's the bulk of these of these increases, we always do try our best to have the fees offset the expenses.

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Trustee Arest: So that it's you know clearly this is not out of being a profit Center and trying to make more money, this is just offsetting offsetting those increases and I appreciate superintendent Greg Davis, a lot of information, over two different meetings for us to discuss and.

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03:27:43.470 --> 03:27:52.350

Trustee Arest: debate actually want a couple of different changes that I want to point out, for the day camp, there is now a coven surcharge which we wished, we did not have to charge.

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Trustee Arest: But you know Obviously there are additional expenses, we learned that there may have to be two buses for some activities versus one bus, as in the past and so again, this is about sharing those costs on the user again, not about making a profit.

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03:28:10.410 --> 03:28:14.220

Trustee Arest: One other thing I do want to point out, with the pool the full facility.

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Trustee Arest: it's important to note that this is not necessarily about dwindling or reducing our pool enterprise fund balance it's gone it's negative there's a deficit.

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Trustee Arest: And so, this is not really about restoring it in one year, with all due respect to to one resident who made comments during public comments.

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Trustee Arest: I just want to point out that the actual the original proposal was for a 30% increase.

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Trustee Arest: And that was based off of last year's usage data and we he did give us various analyses on different usages and different percentage increases and that's actually how we came up with a split in the middle from.

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Trustee Arest: Actually, not even this it's 12.5% it's not even half of what was originally proposed.

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03:28:59.580 --> 03:29:10.380

Trustee Arest: And I think that's important because you know, our hope, of course, is that the enrollment will increase and therefore without increasing the full 30%, we will still not have an additional.

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03:29:10.860 --> 03:29:20.040

Trustee Arest: exaggerated deficit in the pool enterprise fund, there are also the hundred which we, I believe we are all supportive of the hundred non resident permits, which is.

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03:29:20.340 --> 03:29:39.030

Trustee Arest: is available at two X not three x three x would probably put us out of market and wind up make ourselves zero of them, so that is to X and we, we hope that our neighbors in other communities take advantage of them and join us at the pool so with all that said.

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Trustee Arest: Let it, therefore, be it resolved that the fees and charges for recreation programs identified in the recreation fees and charges schedule dated February 1 2021 attached here to.

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03:29:49.740 --> 03:29:56.280

Trustee Arest: and made a part here of our here and adopted and shall remain in effect unless further amended by resolution to the village board of trustees.

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Mayor Samwick: This is row column is concrete pleased.

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03:30:01.380 --> 03:30:02.130  
Village Clerk Conkling: stairs upstairs.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trustee crandall.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I St Louis.

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03:30:07.350 --> 03:30:08.970  
Village Clerk Conkling: I trust you.

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03:30:09.900 --> 03:30:11.430  
Village Clerk Conkling: I trust you.

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03:30:12.570 --> 03:30:13.020  
Trustee Waldman: I.

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03:30:13.560 --> 03:30:14.820  
Village Clerk Conkling: Trust the whites done.

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03:30:15.510 --> 03:30:22.560  
Trustee Whitestone: appreciate the work superintendent grade put into this and I know we need a longer term strategy for the pool, but I vote.

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03:30:24.120 --> 03:30:24.450  
Village Clerk Conkling: marriage.

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03:30:26.550 --> 03:30:29.910  
Mayor Samwick: I vote I and and I share the view that.

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Mayor Samwick: that a number of residents have stated that I agree that I think you know the pool increase a lower amount would certainly have some advantages.

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03:30:42.330 --> 03:30:55.680

Mayor Samwick: But at the end of the day, we need to put the pool at a zero budget base, and this is what was required in order to do that so it's I have to say it's regretful, but it is what's required this year.

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Mayor Samwick: With that, I think, thank you trust the forest and we move on to trust you Robin.

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03:31:04.230 --> 03:31:11.880

Trustee Waldman: Thank you mayor first resolution is acceptance of a gift for the scarsdale public library edition and renovation project.

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Trustee Waldman: The scottsdale library master plan date of June 10 2013 supported by the scarsdale village Board of Trustees by resolution.

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Trustee Waldman: April 8 2014 identified a number of building renovations and additions that would transform the library into a multi purpose Community asset for future generation.

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Trustee Waldman: maintain its preeminent status among Republic libraries in the county and state and enhance its technological capacity to further library services and create a physical environment constituting a welcoming and versatile learning Center.

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Trustee Waldman: The library addition and renovation project is anticipated to cost 22,000,280 \$5,034.

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Trustee Waldman: With over 8 million in project funding already raised through the library capital campaign courtesy, the philanthropy exhibited by scarsdale residents.

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Trustee Waldman: The following donation has been offered to the scores of public library addition and renovation capital improvement friends of the

scarsdale library \$37,311 and 70 cents and pursuant to policy 106 give gifts to the village of scores down.

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Trustee Waldman: In valued at \$500 or greater must be approved by the village Board of Trustees now, therefore, be it resolved that the village board here by accepts the following gift.

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Trustee Waldman: To our discourse they'll public library masterplan improvement project but \$37,311 and 70 cents from the friends the scores their library.

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Trustee Waldman: And bit further resolved that the build treasure take the necessary steps to complete the transaction and accept the financial gift total in \$37,311 and 70 cents and deposit the funds into the.

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Trustee Waldman: library capital campaign account and be further resolved that the board of trustees here by extends their heartfelt thanks and great appreciation to the friends of the scores their library for their generosity and commitment to the scars their public library and the Community it serves.

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03:33:01.110 --> 03:33:03.150

Mayor Samwick: Second, all in favor.

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03:33:04.050 --> 03:33:04.830

Trustee Waldman: Aye Aye.

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03:33:05.130 --> 03:33:14.250

Mayor Samwick: I thought before moving on to the next resolution you know I spoke earlier about you know we do a wide range of things, you know as trustees and.

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03:33:14.640 --> 03:33:22.830

Mayor Samwick: And when you get to do you know really nice encouraging things where the Community is building an expanded and much improved library.

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03:33:23.280 --> 03:33:35.850

Mayor Samwick: and seeing enormous amounts of generosity coming from our Community it's really it's great it's heartwarming and we We thank everyone that's been involved in this from the residents who.

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03:33:36.480 --> 03:33:56.010

Mayor Samwick: who helped fund the campaign to library staff to volunteers on the library board the campaign committee the building Committee, thank you, the, the end result is great we're very, very excited to have a an opening we're keeping our fingers crossed right around March 1 trust you well done.

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03:33:57.120 --> 03:34:08.610

Trustee Waldman: Okay, my next resolution is also very heartwarming and it is the resolution to name the football field at the Cross way athletic complex the Richard repeat Philips field across way.

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Trustee Waldman: And as we heard tonight from many residents of scores out this evening, as well as former students coaches and parents.

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Trustee Waldman: And the 100 plus letters of amazing and touching stories of how influential Ruby is to so many children's lives in scarsdale.

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Trustee Waldman: There was clearly overwhelming support to honor repeat by naming the football field across way in his honor so with that I will read the results.

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Trustee Waldman: That the football field at the Cross by athletic complex Shell now be officially known as the Richard repeat Philips field across way.

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

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Trustee Waldman: To Richard repeat Phillips, for his exemplary commitment and selfless dedication to advancing the physical fitness and positive maturation of scarsdale youth through athletics.

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03:34:57.930 --> 03:35:12.120

Mayor Samwick: And I think the intention is to hold this over until the next meeting to permit any additional public comment to take place, so if

we have a motion to hold this over until the next meeting, we can hear that now.

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03:35:13.200 --> 03:35:22.530

Trustee Crandall: mayor i'd like to move that we hold this resolution over until the next meeting, to give the public additional opportunity to comment.

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03:35:23.370 --> 03:35:33.870

Trustee Crandall: naming a field is hopefully forever, unlike the tappan Zee bridge, and you know we really, really just want to make sure that we get this right, may I have a second.

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03:35:35.610 --> 03:35:36.000

Trustee Whitestone: Second.

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03:35:36.570 --> 03:35:37.320

Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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03:35:37.980 --> 03:35:38.460

Mayor Samwick: Aye.

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03:35:39.360 --> 03:35:41.490

Mayor Samwick: All right, thank you and i'd like to.

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03:35:42.600 --> 03:35:47.670

Mayor Samwick: Thank everybody that's participated in this meeting, so far, there still are a lot of names here and.

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03:35:48.420 --> 03:35:57.960

Mayor Samwick: You know we'd like to hopefully see some of you, if not all of you back again in two weeks, our next meeting is the 23rd of February.

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Mayor Samwick: It will be held at 7pm on zoom as well, and at that time I think there's an anticipation that this will be voted on, so thank you all for your participation here this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: i'm moving on our agenda written communications misconduct.

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Village Clerk Conkling: 27 communications have been received since the last regular Board of Trustees meeting.

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Village Clerk Conkling: All of these written communications are posted on the villages website under written correspondence on [www.scarsdale.com](http://www.scarsdale.com) 23 additional emails were received and supportive renaming for us wakefield's to the Richard repeat Philips field across ways.

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Village Clerk Conkling: These emails as well have been posted on the villages website and email from Robert and Terry Harrison in opposition to a proposal to increase the scarsdale resident pool permit rates.

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Village Clerk Conkling: And email from Robert Harrison regarding the lack of opportunity for the public to speak at the budget meeting of January 28.

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Village Clerk Conkling: and his suggestion surrounding any increase in pool permit fees and, lastly, an email from Susan living and an email from Nicholas Thompson regarding gas powered leaf blowers.

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03:37:15.420 --> 03:37:16.320

Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Miss conkling.

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03:37:17.520 --> 03:37:24.960

Mayor Samwick: That concludes the village board meeting like to have a motion to close that meeting, and then we will read, we will open the town board meeting.

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03:37:26.070 --> 03:37:26.430

Trustee Crandall: So.

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03:37:28.590 --> 03:37:29.280

Trustee Crandall: Second.

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Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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Trustee Lewis: and

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03:37:33.690 --> 03:37:39.960

Mayor Samwick: Welcome to the February 9 2021 town of scarsdale meeting roll call, please miss conklin.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Your stars.

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03:37:43.710 --> 03:37:44.040

Trustee Arest: here.

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Village Clerk Conkling: there's crandall.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Air Mr Lewis.

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03:37:49.380 --> 03:37:51.060

Village Clerk Conkling: Here, Mr Ross.

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03:37:51.450 --> 03:37:52.680

Village Clerk Conkling: Here as well.

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03:37:53.550 --> 03:37:55.740

Village Clerk Conkling: yeah Mr White Stan.

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you're.

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03:37:58.830 --> 03:37:59.070

Mayor Samwick: here.

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03:38:00.450 --> 03:38:06.810

Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Miss conklin do we have a motion to approve the Minutes of the town board meeting of January 12 2021.

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03:38:08.670 --> 03:38:09.240

Trustee Crandall: Second.

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03:38:09.720 --> 03:38:10.470

Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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03:38:10.920 --> 03:38:12.360

Mayor Samwick: Aye Aye.

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03:38:13.980 --> 03:38:18.120

Mayor Samwick: Thank you, we now move on to the public hearing on taxation.

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Mayor Samwick: Trying to think who read that.

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03:38:22.080 --> 03:38:22.830

Trustee Arest: Guy didn't matter.

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03:38:23.010 --> 03:38:24.150

Mayor Samwick: I think you did that's right.

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03:38:25.170 --> 03:38:25.620

Mayor Samwick: So, trusting.

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03:38:27.030 --> 03:38:27.750

Village Manager Pappalardo: That last meeting.

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Trustee Arest: I found this.

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03:38:31.110 --> 03:38:36.270

Trustee Arest: Okay, thank you, and so this is a public hearing.

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03:38:37.980 --> 03:38:51.210

Trustee Arest: I can thank you and a local law amending chapter 269 of the scarsdale village code and Title taxation by the addition of a new article 14 to be entitled real property assessment of converted condominiums.

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Trustee Arest: We went into reasonable detail on this at the at the last meeting when we passed the resolution to call this public hearing.

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Trustee Arest: Our village assessor gave us nice nice amount of background information and additional detail, therefore, unless there's a request for more information.

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Trustee Arest: I would ask for this public hearing to be open and see if anybody in the public wants to speak specifically about this potential local law.

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Mayor Samwick: Is the bird are there.

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03:39:31.740 --> 03:39:45.990

Robert Berg: Robert Berg 17 blackbird lane, the purpose of our property assessment system is to obtain equity in the valuation of properties, so that all property owners pay only their fair share of the property tax burden.

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Robert Berg: equity is achieved only when the methodology is used to value the properties are based on economic realities, not political goals favoring certain groups of property owners over other groups.

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Robert Berg: With giving them large property tax breaks, our village is comprised of nearly 6000 properties of many types, the bulk of the properties, but 94%.

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Robert Berg: Are single family residences we also have a small percentage of commercial properties small percentage of co op apartments.

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Robert Berg: rental apartments golf and tennis club that many tax exempt properties, including schools religious institutions and government facilities.

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Robert Berg: single family homes are assessed, based on the fair market value and when the town does a proper town would revaluation those properties are assessed at 100% of their fam market value.

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03:40:36.300 --> 03:40:46.890

Robert Berg: Other categories of properties like co OPS and condos and rental housing are assessed based on rental incomes and expenses or imputed rental income and.

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Robert Berg: So some condos and co OPS since condos and co OPS are sold frequently on the open market and have an easily determine the fair market value.

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Robert Berg: equity should require those categories to be assessed on the same basis as single family homes, which is the basis of fair market value, but can political consideration have have intervene and those categories received very favorable treatment in their property tax assessments.

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Robert Berg: Using this other system based on the imputed rental income.

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Robert Berg: When the town conducts its next town with revaluation which is now overdue if the board adopts the homestead tax option, it can correct this and equity with respect to condos.

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03:41:31.260 --> 03:41:40.590

Robert Berg: But not co OPS because New York real property law favors co OPS and rental apartments tonight, though the board can close another loophole.

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03:41:41.010 --> 03:41:50.010

Robert Berg: The proposed law before the Board will allow single family homes and Homeowners associations which are converting to condominium ownership to be valued at fair market value.

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03:41:50.340 --> 03:41:59.160

Robert Berg: For property assessment purposes such properties will be treated just like single family homes, I believe this is the equitable way to treat them.

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03:41:59.460 --> 03:42:13.590

Robert Berg: it's the right thing to do, there's no reason to give these new condo owners, a huge tech property tax base break, which is otherwise born, but the rest of the squares don't tax papers, so I urge you to adopt this new law, thank you.

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03:42:14.790 --> 03:42:29.790

Trustee Arest: Mr Burke, I would say thank you very much for your comments, I think I actually misunderstood your comments from two weeks ago, I thought you were opposed to this local law, so I appreciate the additional comments this evening and marathon is another hand up.

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03:42:41.910 --> 03:42:42.330

robert harrison: Hello.

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robert harrison: you're on good evening, can you hear me mark.

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03:42:45.720 --> 03:42:54.930

Mayor Samwick: garrison sorry I was, I was really trying to get through this meeting, without speaking on mute and so that was it all right sorry There you are, Bob here you go.

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03:42:58.920 --> 03:43:00.060

robert harrison: Am I on or not.

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03:43:00.090 --> 03:43:01.080

Mayor Samwick: You are on.

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03:43:01.470 --> 03:43:03.750

robert harrison: Okay don't start the clock till now.

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03:43:03.810 --> 03:43:04.950

Trustee Arest: Your time's up Mr Harrison.

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03:43:09.000 --> 03:43:23.820

robert harrison: Anyway, I was a little confused by this, and I think Bob Burg kind of straighten me out and I, like you to confirm it i'm you know opposed to the condominiums.

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03:43:24.570 --> 03:43:37.800

robert harrison: christy place getting the break that they've gotten or I think over 1012 years and we need the homestead act and so i'm a little confused if somebody wants to convert a.

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03:43:38.160 --> 03:43:46.860

Trustee Arest: person, Mr hausman and I would ask assistant village manager Cason, to put a pause pause or we do we have a time limit on public hearing now so there's no nothing to pause.

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03:43:48.900 --> 03:43:56.580

Trustee Arest: As you know, there is has been no reval there is currently no plan for a rebel in the very near future.

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03:43:57.240 --> 03:44:05.640

Trustee Arest: During my tenure on the board, I have not, and I will not have an ability as a trustee to vote on homestead because it has to come directly following a revamp.

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03:44:06.120 --> 03:44:14.280

Trustee Arest: Of village wide rebel hasn't happened, so I understand your concerns about christy place, I understand the concerns that i've heard about an equity.

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03:44:14.610 --> 03:44:24.300

Trustee Arest: This specific local law is actually in a way the opposite, this is to to prevent exacerbating I think what you're concerned about this is.

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03:44:24.570 --> 03:44:32.820

Trustee Arest: To prevent certain single family homes, I believe, certain homes that fall under certain homeowner associations, as well as homes that are being used as Rentals.

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03:44:33.300 --> 03:44:44.400

Trustee Arest: But in other communities, people have tried and actually been successful in some cases in converting those homes that we think of as you know, as obvious single family homes into condominiums.

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03:44:44.700 --> 03:44:55.590

Trustee Arest: Therefore, without homestead which we don't have the ability to do now until another EVAL would be a boon for that homeowner or condo owner at that point.

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03:44:55.920 --> 03:45:05.790

Trustee Arest: And would be a loss potentially for not really for the village, but actually would be lost or other Homeowners in the village, because it would reapportioned everyone's taxes, does that help.

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03:45:06.930 --> 03:45:21.330

robert harrison: That sounds good, and I think that, but I was trying to understand that a single family home owner today can convert their home to a condominium is that what you're saying before we pass this law.

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03:45:21.690 --> 03:45:27.660

Trustee Arest: Not any home but i'll let the probably want to hear from the assessor and not for me so i'll let go.

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03:45:29.040 --> 03:45:42.360

Victoria Sirota: you're you're doing a wonderful job so did Mr Berg, thank you for making this this straightforward conversation, for me, but I wanted hello, Mr Harrison.

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03:45:42.450 --> 03:45:44.340

robert harrison: Nice hi how are you.

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03:45:44.670 --> 03:45:45.540

Victoria Sirota: i'm okay.

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03:45:45.570 --> 03:45:46.410

robert harrison: Thank you, I.

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03:45:46.440 --> 03:45:47.610

Victoria Sirota: thought that I might.

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03:45:50.220 --> 03:45:59.370

Victoria Sirota: Read the definition of a converted condominium and this might help you in and kind of understanding this the difference.

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03:45:59.790 --> 03:46:14.070

Victoria Sirota: So a converted condominium is a dwelling unit held in condominium form of ownership that has previously been on an assessment role as a dwelling unit in other than condominium form of ownership.

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03:46:15.150 --> 03:46:35.610

Victoria Sirota: So, in plain English What this means is that we're we're basically targeting properties that have been assessed, based on their you know that are held in fee simple ownership and thus assessed, based on their fair market value or the value that they would.

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03:46:37.830 --> 03:46:41.880

Victoria Sirota: That they that they would fetch in an open market right.

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03:46:44.610 --> 03:47:04.020

Victoria Sirota: If those properties are converted to a condominium form of ownership, enabling these these properties now to be treated differently on the assessment role and for real property tax purposes, those are the only properties that we're talking about in in.

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03:47:05.250 --> 03:47:09.120

Victoria Sirota: With this election or proposed law.

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03:47:11.280 --> 03:47:27.000

Victoria Sirota: So properties that are currently condominiums like Christie place or co OPS, they would not be subject to this little loophole, because they are already assessed on the tax on the assessment role as a.

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03:47:27.840 --> 03:47:38.250

Victoria Sirota: condominium form of ownership or other than then residential form form of ownership and we use the income approach to value those properties.

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03:47:39.300 --> 03:47:42.750

robert harrison: Right Okay, can I can I speak, please.

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03:47:43.770 --> 03:47:44.160

robert harrison: Yes.

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03:47:44.880 --> 03:48:06.540

robert harrison: Please Okay, so I think that's a excellent explanation, and I think well Bob Bob Burg and I support this to you know to approve this but i'm just curious did it come up and we heard noise in the Community, that there are private Homeowners who want to convert to a condominium curious.

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03:48:08.640 --> 03:48:14.040

robert harrison: I mean How did this come about our other towns doing this, too, and we're behind the times, or what.

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03:48:14.670 --> 03:48:17.820

Victoria Sirota: Well scarsdale is never behind the time.

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03:48:21.570 --> 03:48:22.320

Trustee Arest: Mr Harrison.

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03:48:22.770 --> 03:48:23.490

Trustee Arest: If it helps.

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03:48:23.520 --> 03:48:35.760

Trustee Arest: I can tell you that that Mr rota was concerned with various things that are happening in other municipalities that she monitors and this this actually came up during her interview process, it was very impressive.

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03:48:36.720 --> 03:48:47.400

Trustee Arest: That you know it's a concern in westchester really there are other municipalities that are having to deal with this and fight fight it actually in the courts, and so I think this is really smart forward thinking.

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03:48:48.000 --> 03:48:51.180

robert harrison: sounds good Jimmy Victoria you're doing a great job.

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03:48:51.600 --> 03:48:52.230

Thank you.

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03:48:55.980 --> 03:49:00.450

Trustee Arest: There be anyone else in the public that would like to speak specifically about this local law.

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03:49:04.650 --> 03:49:09.120

Trustee Arest: Okay, with that, without any objection, I would ask for emotion, to close the public hearing.

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03:49:10.290 --> 03:49:10.860

Trustee Whitestone: Oh moved.

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03:49:12.120 --> 03:49:13.770

Trustee Crandall: Second, second.

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03:49:14.640 --> 03:49:15.540

Trustee Arest: All those in favor.

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03:49:16.050 --> 03:49:16.830

Mayor Samwick: Aye Aye.

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03:49:18.210 --> 03:49:19.770

Trustee Arest: Thank you mayor.

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03:49:21.240 --> 03:49:30.360

Trustee Arest: As much as I am in favor of passing this actually Mr rota the time sensitivity on this is not within the next few weeks Is that correct.

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03:49:31.470 --> 03:49:32.310

Victoria Sirota: that's correct.

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03:49:32.400 --> 03:49:40.680

Trustee Arest: Okay, so being that this is not administrative and being that there isn't a time sensitivity, I would be in favor of putting this on the agenda for the next meeting for a vote but that's okay.

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03:49:41.910 --> 03:49:53.010

Trustee Crandall: touristy areas I and pain to disagree with you, I do respect you and I mean they're quite sincerely, but it seems that this is.

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03:49:54.360 --> 03:49:57.420

Trustee Crandall: A loophole that should be closed as soon as possible.

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03:49:57.780 --> 03:49:58.710

Trustee Arest: And I.

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03:49:59.370 --> 03:50:00.780

Trustee Crandall: I would like to vote on it.

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03:50:00.930 --> 03:50:05.430

Trustee Arest: it's not a real time decision, it has to be done by a certain date to be.

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03:50:05.460 --> 03:50:09.390

Trustee Arest: For the for those school year, I believe, for the calendar year but, Mr road Is that correct.

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03:50:12.180 --> 03:50:14.400

Victoria Sirota: So it basically.

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03:50:15.840 --> 03:50:28.950

Victoria Sirota: Not It can be done it anytime, so this is unlike other resolutions that need to be done by May 1 this talks about properties that are that have been assessed on a.

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03:50:29.310 --> 03:50:47.490

Victoria Sirota: Assessment role previously so now we're talking about the 2020 assessment all so at any point in time now, if you have a project that is converting to a condominium they can choose to do this on the assessment role.

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03:50:48.690 --> 03:51:01.020

Victoria Sirota: So, although there is no timeline the loophole should be closed as soon as possible, because we don't want to be in front of this reactive Lee when we have a request on the table.

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03:51:02.400 --> 03:51:07.950

Village Manager Pappalardo: So Victoria, the tentative assessment role is so file by June one.

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03:51:08.400 --> 03:51:17.880

Village Manager Pappalardo: Yes, Okay, so that might be a date for the board to understand and be sure that this local law gets considered.

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03:51:18.900 --> 03:51:19.800

Village Manager Pappalardo: Well before then.

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03:51:20.190 --> 03:51:23.760

Victoria Sirota: But I guess, my question is the cancer.

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03:51:24.570 --> 03:51:41.610

Victoria Sirota: i'm saying that the property will be assessed on the tentative assessment roll on June one, but the requests may come in sooner so by that time, we would have to have a law in place to to.

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03:51:43.140 --> 03:51:50.100

Victoria Sirota: justify why this assessment is not going to be changed, based on the new form of ownership mm hmm.

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03:51:52.050 --> 03:51:52.650

Mayor Samwick: So basically.

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03:51:54.120 --> 03:52:08.850

Mayor Samwick: Our position looks different if we're proactive, as opposed to reactive, and I think, based on the fact that this is pretty straightforward and we don't seem to have any objection among the board, at least at this point I don't see any reason why we don't advance it today for about.

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03:52:08.910 --> 03:52:18.510

Trustee Arest: Well, no, this conversation, of course, might change my opinion on this, but I thought, when I research this last meeting I thought there was a fixed date.

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03:52:19.260 --> 03:52:32.790

Trustee Arest: That we had to have it done for the entire year, this is, this is a real time well either way obviously Council is saying that in our village assessor and saying that, so I can go research that later, but i'm in favor of voting on this mirror.

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03:52:33.690 --> 03:52:35.130

Trustee Arest: Because the time sensitivity.

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03:52:35.730 --> 03:52:36.570

Trustee Crandall: Then right back in.

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03:52:36.810 --> 03:52:38.490

Mayor Samwick: trenton back to you, Mr iris.

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03:52:38.610 --> 03:52:39.930

Trustee Arest: Hello Thank you so much mayor.

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03:52:41.490 --> 03:52:56.970

Trustee Arest: or Mr Sam excuse me we're in the town meeting um so I guess therefore let it be resolved that the local law amending chapter that we will Dan help me out here below just starting just therefore being resolved with the local laws approved.

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03:52:57.390 --> 03:52:59.190

Village Attorney Pozin: yeah that's that's efficient.

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03:52:59.280 --> 03:52:59.820

Trustee Arest: There we go.

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03:53:00.780 --> 03:53:01.350

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03:53:02.760 --> 03:53:04.710

Mayor Samwick: that's a roll call this concrete, please.

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03:53:06.900 --> 03:53:08.670

Village Clerk Conkling: hi miss crandall.

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03:53:09.300 --> 03:53:10.890

Village Clerk Conkling: hi Mr Lewis.

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03:53:12.330 --> 03:53:15.960

Trustee Lewis: Before voting, I would just like to add my congratulations and thanks.

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03:53:16.950 --> 03:53:32.430

Trustee Lewis: To our village assessor for the forward thinking on this for the research and also the very diligent and diplomatic matter with which you debated us in the meeting to get us to take action, I think all those things are done extraordinarily well, so thank you and I go yes.

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03:53:33.000 --> 03:53:35.340

Village Clerk Conkling: Thank you, Mr Ross.

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03:53:35.610 --> 03:53:36.090

Trustee Ross: I.

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03:53:36.900 --> 03:53:37.650

Village Clerk Conkling: As well man.

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03:53:38.580 --> 03:53:39.090

Trustee Waldman: I.

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03:53:39.390 --> 03:53:40.500

Village Clerk Conkling: Was the white son.

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03:53:41.280 --> 03:53:42.870

Village Clerk Conkling: I, Mr say.

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03:53:44.160 --> 03:53:45.990

Mayor Samwick: hi and I also.

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03:53:46.500 --> 03:53:53.730

Mayor Samwick: want to thank our village assessor serota for for a great job getting this before us and getting this done Thank you.

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03:53:55.470 --> 03:54:02.160

Mayor Samwick: We now move on to the report of the custodian of taxes and with that the treasure scaglione.

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03:54:03.540 --> 03:54:03.990

Mayor Samwick: Thank you.

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03:54:05.130 --> 03:54:17.940

Ann Scaglione: So you have received the report for January 2021 for the town of scarsdale you've received the balance sheet and cash receipts and disbursement.

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03:54:20.580 --> 03:54:34.890

Ann Scaglione: as of January 31 2021 99.1% of the county tax levy for 2020 has been received this is slightly lower than the average of 99.52%.

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03:54:35.730 --> 03:54:50.520

Ann Scaglione: But it's still a very strong average as a January 31 2021 school tax collections were 94 point 11% as compared to our five year average of 98 point 16%.

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03:54:50.880 --> 03:55:05.040

Ann Scaglione: So our second installment of school taxes was due by January 31 we still have a large receivable we're going to be sending out reminder notices this month.

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Ann Scaglione: just want to remind all tax payers, that the second installment of school taxes was definitely do in January, we did send out reminder notices.

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Ann Scaglione: The beginning of December, but this is something that we're going to be actively working on.

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03:55:25.860 --> 03:55:43.830

Ann Scaglione: From the financial statements, as you can see just a reminder, the town is on a calendar year as opposed to the village, which is on a fiscal year ending may 31 so you'll see the first month of activity on this report and.

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Ann Scaglione: On.

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03:55:49.170 --> 03:55:57.360

Ann Scaglione: The first page where it has the balance sheet, you could see the current tax receivable for school district.

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03:55:58.530 --> 03:56:13.980

Ann Scaglione: Is eight that 8,000,750 \$5,000 so that is the percentage of taxes that is still outstanding and to be collected for the school district, so if anybody has any questions i'd be happy to.

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03:56:14.790 --> 03:56:16.290

Ann Scaglione: carry any information.

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03:56:16.650 --> 03:56:17.490

Trustee Whitestone: A treasure.

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03:56:18.630 --> 03:56:26.580

Trustee Whitestone: In terms of that outstanding receivable is there, are there any conclusions you can draw or is it just too early to to say what might be at work there.

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03:56:27.690 --> 03:56:37.470

Ann Scaglione: um well we've received a lot of phone calls and a lot of emails and since i've been in with the village over the last four months, I think that.

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03:56:38.580 --> 03:56:50.220

Ann Scaglione: it's a big change for taxpayers to go to installment payments there's been a lot of questions, a lot of confusion, you know people calling just to to verify when payments are due.

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03:56:51.450 --> 03:56:52.860

Ann Scaglione: So I think that's the.

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03:56:54.270 --> 03:56:58.470

Ann Scaglione: that's the primary issue here, but reminder notices are going to go in the mail again and.

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03:56:59.640 --> 03:57:02.580

Ann Scaglione: it's it's a process right.

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03:57:02.700 --> 03:57:06.780

Trustee Whitestone: And I understand it takes more time on your part, to deal with it.

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03:57:07.950 --> 03:57:09.600

Yes, yes and.

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03:57:11.010 --> 03:57:19.590

Village Manager Pappalardo: scaglione would you might want to explain to the board that with this with the two payments that system that we've gone through now.

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03:57:20.130 --> 03:57:34.680

Village Manager Pappalardo: With the taxes, when you are late with your second installment the penalty date reverted back to the initial installment so that penalty is much steeper because it's over an extended period of time frame.

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03:57:34.710 --> 03:57:38.490

Ann Scaglione: that's the way the law, the installment.

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03:57:39.870 --> 03:57:50.730

Ann Scaglione: Payments work, so people that are coming in and paying their school taxes we've had a few cases, this week, where people are saying well i'm only a few days late.

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03:57:51.090 --> 03:58:00.150

Ann Scaglione: Why is the penalty so high level the penalty goes back to the date blowin to September, so it, it is a steep penalty so resident saw that with.

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03:58:01.200 --> 03:58:07.890

Ann Scaglione: Anybody that happened to pay their village taxes late goes back to the date of lean same thing with school taxes.

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03:58:09.030 --> 03:58:09.600

Ann Scaglione: So.

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03:58:10.770 --> 03:58:20.400

Trustee Crandall: trigger scaglione excuse me, so how many reminder notices do you have to send out, in other words, how many properties are behind on their school tax payments.

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03:58:21.660 --> 03:58:24.660

Ann Scaglione: I have the report I don't have a total of property.

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03:58:25.560 --> 03:58:26.670

Approximately.

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03:58:28.440 --> 03:58:34.860

Ann Scaglione: it's hard to say it's a 12 page report I don't know how many items are on per page but it's it's a lot.

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03:58:35.430 --> 03:58:42.330

Trustee Crandall: Okay, and have you heard from people that they're having a financial difficulty and cannot pay.

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03:58:44.340 --> 03:58:51.060

Trustee Crandall: Have you heard that I don't want any names, obviously, but what kind of feedback, have you heard from the public.

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03:58:51.450 --> 03:58:59.040

Ann Scaglione: That, specifically the you know the law, unfortunately doesn't give us any leniency.

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03:58:59.970 --> 03:59:00.960

Trustee Crandall: I understand.

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03:59:01.140 --> 03:59:01.530

Trustee Crandall: That.

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03:59:02.160 --> 03:59:03.240

Trustee Crandall: I was just wondering.

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Ann Scaglione: You know where.

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03:59:06.000 --> 03:59:08.460

Ann Scaglione: is different circumstances that.

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03:59:09.480 --> 03:59:12.870

Ann Scaglione: People had sickness in their family.

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03:59:14.580 --> 03:59:16.290

Ann Scaglione: and asking for.

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03:59:17.910 --> 03:59:27.390

Ann Scaglione: A little bit of extra time that they didn't understand that the penalties were were as of the date of the lean those of the comments that we've heard.

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03:59:28.740 --> 03:59:36.210

Trustee Crandall: Okay, well, thank you for your extra work on this it's greatly appreciated and thank you to your staff.

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03:59:36.450 --> 03:59:37.710

Ann Scaglione: Wonderful staff so.

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03:59:38.250 --> 03:59:52.320

Trustee Whitestone: I could make just one suggestion is if there's any interest here is me with you on this any social media means of amplifying these reminders either now or for future years, that would be a good idea.

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03:59:52.470 --> 03:59:53.520

Trustee Arest: So actually.

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03:59:54.600 --> 04:00:06.840

Trustee Arest: The Deputy village manager actually tweeted out a reminder, which is shared on Facebook as well, Graham That was a press release link to a press release from the village which, which laid out.

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04:00:07.710 --> 04:00:21.120

Trustee Arest: You know, obviously i'm sure that will treasure help put it together and put it together but laid out all of the deadlines and you know, obviously i'm happy to continue doing that i'm sure village staff is happy to continue doing that it's it is, I definitely agree it's very important.

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04:00:22.650 --> 04:00:31.860

Village Manager Pappalardo: Great yeah whatever we can do to make sure to alert our our taxpayers, you know it's gonna be very important, I think trustee white stone, there was a learning curve here and.

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04:00:32.520 --> 04:00:38.970

Village Manager Pappalardo: I believe that that's what we're seeing with the with the reduction in the percentage of collection at this point in time.

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04:00:40.290 --> 04:00:45.540

Village Manager Pappalardo: And unfortunately for some of our taxpayers it's a bit it's a pretty steep penalty so.

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04:00:46.560 --> 04:00:56.820

Village Manager Pappalardo: I would imagine that next year, after having a year under their belt that you know our taxpayers will will understand better and we have some glitches, as you know, when we sent the initial.

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04:00:57.600 --> 04:01:02.640

Village Manager Pappalardo: tax bill out with the two separate coupons we had some mistakes in the bills, so you know.

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04:01:03.360 --> 04:01:16.200

Village Manager Pappalardo: We were culpable as well, and I just think it was you know decision that the village board made and to help the taxpayers and implementation was a little was a little more difficult than I think that we thought and.

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04:01:17.220 --> 04:01:28.290

Village Manager Pappalardo: And the taxpayers and just going to need to get used to this this to payment system, and I think next year to go a lot smoother but to get back to trusting grendel's question because I think that's very important.

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04:01:29.700 --> 04:01:36.960

Village Manager Pappalardo: I haven't personally heard I don't think the treasurer's office has heard that people just can't pay their taxes on times because they don't have the money.

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04:01:38.010 --> 04:01:54.750

Village Manager Pappalardo: And you know that's a different issue altogether, but we haven't really heard that I think it was just the fact that they were used to paying the single tax on a certain date, and you know, for various reasons and Coleman had some a lot to do with it as well, but in any event.

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04:01:55.920 --> 04:01:56.670

Village Manager Pappalardo: will make it work.

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04:01:57.630 --> 04:02:16.710

Trustee Crandall: yeah I in a village manager, I was particularly concerned because, when it came to you know collecting the town tax which people also have the option of paying into installments you know, we had a much better collection rate and you know the 94% was was a bit of a shock so.

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04:02:18.300 --> 04:02:21.060

Trustee Crandall: You know, hopefully folks will get their payments and.

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04:02:21.900 --> 04:02:22.800

Village Manager Pappalardo: we're counting on it.

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04:02:24.390 --> 04:02:24.630

Trustee Waldman: it's.

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04:02:25.170 --> 04:02:28.470

Village Manager Pappalardo: That is the most important revenue that we that we collected the village.

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04:02:29.340 --> 04:02:31.410

Trustee Waldman: i'm just curious village manager or and.

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04:02:32.430 --> 04:02:35.850

Trustee Waldman: How many what percentage of residents paid in the two installments.

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04:02:37.200 --> 04:02:47.010

Ann Scaglione: You know it's um it's difficult to get that information so it's a manual process, I need to spend more time pulling out those statistics.

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04:02:47.970 --> 04:02:51.870

Trustee Crandall: We know you've been busy with the budget So yes, Sir okay.

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04:02:53.310 --> 04:02:59.100

Mayor Samwick: next question I have is with regard to you know village manager just alluded to this.

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04:03:01.050 --> 04:03:09.180

Mayor Samwick: For those who don't know the town collects the tax on behalf of the school district, and we take the credit risk.

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04:03:09.990 --> 04:03:30.810

Mayor Samwick: We also get whatever fees and penalties may accrue and in the unfortunate event that there was a tax foreclosure that also numerous, to the benefit of the town, but in this case right now we're looking at an \$8 million plus payable, and so my question really is when is that do.

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04:03:33.120 --> 04:03:33.450

Village Manager Pappalardo: and

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04:03:34.770 --> 04:03:37.320

Ann Scaglione: Okay, it has to be paid in full.

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04:03:38.760 --> 04:03:40.020

Ann Scaglione: By the end of April.

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04:03:42.600 --> 04:03:44.280

Ann Scaglione: I can get the exact date but.

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04:03:45.300 --> 04:03:46.710

Mayor Samwick: Luckily it's because we have john.

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04:03:46.920 --> 04:03:57.720

Ann Scaglione: Dee where they don't come in and sweep our accounts, you know and as we collect money you know we send payments over to the school district we're not holding the money um.

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04:03:59.160 --> 04:04:00.540

Ann Scaglione: But we didn't meet them home.

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Mayor Samwick: But we do have time we're not we're not facing a you know, an \$8 million short right, we have to call them.

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04:04:07.920 --> 04:04:12.750

Ann Scaglione: yep time and that's why that's why i'm working on it i'm working on it okay great.

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04:04:13.200 --> 04:04:19.560

Trustee Whitestone: i'll just make one more comment and then i'll shut up about this, but if we, the lessons we learn on this.

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Trustee Whitestone: for future years would be valuable, including all the additional time and costs that the treasurer's office spends on this.

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Trustee Whitestone: and publicity ways we can maybe improve publicity, I think there are a bunch of learnings we entered into this in a very good spirited way as the mayor said.

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Trustee Whitestone: Trying to help our residents and it ended up having unforeseen impacts and costs and hopefully it'll all turn out Okay, but I

think there are probably a few lessons that we can learn from the situation.

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04:04:50.520 --> 04:05:04.950

Trustee Arest: question I want to just add one thing to that and don't please don't shut up because there were good points, but along those lines if it's possible village treasure or town treasure or town custodian of taxes.

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04:05:06.540 --> 04:05:10.650

Trustee Arest: It would be really helpful I think before our joint meeting with the board of education.

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04:05:11.250 --> 04:05:25.500

Trustee Arest: I think it would be great to have some data on all of this because really it was their request that was the impetus to make this change, and I am sure they will be interested to hear about the good the bad you know everything you know just how it's going so.

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04:05:25.800 --> 04:05:27.270

Trustee Arest: That could be done before that meeting, oh.

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04:05:27.330 --> 04:05:28.380

Trustee Arest: it's mark something.

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04:05:29.790 --> 04:05:30.150

Trustee Arest: Anybody.

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Ann Scaglione: know I make sure that we're prepared for that.

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04:05:33.450 --> 04:05:33.870

Trustee Arest: Thank you.

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04:05:34.830 --> 04:05:38.190

Mayor Samwick: Believe it's the 22nd of March, but give me just one second.

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04:05:42.630 --> 04:05:44.580

Mayor Samwick: Yes, March 22 yes.

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04:05:44.880 --> 04:05:45.300

Okay.

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04:05:47.340 --> 04:05:51.090

Mayor Samwick: Okay, any other questions for the custodian faxes.

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Mayor Samwick: And thank you very much.

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04:05:55.710 --> 04:06:09.720

Mayor Samwick: As i'm looking at the agenda it see that there's one item that appears to be missing, and that is the second public comment, which would be right now so anybody wishing to be heard at public comment, please raise your hand and you'll be recognized.

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Mayor Samwick: Mr Harrison, are you there.

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04:06:23.940 --> 04:06:25.410

robert harrison: I am here mayor.

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04:06:25.800 --> 04:06:26.370

Mayor Samwick: Hello Bob.

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04:06:26.700 --> 04:06:30.540

robert harrison: Thank you for recognizing me he's doing a great job.

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04:06:31.320 --> 04:06:32.910

Mayor Samwick: Thank you okay.

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04:06:33.660 --> 04:06:33.960

All right.

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04:06:35.130 --> 04:06:56.610

robert harrison: and good work on passing this condominium related piece to justin and Lena for fishing to habit past tonight that was excellent, so the couple swings maybe I missed it when the village treasure gave her comments on the school texts.

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robert harrison: Are we saying that the \$8 million has not been paid yet Is that correct.

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robert harrison: Okay, and and what's the percentage of that has been paid 94% or something.

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04:07:11.130 --> 04:07:25.170

robert harrison: Right okay and don't these people have to pay by the end of February to to avoid a further penalty, you said you were talking about I don't know March or April that they have time to pack.

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robert harrison: As it goes by the month.

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04:07:28.710 --> 04:07:29.790

Ann Scaglione: No i'm sorry.

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04:07:30.360 --> 04:07:31.350

Ann Scaglione: I don't mean to interrupt.

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robert harrison: yeah no it's okay.

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Ann Scaglione: I was when the village needs to make the school district whole.

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Ann Scaglione: But yes, the penalties keep accruing and the next step to the next, higher percentage.

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Ann Scaglione: Right kicks in at the end of February.

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robert harrison: Right so.

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04:07:47.820 --> 04:07:49.710

Ann Scaglione: The less penalties.

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04:07:49.920 --> 04:08:02.760

robert harrison: All right, so these people that haven't paid yet like you say 94% of page and six or 6% outstanding we don't know how many households, that is, I would urge you to.

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04:08:03.270 --> 04:08:13.110

robert harrison: Have that reported to the to the village and the school, we should know how many you know property owners Homeowners I haven't paid the actual.

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04:08:13.620 --> 04:08:23.010

robert harrison: Number I think that's helpful to know and but they've been alerted and and the bill that was sent out had two pieces and I think it.

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04:08:23.520 --> 04:08:43.620

robert harrison: was well recognized and let me remind mine, the whole board that when this was discussed, I think we found that every other school district in the county of westchester had a to payment plan if somebody wants to say that's correct, I think that was mentioned mayor, do you recall.

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04:08:45.390 --> 04:08:48.420

Mayor Samwick: All that might have been one other, but it, you know.

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04:08:48.420 --> 04:08:50.580

Mayor Samwick: Right you're right, I think we made.

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robert harrison: was almost 100% so so and, quite frankly, I think it was a benefit to our Community now some taxpayers unfortunately forgot to make that.

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robert harrison: payment by the end of January that's unfortunate but it's their mistake so.

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robert harrison: And maybe you know it sounds like we tried to publicize it, as well as we could anyway, let me move on to one or two other things here so.

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04:09:19.980 --> 04:09:33.540

robert harrison: I had sent an email to the mayor's the board the village manager and to the village clerk on see what it was somewhere around January 28.

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04:09:34.350 --> 04:09:50.460

robert harrison: The village clerk did mention that this evening, but it was an email that was sent around January 28 and quickly, it said I said I listened to the budget meeting on Thursday January 28 at one.

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robert harrison: Just anyway i'm showing at 1pm anyway, there was no no opportunity for the public to make any comments I heard you're at tomorrow's budget meeting that you and maybe you want to let people.

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robert harrison: ask some questions at the beginning, before you start your deliberation that would happy to help you get an idea what residents.

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04:10:11.850 --> 04:10:21.870

robert harrison: hope will come out of this until you know if you make decisions later before we ever chance to make our comments, so I suggest that anyway, my comment was to have.

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04:10:22.290 --> 04:10:40.110

robert harrison: This was on the pool payments to have residents pay a 5% increase by May first and then have a 15% increase after that day, and this measure would help push residents to subscribe early that would give the REC department.

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robert harrison: extra information, where they're planning purposes and the early payment should also apply to to non resident resident, so you know.

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04:10:52.950 --> 04:11:06.510

robert harrison: Just 12 and a half percent increase, I do not agree with, I think it's a mistake, I think it's gonna kind of hurt membership, I know you I guess past the fees and charges today, but you can always make changes.

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04:11:07.980 --> 04:11:27.180

robert harrison: discuss this tomorrow tomorrow, oh no, the only thing I would make a 5% increase by pending by May 1 and then it goes to 15% so thank you for listening and I guess that's on my comments tonight, thank you.

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04:11:28.110 --> 04:11:28.920

Mayor Samwick: Up Thank you.

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04:11:30.750 --> 04:11:44.520

Mayor Samwick: Well, I did, let me just answer a couple of his things for so i'm so Bob with regard to comments at the budget meetings we have permitted them we try very hard to have it.

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Mayor Samwick: be consistent with what's been done in prior years, which is more toward the end of a meeting.

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Mayor Samwick: And so I think you know so far it has run pretty comparable to how things have gone in the past and we definitely do want to see.

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Mayor Samwick: Other participation and treating a meeting asking questions at the meeting is certainly one way to do that, you can always send emails as as you've done as you just mentioned.

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Mayor Samwick: Which is actually a great transition to the email about the pool, and that that discussion that you talked about which is offering a discount to an early payer for a permit at the pool was something that we asked.

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Mayor Samwick: The superintendent of parks and recreation, Brian Gray about and we asked him if he had any value.

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Mayor Samwick: That came from an early payment, and the answer was no, it was it was actually an emphatic no, it was something that we explored and there was really deemed to be no benefit to the village to doing it that way.

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Mayor Samwick: On a personal level, I share your frustration about the the rate increase you know if you were there for that part of the discussion, you would have seen that I was.

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Mayor Samwick: You know, fighting for a lower increase, but at the end of the day, this is, this is where the board came out in its consensus on it and, and this is where we'll be going forward so trust the arrows so if there was something incrementally you wanted to add to that.

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04:13:08.940 --> 04:13:17.070

Trustee Arest: yeah and i'm, thank you for making the point about the pool what i'll add to that is just that I think what superintendent Gray said is unlike the camp.

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Trustee Arest: Where the number of groups, for example, have a direct impact on on personnel costs.

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Trustee Arest: If the open the pool it needs X number by regulations from county health and whatnot they have certain requirements for personnel for lifeguards etc.

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Trustee Arest: So the advance notice actually doesn't help unless it means we're just closing part of the facility, the other part, that I just want to stress, I know that Mr Harrison knows this, but for the Community, I think I speak for everyone on the screen.

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Trustee Arest: We would love to just you know, reduce the fees in half, if we could, there is a deficit in that fun, and so we could have a discussion tomorrow night at any point about.

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04:14:00.420 --> 04:14:04.860

Trustee Arest: subsidizing that enterprise fund which we don't we haven't really done in past practice.

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04:14:05.130 --> 04:14:17.910

Trustee Arest: We also know there'll be a lot of costs coming up as trustee white stone pointed out, we do need a strategic long term plan on the pool in terms of improvements which, which you know potentially will be funded by debt, of course, but there could be increases in costs along the way.

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Trustee Arest: And I think you know the important part about, that is, if we were to subsidize it if we were to change our past practices, where does that come from, I mean that that will just lead to increased taxes, which you know I know a lot of residents aren't a fan of so we have certain levers.

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04:14:36.870 --> 04:14:42.450

Trustee Arest: We I wish we you know, had other sources of free free funding but.

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04:14:42.900 --> 04:14:55.110

Trustee Arest: Everything comes at a cost or a choice, and you know tomorrow night at the budget meeting if you'd like to speak about this again during the public comment, I encourage you to, but if you have other ideas for funding we're always willing to listen.

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Trustee Arest: But you know I think the consensus number, I very much hope it does not lead to a greater deficit in that fund balance, because that will just create a bigger problem going out two years, three years.

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04:15:08.520 --> 04:15:23.220

Trustee Arest: And will really, really just result in either I don't want to say this because I don't advocate for this, but if we want to keep it an enterprise fund it could it could mean closing part of the facility which none of us want to do so it's a balance, and thank you for the time.

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04:15:24.600 --> 04:15:33.330

Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust ERS and just to add to that something I said earlier, that is, that the pool enterprise fund budget is a zero budget.

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Mayor Samwick: And so I think trust era said it earlier, I said it earlier, this is not designed to to replenish reserves, just to stay flat, where we are, as we plan for the future of the pool complex.

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Mayor Samwick: With that not seeing anyone else wishing to be heard i'd like to close public comment move on to future meeting schedules five o'clock this evening the village board had a work session with the police reform and reinvention committee to review its draft plan report and, and it was.

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Mayor Samwick: very constructive.

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Mayor Samwick: Work session and meeting very informative the work that's been done by the committee has been outstanding and the committee is chaired by resident Robert Tucker.

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Mayor Samwick: who's done a great job chief Andy Maduro is really in my opinion, as good as it gets in terms of police chiefs, and the report was drafted by Deputy manager Cole who also did an outstanding job.

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Mayor Samwick: Moving on to now the future Tuesday February 23 2021 at 7pm village Board will have a regularly scheduled meeting that will be held the zoom you can find information on that meeting at the village website it's [www.scarsdale.com](http://www.scarsdale.com).

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Mayor Samwick: The village will also have budget discussions in a work session Wednesday February 10 tomorrow at 5pm Tuesday march 9 also at 5pm there will be briefing sessions on the operating budget Wednesday February 24 at 5pm and on the capital budget Wednesday march 3 at 5pm.

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Mayor Samwick: Please note that village hall is closed Friday February 12 for lincoln's birthday, as well as Monday February 15 for Presidents day and with that will entertain a motion to close the town board meeting.

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Trustee Crandall: A mayor before I I make that motion i'd like to wish everyone a happy Chinese New Year, and now I moved to close the meeting.

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Trustee Crandall: Okay.

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04:17:44.280 --> 04:17:48.450

Mayor Samwick: All in favor Aye Aye have a good evening everyone, thank you.