

**From:** Mayor <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
**Date:** April 27, 2020 at 7:42:05 PM EDT  
**To:** Peter Glaser <[pmglaser@gmail.com](mailto:pmglaser@gmail.com)>  
**Subject: Re:**

Peter,

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. We are aware of the link between real estate taxes and property values. 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 when the Village Board proposed a reduction in the increase in the tax levy from 1.986% to 1.45%). 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 26, 2020, at 2:23 PM, Peter Glaser <[pmglaser@gmail.com](mailto:pmglaser@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Mayor,

I have been a Scarsdale resident over 20 years since my wife and I moved here to raise our family. Two homes later, we have remained.

I wanted to pass along my view that it is important for the village to lower taxes during these challenging times. I understand municipal economics from past experience so won't comment on the complexities of union contracts, etc. However, we can't continue to increase spending and related taxes during times when it is clear these conditions will meaningfully impact the way the citizens of our town earn income and create wealth. Also importantly, the cost of living had already risen such that it has impacted real estate values. Continued increases at this stage would risk making Scarsdale unaffordable and a less attractive place for families to make the same decision we did over two decades ago. I hope that affordability perspective is weighed in the consideration of the current budget that you and the town board are considering.

Regards,

Peter Glaser  
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