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To: Mayor; Clerk's Department; Jane Veron; Marc Samwick; Matthew Callaghan; Deborah Pekarek; Bill Stern; Carl Finger

Subject: Article 78 Petition

Dear Mayor Mark and Board of Trustees:

I am writing to urge a quick resolution to the Article 78 proceeding in a way that respects the legitimate complaints that put into question the validity of the Ryan revaluation while balancing the Village's interest in maintaining Scarsdale's assessed values at 100% of FMV, which was the point of the 2014 revaluation and the stated justification, in part, for conducting the 2016 revaluation.

Until the FOIL information came to light, I was content to pursue my grievance in the SCAR process. I joined the Article 78 petition because the information obtained and published regarding the Ryan reval reflects a failure of process by which our Village Government's oversight function allowed a tax roll to be certified without our representatives and Village managers being appropriately informed about the methods used or about the failure of the Ryan reval to meet the conditions recommended by the NYS Finance office. Although I may not agree with decisions at Village Hall, I respect the authority of our Village's leadership to make informed, reasoned decisions. In this case, however, it appears that there are good grounds to believe that neither the Tax Assessor, other Village managers with an oversight function nor the Board of Trustees had sufficient information to make a sound decision to hire Ryan and then adopt the 2016 Tax Roll based on Ryan's work. Since individual grievances do not address the significant undervaluation of the Scarsdale property base as a whole, and since Mayor Mark has stated that the Board lacks authority to take action, I felt that supporting the Article 78 petition was justified.

For these reasons and because a drawn out litigation is not in anyone's interest, I strongly urge the Board to promptly take action to address the legitimate concerns raised in the Article 78 petition and settle the litigation in a way will ensure a fair share allocation of the tax burden based on an informed process grounded in a supportable methodology.

Respectfully,

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