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To: Mayor; Clerk's Department
Cc: Matthew Callaghan; 'Seth Ross'; Jane Veron; 'Lena Crandall'; Carl Finger; 'Justin Arest'
Subject: Scarsdale Roads

Dear Mayor and Board of Trustees,

I trust that you are well. The road consultant, whom you hired, found that 50% of Scarsdale's roads are in fair or poor shape. Since unfortunately, the previous administration and yours have refused to consider issuing a bond to undertake serious overhaul and repair of our roads, perhaps it is time to consider alternate solutions to the current ones, which are not functioning.

This article is about how Domino's Pizza is working with some municipalities in the US to cover up potholes. <http://bit.ly/2yhGslk> Perhaps there are other companies with which you could partner to solve the pressing problem with our roads. As you know from the Municipal Services Traffic Study, on which Brice and I worked with Madelaine Eppenstein, potholes, cracked sidewalks, and poorly lit roads are serious concerns of Scarsdale residents. The data to back up this statement is in the study. The study also has very candid comments from residents about how they feel about our roads. <http://bit.ly/2DChEFQ> Pedestrian, driver, and cyclist safety should be of the greatest importance to your administration.

Again, I urge you to conduct a well-designed survey or to create focus groups to determine quantitatively what are Scarsdale residents' top priorities. That should be guiding your administration's priorities, not only the special interests of your supporters.

Also, I await your response as to when you will create and implement a long-term financial plan. Just running the village on a year-to-year budget with no consideration for economic or market downturns that could adversely affect good management of the village is not a prudent way to run Scarsdale. I have already sent you the piece that I published in The Bond Buyer on why it is best practices for municipalities to create and implement a long-term financial plan. <http://bit.ly/2Lg3sTY>

I look forward to hearing back from you on the above issues.

Best regards,
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