

Clerk's Department

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Clerk's Department
Cc: Trustee Waldman; Trustee Ross; Trustee Lewis; Trustee Arest; Trustee Crandall; Trustee Veron; Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Aylone Katzin
Subject: Re: Letter for our Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village Manager

Hi Jeannie,

Thank you for your email.

The Board takes its fiscal responsibility very seriously and we take a conservative approach to budgeting. As I said at last week's Board meeting, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us - those that have upheld the strong fiscal management of Village affairs and have provided the careful planning to enable the Village to have ample reserves and borrowing capacity to meet the demands of these highly uncertain times.

The Village Board also has, and expects to use, the ability to adjust the budget during the fiscal year as we have more clarity about the impacts of the pandemic - from a health, operating and fiscal standpoint.

We appreciate you sharing your views today and as we continue to review the Village budget over the course of the fiscal year.

Be well.

Marc

On May 5, 2020, at 8:44 AM, Clerk's Department <clerk@scarsdale.com> wrote:

From: Jeannie
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:35 PM
To: clerk@Scarsdale <clerk@Scarsdale>
Subject: Letter for our Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village Manager

Dear Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village Manager,

We are very, very disappointed that you will not be lowering our Village taxes or at best just keep them even.

After reading a summary of the proposed future budget, we are highly opposed to several items:

1) The \$200,000 dollars you are planning to include for the Freightway Garage consultants. Wrong, wrong, wrong!

2) The \$15,000 dollars for a planned renovation/landscaping of Boniface Circle. It is NOT necessary, wasteful dollars and mostly it really doesn't

need to be redone. We have walked the space several times, and even had a NYBG tree specialist give us an opinion on the large tree which you want to cut down.

There are other items in the proposed budget which jumped at us as superfluous too, but we have only listed the above most shocking items.

As for passing an ordinance or a law to bag leaves or shred leaves on individual properties, please wait until we have all recovered from this terrible health and financial crisis to

act on it. We are conservationist, but we feel that imposing this ordinance this year or next on homeowners who are already on their knees would be

cruel and highly inappropriate.

We were surprised and dismayed by the last Board of Trustees meeting and your individual votes on the budget. However, we salute Jonathan Lewis for his vote and his position!!!!

A great citizen who understands his fellow Scarsdalian's dire financial situation at this time.

May you all reconsider your votes regarding the budget. You each have an important responsibility to each local citizen who have elected you.

As for our roadways, that is where the dollars should be spent. Since the crisis we walk a great deal more in different neighborhoods and we have luckily not

sprained an ankle yet.

Wishing well,

Jeannie and Bernard Mackler
5 Lenox Place