

From: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>
Date: April 18, 2020 at 10:41:33 PM EDT
To: Andrew L Blank <alblank22@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: We have spoken before

Andrew,

I hope you and your family are and remain well.

Thank you for your email.

The Village Board is committed to managing the Village budget as prudently as possible. We always seek ways to do things more efficiently and to reduce the tax burden of residents. Over the past few years, we have sought public input on Village services including rear-year pick-up of trash and leaf collection. Resident input was clear on each of the items brought to discussion - namely, to maintain the level of service.

Today, however, is a different challenge. There are widespread health, fiscal and emotional strains and yesterday's answers may not be the right course for today. Accordingly, the Village Board has taken immediate action to fill potential revenue gaps and to provide some degree of taxpayer relief (as was done [on Tuesday night](#)). The Village Board has pledged to continue to review the Village budget for potential savings throughout the fiscal year. We will hold ongoing budget work sessions and will investigate a wide range of potential savings measures.

With respect to the timing of tax payments, Villages have very limited payment options available under NYS law. Nevertheless, we are working with NYS to advocate for added tax payment options.

The Village Board is very aware of the plight of many residents and we will continue to work hard to provide savings in the Village budget.

Wishing you and your family good health.

Best regards,

Marc

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 18, 2020, at 3:49 PM, Andrew L Blank <alblank22@gmail.com> wrote:

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No long ago we spoke about social distancing at the schools.

Now I write about our taxes. I am now on pause. I will lose many months of income due to the

pandemic.

We clearly need to decrease our taxes and give people a chance to pay over time. We also need to cut unnecessary expenses.

Stop work on curbstones for a few years. Cut overtime pay. Hold off on Some nonessential maintenance and planting.

Furlough more salaried employees to collect unemployment etc.

Sent from iPhone
Andrew Blank, MD