

**From:** Mayor <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
**Date:** April 18, 2020 at 10:39:26 PM EDT  
**To:** Jerome Wong <[jwongsifu@gmail.com](mailto:jwongsifu@gmail.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Scarsdale Budget**

Jerome,

I hope you and your family are and remain well.

Thank you for your email.

The Village Board, which are all volunteers, 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.

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 3:26 PM, Jerome Wong <[jwongsifu@gmail.com](mailto:jwongsifu@gmail.com)> wrote:

**CAUTION:** External sender.

It is inconceivable that taxes will be increased in this unprecedented environment. Those workers such as yourself who are lucky enough to continue to have a salary should not be so tone-deaf and unsympathetic to the pain and suffering ordinary citizens are experiencing, even in an upscale neighborhood such as Scarsdale.

The budget should be decreased and I hope the Scarsdale government will come to it's senses.

Sincerely,  
JW