

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:43 PM
To: Vik Mehta
Cc: Donna Conkling; pros-cars@aol.com
Subject: Re: Scarsdale taxes

Vik,

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](#) when we proposed a reduction in the increase in the tax levy to 1.46%). 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 4:17 PM, Vik Mehta <vikmehta@ymail.com> wrote:

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Dear Mayor

As a 12 year resident of Scarsdale I have a real issue with the taxation policy.

None of us envisioned the Trump led Salt taxation policy change. This is a devastating blow to all involved in Scarsdale.

We need to think of creative ways to lower the tax burden. It's not a coincidence that Kindergarten enrollments plummeted after the tax policy change. This number has yet to rebound. Our shared responsibility for the schools now appears to be a liability rather than a strength that attracted all of us to this community.

We have to figure out a way to substantially change our tax policy.
We are incredibly asset rich in Scarsdale - can we sell tracts of land or encourage certain business activity to encourage new revenue streams?

If the problem is not addressed we risk putting our community in long term peril as this financial structural impediment will accelerate empty nesters out and prevent new families from coming in.

This will simply result in a substantial reduction in home values. The 2.25% tax norm will not be sustained and eventually it will result in tax collections collapsing - we need to address this issue now.

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