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From: Steve Pappalardo
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 6:03 PM
To: 'Mark Lewis' <markannlewis@msn.com>
Cc: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>
Subject: RE: Village Budget

Mr. Lewis,

I am in receipt of your email to Mayor Veron. Unfortunately, the capital infrastructure improvements to the Village's aging water and sanitary sewer systems will take decades to complete, not years. In accordance with a draft master plan report soon to be delivered and discussed with the Village Board publicly, the cost of the water system's 98 miles of distribution line improvements is currently estimated at roughly \$3M annually over the next 30 years or so to rehabilitate, install liners, and/or replace these lines some of which are now 100 years old. During annual budget discussions with the Village Board this year, we discussed engaging a qualified firm to conduct a multi-year water rate schedule to sufficiently fund these repairs and maintain a fiscally responsible Water Enterprise Fund. The Board adopted a resolution at its April 13, 2021 meeting, approving an agreement with a firm to provide the rate study. The study will commence shortly. Additionally, we continue to study our sanitary sewer system, having completed an evaluation study of the Mamaroneck Valley District, with identified repairs well underway. The cost of repairs through the dedicated sewer rent fee have been roughly \$500-\$600k annually. A separate study of our largest Sewer District (Bronx Valley) is soon to commence as well.

The roughly \$1,960,000 in Federal ARP funds for Scarsdale will be provided in two equal installments over the next two years. The first payment is anticipated within the next three months. There are limitations on the use of these funds, however the Village Board does have flexibility to use in such a way to provide tax relief to residents. Though taxpayer relief is important to the Board members, it is a balancing act, relative to the resources needed to operate the Village government, maintain the level of services the community desires, and continuing to invest in our aging infrastructure, including road resurfacing, and other important capital improvements. The significant loss of certain non-property tax revenues from the annual Village budget, such as parking, may never return to pre-COVID levels, which makes it increasingly difficult to fund the operations without additional tax dollars.

That being the case, the Village Board is committed to fiscal responsibility and providing a strategic framework for fiscal planning over a multi-year basis as the Village deals with the budgetary impacts from COVID-19 in future budget years. I suggest you attend and/or participate in these future meetings (Zoom for now) for your information and to hear directly from your elected officials.

Best Regards,

Steve Pappalardo
Village Manager

From: Mark Lewis [<mailto:markannlewis@msn.com>]
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We need to take advantage of the American Rescue Plan and use the money to fix our sewers in order to reduce the time that we need to pay an additional water/sewer tax. We can do it in this budget and at the same time reduce the budget increase to taxpayers. My wife and I are on a fixed income which does not get increases as high as the Scarsdale Village budget nor the School and County budgets increase. We can reduce the Village budget to between 0 % and 1% by using the \$1.96 million that we are receiving from the Federal government. If we cannot do both, we would prefer to see our Village tax rate remain flat this year. We are at the low end of the spectrum when you look at the medium income of Scarsdale tax payers. You need to keep people like ourselves in your thoughts when you prepare the budget. Keep that in mind when you consider increasing the Scarsdale budget for the coming year. The County has been able to decrease its budget and we see no reason that Scarsdale should not do the same.

Yours truly,
Mark Lewis
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