

From: Mayor

Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 10:27 PM

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Subject: Fw: Is There a Village Board Meeting on the Library on Monday ? Time ?

FYI. JM

From: Mayor

Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2016 10:25 PM

To: Robert Harrison (proscars@aol.com)

Subject: Re: Is There a Village Board Meeting on the Library on Monday ? Time ?

Bob -- Thank you for your email. JM

From: Jon Mark

Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2016 10:20 PM

To: Mayor

Subject: Fwd: Is There a Village Board Meeting on the Library on Monday ? Time ?

-----Original Message-----

From: [proscars](mailto:proscars@aol.com) <proscars@aol.com>

Sent: Sun, Mar 6, 2016 9:18 pm

Subject: Re: Is There a Village Board Meeting on the Library on Monday ? Time ?

JM,

Our residents are smart . A meeting set for March 7 speaks for itself .

Anyway I am working on an email to the Board after a FOIL request on Friday to study the past use of Fund Balance . I urge you and your Board to consider reducing the 3.69 % tax increase for the AVERAGE HOME OWNER which greatly exceeds the tax cap CPI of 0.12 % and the growth factor of 0.33% for a total tax cap of 0.45 % We know we cannot make the tax cap this year but a 3.69 % tax increase plus a 21.95 % increase in the average water bill equal to \$ 118 per household is too harsh for our resident home owners.

At the Wednesday , Feb. 24 public operating Budget Meeting staff stated the projected budget included a 3.79 % tax levy increase and a 3.69 % tax increase for the average assessed Scarsdale home owner that would result in a \$ 350 tax increase for average home . Now I see that 10583 has a Village budget story that

the average Village home tax bill will go up \$ 248 . In the past few days staff indicated to me that the average home tax bill will go up \$ 230 plus the water bill increase. It would be nice to hear exactly what a 3.69 % tax increase means in the tax bill increase to the average home owner .

The bottom line is that a 3.69 % tax rate increase is too, too high in this low inflation rate environment. Let's get down to a 2.0 % tax rate increase.

Please read my Letter to the Editor in this Friday's paper and my follow up discussion of Fund Balance in my next email to the Board.

Staff has indicated that the proposed Budget has a 13.7 % Fund Balance of the total budget in a policy range of 10 % to 15 %. Staff indicates the Fund Balance is \$ 8.7 million. According to the budget workbook \$ 370,400 represents a 1 % change in the tax rate . Let's reduce the tax rate increase with the use of more Fund Balance and any possible cuts in Budget expenditures .

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter for our home owner taxpayers.

Bob Harrison, Chairman
Scarsdale Taxpayer Alert

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