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To: Mayor
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Dear Mayor Mark:

My wife, Linda, and I have lived in Scarsdale since 1969 and in our current home since 1977. After the 2014 revaluation, the first revaluation in at least 37 years, our assessment was essentially unchanged. However, when just two years later in 2016, the revaluation increased by 38%, we were shocked! It made no sense.

We attended neighborhood meetings with the Mayor and Village Trustees; we followed the discussions in the Scarsdale Inquirer and the Scarsdale website. The Board never gave satisfactory answers to why they did what they did and often appeared aloof. The Board even attacked questioners lack of involvement in Scarsdale affairs - a classic tactic of attacking or blaming the victim. In our situation, my wife and I have been involved in various activities for many years. For example, my wife, Linda, created and directed the Recreation Department Tennis Program for 30 years.

The editorial in the August 12 issue of the Inquirer posed five questions and along with the op-ed piece by Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez crystallized the issues which I need not repeat here. Why has the Board not answered the five questions posed? Why has the Board not addressed the failure of Ryan to fulfill the contract and the other issues raised? These are very significant issues and raise propriety and possibly legal questions.

It is understandable to make a mistake; denying it or saying that nothing can be done is unacceptable. The perception of the Board and the Village officials by many Scarsdale residents is most unattractive at best and downright terrible at worst. It raises many questions that need answers. Was there a cover-up? Were there improper actions by Village officials? Why did the Board state that it would decide which questions Ryan would answer? Why is Ryan being paid to answer questions about what he did?

Scarsdale residents deserve better answers and a plan to resolve this mismanagement.

Sincerely,

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