

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 07, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** Lance Schiff  
**Cc:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Re: Upcoming Budget

Lance,

I hope you and your family are well.

Thank you for your email, your kind words and constructive approach to these trying times.

The Village Board and staff have approached the fiscal impact of the COVID pandemic by: (i) assessing the expected gap in Village revenues, (ii) identifying sources of funds to cover the expected gap in revenues, (iii) preparing a downside scenario to the expected revenue gap, (iv) identifying sources of funds to cover the downside revenue estimate, and (v) using budget items that have identified savings to reduce the tax levy.

The Village Board and staff have now achieved meaningful progress on all fronts, having identified likely and downside revenue shortfalls and sources to cover those shortfalls as well as identifying over \$200,000 of budget adjustments to the library budget that will result from the delayed opening of the library to provide taxpayer relief.

The Village Board and staff are committed to prudent fiscal management and clearly understand the challenges faced by Scarsdale residents. The Village is very fortunate to have a long-standing tradition of prudent fiscal management that has provided us with the financial flexibility to manage this economic shock.

Be well.

Best regards,

Marc

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 4, 2020, at 7:26 PM, Lance Schiff <schiff28@hotmail.com> wrote:

**CAUTION:** External sender.

Attn: Mayor Marc Samwick, Deputy Mayor Jane Veron, and Village Board of Trustees,

My family would like to say "thank you" for your service to our Village. It is a tremendous responsibility particularly for a community of our size, stature, and reputation. I had firsthand experience having once served as the Treasurer of the Board for my apartment building while

living in NYC. Thus, am very aware of both the praise and scrutiny provided in all Board decisions and budgets in particular.

With that backdrop, I am quite concerned that you are not entertaining budget cuts as COVID-19 has delivered a tremendous and near unprecedented shock to the global and local economy.

The time to pursue budget cuts is now. Further, your plans for tax increases lead me to believe that you are out of touch with the depth and duration of this pandemic.

Please reconsider your plans.

Please listen and respond to your residents and business owners.

Please find solutions to help alleviate the unexpected stresses being absorbed by the members of our community.

Respectfully yours,  
Lance Schiff  
22 Brite Avenue