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Mayor Samwick: Alright, so I think we are all here. So I'd like to call the January 12 2021 Scarsdale Village Board meeting to order. Roll call, please. And scoffing

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trust the errors.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Here trustee Crandall

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Village Clerk Conkling: Here trust do the list.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Here trusty Ross your

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trusty Waldman

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Village Clerk Conkling: Yeah. Trustee white stone.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Your mayor sandwich

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you. Please rise for the pledge.

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Mayor Samwick: I pledge allegiance.

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Trustee Crandall: To the fluffy. The flag of the United States.

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Trustee Crandall: To the Republic for which it stands, one nation.

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Trustee Crandall: under God, indivisible, with

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01:47:33.570 --> 01:47:35.130
Trustee Crandall: Liberty and Justice

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01:47:35.220 --> 01:47:35.730
Trustee Crandall: For all

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01:47:37.740 --> 01:47:43.650
Mayor Samwick: Thank you. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes from the agenda meeting on December 22 2020

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Trustee Crandall: So moved. Second.

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01:47:46.560 --> 01:47:48.120
Trustee Ross: All in favor. Aye.

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01:47:48.660 --> 01:47:54.390
Mayor Samwick: Aye. Aye, St. Iris, we're back to the beginning of the quarter payrolls and bills.

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Trustee Arest: That we are. I have audited. The abstract of claims data January 12 2021 in the amount of 440,000 \$117 and 11 cents, which includes \$33,231 and 92 cents of library claims previously audited by a trustee of the library board.

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Trustee Arest: I found the claims to be an order and I moved that they'd be approved for payment.

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Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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Trustee Arest: Examine the payments which were made in advance of a board of trustees audit totaling 750,000 \$227 and 90 cents and have found them to be in order, and move it such payments be ratified.

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01:48:36.690 --> 01:48:38.790
Mayor Samwick: Second. All in favor.

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Trustee Waldman: Aye. Aye.

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Mayor Samwick: Do again trust yours.

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Trustee Arest: Now you just muted yourself.

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Trustee Arest: When I

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Mayor Samwick: Thought I had muted myself. Thank you. I've done that one before.

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Mayor Samwick: With optimism and hope for a better 2021 I wish you and your families.

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Mayor Samwick: A healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

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Mayor Samwick: Last night there was a serious car accident in foxy meadow our thoughts and prayers are with the five teenagers that are hospitalized.

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Mayor Samwick: Me which wish each of them a Speedy and Complete recovery. We would also like to keep all of those who are sick and have recently lost loved ones in our hearts. May the memories of those who've been lost the blessing.

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Mayor Samwick: Was a shock, or more appropriately a series of shocks.

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Mayor Samwick: And it was felt in our community, as it was across the country and the globe.

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Mayor Samwick: Over the past year we have faced a pandemic a lockdown an economic downturn racial injustice, a major tropical storm a tumultuous national election and a constitutional crisis.

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Mayor Samwick: We've been tested in many, many ways we've even had a black bear roaming through the village.

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Mayor Samwick: in Scarsdale. We are fortunate that our village continues to perform at a high level, it would certainly has not been easy.

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Mayor Samwick: Our manager form of government continues to serve us well with part time volunteer elected officials with term limits and a professional staff.

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Mayor Samwick: That often has a longer term tenure and they bring experience and professionalism to the day to day management of village operations.

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Mayor Samwick: Over the past year staffs experience in managing varied emergencies, coupled with our history of conservative fiscal stewardship laid the groundwork for Scarsdale to be in a favorable position to weather this series of storms.

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Mayor Samwick: Your village government and professional staff quickly responded to each of the crises that arose in the village and to shift operations and fiscal management to responsibly address the rapid onset of each of the emergencies, on behalf of our community.

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Mayor Samwick: I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our village staff.

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Mayor Samwick: From the extremely capable village manager who steered us through each of these crises with skill poise and professionalism.

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Mayor Samwick: To our janitors who had radical shifts in their jobs and rolled up their sleeves and help protect residents and staff with new and much more extensive cleaning protocols.

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Mayor Samwick: To our sanitation engineers that continue trash collection in spite of risks they never imagined that they would face to so many more examples of here of heroism.

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Mayor Samwick: That were never expected I could literally go on for hours and share stories of how members of staff and every single department went well above and beyond the call of duty.

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Mayor Samwick: faced an unseen threat and expanded job descriptions and did so with grace and professionalism, make no mistake there happened to remain real strains that staff are under as a result of this series of challenges, I would like to again offer my sincere gratitude to each village employee.

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Mayor Samwick: Your work is important and you have again showing your dedication of Scarsdale and its residents and we are clearly a better place because of your part in our community.

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Mayor Samwick: I also offer to residents, the suggestion that you have patience when dealing with staff as they continue to work remotely.

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Mayor Samwick: And often in understaffed offices and as they endure the ongoing strains of the pandemic. I also ask that you join me in thanking staff whenever you interact with them.

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Mayor Samwick: Village government is here to serve you and Scarsdale is very fortunate to have an exceptional group of employees at the service of this great community.

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Mayor Samwick: It is also important that we continue to help our friends, neighbors, and loved ones slow the spread of coven 19 by adhering to the following guidelines you proved them for me many times where a mass

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Mayor Samwick: Wash or sanitize your hands frequently. Avoid touching your face practice social distancing stay at home if you're not feeling well and get at the new one. Get a vaccine when it is your turn and encourage others to do the same.

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Mayor Samwick: Undertaking these efforts, 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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Mayor Samwick: We've done a great job locally, although the number of infections is missing meaningfully over the past couple of months with 83 currently active cases in Scarsdale our active cases per capita remain well below those of many of our neighboring communities.

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Mayor Samwick: There is light at the end of the tunnel with vaccine rollouts continuing while we are waiting for widespread vaccinations. Please stay healthy and safe.

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Mayor Samwick: One of the most important responsibilities of the village board is to review and adopt an annual municipal budget as elected officials and residents, we take this responsibility very seriously.

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Mayor Samwick: As you may know, village staff undertake substantial effort to present a proposed budget that is both fiscally conservative and responsive to community needs.

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Mayor Samwick: This is a difficult

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Mayor Samwick: Balance, to achieve in most years but an exceptionally challenging task immense admits the continuing pandemic.

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Mayor Samwick: We are very fortunate to have a long history of responsible fiscal stewardship that has provided us with a number of levers with which we can manage these challenging fiscal times

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Mayor Samwick: Our long term fiscal discipline has provided us with the financial flexibility to manage through this economic downturn.

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Mayor Samwick: Because of broad economic uncertainties and certain budget impacts related to coven 19 this year's budget process started one month early all department heads were directed to be mindful of the revenue picture and to present alternative cost reduction scenarios.

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Mayor Samwick: Initial public meetings involving discussion to the proposed budget with the Village Board start at our first pass budget meeting next Thursday, January 21 at 5pm

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Mayor Samwick: And all are encouraged to attend the zoom again that is Thursday, January 21 at 5pm and you can find the information, how to access that on the village website.

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Mayor Samwick: In fact, all budget meetings are plans to be held via zoom the notice and agenda for each meeting is available in the villages website that's WWW dot Scarsdale calm.

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

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Mayor Samwick: Please also note that a consolidated summary, the budget schedule is available on the village treasurer's budget webpage. I look forward to an engaged community participation in development of the fiscal 2021 village budget.

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Mayor Samwick: As we begin this new year filled with its new offerings and responsibilities, let us draw strength from our extraordinary community and use our own strength to bolster and support one another. That concludes my comments manager.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Thank you, Mayor Sam weekend.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: You know, I appreciate and thank you for those on on solicited remarks that you made, you know I I echo your platitudes, if you will, toward our excellent professional staff, you got a number of them on the zoom call tonight. We all know who they are.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: They've certainly stepped up under difficult circumstances.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: But in keeping I would also thank the members of our village board for for their understanding and patience is as we've, you know, function under this

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Pandemic and and the other challenges that you mentioned, I know we haven't been able to meet as often and achieve many of our goals and objectives.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: We hope to get back to some sense of normalcy in the months ahead and try to regain the functionality you know that we're used to in this village, but it's been a long and difficult ball and

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Village Manager Pappalardo: You know, we're all in it together and we're going to come out of it. And we'll see each other quite often during the budget process coming up that is starting in earnest next week.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I had a

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Report tonight to discuss the what everyone seems to be talking about over the last few days, New York State's Cobra 19 vaccination process. And I thought I would just for the benefit of the board and those in the community. Give a little outline of what's going on.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The New York State is receiving 300,000 vaccines per week from the federal government.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: As of yesterday, members of the public in groups. One. A which include all healthcare workers and all facets of business and government, which is comprised of about 1.4 million people and group one b.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Which include individuals started out at age 75 and then today they change that age 65 and older, as well as first responders. In our case, obviously, including local police career and volunteer firefighters correctional officers public transit workers.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: School District faculty and staff for preschool through 12th grade are all eligible for the cobra neck back a 19 vaccine shots.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And estimated 4 million people fall into this category for a total with the, the group or name numbers of 5.4 million people.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Of the 20 million New Yorkers quite a large number, that the state is trying to get vaccinated over a very short period of time.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Locally, the Scarsdale volunteer ambulance Corps MS workers receive their vaccination shots during group one day.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And scar sales police officers and firefighters both career and volunteer are currently scheduling appointments with some members already vaccinated. In addition, our justice court staff and court officers are also eligible for the vaccine under group one day and I'm moving forward.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: At this rate, New York State anticipates vaccinating groups. One day, and one be over a period of 14 weeks, a time period, which will undoubtedly increase based on the current domains.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: a listing of all eligible persons in group one a one, B is available online at New york.gov backslash vaccine that's new york.gov backslash vaccine.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Members of the public and they use the quote I am eligible unquote tool on the site to, first of all, determine their eligibility status. Secondly, find the nearest point of where the vaccines are going to be dispensed to make their appointments, if they're available.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Those eligible individual seeking an appointment can do so via the website and I just gave or through the New York State vaccination hotline.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I'll give the number out it's 183369748 to nine that's 183369748 to nine, but I will preface that by saying that, due to the volume of calls this hotline number is temporarily disabled. So the website as of this afternoon was currently the only option to schedule your vaccination.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: A New York State coded 19 vaccination form must be completed by all persons receiving of action a vaccination available on the website. So you'll be asked to fill out a form

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The village issued a press release yesterday with updates today on the village website listing all eligible groups and the method for securing the vaccination appoint

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Village Manager Pappalardo: The press release as all press releases can be viewed on the village website at w w w dot Scarsdale calm.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Please know that what's been described here is the only methods for scheduling an appointment for a vaccine shot.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: And it must be accomplished through the state of New York. The vaccine is only available through appointment. Do not visit a vaccine site as a walk and patient and expect to receive the vaccine.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Furthermore, if you're currently sick with covert 19 do not sign up for an appointment stay in isolation, until you have recovered and then make your point.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: There is more information on the aforementioned New York State vaccine website relative to this vaccination process. And I would encourage all to visit the site to become better informed. I hope that helps. SOME PEOPLE AND THANK YOU MAYOR. That's all I have.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, manager. I was so eager to get to you. I skipped right over a couple of public hearing items so

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Mayor Samwick: The agenda order and Alaska trust the IRS to to run the two

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Trustee Arest: OH, THANK YOU MAYOR. And if I may just quickly echo the sentiments that were just shared which, you know, clearly the work that's been done has been incredible. The dedication showed in extremely difficult times.

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Trustee Arest: During something that I don't think we ever expected to see in our lifetime. So, so a really heartfelt thank you thank you also to the village manager, not just for for all of your work.

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Trustee Arest: You already work crazy hours and I know that it's been even harder for you during this time. So, so thank you. Although, you know, I would thank you also for the

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Trustee Arest: Thoughts about the board, but in that context, you said patients. So I don't think you were including me, necessarily, but you know thank Thank you anyway.

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Trustee Arest: In terms of the public hearings, we have to two public hearings that without objection, I'd like to run concurrently.

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Trustee Arest: This evening. One is for a local law amending chapter 245 of the Scarsdale village code entitled sidewalk cafes.

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Trustee Arest: And the other local law mending chapter 256 of the Scarsdale village code entitled entitled streets sidewalks and public places.

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Trustee Arest: Before I open the public hearing the joint public hearing. I'll just give a little bit of an overview

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Trustee Arest: Of what we're looking at. And this shouldn't really come as as much interesting in the way of anything new to most residents and obviously to the board.

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Trustee Arest: Because most of this is just an extension of what we've already done to 45, for example, which is sidewalk cafes. I'm not sure if any of us ever expected to be advocating for sidewalk dining in January.

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Trustee Arest: But it is it couldn't be more important. And, you know, listen, we need to support local we have to shop local we need to support our restaurants.

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Trustee Arest: And try to help them survive this could be these months could be the most difficult time during this

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Trustee Arest: For them. And so when it comes to the sidewalk cafes. What this with this change will do with actually starting retro, to the extent possible from January 1 through the entire year.

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Trustee Arest: There is no automatic expiration in this amendment, therefore, it's probably a good thing. It'll. It'll force us to reassess

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Trustee Arest: What the proper months should be going forward when we hopefully come out of this really trying difficult time. But for now, everything will have to be removed by January 1 2022 all the other

particular regulations will apply and so like I said, it's just a continuation of that.

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Trustee Arest: The second local law is of

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Trustee Arest: This has to do with the ability to display. Where's possibly have curbside pickup for our merchants, the only change here this similarly

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Trustee Arest: Will run for the entire year on both of which, of course, this could be changed earlier than the end of the year, just like any other law.

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Trustee Arest: But this does have an automatic expiration, in which case the the display of whereas will just expire completely because it was never in our code to begin with. This was completely novel to the situation that we're in.

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Trustee Arest: Of course if situation changes and there's there's a desire, we can have that conversation later. But this is just another extension, the only the only change though that I do want to point out

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Trustee Arest: Is that we are giving the opportunity to service providers and people who want to display. Where's who are not on the ground floor, who may be above the retail

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Trustee Arest: They will need the landlord's permission. They can't obstruct another retail tenants space. We did not receive any actually any

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Trustee Arest: Requests for this. There was no interest at all. However, there were at least one or two residents who suggested

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Trustee Arest: Doing this, and you know, quite frankly, if it's something that could possibly help one

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Trustee Arest: Company one business in our, in our village center or in any of our other retail centers the village Task Force and felt and I and I'm confident that the board agrees.

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Trustee Arest: We should just do everything we can. Anyway, if there isn't an obvious detriment. And at least give that option going forward. So I apologize if I spoke too long, but those are the

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Trustee Arest: Two changes to the code this evening and I would like to now open to public hearing. Please remember that.

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Trustee Arest: Comments are specific to these two changes. I will have additional comments for other recommendations from the village task force during liaison comments.

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Trustee Arest: Obviously, people can speak about anything during public comments in general, which will still come after this. This is particular to the public hearing and so mayor, would you handle it looks like Mr. Goldstein is has her hand up.

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Mayor Samwick: marcy. Are you there.

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Marcy Berman-Goldstein: Yes. Can you hear me.

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Mayor Samwick: Yes, we can. Okay.

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Marcy Berman-Goldstein: Hi, my name is Marcy Berman Goldstein, I'm a Scarsdale resident residing at 10 Olmsted road and I'm also the co president of the Scarsdale Business Alliance.

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Marcy Berman-Goldstein: I would like to thank the village board and staff, again, on behalf of the scars. So Business Alliance for working with us to find creative solutions for our customers to shop and dine during this incredibly challenging time

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Marcy Berman-Goldstein: The Scarsdale Business Alliance fully supports the amended to 56 and 245 code changes, allowing the extension of sidewalk cafes for restaurants and utilization of storefront sidewalks.

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Marcy Berman-Goldstein: There has been a tremendous amount of positive feedback from the business community and from our patrons.

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Marcy Berman-Goldstein: The ability to dine and shop outside has allowed us to serve our customers safely now more than ever we need to continue to support our local restaurants and shops.

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Marcy Berman-Goldstein: These resolutions meet the needs of our merchants and consumers. We look forward to our ongoing collaborative partnership with the village. As we continue to infuse our downtown center and all of the retail hubs in Scarsdale with a sense of community and togetherness. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Marshall thank

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Trustee Arest: There's anyone else. Yeah, go ahead. Sorry.

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Trustee Arest: Just one more, one more call to see if there's anyone else would like to raise their hand.

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Trustee Arest: Okay, with that Mayor I'D LIKE TO CALL THIS PUBLIC HEARING closed.

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Trustee Arest: Due to the time sensitivity of this. I think we have plenty of restaurants and merchant service providers who are depending on this being enacted, I would like to move forward without objection, this evening.

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Trustee Arest: And so without objection, therefore I will of course do the next part separately so Dan's head pick up. Don't worry.

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Trustee Arest: Be it resolved that the local law to amend Chapter 245 of the Scarsdale village code and titled sidewalk cafes is hereby adopted.

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Trustee Crandall: Second,

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Mayor Samwick: This is a row column is Conklin please

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Trust the artist.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee Crandall

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee Louis

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee Ross, I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trust you

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trust you white stone.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I mayor Sam work. All right, thank you. Just go green

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Trustee Arest: Thank you. And let me just go to 256, if I may be it resolved that the local law to amend Chapter 256 of the Scarsdale village code entitled streets sidewalks and public places is hereby adopted.

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Mayor Samwick: Again row column is Conklin please

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Village Clerk Conkling: Just the artist I trusted Crandall

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trust you, Louis.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I'm trustee rose

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trusted Wardman

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Village Clerk Conkling: I trusted white stone.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I mayor sandwich

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Mayor Samwick: I think thank you for coming. Thank you trust you arrest.
We now move on to public comment.

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Vlg Attorney Pozin: Just one second.

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Vlg Attorney Pozin: Yes, whatever it was I don't recall if there's
emotion and the second to close those public hearings.

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Trustee Arest: I that's there absolutely was not I just, I decided that I
could do that on my own.

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Yeah.

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Trustee Arest: So I would, can I still make the motion even make the motion to close the public hearing

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Vlg Attorney Pozin: Yes, yes. Retroactive.

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Trustee Arest: Retro actively

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Vlg Attorney Pozin: Both you can do both. Meantime,

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Trustee Ross: Retro retro actively second

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Trustee Arest: Thank you.

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Trustee Crandall: All in favor. Aye.

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Trustee Arest: Aye. Thank you. Attorney closing

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Vlg Attorney Pozin: Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: I'd also like the to to thank the Committee on that and and and the scar still Business Alliance Marcy spoke of a half that business lines and she in the Alliance have really done a phenomenal job. These are extraordinary times and the work that's being done there is

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Mayor Samwick: You know its innovative and it's creative and it's being done at rapid speed and and we're very pleased with the outcome there. So thank you everybody that's been involved, they're

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Mayor Samwick: Moving now on to public comment but open public comment as most people probably know it's a five minute limit. There's also a second public comments section at the end of the meeting.

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Mayor Samwick: And if you look at the assistant to village manager cats in on their screen you will see as your time starts to wind down. So with that anyone wishing to be heard, please raise your hand.

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Mayor Samwick: Mr Berg, are you there.

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Robert Berg: I am I am

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Mayor Samwick: Looks like opinion my upcoming

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Robert Berg: Good evening, everyone. Robert Byrd 17 Blackbird lane. Happy New Year at the last Village Board meeting of the year, which was a limited agenda meeting with no opportunity for public comment.

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Robert Berg: The board approved a retroactive two year contract with the Professional Firefighters union.

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Robert Berg: This really is not an appropriate meeting to adopt such a con contract without public comment I note that the minutes of that meeting show that trustees Crandall and Lewis.

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Robert Berg: shared their concerns that the trustees were not included in the contract negotiations which appeared have been handled virtually entirely by staff and our Council.

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Robert Berg: That's a poor government practice and it's certainly not how the school board operates the school board.

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Robert Berg: Designate certain Members to sit in on the negotiations and they're active participants participants with the various union negotiations.

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Robert Berg: The Professional Firefighters contract is extremely costly to taxpayers and it's probably the richest in terms of benefits.

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Robert Berg: Members, the payroll is four and a half million dollars and the cost of the village.

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Robert Berg: Is according to Steve's memo \$377 377 \$151 OVER THE TWO YEAR TERM ENDING may 31 2021 which is the end of this current fiscal year. So my question is, does that does the current budget already include this amount or is this going to be a new, additional hit to the current budget.

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Robert Berg: Is this amount currently unfunded and does it have to be funded from elsewhere.

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Robert Berg: We can you can answer that after I finish, I turn it to my second point of the evening.

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Robert Berg: Every second Friday night. I look forward to the agenda for the upcoming meeting because there's usually some black swan item to tweak my interest.

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Robert Berg: This week, totally unexpected to me is a resolution calling for a public hearing amending chapter 269 of the village code to add a new article entitled Real Property Assessment of converted

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Robert Berg: Condominiums padded this proposal originate. It's never been discussed by the Board of Trustees before, as far as I know.

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Robert Berg: It's never been a topic of any Village Board meeting. So how can it even get to the agenda as a resolution with absolutely no prior public discussion.

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Robert Berg: This is actually a historic proposed change. It has enormous ramifications for the village, going forward, not in the narrow sense because it applies only to single family homes and

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Robert Berg: Homeowner associations that are being converted condominiums and treats them based on their market value as opposed to being based on imputed rental income.

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Robert Berg: I think it's actually a very good and fair appropriate way to treat those properties and should be accepted, but it has to be considered against the backdrop of the Christie plays condos.

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Robert Berg: Were to prior boards rejected the same text treatment.

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Robert Berg: By refusing to adopt the homestead attack option tax option and connection with the two past revaluations

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Robert Berg: My point is, you need to address these issues together and not to slip such an important law change in through the back door without thorough public discussion.

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Robert Berg: And and that really goes to the process that's been followed here. I think you really have to address this.

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Robert Berg: In the context of the home tax option in connection with future we evaluations, which is the subject that the village has been avoiding we it's been now.

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Robert Berg: The last Reval was 2016 it's property values have changed enormously. It's time to at least consider a new Reval because it takes two years to actually do a new Reval

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Robert Berg: Were beyond the point where we were initially going to be doing rebels every four years or so we're beyond that point, you can't do one

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Robert Berg: With it has to be at least six years and we haven't even gotten started so everything has to be coordinated and the proper way to do this is to bring everything into a public discussion. So if anyone could give them an update me on how this came to be at appreciate it. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Mr. Bernard. Thank you very much for your comments.

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Out, I'll

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Mayor Samwick: Do some of it myself and ask for a little input from staff on some other pieces. So let's start with the FFA agreement, which was approved at the last limited agenda meeting, which was December 22

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Mayor Samwick: Of 20

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Mayor Samwick: But the meeting. Prior to that,

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Mayor Samwick: I believe it was the eighth of December, there was the

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Mayor Samwick: Firefighters agreement was in that packet and was referred over to the subsequent meeting. So there was ample opportunity we deliberately made sure that we had public comment available once that information was put out to the public.

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Mayor Samwick: You know, the, the professional contracts that we have with that are represented our major line items. These are things that we focus on various significantly. And one of the things you'll note.

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Mayor Samwick: In this agreement is you are correcting it goes back about a year and a half and forward about six months.

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Mayor Samwick: That the current year. The second year of the contract term has a zero percent increase. So there are some very significant benefits.

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Mayor Samwick: It doesn't mean that there aren't increases associated with it. There certainly are in the first year. And that's the budget impact. And so I do believe that that money for the increase is in the current budget, but I'm going to ask to the village manager confirm that, please.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: I'm sorry. I'll unmute yes that money was in the current year budget.

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Thank you, Steve.

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Mayor Samwick: With respect to the amendment on taxation. I mean, one of the ways that we do communicate with the public is to put agenda items.

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Mayor Samwick: Out there and have people weigh in on it and you brought up a lot of different points there, Bob, with respect to Christie place, as you know,

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Mayor Samwick: Without a revamp and a homestead tax option discussion attended with a Reval there is nothing we can do with that. So really the impetus behind this is to try to get ahead of the issue and make sure that nothing can slip through the cracks. We've seen other communities.

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Mayor Samwick: That have started working on this. And to your point, you know, it is a it is a straightforward and something that is is you know beneficial to the community on its own right and that's why you see them tonight's package. So anyone else wishing to speak this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: Mr Harrison, are you there.

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robert harrison: I am here, it seems like it's hard to see my hand up.

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robert harrison: Nice.

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Mayor Samwick: I clicked it as soon as I saw it, Bob.

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robert harrison: You the fastest gun in East

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robert harrison: Okay.

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robert harrison: Bob Harrison 65 box meadow road.

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robert harrison: 40 year resident of Scarsdale with my family and like to wish everyone a

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robert harrison: Healthy Happy New Year, as we've gotten through the very difficult 2020 hopefully things will get better.

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robert harrison: And there'll be a new government in Washington. Jen, who might restore the full salt tax deduction and do other good things, hopefully, and and hopefully we'll get through as a nation, the next

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robert harrison: About 10 days, cross your fingers, please.

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robert harrison: So,

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robert harrison: My wife and I are past 75

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robert harrison: And my wife, Teri arison has been very diligent trying to get the Colvin vaccine for both of us. So I want to give her good news for her.

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robert harrison: Efforts and it's been very difficult. We went up to the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. My first time ever up there. It's quite an impressive complex of buildings and at least 10 or more parking lots on Friday night, and they were vaccinating

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robert harrison: Healthcare workers and we found out some information and yesterday and today we've been on the phone trying to we're over

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robert harrison: 75 and now I think Steve mentioned residents over 65 can get the shot. And we've still had a lot of trouble trying to get on the right list. Anyway, I just want to

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robert harrison: Say, Terry did pick up a document called which had the Westchester County Santa Ana and it said how to schedule an appointment.

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robert harrison: And the phone number for our residents. This may help some of my residents area code 914-995-4050 and hopefully we'll all be able to get an appointment to get the vaccine which I strongly urge everyone to get it.

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robert harrison: The other one

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robert harrison: The

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robert harrison: Comfort station at the middle school tennis courts which your board and the school board both agree that I mean this inter municipal agreement back in early November.

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02:21:59.160 --> 02:22:09.120

robert harrison: And I followed up on this to see when the plans were being submitted to the State Education Department and they were finally submitted, about a week ago.

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robert harrison: I've been in touch. Touch with Jeff Coleman and also gotten in touch with the architect firm of land la n, who has experience with working with the same education department.

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robert harrison: So the plans and finally been submitted took about two months, for some reason, and the architect that land indicates maybe

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robert harrison: Two to three months before the plans get approved so hopefully we who are involved with the middle school tennis courts and field and

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robert harrison: Escalate athletics and our citizens who walked the area as trustee.

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robert harrison: Crandall had mentioned, it would be a good comfort station between the cross way comfort station in the high school to comfort station so hopefully

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robert harrison: We can get this built for this spring for both our athletes. Our students are tennis players our residents and finally

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robert harrison: The Scarsdale Summer Youth Tennessee continues to raise \$10,000 as a gift to this project we are at 70 \$500

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robert harrison: And you can make your check payable to the Scarsdale Summer Youth tennis league mail them to 65 bucks meadow road.

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robert harrison: We are at about 70 \$500 10,000 and we're hoping that donors we organized the donors. This is the end of my comments that the

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robert harrison: lawyers who are gold doing donors would give \$1,000 to the project. We have several donors at that level, including myself and my wife.

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robert harrison: And then we have the silver donors and \$500 and the bronze donors at 250 so hopefully residents will follow through, just like we raise money for the butler field track.

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robert harrison: And there's a bricks around the flagpole. There was a number of our residents who supported the butler field track.

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robert harrison: And the Scarsdale volunteer ambulance building. If you're walking to the main hindrance, you'll see a large plaque with many, many, many donors of our residents and finally the new library has papers.

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robert harrison: On the entrance to the library. So please support this and let's get the \$10,000 gift to the village completed. Thank you for your time.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much, Mr Harrison and thank you for all the work you're doing.

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02:24:41.160 --> 02:24:47.550

Mayor Samwick: And in raising the money for this important projects which you have been spearheading for years. We really appreciate that.

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Mayor Samwick: All right. Anyone else we should be heard this evening.

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02:25:00.210 --> 02:25:11.610

Mayor Samwick: With that will close the first public comment section of the meeting. Remember, there is a second at the end of the meeting as well and we will move on to trustee liaison reports I know trust the IRS has something

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Trustee Arest: Du mer. Thank you. So the

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Bear with me while I open this

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Trustee Arest: Thank you. The village reopening Task Force has put together a memorandum of sorts, just summarizing, some of the recommendations.

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Trustee Arest: Including the one that took place this evening in in passing the vote for the local law changes if you'll indulge me, I'd like to just read this and it's a short part about what took place already this evening, but I would like to read the entire the entire document.

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Trustee Arest: This is from the village reopening task force or the R T. F. And again, for everyone reopening at scars delta com

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Trustee Arest: Recommendation one continuation of successful initiatives.

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Trustee Arest: Chapters 245 and 256 of village code, it cannot be understated that outdoor dining has been essential for restaurants fighting to keep their doors open for the over the past 10 months.

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Trustee Arest: Continuing to extend the use of our sidewalks for our restaurants as well advised and fully supported by the VR TF

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Trustee Arest: These permits are, of course, subject to safety regulations as per the village engineer, but we believe, working with the stakeholders is imperative to keeping our village retail centers as strong as possible in the short term and medium term.

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Trustee Arest: Similarly, with the potential display of merchant. Where's while we do not view this as a panacea for our shops, having the option to, at the very least set up.

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Trustee Arest: pickup and drop off stations is not only welcomed by our merchant community and the Scarsdale Business Alliance representing them, but it's also smart governing and the interest of both health and safety.

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Trustee Arest: Food tense, the VR TF believes that activities permitted to take place on Spencer place.

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Trustee Arest: The freight way open lot and BD lot over the past several months. We're creative and accommodating and focused on helping out our vulnerable food service stakeholders during the coven 19 pandemic.

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Trustee Arest: There were also benefits for residents patrons and other merchants as additional outdoor seating was created. We do not believe the move back to indoors for the masses will be seen in the coming months, which makes continuing to allow these opportunities, all the more important.

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Trustee Arest: The VR TF hopes that permit holders may work with the village managers office and Recreation Department to make even more efficient use of the tense.

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Trustee Arest: While not used for food and beverage and potentially offer programming geared towards residents and patrons and particularly our senior population when possible, and appropriate

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Trustee Arest: We recognize that there are trade offs with these uses including loss of parking revenue and traffic concerns due to at least one road closure.

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Trustee Arest: Parking revenue loss should be limited, and hopefully offset by additional parking recommendations and changes below.

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Trustee Arest: Traffic is always a concern, and we believe any permitting contemplated here and should continue to be subject to modification due to safety concerns and have a term that ends on Labor Day 2021

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Trustee Arest: We support use of these areas beyond such time but agree that any additional commitment can only come with time and greater clarity for what the late summer and early fall will bring

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Trustee Arest: Recommendation to parking Christy place commuter lot has become a focus of a dump of a VR TF

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Trustee Arest: While spots remain open, we are determined to find a use for our village center patrons merchant community, while also being sensitive to our residents that are still relying on those spaces for their commute.

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Trustee Arest: If this can be achieved and promoted, we believe it can also create additional needed revenue.

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Trustee Arest: Therefore, we recommend immediately replacing the three hour panga parking zone previously recommended by the VR TF

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Trustee Arest: With a new zone that allows parking up to eight hours the zone should only commence at 10am Monday through Friday to ensure that commuters are not inconvenience. As a reminder, this lot has no parking restrictions besides pertaining to OVERNIGHT PARKING on weekends.

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Trustee Arest: Recommendation three place making and identity, clearly, given our current constraints adequate reevaluation of our retail centers in the context of place, mais place making cannot be an immediate priority.

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Trustee Arest: But that does not mean we cannot start thinking, and we do not recommend and we do recommend, excuse me, that the Village Board has discussions on what kind of planning.

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Trustee Arest: Can and should be considered for our retail centers during budget meetings in the coming weeks as well as shorter term.

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Trustee Arest: We do believe that a couple changes additions and additions could prove very helpful.

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Trustee Arest: Our parking should be clearly labeled as 90 minutes maximum spaces municipal parking, whether it be in the freight way open lot through the valet.

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Trustee Arest: Or at the newly created spots and Christy place should be clearly indicated for patrons to find

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Trustee Arest: We can use a pristine place has existed for years, and yet it is unclear how many residents patrons and merchants are aware

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Trustee Arest: Recommendation for enforcement and data collection.

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Trustee Arest: The VR TF believes that the full benefits of the changes already made. And those recommended can be best achieved with active enforcement from village personnel.

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Trustee Arest: Feeding the meters, particularly by merchants continues to be a reported issue, we will have ample parking options for all stakeholders.

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Trustee Arest: We also believe that there is more that can be done with the data, our license plate readers LPR are collecting and hope to discuss the possibilities with law enforcement and the village manager's office again soon.

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Trustee Arest: Recommendation five chase Park chase Park remains an underutilized asset how the park may

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Trustee Arest: Or may not be used in the long term should be part of them have a more holistic conversation and even possibly a study

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Trustee Arest: But in the short term over the coming months while the village continues to look for safe ways to offer programming to our community. In addition to the Recreation Department

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Trustee Arest: We believe that a section of Chase Park should be available to local service providers during limited times subject to insurance indemnification requirements and of course a fee

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Trustee Arest: This would be a targeted attempt to combat the impact so coven 19 and the VR TF is willing and eager to work with our village attorney to ensure unintended legal implications are considered and resolved.

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Trustee Arest: potential future recommendations. These are the recommendations that the VR TF is ready to share with the Village Board and village manager at this time.

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Trustee Arest: We hope that everything noted here in can be implemented immediately.

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Trustee Arest: There were many ideas shared amongst the task force from residents merchants Village Board members local civic organizations and village staff.

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Trustee Arest: The VR TF thanks everyone who participated in some way and hopes that all stakeholders continue to reach out, please remember to email, any ideas or comments to reopening at Scarsdale.com

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Trustee Arest: To give a sense of two ideas that have yet to make the cup street closures, there has been success in the past, closing part and or all Spencer place and Harvard court for limited engagement, such as Scarsdale don't use it festival

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Trustee Arest: Commerce to elegance chop the Dale sidewalk sidewalk sales and health and wellness fairs. There are certainly support for more such events in the village center as a benefit for residents and merchants.

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Trustee Arest: We continue to discuss whether a regular closure of the streets.

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Trustee Arest: Could be helpful, at least at the current time we have ample parking and creating a pedestrian plaza might be appreciated and attracted for more patrons to window shop safely.

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Trustee Arest: Ideas have included Sunday's only, but the VR TF would welcome additional feedback short term parking

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Trustee Arest: 20 minute pickup spots throughout the village could be used for curbside in store pickup.

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Trustee Arest: At this time, the Scarsdale Business Alliance did not believe the benefit of these spots would outweigh the detriment of losing additional 90 minutes spaces we have agreed to continue monitoring this as an option.

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Trustee Arest: We also are monitoring other municipalities and are aware that created after our structures have been erected for dining and on street parking has been converted for outdoor dining

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Trustee Arest: We did not believe that materially enclosed structures met the intent of what is allowed for outdoor dining, nor do they provide the health protections of completely open air dining

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Trustee Arest: There are some safety concerns regarding converting parking spots into dining areas on active roadways, we believe that we have provided alternative solutions were needed, but of course are open to discussing this further.

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Trustee Arest: Finally, it is important to note that while the focus for increasing outdoor dining with additional tented areas might appear to be centered in the village center Spencer place and Garth road.

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Trustee Arest: Other retail areas in Scarsdale were visited and examine both the five quarters and golden horseshoe brought their own unique complexities, including that their respective parking areas are privately owned

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Trustee Arest: We have been and continue to be open to new ideas from their respective landlords and tenants. As we have stated previously, our goal is to remove as much red tape as possible and work with all stakeholders to help Scarsdale. Stay strong. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust. Yes. And thank you to the entire Hold on, I'm going to make sure I get it right VR TF

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Mayor Samwick: It just rolls off the tongue and I'd like to remind everybody to please continue to shop and dine. The Dale whenever you have the opportunity. We are one community and we definitely want to support our merchants always but particularly at this time.

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Trustee Arest: And if I could just remind everyone mayor. I'm sorry if I could just remind everyone who's on the test for us just to really thank everyone by name assistant village manager Ingrid Richards has been has been amazing our village engineer, David. Gasol

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Trustee Arest: I'm not going to say, everyone's amazing after each name. So I'm just going to start naming them all our village planner Greg Cutler, of course, the co presidents of the SBA mercy Berman Goldstein, and can getting former deputy mayor.

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Trustee Arest: Jane bear on was kind enough to stay on. She's been integral part

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Trustee Arest: My, my blinking.

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Trustee Arest: A grid. Help me out here. We have had. We've had consultation from the ACC and the chair. Dr. Greenberg, and I guess it's me right

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Trustee Arest: Yes, yes, it's me. Okay.

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Asst Mgr Richards: Because I'm missing here. Now you've been amazing.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you to me.

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Trustee Arest: Absolutely fantastic and amazing so thank. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust you.

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Mayor Samwick: Trust the world, man. I know you have some comments as well.

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Trustee Waldman: I do. Thank you.

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Trustee Waldman: My first comments are about the library.

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Trustee Waldman: So the library has recently updated its website. The improve format makes it easier to get information find online resources, sign up for programs reserve books and materials, please check it out at scores down library.org

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Trustee Waldman: I was on a library board meeting last night and they had a demonstration of the website and it really was great and very user friendly.

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Trustee Waldman: The library has increased its virtual program offering for all ages, as well as offering

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Trustee Waldman: Take and Make crafts for kids teens and adults.

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Trustee Waldman: The library is hosting Scarsdale high school alum class of 1974 and acclaimed author Gish, and this Thursday night.

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Trustee Waldman: She will be interviewed by Scarsdale high school English teacher Jennifer Rosenzweig about her latest book, the resistors please register on the library website for this zoom program.

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Trustee Waldman: The API cafe has been open now for a month at the library its menu is available on the library homepage and you can order online for curbside pickup.

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Trustee Waldman: It is available for breakfast and lunch. The library encourages the community to check out their menu and support the Apiary at the library for your dining needs. So I had lunch there today. And it was very good. So I, I suggest. Everybody please check it out and I highly recommend it.

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Trustee Waldman: contactless pickup and drop off is continuing at the library and it's going well.

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Trustee Waldman: My second comment has to do with the boards and councils. The 2020 2021 term for boards and councils is coming to an end and we are beginning the process to fill the vacancies and make appointments for the 2021 2020 2022 term which begins in April.

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Trustee Waldman: I encourage all residents to consider applying to serve on boards and councils.

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Trustee Waldman: The Scarsdale website Scarsdale calm under the government tab lists all of the boards and councils and with 17 of them. There is something for everyone.

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Trustee Waldman: They range from land use boards library board technology councils for the arts. The youth seniors in parks and recreation.

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Trustee Waldman: Please take a look at all of the boards and councils that are available to volunteer all residents are eligible and I look forward to seeing applications from many residents this year. So thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust you trust your white stone.

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Trustee Whitestone: YES, THANK YOU MAYOR. I'd like to second trustee waldman's remarks, our boards and councils are an important part of the wiring of the village.

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Trustee Whitestone: And one foundational way many of our residents see local government and action. We saw that earlier this evening with the CAC report on leaf blowers.

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Trustee Whitestone: There on the front lines of what matters to our residents are neighbors who volunteer their time by serving on these bodies deserve her thanks for the needed roles they play

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Trustee Whitestone: I hope, going forward, we can have the broadest possible representation on our boards and councils encourage everyone to think about it and consider applying

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Trustee Whitestone: Against the backdrop of a pandemic and nationally social and political turmoil that sense of connectedness really matters. These days we should all feel ownership of how our village, the most local form of government is run

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Trustee Whitestone: also briefly. Speaking of important work and challenging times the Scarsdale drug and alcohol task force of Community Coalition dedicated to reducing underage use of drugs and alcohol.

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Trustee Whitestone: List the number of events scheduled for this month, including programs for parents and teens. Examples include helping your team overcome anxiety and depression.

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Trustee Whitestone: building resilience and maybe it's not just experimentation on spotting the signs and symptoms of substance misuse and mental health disorders for details, go to www.dorsetcountyny.gov Scarsdale da T f.org and click on the Events tab. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust your white stone trust you, Louis.

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Trustee Lewis: Thank you so much.

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Trustee Lewis: Just for background. I'll be speaking about the United Westchester report that was just released

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Trustee Lewis: I was appointed by Mayor Sam work several months ago to be our designee united Westchester working group.

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Trustee Lewis: I served with the cross section of elected officials from our county on this effort on the Executive Committee last week released our 96 page report, I was thinking of reading all 96 pages, but I decided maybe you'd all be happier if I just gave you something. So I will go in that direction.

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Trustee Lewis: We also testified last week before the New York State Public Service Commission regarding our recommendations which are detailed fully in the report.

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Trustee Lewis: First, I also want to thank our county executive George Latimer and assembly person Amy pollen for their leadership in this effort they served as co chairs of the executive committee.

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Trustee Lewis: I also do want to say it was an honor for me to serve as Co chair with assembly person buchwald on our Subcommittee on whether more than a second I chaired the Subcommittee on County Emergency Management

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Trustee Lewis: As Assembly woman pollen explained our report details recommendations which need to be followed in order to effectively address

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Trustee Lewis: The utility and telecom failings which occurred after the summer tropical storm. I mean, they were feelings. They were failings. It was real people were harmed. There was true devastation. It was a failure.

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Trustee Lewis: I'll take a few minutes to summarize these recommendations among the recommendations for content. And I said,

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Trustee Lewis: The use of smart meters to track customers were without power, creating a live interactive Outage Map for public viewing

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Trustee Lewis: A regularly updated and shared List of critical facilities and updated map of contents grid provided to each municipality.

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Trustee Lewis: Better internal communications to connect between management and field workers if you feel a lot of emphasis on kind of in this report, it's because

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Trustee Lewis: It was the view of this group that kind of truly failed the creation of a utility reserve corpse better supply and distribution of dry ice, and the 10 year storm hardening plan with implementation plans amongst the recommendations for LTS and Verizon.

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Trustee Lewis: improve coordination with electric utility companies during post storm restoration efforts fixing customer service tools and availability.

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Trustee Lewis: Providing municipal officials with operational contacts. Seems like a basic detail, giving customers credits when they lose access to telecommunication services.

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Trustee Lewis: For those of us who were out of service. We were still paying for all to upgrading infrastructure empowering Network Nodes during power outages.

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Trustee Lewis: At the center of all this is of course the weather, and that's where the greatest failing and some measures occurred.

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Trustee Lewis: Our view of utilities and how they use weather forecasting revealed divergent practices between companies that aren't always aligned with the interest of our residents.

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Trustee Lewis: That's a nice way of saying they did a bad job.

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Trustee Lewis: In certain cases, individual utilities like candidates and use the weather forecast that differs greatly from the National Weather Service with devastating effect for how they manage both the storm and its aftermath

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Trustee Lewis: Yet the types of audit functions we see in other industries to ensure that tests are handled properly when there's an issue of great public interest at stake.

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Trustee Lewis: does not occur here and the regulation of utilities and how they use weather forecasting and impact models and and

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Trustee Lewis: For background impact models, the weather forecast occurs his computer models they put that data in it.

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Trustee Lewis: Those models tell you where a combination of wind. Wind speed rain temperature etc leads to destruction and hence if those models are good utilities can prepare properly and and make us more resilient and save lives on.

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Trustee Lewis: Conrad's use of weather forecasting and its governance of this process we gave us great concern when we testified before the New York State Public Service Commission.

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Trustee Lewis: And let me just say I sometimes when I speak I make people squirm. I spoke on this point, and I definitely made some people squirm.

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Trustee Lewis: We specifically recommended that the Public Service Commission should audit the weather forecast and the impact models or predictions based on those weather forecasts used by electric utility companies.

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Trustee Lewis: But Public Service Commission should assess the process us to make operational decisions based on those methods and models as well. This is critically important.

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Trustee Lewis: We have inspectors to inspect our food to make sure it's safe. We have a Food and Drug Administration to make sure our medicines and drugs are properly tested.

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Trustee Lewis: Here, here's something so basic and simple as whether an impact models isn't audited or checked by by regulators, it's, it's, it's an extraordinary admission.

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Trustee Lewis: And so we made that recommendation quite forcefully to the New York State Public Service Commission on the subject of the emergency management and the county

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Trustee Lewis: We did a comprehensive survey of our municipalities and I'm pleased to report.

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Trustee Lewis: That the Westchester County of emergency management and County Emergency Operations Center. It's highly regarded 25 municipalities participated in the survey.

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Trustee Lewis: And given the increased tempo of emergencies. This was very important positive feedback, but we all have to improve and develop and work remains for the county

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Trustee Lewis: By the way, I'm pleased to report the county executive George Latimer has supported the adoption of all of these recommendations which I'm about to share with you.

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Trustee Lewis: The survey revealed there is demand for OEM and all we see to play a greater role in helping the county prepare for manage and respond to events disasters and storms.

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Trustee Lewis: The county was very open and collaborative collaborative with us on the United Westchester project and and as chair of the emergency management subcommittee.

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Trustee Lewis: I had the opportunity to interact with with with staff and and designees

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Trustee Lewis: It through the county and I have to say the spirit of collaboration and openness on emergency management issues were striking and notable and certainly an example of worth emulating

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Trustee Lewis: To that end, there is an overwhelming support for municipalities for the county to lead and coordinate the development of a countywide comprehensive emergency management plan.

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Trustee Lewis: These are the recommendations one there's broad support for OEM Office of Emergency Management to lead additional planning and train activities.

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Trustee Lewis: Throughout the year, and preparation for storms and emergencies. This would support the development of shared knowledge to improve coordination.

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Trustee Lewis: To there's widespread interest among municipalities for OEM to play a larger role in the procurement and distribution of resources needed to respond to and recover from disasters.

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Trustee Lewis: Three there is interest in creating a common web based incident management system to facilitate responsiveness and resilience

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Trustee Lewis: This would improve collaboration as well. There are divergent views on the subject, but support is sufficiently broad base tomorrow exploration of it and for

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Trustee Lewis: The county should consider putting in place standard protocols to facilitate coordination and response to emergency events all of these recommendations reflect the spirit of United West Chester collaborating across the county to reduce risk improve outcomes and resiliency.

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Trustee Lewis: Our goal strengthening our emergency capabilities to save lives, because that's, that's what this is about lives are at risk.

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Trustee Lewis: When these when these when these events take place. And again I want to thank all my fellow members of the Executive Committee and you know it's

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Trustee Lewis: truly grateful to the support the county executive gave to all of these recommendations and the support of assembly person.

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Trustee Lewis: All and and and I do have to say that I have to give a public shout out to to deputy village manager Rob Cole, who was an invaluable resource for me in my work.

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Trustee Lewis: chairing this committee so. So thank you, Rob for that. Truly you are an extraordinary gift to this village. And for those who don't know, it just have a conversation with them. That's my report.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you. I have a couple of comments. First, I'm glad that wasn't the 93 page version.

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Mayor Samwick: But in all seriousness, um, I think I've heard from a number of different people and a number of different meetings and avenues. The work that united Westchester did. And not just that what united Westchester did but what trustee Lewis did

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Mayor Samwick: Trusting Lewis really stepped up. He was one of only two elected officials.

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Mayor Samwick: That really were separated from from the pack here and named separately and actively engaged and participated in the drafting of this very thorough detailed report, which I've

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Mayor Samwick: had the pleasure to read. And so really, you know, really represented us extraordinarily well as as we expected when asking you to serve in that role. So thank you very much for all you did there, Jonathan.

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Trustee Lewis: Thank you. And the page count might have been lower has not helped with the drafting

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Mayor Samwick: Right, wherever we left with, I think, believe I think trustee Crandall

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Trustee Crandall: Thank you, mayor. So first I'll start with a report on this evenings work session.

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Trustee Crandall: We heard we had a meeting regarding the conservation advisory councils report on mitigating the health, environmental and quality of life impacts of gas leaf blowers there's quite a bit of discussion.

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Trustee Crandall: It was recorded. If anyone in the public would like to view it their report is online at Scarsdale calm.

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Trustee Crandall: At the end of the meeting and also after hearing from the community and reading the many emails, which were sent in the village board agreed that it's time for a public hearing on these following three options and I will do my best.

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Trustee Crandall: To talk about them. So the first option is

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Trustee Crandall: Quiet days Saturday through Monday during leaf season and shift to electric leaf blowers for spring.

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Trustee Crandall: And of course, a message comes in. So it's hard to read from my phone here. Here we go.

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Trustee Crandall: So with that option. The proposal is to extend the current gas leaf blower regulation to begin in January.

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Trustee Crandall: And during leaf season limit gas lower used to Tuesday through Friday electric leaf blowers would continue to be allowed any day throughout the year.

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Trustee Crandall: So what does that mean in plain English that during leaf season in the fall. Gas blowers could be used to pick up the leaves Tuesdays through Friday and during the spring cleanup.

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Trustee Crandall: The blower use would be limited to electric blowers. And that's also true for the rest of the year. The second option for consideration during the public hearing

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Trustee Crandall: Would be to change the spring cleanup season, such that the lower ban would start in May and that it would

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Trustee Crandall: continue on until September 30 and at that time gas blowers could be used on the regular Monday through Friday work schedule.

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Trustee Crandall: So that's option to option three if I have this correctly. There are quite a few options of we put on the table in an effort to move things forward.

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Trustee Crandall: Option three is to start off with the option. I just read of the Monday through Friday.

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Trustee Crandall: allowance of of using the gas blowers in the spring for limited time as well as in the fall with

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Trustee Crandall: Option one following in January of 22 or as another option of option one following in January of 23

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Trustee Crandall: So hopefully our village attorney Posen will be able to get all of this down into legible an easily understandable English well before the public hearing so that all of you can think about it.

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Trustee Crandall: And send in your comments to mayor@scarsdale.com with a copy to clerk at Scarsdale calm, so that we can all read your comments and of course if you prefer.

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Trustee Crandall: You can contact any one of us on the board individually using our email. That's the first initial with our last name@scarsdale.com

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Trustee Crandall: I actually prefer having phone conversations my cell phone number is 914-874-3779 kindly call during the week and not too late in the evening.

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Trustee Crandall: But this is, you know, a chance for us to, you know, perhaps make some changes we've we as a village board have heard many complaints about the noise concerned about

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Trustee Crandall: The noise pollution, the air pollution that impacts us, but also those who work in our community. So this is a thoughtful measure where we're evaluating and we really need to hear from everyone, talk to your landscapers, talk to your neighbors. And let's see if we can get anywhere if he

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Trustee Crandall: nice if we could do something to help one another out my other report has to do with the coded vaccine you heard quite a bit from village manager Pappalardo

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Trustee Crandall: And I'd like you to know that aging in place coordinator Mary Ellen saying or already has volunteers who are working with our seniors to assist them with the online scheduling of the coded vaccine appointment Mary Ellen's phone number is 914-723-3281

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Trustee Crandall: And she you know she wanted me to warn you though that it is. It takes time and patience to work with someone over the phone so that they can follow the prompts to register online. So when you call her when you work with a volunteer.

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Trustee Crandall: Please bear with them. And I'm sure they'll do their best to be patient with you as well. So mayor, I believe that's it for me this evening. Thank you all so much. And thank you to the conservation Advisory Council for their hard work. I believe I forgot to say that. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, Trustee Crandall one thing that occurs to me as I listened to all of the trustee reports is that this evening.

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Mayor Samwick: We have a very clear sense of our community. We have a very clear sense of our trustees commitment to our community. And as I said at the conclusion of mayor's remarks.

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Mayor Samwick: About how we draw strength from our extraordinary community and use our own strength to bolster and support one another. You just heard that firsthand.

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Mayor Samwick: It's as good as an example. A second give us that thank you all for all the work that you do for our community. Let us now move on to our agenda items to St. Louis, I believe you have one resolution this evening.

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Trustee Lewis: Yes, it's the authorization to execute a municipal snow and ice supplement supplemental agreement with New York State Department of Transportation for 2020 2021

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Trustee Lewis: I'll go to the whereas pursuant to New York State Highway laws section 12 the maintenance of state highways includes control over snow and ice removal

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Trustee Lewis: Authorized by the New York State Department of Transportation and we're still an ice control on state highways 15.7 miles of which are located.

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02:55:25.920 --> 02:55:33.810

Trustee Lewis: Within the village of Scarsdale may be performed by the host municipality pursuant to an agreement entered into by the municipality and the New York State Department of Transportation.

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02:55:34.380 --> 02:55:42.030

Trustee Lewis: And whereas in the interest of public safety and plowing expediency. The visual scars LS historically provided such service, on behalf of the New York State do T

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02:55:42.360 --> 02:55:49.620

Trustee Lewis: Which since 1999 has been accomplished through successive amendments which I think I propose the past couple of years.

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02:55:50.280 --> 02:55:58.260

Trustee Lewis: To municipal snow and ice agreements, the latest which was extended through June 30 2019 and whereas the New York State do T recently delivered a five year agreement.

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02:55:58.680 --> 02:56:05.220

Trustee Lewis: Effect of july 120 19 and endings June 30 2024 allowing for three subsequent five year extensions

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02:56:05.580 --> 02:56:14.820

Trustee Lewis: And whereas New York State do it no longer needs to approve annual one your extensions, but continues to adjust the annual reimbursement each year of the contract term.

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02:56:15.300 --> 02:56:24.120

Trustee Lewis: To account for actual changes and labor management army labor, materials, equipment and fixed costs and whereas due to a light 20 1920 winter season.

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02:56:24.570 --> 02:56:39.660

Trustee Lewis: And York State do T supplemental agreement decreases the 2020 2021. So an eye sees and reimbursement by \$1,334 and 84 cents for new total of 39,005 73 dot two three

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02:56:40.080 --> 02:56:49.170

Trustee Lewis: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the village manager to execute the 2020 2021

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02:56:49.620 --> 02:57:03.120

Trustee Lewis: Municipal snow and ice supplemental agreement between the verge of Scarsdale in the New York State Department of Transportation in substantially the same form as attached to your to and to undertake all administrative acts pursuant necessarily pursuant to the amendment.

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Okay.

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Mayor Samwick: This is row column is confident, please.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Just the hairiest

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee Crandall

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02:57:11.760 --> 02:57:13.830

Village Clerk Conkling: I trusted Louis

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02:57:15.180 --> 02:57:16.020

Village Clerk Conkling: St. Rose.

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02:57:16.470 --> 02:57:18.240

Village Clerk Conkling: Hi Justin Waldman

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02:57:18.840 --> 02:57:20.790

Village Clerk Conkling: I trust the white stone.

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02:57:21.240 --> 02:57:22.260

Village Clerk Conkling: Hi, Mary.

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02:57:23.580 --> 02:57:23.910

Mayor Samwick: Hi.

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02:57:24.510 --> 02:57:29.040

Mayor Samwick: Thank you very much. Miss Conkling we now move to trustee Ross, I believe you have two resolutions.

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02:57:29.160 --> 02:57:35.940

Trustee Ross: I do. Thank you, man. The first is resolution regarding referral to the planning board of proposed amendments to the Scarsdale village code.

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02:57:36.180 --> 02:57:47.220

Trustee Ross: Chapter 77 entitled planning board chapter 251 and titled site plan review in Chapter 310 entitled zoning and I would emphasize that this is just a resolution.

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02:57:48.090 --> 02:58:03.510

Trustee Ross: To send these measures to the planning board. These are measures that relate to bulky or oversized housing or housing in in Scarsdale that appears to be bobier oversized we are in the midst of a process of discussing

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02:58:05.280 --> 02:58:07.170

Trustee Ross: Amendments to our code.

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02:58:08.370 --> 02:58:20.220

Trustee Ross: On this issue, there's been substantial public interest in substantial public input on the question. Up until now, and there will be continuing opportunities for public input. So although this

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02:58:20.730 --> 02:58:29.640

Trustee Ross: Resolution is really basically procedural let's not lose sight of the fact that we've got substantive proposed changes to the code and

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02:58:30.270 --> 02:58:32.820

Trustee Ross: Public and continued public input really as welcome.

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02:58:33.690 --> 02:58:46.260

Trustee Ross: Whereas a series of Village Board of Trustees meetings in 2018 regarding land use issues and upon review of staff prepared municipal zoning survey data October 12 2018 Village Board board requested that the bulk issue be further discussed

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02:58:47.190 --> 02:58:54.810

Trustee Ross: Specifically the Village Board asked the chairs of the planning board board of appeals and board of architectural review to convene as a boat review committee.

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02:58:55.320 --> 02:59:07.170

Trustee Ross: Along with staff to do better to better define the bulk issue study existing and other zoning tools for amendment, Amendment and or implementation explore non zoning alternatives and define potential next steps.

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02:59:09.060 --> 02:59:20.160

Trustee Ross: The Committee met three times. On January 28 2019 march 27 2019 and may 8 2019 prior to issuing the bulk review committee report data July 19 2019

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02:59:21.690 --> 02:59:32.640

Trustee Ross: The report includes the following recommendations one reduce the maximum permitted roof height from 35 to 32 feet to reduce the far side yard setback bonus by 30% three

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02:59:33.060 --> 02:59:38.880

Trustee Ross: Eliminate the requirements that a Home Edition must be to the rear of the home in order to utilize the side yard far bonus

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02:59:39.360 --> 02:59:49.620

Trustee Ross: For clarify the village code to specify that the far garage credit applies to the square footage of the floor level of the garage where cars are parked excluding space on upper floors.

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02:59:50.070 --> 03:00:01.620

Trustee Ross: And five require planning board site plan approval for single family residential projects have more than 15,000 square feet of floor area, eliminating review through a special use permit from the board of appeals

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03:00:03.120 --> 03:00:14.220

Trustee Ross: The report was presented to the village board of trustees on October 7 2019, at which point staff was tasked with analyzing the impacts of the first two recommendations in terms of creating new knock and 40s.

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03:00:14.730 --> 03:00:24.390

Trustee Ross: Staff completed the nonconformity analysis in March 2020 and the revised report, including the nonconformity impact analysis was presented publicly at a work session of the board.

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03:00:24.750 --> 03:00:35.070

Trustee Ross: Held on November 10 2020 and whereas at that work session, the board authorized the drafting of repose local law implementing the committee recommendations outlined in the report.

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03:00:35.550 --> 03:00:44.460

Trustee Ross: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Board of Trustees pursuant to village code chapter 70 718 77 one D and 77 to

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03:00:44.850 --> 03:00:51.840

Trustee Ross: Hear by refers to proposed amendments to chapter 77 untitled planning board chapter 251 entitled site plan review.

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03:00:52.470 --> 03:01:08.430

Trustee Ross: And chapter 310 entitled zoning attached here to and made a part here out to the planning board for review and recommendation, excuse me, and for other ways to 60 day time period imposed by chapter 7072 of the village code for receipt of the planning boards report.

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03:01:08.970 --> 03:01:09.660

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03:01:11.010 --> 03:01:13.080

Mayor Samwick: This is a roll call this conference, please.

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03:01:14.100 --> 03:01:15.060

Village Clerk Conkling: See ours.

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03:01:15.210 --> 03:01:25.650

Trustee Arest: Thank you for coming. I will try to not so fast. Sorry, I will try to very quickly reiterate what I said at the last work session.

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03:01:26.580 --> 03:01:35.940

Trustee Arest: Which is, you know, I was extremely optimistic back in 2018 when we started this conversation. I really thought we were going to look holistically.

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03:01:36.540 --> 03:01:46.170

Trustee Arest: And come up with something, you know with with vision that looked at the entire toolbox that's available to a village and really looked at best practices.

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03:01:46.800 --> 03:01:55.080

Trustee Arest: And you know it's taken quite some time. I'm extremely appreciative of the volunteer effort here. It was incredible. And I think within the confines

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03:01:55.680 --> 03:02:05.940

Trustee Arest: Of of the direction that the volunteers were given this is incredible work. I mean, I think it's really great. And I think it will move us in a positive direction. I think it's just a missed opportunity.

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03:02:06.420 --> 03:02:18.240

Trustee Arest: And so therefore, you know, I'm very much looking forward to seeing what the Planning Board has to say about this, you know, may perhaps even sway my mind a little bit, but to stay consistent. I don't know.

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03:02:20.760 --> 03:02:21.300

Village Clerk Conkling: A secret.

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03:02:25.590 --> 03:02:44.580

Trustee Crandall: Trustee arrows. I certainly share your interest in continuing the conversation. You know, there's a lot of potential, but it's, you know, all of these land use issues are quite complicated. And I vote yes on this resolution, I feel it's a step in the right direction. Thank you.

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03:02:46.740 --> 03:02:47.580

Village Clerk Conkling: St. Louis.

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03:02:49.350 --> 03:02:50.550

Trustee Lewis: Progress I vote yes

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03:02:52.560 --> 03:02:53.550

Village Clerk Conkling: Trusting Ross.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Trust the woman.

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03:02:57.540 --> 03:03:00.060

Village Clerk Conkling: I trust you white stone.

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03:03:00.720 --> 03:03:04.110

Trustee Whitestone: Appreciating trust here areas points I do vote I

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03:03:05.160 --> 03:03:06.060

Village Clerk Conkling: Am mayor, Simon.

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03:03:06.870 --> 03:03:10.290

Mayor Samwick: I also vote, I think in this Conklin just would like to highlight that.

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03:03:12.150 --> 03:03:26.100

Mayor Samwick: Whether one is in favor of proceeding forward with something along these lines or not, you know, I believe that i don't i my personal view is consistency isn't isn't the issue if we're seeking the opinion of another body so

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03:03:27.330 --> 03:03:33.120

Mayor Samwick: Just for future reference. Trustee Ross, I believe you have one more resolution.

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03:03:33.390 --> 03:03:39.480

Trustee Ross: I have this is regarding acceptance of a gift from the Fenway charitable fund committee for the score still

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03:03:39.810 --> 03:03:49.140

Trustee Ross: Fire Department and a brief comment here on very pleased to note that this gift is part of a continuing practice on the part of Fenway golf club.

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03:03:49.770 --> 03:04:01.170

Trustee Ross: In support of our public services and and I would like to recognize not only this gift, but the the spirit of the gift and the and the continuing nature of the support. And with that said,

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03:04:02.310 --> 03:04:08.580

Trustee Ross: Whereas in recognition of the Scarsdale fire departments provision of the essential Publix provision of essential public safety services.

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03:04:08.880 --> 03:04:13.380

Trustee Ross: To the Scottsdale community. The Fenway charitable fund committee old Merrimack road Scarsdale New York

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03:04:13.650 --> 03:04:21.930

Trustee Ross: has offered to donate \$5,000 to the department toward the purchase of equipment Dean most important to assist in the safety of scars Dells firefighters and the general public.

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03:04:22.410 --> 03:04:28.920

Trustee Ross: And whereas pursuant to policy number 106 in the village of Scarsdale administrative procedure policies and procedures manual

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03:04:29.310 --> 03:04:36.510

Trustee Ross: Entitled gift to the village of Scarsdale acceptance of all gifts valued at \$500 or more must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

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03:04:36.870 --> 03:04:41.790

Trustee Ross: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Board of Trustees here by accepts the gift to \$5,000

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03:04:42.180 --> 03:04:48.360

Trustee Ross: From the Fenway golf club towards the purchase of equipment to advance the safety of the Scarsdale fire department in general public.

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03:04:48.720 --> 03:05:02.820

Trustee Ross: And the further resolved that the \$5,000 gift be deposited into the fire department gift account here in noted and be further resolved that the Village Board of Trustees here by extends its thanks and appreciation to the members of the Fenway Golf Club for their generosity.

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03:05:04.620 --> 03:05:05.160

Trustee Crandall: Second,

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03:05:05.790 --> 03:05:07.710

Mayor Samwick: All in favor. I

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03:05:10.110 --> 03:05:13.470

Mayor Samwick: Like you trust you. Ross trustee Robin I believe you have three resolutions.

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03:05:14.250 --> 03:05:23.130

Trustee Waldman: I do and I will change the order a little bit. And I will start with the acceptance of a gift from the Fenway charitable fun committee for the Scarsdale police department.

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03:05:24.300 --> 03:05:33.600

Trustee Waldman: Whereas in recognition of the Scarsdale police departments efforts and achievements and promoting public safety. The Fenway charitable fund committee old mamaroneck road Scarsdale New York

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03:05:33.840 --> 03:05:43.200

Trustee Waldman: has presented a \$5,000 gift to the village of Scarsdale to be used by the scores that police department or purchase of equipment teams by the police chief to be most important

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03:05:43.440 --> 03:05:48.150

Trustee Waldman: To assist in the safety of Scarsdale police officers and or the general public.

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03:05:48.720 --> 03:05:56.250

Trustee Waldman: Pursuant to policy 106 of the village of Scarsdale administrative policies and procedures manual entitled gifts to the village of Scarsdale

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03:05:56.520 --> 03:06:02.100

Trustee Waldman: Acceptance of all gifts valued at \$500 or more must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

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03:06:02.580 --> 03:06:11.250

Trustee Waldman: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the gift of \$5,000 from the Fenway golf club for the purchase of equipment.

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03:06:11.490 --> 03:06:20.220

Trustee Waldman: To assist in the safety of scores that police department members and the general public. So, as determined by the chief of police and be at for the result that \$5,000

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03:06:20.760 --> 03:06:36.540

Trustee Waldman: That the \$5,000 gift be deposited into the police department expendable trust account t nine three dish oh eight and be it further resolved that the Village Board of Trustees hereby extends its thanks and appreciation to members of the Fenway Golf Club for their generosity.

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03:06:37.410 --> 03:06:39.270

Mayor Samwick: Second. All in favor.

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03:06:40.080 --> 03:06:40.980

Trustee Lewis: Hi. Hi.

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03:06:41.820 --> 03:06:52.320

Trustee Waldman: Okay, my next resolution is also a gift. The Bauman Family Foundation has presented a \$2,000 gift to the village of Scarsdale police department.

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03:06:52.590 --> 03:06:59.220

Trustee Waldman: For the purpose of providing funding to support police department projects selected by the police chief and approved by the village.

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03:06:59.520 --> 03:07:08.370

Trustee Waldman: Pursuant to policy 106 as mentioned before all gifts valued at \$500 or more must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

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03:07:08.790 --> 03:07:18.750

Trustee Waldman: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the gifts of \$2,000 from the Bellman family foundation for the purpose of providing funding.

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03:07:19.020 --> 03:07:29.370

Trustee Waldman: To support police department project selected by the police chief and approved by the village and be further resolved that said funds be deposited into the police department expendable trust account.

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03:07:29.760 --> 03:07:38.700

Trustee Waldman: T 93008 and the brother results that the Village Board of Trustees hereby extends its heartfelt thanks to the Bellman family foundation for their generosity.

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03:07:39.480 --> 03:07:42.690

Mayor Samwick: Second. All in favor. Aye.

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03:07:44.310 --> 03:07:48.330

Trustee Waldman: Okay, the last resolution has to do with an appointment to the Board of appeals

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03:07:48.960 --> 03:08:01.200

Trustee Waldman: Whereas, in accordance with section 12 stash 12 dash one of Scarsdale village code. The board of appeals shell consists of five members and to alternate members appointed by the Village Board for five years terms.

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03:08:01.830 --> 03:08:12.990

Trustee Waldman: Were a Steve pass appointed as a member of said board on April 2 2018 resigned from his from his position on December 10 2020 creating a vacancy for a full time member

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03:08:13.440 --> 03:08:24.030

Trustee Waldman: And where is the Village Board considered current board of appeals alternate member Meredith Millen to feel said vacancy finding that Ms melon should be appointed as a full member of the board of appeals

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03:08:25.110 --> 03:08:39.900

Trustee Waldman: Now, therefore, be it resolved that Meredith Millen 13 decal road is here in appointed to fill the unexpired term of Steve past as a full member of the board of appeals expiring on April 5 2021 or until such time as a successor is appointed

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03:08:40.710 --> 03:08:42.480

Mayor Samwick: Second. All in favor.

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03:08:44.970 --> 03:08:46.260

Mayor Samwick: Thank you trust you woven

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03:08:46.770 --> 03:08:48.600

Mayor Samwick: Welcome trustee white stone.

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03:08:49.740 --> 03:08:54.600

Trustee Whitestone: Yes. Well, it seems like we just had a village election, you have another one coming up.

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03:08:55.770 --> 03:09:05.730

Trustee Whitestone: So I'll read the resolution regarding the village election and there is an attached note from the woods clerk Conkling regarding the location chosen

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03:09:06.270 --> 03:09:18.630

Trustee Whitestone: Whereas, in accordance with section 15 dash 104 so three of the New York State election law, the annual village election for members of the Board of Trustees is held on the third Tuesday, March.

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03:09:19.080 --> 03:09:25.590

Trustee Whitestone: And whereas pursuant to set New York State's tattoo the polling place for the annual building selection must be established.

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03:09:26.310 --> 03:09:41.970

Trustee Whitestone: Or resolution of the village board at least 60 days prior to the election or January 15 2021 for the 2021 election. Now, therefore, be it resolved that pursuant to Section 15 dash one for the New York State election law, the

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03:09:43.020 --> 03:09:55.920

Trustee Whitestone: Village election will be held on Tuesday, March 16 2021 between the hours of 6am and 9pm and be at further resolved with the polling place for all election districts

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03:09:56.280 --> 03:10:03.210

Trustee Whitestone: numbers one through 19 be located deichmann Hall at the Scarsdale Congregational Church one Heath coat road.

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03:10:03.600 --> 03:10:14.070

Trustee Whitestone: And be further resolved that should deichmann Hall become unavailable, the scars to a village election will be held in the Scott room at this car so public library 54 Olmstead road.

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03:10:14.400 --> 03:10:27.870

Trustee Whitestone: With immediate notice to the public of the location change and be further resolved that qualified registered voters who reside within Westchester County, maybe inspectors of election for village elections held in Scarsdale

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03:10:28.560 --> 03:10:29.070

Second,

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03:10:30.240 --> 03:10:31.560

Mayor Samwick: This is a roll call this continent.

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03:10:33.450 --> 03:10:34.350

Village Clerk Conkling: Steve Harris.

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03:10:34.860 --> 03:10:35.100

Hi.

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03:10:36.270 --> 03:10:36.510

Village Clerk Conkling: Steve.

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03:10:37.800 --> 03:10:38.160
Trustee Crandall: Hi.

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Village Clerk Conkling: This

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Trustee Lewis: Is a

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03:10:41.730 --> 03:10:42.690
Village Clerk Conkling: Trustee rose

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03:10:43.320 --> 03:10:45.330
Village Clerk Conkling: Hi trustee Wardman

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03:10:45.870 --> 03:10:48.030
Village Clerk Conkling: I trustee white stone.

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03:10:49.260 --> 03:10:49.980
Village Clerk Conkling: Mayor Simon

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03:10:50.940 --> 03:10:55.080
Mayor Samwick: I think it was Conklin copy written communications for this meeting.

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03:10:55.710 --> 03:11:01.860
Village Clerk Conkling: Thank you, Mayor 10 communications have been received since the last regular Board of Trustees meeting.

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Village Clerk Conkling: These written communications include responses from the mayor and they may be viewed on the villages website@www.scarsdale.com

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03:11:12.450 --> 03:11:22.170
Village Clerk Conkling: And email from Robert Byrd urging the boards permit public comment. During the freeway parking garage work session held on December 8 2020

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03:11:23.160 --> 03:11:33.660

Village Clerk Conkling: emails from john Kotter and the friends of the scars to parks regarding LEAF COLLECTION and their support for amendments to the current guests leaf blower legislation.

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03:11:34.470 --> 03:11:45.750

Village Clerk Conkling: emails from Susan Douglas Darlene. The Francois a burn and and Hunter Meister expressing their supportive amendments to the current guests leaf blower regulations.

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Village Clerk Conkling: An email from Susan Levine concerning LEAF COLLECTION AND mulching emails from Paul and Joanna Jimenez and Michael's occur concerning renaming persuade field. And finally, an email from john Weissman explaining her concerns with regard to the VAR application for for Kingston road.

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03:12:09.120 --> 03:12:14.250

Mayor Samwick: Thank you, as Conklin on now entertain a motion to close the Village Board meeting.

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03:12:16.320 --> 03:12:17.040

Trustee Crandall: So moved.

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03:12:18.660 --> 03:12:20.370

Mayor Samwick: Second. All in favor.

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03:12:23.310 --> 03:12:32.130

Mayor Samwick: Thank you, everybody. We now move to the town board agenda like to open the January 20 2021 town of Scarsdale board meeting will call, please, Miss Conklin

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03:12:32.670 --> 03:12:33.540

Village Clerk Conkling: Mr. Harris.

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03:12:33.750 --> 03:12:34.140

Trustee Arest: Here.

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03:12:34.890 --> 03:12:36.840

Trustee Crandall: Miss Crandall here.

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03:12:37.140 --> 03:12:38.130

Village Clerk Conkling: Mr. Lewis.

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03:12:38.460 --> 03:12:40.380
Village Clerk Conkling: Here. Mr. Ross.

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03:12:41.580 --> 03:12:45.030
Village Clerk Conkling: Is Waldman. Yeah. Mr. White stone.

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03:12:45.480 --> 03:12:47.130
Village Clerk Conkling: Here Mr Sam work.

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03:12:47.760 --> 03:12:53.610
Mayor Samwick: Here. Thank you, Miss coffee. Do we have a motion to approve the minutes at the town board meeting of December 8 2020

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03:12:54.060 --> 03:12:55.800
Trustee Crandall: So moved. Second.

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03:12:56.190 --> 03:12:56.910
Mayor Samwick: All in favor.

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03:12:57.660 --> 03:12:58.110
Trustee Lewis: All right.

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03:13:00.060 --> 03:13:06.720
Mayor Samwick: Thank you. We now move to a report from the custodian of taxes and the village treasure for town treasure.

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03:13:08.700 --> 03:13:09.780
Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: Good evening, everyone.

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03:13:11.760 --> 03:13:17.460
Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: I've been provided a copy of the town financial statements as of December 2020

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03:13:19.200 --> 03:13:29.760
Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: You have three reports, you have the property tax collection. The town balance sheet on audited and the town cash receipts and disbursements also unaudited

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03:13:30.570 --> 03:13:45.450
Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: As of December 30 2020 99% of the county tax levy for 2020 has been received this is slightly lower than our five year average of 99.46%

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03:13:46.620 --> 03:14:09.000

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: As of December 30 2020 school tax collections were 78.43% a significant difference from the five year average of 94.87% as 2020 was the first year of our installment payments school taxes. The second installment of school taxes are do this month in January 2021

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03:14:10.320 --> 03:14:17.370

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: I wanted to let our residents know that the Treasury Department will mail urine tax statements.

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03:14:18.480 --> 03:14:26.490

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: This month before the end of January untaxed balances will be reflected on the statements as well as the taxes paid

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03:14:28.260 --> 03:14:32.640

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: Since the town is on a calendar year. I just wanted to

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03:14:33.660 --> 03:14:59.400

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: Note some items from the balance here on cheat urine cash balance for the town is 14,000,005 1179 a significant increase from last year at this time. And that's because of the school tax installments and the tax receivable is also higher because we are going to be

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03:15:00.750 --> 03:15:02.010

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: remitting taxes.

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03:15:03.660 --> 03:15:06.360

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: Received to the school district in the current month

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03:15:07.680 --> 03:15:19.530

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: I'm also noted on the cash receipts and disbursements the town clerk fees increased from five just over \$5,000 in 2019

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: I'm sorry, increased from \$2,800 in in 2020. I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Hold on one second. The report that you have in front of you. It has a typo. So I apologize that the town clerk fees increased from 2800 to \$5,000 we've seen an increase in the town clerk marriage items in the year 2020 I'm

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: interning. You'll also see decreased.

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: Significantly over the career or 2020 interest earnings was only \$13,000 and that's a function of interest rates and the way we're holding money because of the installment payments.

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: And

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03:16:12.930 --> 03:16:21.960

Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: cash balance for the town again is significantly increased a \$14 million but anybody has any questions, I'd be happy to review.

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Mayor Samwick: I just had one question or a really a a clarification. Hopefully it's just clarification. If you look at the penalties on taxes that increased from 2018 to 2019

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Mayor Samwick: What we see those years is not going to be comparable to what we see in 2020 as a result of switching to two payments for both the village and the school so I just want everybody to make note of that for future reference.

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: So the only thing that I want to point out with that is

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: If you look penalty schedule that that is in place if school payments are paid the second installment by the end of January, the penalties are a SAS based on the levy date of September so

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: I didn't know that. So if somebody pays their, their school tax payment IN FEBRUARY LATE. They would be charged late payments, all the way back to the date of the levy was September.

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Vlg Treasurer Scaglione: That's an item that will have to keep an eye on to see our do in 2021

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Mayor Samwick: Any other questions or comments.

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Mayor Samwick: All right. Thank you very much.

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Mayor Samwick: Going on, I believe, trust the IRS has two resolutions.

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Trustee Arest: Thank you, Mayor first resolution is regarding a renewal of exemptions pursuant to real property tax law section for 67 and 459 see for tax year 2021

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Trustee Arest: This resolution is accompanied by a memorandum from our assessor

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Trustee Arest: Which is extremely informative. And I think that the resolution itself actually just pulls a lot of the information from there in an organized way.

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Trustee Arest: And so while I don't usually do this, I'm going to read the resolution.

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Trustee Arest: Whereas in December 28 2020 20 the governor, the governor, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law the coven 19 emergency eviction and foreclosure prevention act of 2020 the act.

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Trustee Arest: And whereas in the interest of the health and safety of the public amidst the continuing covert 19 pandemic.

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Trustee Arest: So Part D of the Act mandates that every governing body of an assessing unit and local assessor shall automatically extend

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Trustee Arest: To the 2021 assessment role the renewal of exemptions received on the 2020 assessment role, pursuant to sections for 67 and 459 see of the real property tax law relating to person's age 65 and older and for certain persons with disabilities and limited income.

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Trustee Arest: And whereas recognizing that eligibility status for the applicable exemptions may have changed since the 2020 roll.

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Trustee Arest: Potentially, resulting in a greater tax benefit for the property owner

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Trustee Arest: So Part D also stipulates that the local assessor shall make available and process renewal applications from property owners having experienced a decrease in income.

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Trustee Arest: Or some other qualifying event that would result in a greater exemption then was present on the 2020 assessment role.

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Trustee Arest: And whereas because certain changes and eligibility status may alternatively result in a reduced exemption benefit.

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Trustee Arest: So parte de further provides that such governing body may adopt a resolution, including procedures by which the assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when she or he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the

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Trustee Arest: Assessment role may have since changed his or her primary residence added another owner to the deed transferred the property to a new owner or died.

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Trustee Arest: And whereas to support equitable distribution of the property tax burden staff recommend at the town board exercise the local option to adopt a resolution authorizing the assessor to require a renewal application when she has reason to believe

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Trustee Arest: That a property owner no longer qualifies for an exemption granted on the 2020 assessment role. Now, therefore, be it resolved that in response to a change and eligibility status observed by or reported to the town assessing

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Trustee Arest: She shall one make available renewal applications via electronic or postal mail for those individuals who may be eligible for a larger exemption in 2021

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Trustee Arest: To provide a renewal application to the property owner of record either electronically, or by US Mail three

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Trustee Arest: Require the application to be returned by a certain date and in no case later than May 1 2021 such that any change in exemption status is properly reflected on the

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03:21:10.140 --> 03:21:22.590

Trustee Arest: Assessment role for verify the completeness and accuracy of any returned application and make any necessary property tax exemption modification in connection with a change in the eligibility.

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Trustee Arest: And five provide notice to the owner of record of any change in exemption eligibility status and be a further resolved.

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Trustee Arest: That in the interest of equitable property tax distribution and pursuant to support D of the code 19 emergency eviction and foreclosure prevention act of 2020

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Trustee Arest: The Scarsdale town board here by authorizes the town assessor subject to the procedure outlined here and

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03:21:45.600 --> 03:22:02.190

Trustee Arest: To require that a renewal application be filed when they continuing eligibility of a 2020 assessment role exemption is in question, because the property owner may have since changed his or her primary residence added another owner to the deed transfer the property to a new owner or

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03:22:03.840 --> 03:22:04.380

Trustee Crandall: Second,

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Mayor Samwick: This is a roll call this concrete.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Mr areas.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I described Crandall

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Village Clerk Conkling: Hi, Mr. Lewis.

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Village Clerk Conkling: Mr. Ross.

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Trustee Ross: I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Miss Waldman Hi, Mr. White stone.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I Mr Sam work.

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03:22:29.520 --> 03:22:34.980

Mayor Samwick: I think it was Conklin Mr Harris, the last resolution of evening.

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Mayor Samwick: you're muted.

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Trustee Arest: Actually have nothing to say it. So just give me one moment. A few words.

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Trustee Arest: And here we are.

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Trustee Arest: So what we have before us is a resolution calling for a public hearing on a local law amending chapter 269 at the Scarsdale village code entitled taxation by the addition of a new article 14 to be entitled Real Property Assessment of converted condominiums.

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Trustee Arest: Background here is that

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Trustee Arest: There became the possibility. Well, actually I mean can we allow our town assessor to give a little background on this. I think maybe the other trustees would prefer that. And then me do it than I do it. And either way.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Just the iris. Yes, she did. Trust the town assistants who wrote is here just for that purpose.

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Town Assessor Sirota: Good evening, everyone. In a nutshell, what what this local law proposes or applies only to conversion of existing residential units currently tax under the market sales approach.

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Town Assessor Sirota: To condominiums and it does not apply to properties that are built this condos or apartments that are being converted to condos or

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Town Assessor Sirota: Other non residential property being converted to condos, so it specifically applies to municipalities that have not previously adopted the homestead option and it is not proposing to revise the current

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Town Assessor Sirota: The current process for assessment of condos, as currently existing condos will continue to be assessed as using the condominium form of assessment.

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Trustee Arest: You take

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Trustee Arest: The stuff of the village of the town. Excuse me.

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03:24:51.570 --> 03:25:07.470

Trustee Arest: To protect us from a strategic, you know, strategic move that some may take and have tried to at least in one other municipality and their legislator, I think, change this a couple years ago, four units built after 2021. Is that right,

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Town Assessor Sirota: That's right. And it, it is meant to prevent the current homeowners from these defacto exemptions that can be created when their conversions of condo, you know, convergence of residential properties to condominium units.

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Town Assessor Sirota: It is not meant to

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Town Assessor Sirota: Change this the taxing structure of anything else.

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Trustee Arest: Okay, so obviously this is your recommendation.

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Town Assessor Sirota: This is my recommendation. Correct. So, by, by adopting the proposal local a village homeowners would no longer be vulnerable to the potential tax law from the conversion of existing residential units currently tax enter the market sales approach to condominiums.

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Trustee Arest: Okay. And so this is this is where I asked two questions that I think I already know the answer, but I think maybe helpful for some so I'm town assessor

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Trustee Arest: If we wanted to talk about homestead right now and we felt as though it actually could be relevant to to this topic and might be a good time. Do we have the ability to enact homestead right now.

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Town Assessor Sirota: We do not have the ability to enact homestead right now. That would be done doing during revaluation of town wider evaluation.

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Trustee Arest: Okay, thank you. And village attorney Posen, if I may just ask we're voting here just to proceed to a public hearing

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Trustee Arest: There's still ample opportunity for residents attorneys, anyone who feels like they want to be heard on the record and they can speak.

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Vlg Attorney Pozin: Yeah, that's correct. Okay. Thank you.

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Trustee Arest: Okay, so I will. I'll go. I'm sorry. Trustee Crandall

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Trustee Crandall: Thank you. I, I also have a couple of clarifying questions, um, Mr Rota just, I just want to make sure I understand. So, this

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Trustee Crandall: Change. If we were to adopt it after a public hearing would prevent someone who owns a home and that's being rented from turning it into a condominium. Am I understanding this correctly.

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Town Assessor Sirota: Not quite.

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Town Assessor Sirota: Okay, so

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03:27:34.080 --> 03:27:44.280

Town Assessor Sirota: This would prevent someone from who owns a home. Currently, that is being assessed. So a little bit more background. I'm sorry. So

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Town Assessor Sirota: Conversion of homeowners associations and single family homes to a condominium form of ownership can result in a significant tax savings for these property owners.

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Town Assessor Sirota: So with this local law purports to do is to to prevent the

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Town Assessor Sirota: Change in the way that a fetch converted condominium would be assessed for tax purposes, it would not prevent someone from wanting to convert to a condominium form of ownership.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Victoria. Perhaps you could explain the Cost Approach to assessment versus comparable sales or market value that might help the board.

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Sure.

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Town Assessor Sirota: Currently single family homes and those home owned under homeowner associations are assessed and text based on their

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Town Assessor Sirota: Market Value or what they would sell for if listed in the open market where as condominiums are currently assessed based on their

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Town Assessor Sirota: Income income producing capability, based on what they would be renting for as such. This difference in the methodology of assessment can create an exemption called the defective exemption of greater than 50%

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Village Manager Pappalardo: For those converted

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Trustee Crandall: Right, right. No, I that part. I understand.

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Trustee Crandall: But it's the

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Trustee Crandall: In terms of a homeowner's association, like is there. Do we have homeowners associations in Scarsdale or are you talking about like the crane Berkeley neighborhood or is there some other complex in town that I'm not aware of.

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Town Assessor Sirota: There may be homeowners associations, the most vulnerable areas, resulting in these large shifts would be conversions of residential units in the cluster subdivision zones.

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Town Assessor Sirota: Okay, because they

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Town Assessor Sirota: Any property may really be converted to a condominium, potentially, but that would the exposure would be limited to one.

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Town Assessor Sirota: To that one property. However, we talk about those properties and cluster subdivision zones with homeowners association, because there are multiple units involved in such a conversion

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Trustee Crandall: Okay that's that's helpful. Thank you.

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Trustee Arest: Mayor if it's okay. I'd like to

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Trustee Arest: offer any of the trustees that may have questions.

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Trustee Arest: To go ahead

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Trustee Arest: Before I

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Get to the result.

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Trustee Arest: Now therefore be resolved then response. I'm reading my previous thing because I have this on the computer.

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Trustee Arest: Resolved that a public hearing is hereby scheduled by the Scarsdale town board at 7pm on Tuesday, February 9 2021

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Trustee Arest: Via zoom video conferencing service to consider a proposed local law to amend Chapter 269 of the Scarsdale village code entitled taxation.

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Trustee Arest: And be it further resolved that members of the public wishing to present comments may do so online during the public comment phase of the hearing by accessing the meeting at the website address here in or calling in by dialing the number here in and entering the meeting ID.

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Trustee Arest: Here in and be a further resolved that the town clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of set hearing pursuant to village law.

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Trustee Crandall: Second,

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you, how to do that again. All in favor.

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Of

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Trustee Arest: The mayor, I'd appreciate if we broke this down.

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Trustee Arest: Into a

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Village Manager Pappalardo: Should be a roll call.

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Mayor Samwick: Oh, it's not shown as one but

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Mayor Samwick: I was very thankful

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Mayor Samwick: She's not complete.

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Village Clerk Conkling: This terrorist

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Trustee Arest: So apologies. Again, but I'm just quickly, you know i i think my my frustration and and displeasure for the process of how this appeared this evening.

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Trustee Arest: Is not on the record of this meeting, but I do believe it's on the record. And so I don't want to really harp on it here.

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03:32:16.230 --> 03:32:34.830

Trustee Arest: And I think I am encouraged because I would like to believe that this wouldn't happen again. I think it was obviously done with the best intentions and I do, I do support the legislation, you know, as I understand it, and I very much appreciate the recommendation of our town assessor

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Trustee Arest: And I appreciate the fact that you're here this evening and I appreciate that we have the opportunity to ask questions. I think if this had been a meeting previously part of another work session.

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Trustee Arest: You know, that would have been the proper ways for this to go about being that this is a policy. This is a potential local law change and we are the Board of Trustees and

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Trustee Arest: You know we're supposed to be directing policy, with that being said, I won't go further I will definitely be having other conversations and look forward to meetings on this in the very near future. And I will say I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Miss Crandall

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Trustee Crandall: So once again, I agree with a trustee arrows, I would have appreciated an opportunity to discuss this before this evening I you know do have an appreciation of the importance of taking this step and I vote I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Mr. Lewis.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I. Mr. Ross.

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Trustee Ross: I echo trustee arrows to interest the criminals concerns, but I vote is well

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Village Clerk Conkling: Miss. Miss wall.

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Village Clerk Conkling: I Mr white stone.

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Trustee Whitestone: I

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Village Clerk Conkling: Mr Sam.

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Hi.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you everyone. I'd like to now open the second public comment section of the meeting.

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Mayor Samwick: I see Susan Douglas here.

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Mayor Samwick: So there's no here.

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Susan Douglass: Yes, I'm here. That's such an interesting meeting. Thank you. I just wanted to commend Trustee Eris for his work and comments on the the RT f

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Susan Douglass: Report on the village reopening and say that I, as the chair of the DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION committee of the Scarsdale forum and also resident at 59 crane road.

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Susan Douglass: That we strongly support all of those recommendations and hope that we can all collaborate in the future and bringing so many of these suggestions to fruition.

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Susan Douglass: Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you.

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03:34:57.390 --> 03:35:08.730

Trustee Arest: Mayor, if I may just say thank you to miss Douglas and say that, you know, I did mention civic organizations and her committee was certainly the biggest group that gave input.

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Trustee Arest: And as much, appreciate it. I enjoyed attending she invited me to attend one of their actually two of their meetings and those brainstorming sessions and those conversations are extremely helpful to the work that's being done.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank interesting ours.

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Mayor Samwick: Mr. Harris, sorry. Madeline. Are you there.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Yes, I am.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Thank you again. Good evening of metal inept and seen at Norton Wraith

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Madelaine Eppenstein: If any of the following sounds familiar, it may be because you've seen some of the same recommendations in the January 2020 report of the municipal services committee.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Which I chair for the Scarsdale forum.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: However, for now, I'm appearing as a resident in my individual capacity.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Going back to my notes here. Excuse me.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: I heard the term incremental ism.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Mention in the earlier work session.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: And I have no issue with that. However, respectfully, I don't believe that works in particular, in the context of all the time of traffic safety when life and limb for at risk.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: So to be clear,

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Pedestrian involved vehicle crashes, causing injury or death.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Including repeated crosswalk incidents is

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Or one of the things that that I'm referring to

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Madelaine Eppenstein: As I wrote to deputy village manager cold tonight earlier tonight and view of the frequency of pedestrian involved crashes. Last month the village, in my opinion, should reassess the flexibility of the TS sees a schedule.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Otherwise prioritizing the safety of all road users, especially pedestrians and bicyclists will be difficult to achieve and maintain

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Madelaine Eppenstein: As you know, I'm an attorney by training. I'm not a traffic safety.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Engineer.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: So I have prepared a list of some of the trouble spots and some suggestions for mitigating some of the risks.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: That have been observed

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Madelaine Eppenstein: And several of these utilize existing signals which we're all concerned about during budget season.

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Madelaine Eppenstein: And certain of these

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Madelaine Eppenstein: Recommendations could be discussed at any work session or sessions that you might arrange so thank you for your consideration.

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Mayor Samwick: Thank you. Madeline this board has this board and then the immediate prior board.

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Mayor Samwick: Has

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Mayor Samwick: Spent time and really made it clear on the importance that we hold in vehicular and pedestrian safety.

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Mayor Samwick: And in fact, in the current year budget money was allocated for those things. Obviously the pandemic came and disrupted that somewhat the village manager and I have had a number of discussions over the past months about

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Mayor Samwick: Including more funding in the coming fiscal year, in spite of the pandemic, because this is a paramount importance if we're not safe on our own streets, we really have a significant problem.

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Mayor Samwick: And so that's something that I do really think that we're going to see as we do our budget discussions this year. None of these budget discussions are going to be easy.

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Mayor Samwick: But this is certainly something that is very prominent in terms of how we're doing things. So thank you for your very much for your comment.

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Trustee Arest: American I just jump in, if I may just for briefly. Thank you. I want to thank Miss Epstein very much she's clearly been a leader in this endeavor. The reports that she has, you know, I think mostly draft it you know to be kind for for others who I'm sure have had input.

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Trustee Arest: For many years now have been very helpful I think they've been a tool for the village, they've certainly been a tool for me. I've been

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Trustee Arest: Fortunate that I've been working with her on related matters, especially the speed limit and linear speed limits for many years now.

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Trustee Arest: And have enjoyed it, have learned from her. And you know, I respectfully. Well you know I know it is a priority. I know it continues to be a priority.

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Trustee Arest: I, I think we need to meet on this right away. I don't think we can wait. And I know we have budget meetings, but there are just a myriad issues that

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Trustee Arest: Just, I just don't think can wait. And it doesn't mean, first of all, how do we even know how much we can allocate for this coming year. If we don't even know where we're heading. I mean, we have money allocated previously.

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Trustee Arest: Shouldn't we discuss whether we still want to use it. I hate to use up time in our budget meetings.

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Trustee Arest: You know what's going to happen. I mean, what I really unfortunately see happening is we're going to be using a lot of our all day sessions.

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Trustee Arest: And everyone's going to talk about specific projects that we hope get done and issues where if we just had maybe a grand work session.

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Trustee Arest: In short order that included many different ideas and issues if we could hash those out before we even get to the budget.

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Trustee Arest: I think we're all going to be in a lot better shape and much more efficient with our time at the budget meetings. So that's my request. I don't know if anybody else agrees. But I appreciate the time

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Trustee Whitestone: Mayor. If I could just add

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Trustee Whitestone: totally concur with trustee or Mr arrows comments about Madeline's work and the important work of the forum and we saw earlier this evening.

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Trustee Whitestone: The ca sees work on leaf blowers and how important that was and reiterate that you know our neighbors who are on the front lines of seeing these issues and assessing them on their own, you know, really want to see.

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Trustee Whitestone: The board and the staff engage on these issues and the fact that that report was submitted a year ago.

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Trustee Whitestone: Obviously, this has been a year that nobody could have imagined. But if we can get to attacking and tackling some of these issues together in sessions. I think it's really important. So I know I look forward to hearing about being scheduled

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Trustee Lewis: And I can follow up on those points. I think my colleagues trust the Eris and trust the whites. So, and I've said it well. So I want to emphasize first my appreciation

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Trustee Lewis: For the work of our committees and Madeline this excellent presentation as well as the one that we heard earlier from the CDC and i and i do want to note that

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Trustee Lewis: Even though we live in these challenging times we we have a schedule that is not always filled with work sessions and I know my colleagues on this board are committed to helping

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Trustee Lewis: Our village be the best village. It can be the safest the most wonderful the most resplendent with quality of life activities.

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Trustee Lewis: And of course we need to be careful because we're in a budget crisis at the same time.

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Trustee Lewis: I do think we have a long list of work sessions that have accumulated a trustee request and community member requests.

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Trustee Lewis: I do think we have many evenings, where we only have a board meeting, and no work session. So I think, I think this is a problem that we can tackle with a better process for

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Trustee Lewis: Helping us schedule these meetings because it needs to be done the work isn't going away. It's building up and and it's just too important to to not address

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Mayor Samwick: I thank you everybody for your comments at this point. Anyone else should be heard for public comment.

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Trustee Crandall: Mayor. I like to jump in as well. I raised my hand on a zoom

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Mayor Samwick: Well, nice.

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Trustee Crandall: To see it.

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Mayor Samwick: That's okay. So sometimes if you don't want me to do one more call for

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Mayor Samwick: Sure. Okay.

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Mayor Samwick: Look, and just make

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Trustee Crandall: Up, of course.

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Mayor Samwick: You can include that. And then we can continue. Thank you. Last call for any other comments from the public.

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Mayor Samwick: Right. With that will close have a comment and Miss Crandall

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Trustee Crandall: Thank you, mayor. So I certainly agree with the comments from my fellow trustees, it would be beneficial for us to fit in more work sessions.

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Trustee Crandall: What I suggest is that as we hit upon those topics that are really worthy of more discussion, you know, during our budget meetings.

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Trustee Crandall: That we pull out our calendars and say okay on this date, we're going to discuss this topic and at least we will get something scheduled. And then if we find that for some reason.

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Trustee Crandall: We need more time before getting to that topic. We can always change it. But let's at least get some dates on the calendar.

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Trustee Crandall: You know, everyone has, you know, different commitments and it is a challenging time. I know that staff is also

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Trustee Crandall: being challenged, I greatly appreciate everyone's hard work village manager Pappalardo you've done a tremendous job getting us through this crisis, and I appreciate the sound fiscal management, but

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Trustee Crandall: We need to talk to one another. And we can do so in a way that's helpful. You know, unlike other level levels of government we we do a pretty good job, talking to one another. And it's good.

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Trustee Crandall: For us to have these conversations. It's great for the community to participate because we all have to work together to keep our democracy, strong, it's, it's quite important.

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Trustee Crandall: And I joined once again with my fellow trustees and calling for some real work sessions. Let's open our calendars and and get something scheduled. Thank you.

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Mayor Samwick: So thank you everybody. I'm the village manager and I've had lots of discussions about these exact topics over extended periods of time. And I think you'll find over the remaining two and a half months of this board.

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Mayor Samwick: I'm looking at a draft List of Meetings that that hopefully will be distributed to the board over the next couple of days at the village manager and I've been working on.

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Mayor Samwick: And I think everybody will clearly see that the pace is going to increase very rapidly. I do want to give everybody a heads up that a lot of the things that we do have to schedule are mandated. So for example, we have a

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Mayor Samwick: We have to citizen Appeals Board.

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Mayor Samwick: We have to complete our duties as is reviewing our police department and the work of the police review and Reform Committee.

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Mayor Samwick: That's likely to be two meetings. There are a number of other things we don't need to go into the details now but just know that over the coming days you'll see a lot more on all of that.

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Mayor Samwick: Moving on to future meeting schedules earlier today at 530 the board as you've heard, heard of work session via zoom

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Mayor Samwick: With the conservation advisory councils report on mitigating the health, environmental and quality of life impacts of gas leaf blowers.

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Mayor Samwick: Our next regularly scheduled board meeting is tuesday january 26 2021 at 7pm that will be preceded likely by a Personnel Committee meeting.

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Mayor Samwick: Time to be announced Thursday, February 24 at 530 The Village Board of Trustees with citizen Appeals Board pursuits chapter 22 of the village code.

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Mayor Samwick: Regarding the Committee on historic preservation is decisions now yes Certificate of appropriateness to permit the demolition of a residential structure located at 11 dome road.

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Mayor Samwick: We also are entering budget season has been, as has been noted a number of times this evening fiscal 2122 budget discussions.

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Mayor Samwick: Village Board work sessions via zoom will be held Thursday, January 21 at 5pm our kickoff meeting.

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Mayor Samwick: Followed by two full day meetings Monday, January 25 at 10:30am and Thursday, January 28 again at 10:30am that will be followed by a Tuesday evening meeting February 2 at 5pm Wednesday, February 10 at 5pm and Tuesday, March 9 5pm

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Mayor Samwick: briefing sessions will be held Wednesday, February 24 at 5pm on the operating budget and Wednesday, March 3 at 5pm on the capital budget village hall will be closed on Monday, January 18 2021 and observation of Martin Luther King Jr down

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Mayor Samwick: I don't entertain a motion to close the town board meeting.

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Trustee Crandall: So moved.

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Trustee Lewis: Second,

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Mayor Samwick: All in favor. Hi, thank you everyone. Have a good evening. Good.

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Trustee Waldman: night. Good night.