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Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:07 PM
To: Bob Harrison
Cc: Trustee Arest; lena.crandall@verizon.net; Trustee Lewis; Trustee Ross; Trustee Waldman; Trustee Whitestone; Donna Conkling; Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Seth Ross
Subject: Re: Letter To The Editor

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Bob,

Thank you for your email and for your ongoing diligence on the Village budget. Your involvement in the budget process is constructive and enhances the outcome.

Best regards,

Marc

On Mar 14, 2021, at 11:09 PM, proscars@aol.com wrote:

To All :

We hope all of you have seen the Letter to the Editor below that has been sent to the Scarsdale Inquirer and Scarsdale 10583. Now that the Scarsdale community and the Board of Trustees have the updated information on the \$ 1.96 million corvid relief package for Scarsdale and the amount of late fees for school and village taxes of \$ 980,000 , it is time to think FIRST about our CORVID depressed Scarsdale taxpayers and reduce any Scarsdale Village tax increase to less than 2 % !!!

You, the elected Village Board can REDUCE any tax increase at the BUDGET WORKSHOP on MONDAY !!!

Bob Harrison, Chairman

Scarsdale Taxpayer Alert
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From: proscars@aol.com
To: editor@scarsdaleneews.com <editor@scarsdaleneews.com>
Sent: Wed, Mar 10, 2021 12:37 pm
Subject: Letter To The Editor

To the Editor :

The Village Board has been stuck on a + 3.42 % proposed tax increase for our hurting

Scarsdale taxpayers during their budget work shops over a number of weeks . In the meantime the Scarsdale School Board has wisely proposed a school tax increase of only + 1.93 % which will be voted on by our residents in May..

Do you think our taxpaying residents would approve a + 3.42 % tax increase if we could vote on the Village Budget during the current pandemic economy . The answer is a resounding NO. We have seen about 10 % of our home owners or 500 homes who have been unable to pay their village and school taxes on time and have incurred 10 % late fees on their taxes .

We feel strongly that any Village tax increase should NOT exceed 2 % To his credit only Trustee Jon Lewis has spoken out regularly in budget meetings to hold any Village tax increase to the 2 % area.

Now we have new information that the American Rescue bill just passed by Congress will have \$ 1.96 million to help Scarsdale village during Covid . In addition there was no accounting in the 3.42% tax increase for late fee tax payment income of \$ 800,000 for school taxes and \$ 180,000 for village taxes. Every \$ 420,000 of income to the village can reduce the tax rate by 1 % so the Village Board could reduce the Village tax rate increase to + 1.42 % or more for the coming fiscal year. The Village Board has further flexibility in reducing the Village tax rate increase with the use of the \$ 1.96 million in FED funds and tying it with the use of our large unassigned fund balance.

Now is the time for our tax paying residents to DEMAND that our Village Board reduce any Village tax increase to under 2 % !!!

Please send your DEMAND to the Mayor and Village Board at mayor@scarsdale.com and to the Village Clerk at dconkling@scarsdale.com with copies to Bob Harrison at proscars@aol.com . Call Bob Harrison at 914 725-0962 to discuss any comments on village taxes.

Bob Harrison , Chairman

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