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Assuming the figures presented by Mr. Harrison to the *Scarsdale Inquirer* in the April 8, 2016 edition are correct (I have no reason to think they are not), then the proposed property tax increase of 3.69% is clearly excessive. It seems to me that the only way we could accumulate a current village treasury surplus of \$8.7million is because Scarsdale residents have been overtaxed for some extended period of time. What better way to make amends for past mistakes than by giving us back some of the money that's been hoarded unnecessarily. If each \$384,000 of surplus application will reduce the tax rate by 1%, I suggest that as a minimum you apply \$768,000 of surplus to the proposed budget so as to reduce the tax increase to 1.69%. At the very least, we would then receive an increase that is more in line with the general inflation rate that exists today throughout the United States. The April 1, 2016 tax bill for Westchester County which I just received is calculated at a lower rate than the 2015 bill. If the county is able to control expenses, why can't we?

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