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Drip, drip, drip. Seems like every week new facts are disclosed. From a legal standpoint, the Village Manager has stated publicly that the Ryan contract is open because he has not provided documentation on his assessment computations. From this fact it is apparent that the preliminary assessment roll filed by the Village should never have been filed until the Town Assessor did her job to verify Ryan's findings. I can understand that she would have had difficulty in doing that because she previously admitted in an email that she is not familiar with the direct market model.

So while the filing by the Village was perhaps called a "Preliminary Assessment Roll" the numbers contained therein were nothing more than a set of preliminary computations sent to the Village by Ryan.

Now comes Mr. Wolham of New York State who tells us that they disagree with Ryan's model. Putting together (i) the Village's mistake in filing a preliminary computations rather than what constituted a credible preliminary assessment roll; (ii) NYS informing the Village that it disagrees with Ryan's model; and (iii) the existence of a contract that has not yet been fully performed by Ryan, just what are we left with?

Are Village residents to be forced to pay real estate taxes on this false and erroneous Village filing, and on top of that pay an additional equalization tax?

This all comes down to one word "fairness." To be fair to its residents who will be financially hurt, the Village must further consider its so far intransigent position of refusing to withdraw the tainted assessment filing. In the alternative, the Village should request that the NYS real estate tax office refuse to accept the 2016 filing since it did not conform to state standards.

I will be out of the country for ten days, but I felt compelled to again emphasize to you both the significance of these recent events and the impact they may have on residents who want to stay in the Village.

Respectfully.

Howard Weitz