Minutes of the ***VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING*** of the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Frank J. DiMicco Board Room, Village Hall, 104 Main Street, Mount Kisco, New York and via video conference.

Present:	Mayor J. Michael Cindrich Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer Trustee Tammy L. Brown Trustee Heather Bryant Trustee Thomas G. Luzio
Also Present:	Edward Brancati, Village Manager Kenneth Famulare, Assistant Village Manager Jonathan B. Nelson, Village Attorney
Absent:	

6:20 p.m. Interview – CAC – McCartney
6:40 p.m. – Interview – LPC- Flora
Monday, March 16, 2026
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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Mayor Cindrich opened the meeting and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked that everyone remain standing so that we may reflect on why we are here and ask for guidance so that the decisions that we make here this evening benefit all the people of Mount Kisco. He asked that everyone keep in their thoughts and prayers the O'Hare family as well as all the military.

1) **Communications**:

a. Request – Saint Francis – Stations of the Cross

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to approve the request to hold the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 3, 2026; all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

b. Request – Little League Baseball – April 18, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Schleimer to approve the request to hold the Little League opening day parade and ceremony on Saturday, April 18, 2026; all in favor:

Motion Adopted	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

2) Petitions:

3) Board Committee and Commission Reports:

4) **Village Manager's Reports**:

a. Water Report

Mr. Brancati began by saying that the total water production for the month of February was 34.4 million gallons for a daily average of 1.3 million gallons. The Leonard Park wells were used and produced 2.7 million gallons of total production. The Byram Lake Reservoir began and ended the month below 83% capacity.

b. Budget Presentation

Mr. Brancati presented the following:

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FY 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Edward W. Brancati, Village Manager
March 16, 2026

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Budget Comparison by Fund
Current Budget vs. Proposed Budget

Fund	FY 2025/26 Adopted	FY 2026/27 Proposed	Dollar Change	Pct. Change
General	$27,087,548	$28,330,277	$1,242,729	4.59%
Library	$2,239,897	$2,247,851	$7,954	0.36%
Water	$5,172,716	$5,298,759	$126,043	2.44%
Sewer	$1,324,262	$1,356,375	$32,113	2.42%

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Tax Impact for Single-family Home

- Single family home with a market value of $457,500 and an assessed value of $36,000 = an increase of $95.99.

- Total Village tax bill = $4,205.50.





2% Tax Cap Legislation

- The Tax Cap is the limit set by the NYS Comptroller on the annual growth of real property taxes levied by local government as a calculated percentage or rate of inflation, whichever is less.
- The calculated tax cap for villages with a June 1, 2026 fiscal year is 2%.
- The Tax Levy calculation applies to all property taxes that support local government operations including those levied for special improvement districts.





2% Tax Cap Calculation

TAX CAP CALCULATION FY 2026-2027	
Amount raised by taxes - FY 2025-26	$16,479,281
plus Shoppers Park Special Assessment	$40,000
plus Village Center Improvement District Assessment	$252,557
Real Property Tax Levy FY 2025-26	$16,771,838
Growth Factor	1.0038
plus PILOTS receivable prior year (2025-26)	$164,072
Allowable Tax Cap Growth Factor	1.0200
less PILOTS receivable in coming year (2026-27)	($164,072)
*plus available carry over from FY 2025-26	$2
Tax Levy Limit For FY 2026-27	**$17,175,566**
Amount proposed to be raised by taxes - FY 2026-27	$16,869,806
plus Shoppers Park Special Assessment	$40,000
plus Village Center Improvement District Assessment	$252,557
Proposed Real Property Tax Levy FY 2025-26	**$17,162,363**
Difference Between Tax Levy Limit and Proposed Levy	**$13,203**



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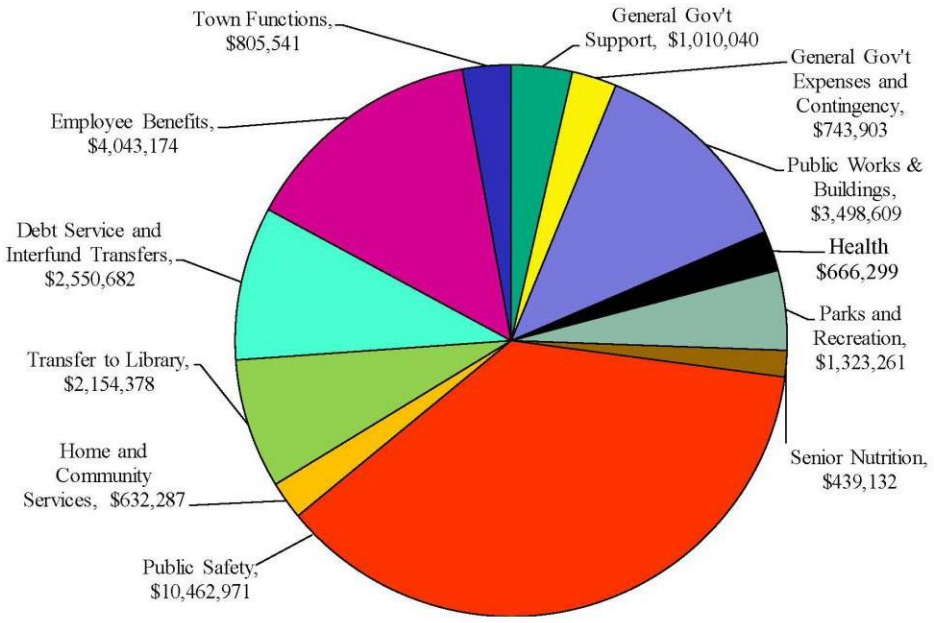
General Fund Budget Summary

- Appropriations $28,330,277 (+4.59%)
- Non-real property tax revenues $9,324,329 (+5.45%)
- Fund Balance, Tax Stabilization, Debt Service, and Special Assessment $1,083,292 (-15.63%)
- Tax Levy: $16,869,806 (+2.37%)
- Taxable Value $144,409,174 (+.033%)
- Village Tax Rate $116.8195 (+2.34%)



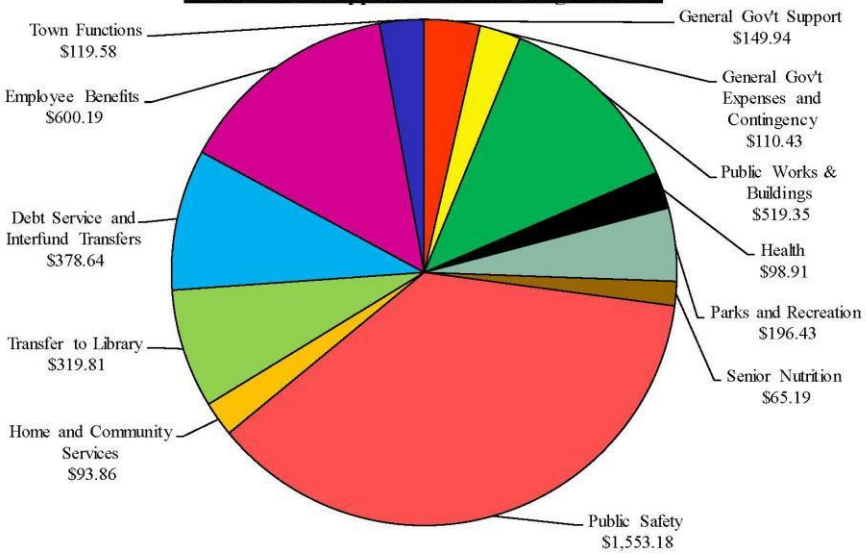
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General Fund - Gross Appropriations



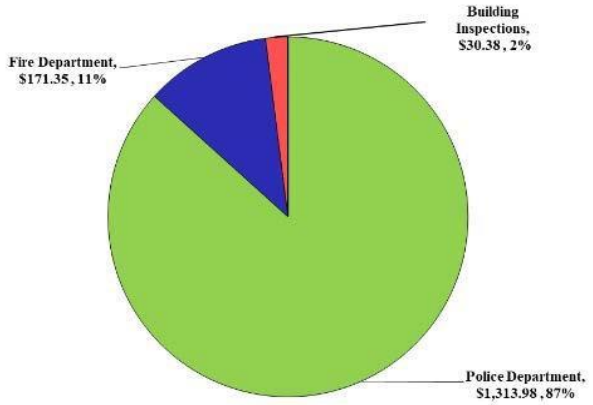
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General Fund Apportionment–Average Tax Bill



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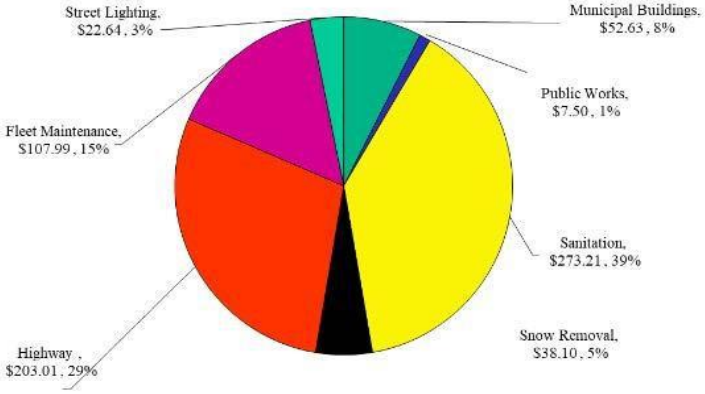
Public Safety – Average Tax Bill



Total Public Safety (Including Benefits, Debt)
$12,728,407
Less Non-Tax Revenues
$2,517,851
Net Expenses
$10,210,556
Public Safety Net Tax Dollars
$1,515.71

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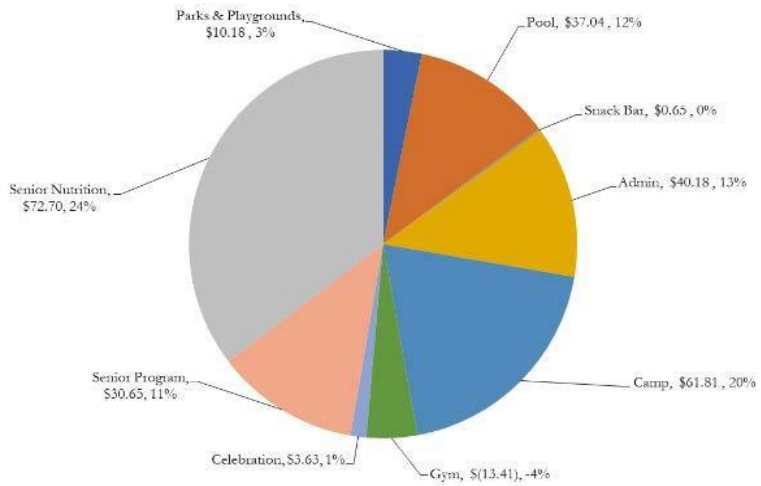
Public Works – Average Tax Bill



Total Public Works (Including Benefits)
$4,807,235
Less Non- Tax Revenues
$57,500
Net Expenses
$4,749,735
Public Works Net Tax Dollars
$705.08

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Recreation – Average Tax Bill



Total Parks and Recreation (including benefits)
$1,959,925
Less Revenues
$610,500
Net Parks and Recreation
$1,349,425
Net Tax Dollar
$290.94

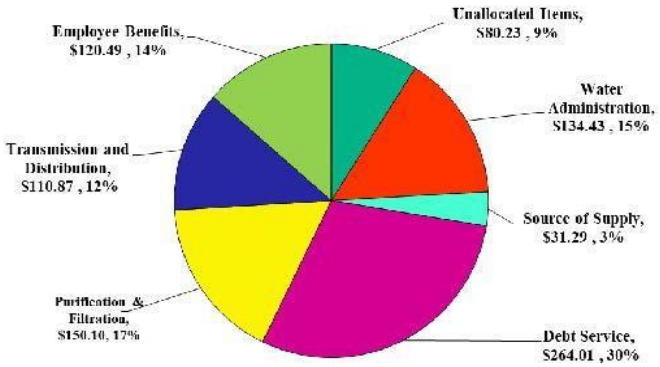
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Water Rate

- Due to increased operating expenses, rates are proposed to increase by 13.75% for the upcoming fiscal year.
- On a cost per gallon basis this will increase the cost of a gallon of water from $0.0101 to $0.0115.
- Based on the annual average household usage for 2025 of 9,831 cubic feet of water, the annual water bill would increase $104.09 from $787.35 to $891.44.
- The tentative budget also proposes increases in quarterly water meter charges due to increased replacement costs of water meters.

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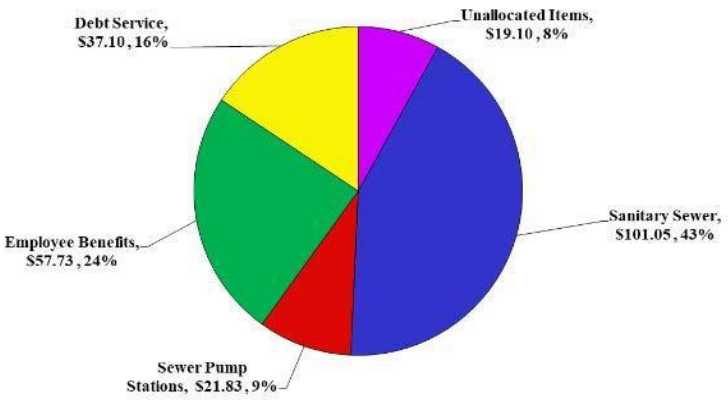
Water Fund – Average Annual Water Bill - $891.44



Sewer Rate

- While we have managed to keep sewer rates unchanged since the adoption of the FY 2021-2022 budget, rates are proposed to increase by 5% for the upcoming fiscal year, due to increased operating expenses.
- Based on the annual average household usage for 2025 of 9,831 cubic feet of water, the annual sewer bill would increase $8.93 from $227.88 to $236.81.

Sewer Fund – Average Annual Sewer Bill - $236.81



Planned Capital Improvements – General

- Preston Way Bridge Improvements - $3,600,000(1)
- Streetscape Improvements – $1,355,275(2)
- Complete Streets (SS4A) – $350,000(3)

(1) Utilizing $5,000,000 in Bridge NY funds and Force Account Estimate of $1,500,000 to be funded by MTA.

(2) Utilizing $1,355,275 in Westchester County Complete Streets funds.

(3) Utilizing $1,400,000 in Safe Streets for All funds (this represents portion of $7,000,000 grant)



Capital Program Improvements-Water

- Byram Lake Dam Upgrades - $700,000(1)

- Chase Water Tank Rehabilitation - $525,000

(1) The Village received $1,360,169 in NYS DEC grant funds towards this project.





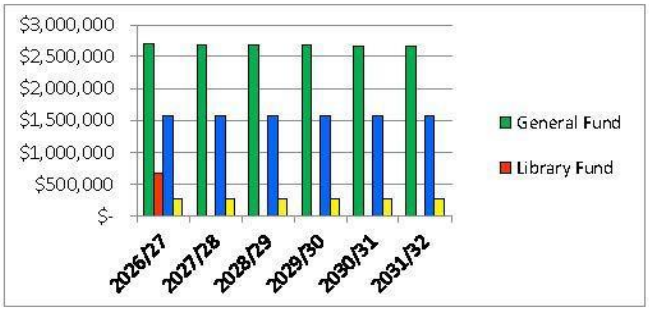
Capital Program Improvements-Sewer

- Branch Brook Sewer Line Replacement - $2,250,000(1)

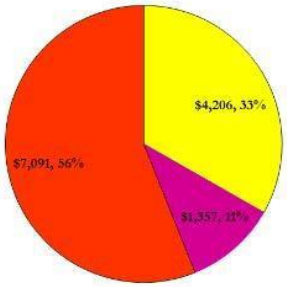
(1) The Village is applying $1,500,000 in NYC Connection Fee funds, and $750,000 in WIIA funds to this project.



Village Annual Debt Service Obligations



2026-27 Total Tax Burden Distribution



Based on $457,500 Market Value

- Village and Town $4,206
- County $1,357
- School $7,091



Additional Budget Details

- The budget can be viewed online at www.mountkiscony.gov (Finance page)

- Final budget must be adopted by May 1, 2026



There was a discussion amongst the Board and the Village Manager regarding some of the projections and figures presented in the budget.

c. Preston Way Bridge update

Mr. Brancati advised residents that the Village has started clearing the embankments on the four corners of the bridge at the request of the New York State Department of Transportation.

5) **Board Reports**: (Board reports can be heard in their entirety beginning at the 1:10 mark here: https://vimeo.com/1174836487?fl=pl&fe=sh)

Trustee Bryant began by advising that the first e-newsletter went out discussing the concerns brought up by residents at the last meeting, and some of the steps the Village has taken to start addressing them. She also made mention of some data that she has collected from WCPD, and sorted, to get a better idea of trends to discuss strategy with them at the quarterly meetings. Trustee Bryant continued to recap events that happened in the Village including the St. Patrick's Day parade as well as some meetings she attended.

Trustee Luzio began by saying that this Board has met and will continue to meet – formally and informally - with the folks at Neighbors Link, Northern Westchester Hospital, Northwell Health, our local judges, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the Mobile Crisis Response Team, the Westchester County Office of Mental Health, our Library Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Emergency Shelter Partnership and most importantly the Westchester County Police. To each of them we have voiced your concerns. What lacked in the prior administration was communication with our residents and between and among these agencies & the Board. Obviously the lack of quarterly meetings with the County PD was the

most glaring omission – since addressed. It seems unfair to suggest that things are worse than ever – just wo months into the terms of Trustees Bryant and Brown. Anyone who has lived here understands that – like any urban area – it has been with us for a long time. As I said on 3/2, police hands are no more tied now than they have been for the past 30 years when it comes to violations like public intoxication. These types of offenses were NEVER BAIL offenses; these types of offenses NEVER resulted in incarceration. It is ONLY through taking the actual police data – arrests for actual crimes, especially any violent ones, as well as the summons' issued for public intoxication, etc., that we can define the scope of the problem and attempt to address. I need to caution folks that a 911 call is not evidence, it is only a means for police to respond. They still need reasonable suspicion to approach and probable cause to arrest. These are high standard – and justifiably so. That said the County PD issued more summons' in January as a result of your voices and our request. While enforcement is always a part of the solution, it is never the ONLY solution. Better lighting at night helps a lot. As I learned when I ran a drug treatment program within the DA's office for over 15 years – many defendants only tend to deal with their addiction when they are facing incarceration or a lengthy probation as an alternative. Just as Mel Barger did here. And as many other volunteers are still doing here. To that end, we need the statistics from our court regarding dispositions of those summons'. I've asked Mr. Brancati & our attorneys to gather those in order to determine if what we hear is accurate – that there are 12–15 repeat offenders. I know the MCRT is available to the Court & that one individual was placed into a treatment program by one of our judges. The Westchester DA's Office has expressed a willingness to me to prosecute certain misdemeanor offenders more vigorously if they have a history of – or open cases – Public Intoxication offenses here in Mt. Kisco. Hopefully, facing those consequences will force some into treatment. We are working with all of our partners to deal with this. If you really want to "Stand Your Ground," recognize that our actual crime rate – especially violent crime is extremely low. So "Stand Your Ground" by shopping in our stores, eating in our restaurants, taking advantage of our many health and wellness businesses and using our parks and Rec facilities now. Some of these shop owners are clearly adversely affected by the Preston Bridge closure – something that FOUR MEMBERS OF THIS ADMINSTRATION have decided to deal with as our highest priority. Bicycle World left, Danny's is now here. Stores and restaurants come and go, but they last because of you. Mt. Kisco has everything you need right here. Let's take advantage of all we have to offer. So, Stand Your Ground by coming out – like many of you did and will do – for our recent St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Fireman's Parade, our Farmers (now Makers) Market, our Hispanic Heritage, Columbus Day and Juneteenth Festivals. Use our library, attend events there. Attend the monthly MK Arts Council Events and summer concerts. Come out for Earth Day and Arbor Day. Join Little league and enroll your children in the Rec's many affordable programs. Walk our trails. Visit our historical sights. And join a volunteer board to be part of finding solutions. Thank you for listening.

The Mayor addressed some of the comments made by Trustee Luzio and gave some background on issues in the past that are still present in the Village today. He also noted that he would like to circle back on the legislation regarding open and non-open containers of alcoholic beverages.

Trustee Brown began by recapping some joy-filled events including the St. Patrick's Day parade which was a perfect day for community spirit as well as the Art Summit, sponsored by the Mount Kisco Arts Council, to discuss increasing art accessibility in the Village. She continued on to announce events happening within the month and invited residents to join them. Trustee Brown also wanted to address the concerns that were brought up by the residents at the last meeting and also requested that a follow up meeting be scheduled with the WCPD and other agencies involved to help mitigate them. She also requested an update on the Teahouse and the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Preston Way Bridge from Mr. Brancati.

Mr. Nelson, the Village Attorney, replied with information on issues with the contractor for the Teahouse and steps that are being taking to make sure that this work is done and done correctly. Mr. Brancati gave an overview of all the steps being taken to secure funding for the Preston Way Bridge advising that certain actions would need to be taken prior to being able to award a bid and start work.

Deputy Mayor Schleimer began by asking for a follow up meeting with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) regarding the bridge.

Mr. Nelson replied that the Village is currently waiting on the bid to come in prior to setting a meeting to be able to negotiate funding better.

Deputy Mayor Schleimer continued on to request that timing of traffic lights timing be adjusted as the traffic continued to back up during certain times of the day jamming the roads into Bedford. She also noted that Route 117 and 172 have been well overdue on paving and should continue to be addressed by the Village with the DOT. Deputy Mayor Schleimer went on to announce the newly elected Seniors at the Fox Center, programs of interest for first time home buyers as well as asking for an update on taxi licenses in the Village.

Mayor Cindrich began by stating some issues with taxis in the past. He continued on to recap meetings with the Finance Committee and the Economic Development Committee and is excited to see what comes from this group regarding smart development including the new development on Lexington Avenue. Mayor Cindrich made comments regarding the assembly area of the Police Station, the water tower at the Chase as well as commending the Highway Department for all their work on infrastructure. He went on to share information he learned on a webinar with County and State officials as well as sharing the Hibernian honorees. Mayor Cindrich concluded his report with history on the Preston Way Bridge, questions on inspections going back through the past 15 years, and his idea of rehabilitation of the Bridge versus a total replacement.

6) **Old Business**:

7) **New Business**:

a. Schedule Public Hearing – Proposed Budget FY 2026-2027 – Monday, April 6, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Schleimer to schedule the public hearing on the proposed budget; all in favor:

Motion Adopted	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

b. Resolution to accept Due Diligence Impact Study – Preston Way

This item was tabled at this time.

c. Board Reappointment – Finance Committee – Grunthal

A motion was made by Mayor Cindrich and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Schleimer to reappoint Peter Grunthal to the Finance Committee; all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

d. Board Appointment – Board of Assessment Review – Procino

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to appoint Peter Procino to the Board of Assessment Review; all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

e. Board Co -Chair Appointment - CAC – Lomax

This item was tabled at this time.

f. Board Co -Chair Appointment – CAC – Rhodes

This item was tabled at this time.

g. Board Appointment – CAC – McCartney

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to appoint Harry McCartney to the Conservation Advisory Council; all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

h. Board Appointment – LPC - Flora

A motion was made by Mayor Cindrich and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Schleimer to appoint Theresa Flora to the Leonard Park Committee; all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Nay

Trustee Heather Bryant	Nay
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Nay

8) **Bills:** General, Senior Nutrition, Water, Sewer, Library, & Capital Project Funds

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to pay the bills as submitted on March 16, 2026 for the month of February & March 2026 as follows:

General Fund	$	210,809.21
Water Fund	$	117,269.33
Sewer Fund	$	13,232.92
Capital Fund	$	64,256.68
Library Fund	$	27,770.63
Trust Fund	$	7,209.12
Special Purpose Trust	$	00.00
LOSAP	$	00.00
TOTAL	$	440,547.89

All in favor:

Motion Adopted	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

9) Minutes:

a. VB Meeting Minutes 2.2.2026

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to approve the minutes as amended for February 2, 2026; all in favor:

Motion Adopted	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

10) **Non-Local Business:** None.

11) **Public Comment:** (Public comments can be heard in their entirety beginning at the 3:16:16 mark here: https://vimeo.com/1174836487?fl=pl&fe=sh)

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Robert Serrano, West Street in Mount Kisco. I stand before you tonight to echo some of what is already been said so clearly by other members of the community. But some things do bear repeating. And this is

one of them. Before I jump in, I just want to say none of these comments tonight are reflective of, or in any way to insinuate or indicate that this is the fault of any individual board member, whether new or existing. Just going back to a comment that was made earlier. I've loved calling Mount Kisco home for more than ten years, but I can no longer say that I'm happy with what I'm seeing in our community. Public intoxication in Mount Kisco has gotten so severely out of hand that on multiple occasions, like many here tonight, I've seen individuals so intoxicated, often in broad daylight, that they're passed out on the ground and in need of medical attention. These are no longer isolated incidents, but are recurring, frequent instances. These individuals can be found in the downtown area, around shopping areas where families bring their children behind government buildings and on side streets, and even private property. At one point, I had to call the Westchester County Police because an unresponsive individual was passed out on the front lawn of our community, directly across from my front door. Thankfully, I was the first one to see it that morning and not someone with their children. Unfortunately, the issue doesn't stop with the public intoxication. Public spaces are being treated as personal restrooms, with individuals urinating and defecating in open areas without fear of consequence. With this, there has been a noticeable rise in litter throughout our town. Much of it consists of empty liquor bottles and beer cans. The same individuals who are willing to become intoxicated in public clearly have little regard for the cleanliness or appearance of our community. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to walk the streets surrounding downtown, look along the edges of the sidewalks and into the wooded areas. You will find empty liquor bottles, beer cans, discarded packaging, and other trash. I used to enjoy walking around my neighborhood, especially this time of year as the weather improves. Now, those walks often end with me going inside to grab rubber gloves in a garbage bag. Unfortunately, by the next day, the mess returns. At the last board meeting, we heard from a business owner who said that employees in our Mount Kisco business do not feel comfortable staying in the office past dark. That should concern all of us. How does that attract small businesses to Mount Kisco? How does it encourage families, especially those with young children, to come into our village and support our many wonderful local businesses? How is this sustainable for the village in the long term, for its businesses and its residents? So I heard something interesting tonight, and that was that residents should stand their ground by continuing to patronize Mount Kisco businesses. I'd like to think we're all still doing that, and I can't speak for everyone, but I can speak for myself. Some of my favorite businesses, restaurants, cafes, fitness studios and more are here in Mount Kisco. Their business owners are people I call friends and are wonderful members of our community. So while I confidently continue to patronize them, I try to put myself in someone else's position. Perhaps that single female doesn't feel comfortable, especially after dark, or those parents with small children may feel less comfortable in some areas where they've seen some more unsavory activity. So at the last meeting, we heard the mayor acknowledge this and said that the police can be doing more. Mayor, I appreciate that comment. I think we all agree. But now the question is how and what? What do we do next? We've identified a problem, but we must come up with a solution together. This problem requires action. Does this action mean increased patrol or maybe more foot presence downtown from county police? Perhaps it's a likely combination of the both. But who's going to police our police and hold them accountable for serving the taxpaying residents and business owners of Mount Kisco, as well as the people who come here to spend their money.

Whatever the solution is, it must send a clear message that reckless and disrespectful behavior in our community will not be tolerated. Before coming in here tonight, I tried to pull some local statistics and found something interesting. A few years back, Port Chester had implemented a zero-tolerance policy

for quality-of-life disturbances. This policy led to a 227% increase in disorderly arrests. However, reports show that this had a positive impact on the community, especially in Port Chester's village parks, their rec spaces and their public gathering spaces. Could something similar be implemented here to send the message that this sort of behavior will not be tolerated in Mount Kisco? We can no longer continue putting our heads in the sand while these problems grow worse. This approach is not sustainable for our village long term. There are two of you before me this evening who came to my house, knocked on my door and asked me for my support. I gave it to you and what I want to ask in return is how you can work with us, the residents, the taxpayers, the business owners in Mount Kisco to make positive change. What can we do to support our village and our community? I want to close with this. I used to proudly tell people what a wonderful place Mount Kisco is and how happy I am to live here, while I still stand by those thoughts and those feelings. It's not as strong as it used to be, and I'm starting to wonder if my love for this place is starting to fade. With that said, I'm here for the fight and I want to work to enact positive change in the village. Thank you. You know.

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Good evening. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you. Village board. My name is Bob Scoppelletti, lifelong resident of Mount Kisco. I live at 51 Ward Avenue for 48 years I was going to talk about the bridge, but too much talk about the bridge. It's late. Everyone wants to get going, so I'm going to go right to the issue. The bridge is an inconvenience. I work in Bedford Hills. I travel 117, four five, six times a day and it is an inconvenience, but it's not a quality-of-life problem. Not like what's going on with the intoxication in Mount Kisco the panhandlers and you know, we talked about the police. I have great respect for the police. But I think the judicial system, the judges in this town are not doing their job. These people have violated laws at some point. And I think there's got to be consequences for their actions. That being said, you know, I looked at, Mr. Brancati' s pie chart, very colorful. The big chunk of pie that goes to the public safety. I wonder how much how big a slice goes to following up on these reports and these calls where the police have to respond to 2 or 3 cars. They have to wait for the ambulance. We're taxing the ambulance, workers, the volunteers with really, really, unnecessary, labor on their part, both in the transportation and cleaning the ambulance afterward. It's got to stop, the whole thing about Mount Kisco. And Robert pointed out it's a great town to live in. And I was honored and have been for the past ten years to be asked to march in Saint Patrick's Day parade with the Lions Club. And we do it every year, and it's wonderful. So in two days, the Sunday was a beautiful day. We participated, as we always do. I saw hundreds and hundreds of people in town smiling, happy little kids, everybody enjoying the parade, enjoying the festivities as we all did. But the day before, I saw a bunch of people right here in front of our beautiful village hall protesting whatever they decide to protest of the week is going to be. And to me, that's almost as disgusting as the intoxication problem. They have no business being here. I don't think I'm alone in my sentiments that something should be done to prevent them from heckling, harassing, and making a spectacle of this town. They had amplification. I don't know where they got the power to plug in their amplifier. Maybe it was battery, maybe they plugged it into Village Hall.

But if they did, that's wrong. Somebody's got to account for that. If they're parking their vehicles for free behind village Hall, where it's employee parking, that's wrong. I don't know how that can be allowed to continue, but Saturday, just so everyone knows, I'll be downtown and I have no problem exercising my

First Amendment rights just as they do. I'm not violent. I do not intend to create a commotion. But somebody has to stand up to these people that are not from Mount Kisco. They're coming in our town and they're doing nothing productive. I don't know why we tolerate it. No other towns do. And I just don't understand how the Village Board can accommodate them. You know, MR. Luzio pointed out the stand Your Ground, motto. That's actually, I'm a life member, patron member of the NRA. And that is one of the mottos stand your ground. I don't know if that's where you got that from, but no one in this town should have to stand up to panhandlers and intoxicated individuals to patronize a store I go to in M&R deli every day, sometimes for breakfast, sometimes for lunch, both on Saturday. There's nobody going to M & R when all the clowns are out in front of Village Hall. There. There's a lot of merchants that suffer the consequences of those people for the few hours that they're here every Saturday. So we have a problem with the intoxication. My daughters no longer want to come to the town, go to board or go to, Starbucks or, Barnes and Noble because they're harassed in their people, are harassed at the library, and they're harassed at every little deli and convenience store. The panhandlers and the intoxicated individuals day and night should not be tolerated. That's about it. I hope to see everyone Saturday downtown. Thank you.

03;28;21;15 - 03;28;46;05

All right. Good evening. It's almost Saint Patrick's Day. We've got about an hour and a half. Thank you, Mayor Cindrich and Deputy Mayor Mary and trustees, I'm Mariana Lopez Termina, and I actually live in the Chase. It's been a hot topic of conversation. Thinking about the lights. It is pretty dark there. We do about the sanctuary, but it is. It is, bright when I'm walking my dog. Before I began my comments, just a couple things that popped up this evening. That they were mentioned. I just I want to touch on them while I have the opportunity, because I don't know if the next time I'll be able to come to a meeting the first is my appreciation for the officers. I do believe that when 911 is called, when there is an emergency, they are quick to respond. For my own personal experience, I've had a child who went into anaphylactic shock. Police were the first ones there. It made me think about, well, why aren't they carrying an epinephrine pen when you know it takes the ambulance a little bit more time? It's a volunteer service. They're fantastic. Those thoughts come to mind. First responders. My son disappeared, hallucinating, and the police were out with dogs looking for him in the woods. They were there when I called. So they have their work cut out for them. And it brings into focus. This is really important work that they have, and they're sidetracked by an overtaxed community. So as I said, Mariana Taramina. And I'm going to go ahead and read what I, what I wrote. While no place is perfect, Mount Kisco comes close. When we were looking for a place to raise our growing family, we had very specific criteria. We wanted a diverse community with good schools, a nearby hospital, but the small town feel that was still commutable to the city for work. We wanted to build a life here and give our children a childhood similar to ours, one built around a thriving community. Our cousins worked here in Mount Kisco and they recommended it. They said it had so much of what we were looking for. It even parades. So we found a home and we moved here and we built a life for our family in Mount Kisco. We've laid roots in the community through our church, through our schools. We've invested in various youth sports programs, and we've cultivated friendships that feel like family when we live far from ours. And again, while no place is perfect, Mount Kisco is pretty close and we love our community. And this is why I'm sharing my concerns. And I know this is not the first time many of you have heard from me, so thank you for your patience. Before I do begin going into that, I do want to address some of the comments made post public forum last meeting

on March 2nd. I was not in attendance. I was just watching on live stream. But I do applaud the dialog and the genuine concern for the residents' experiences. And I do want to express my gratitude for the town to the town's officials extensive law enforcement career and legal experience. I do recognize that this puts our town at a specific advantage, the understanding of the system in a way that I am a teacher and I'm a mom. I don't understand some of the ins and outs. But that is an asset to our town to have, Mayor and Trustees with these legal experiences, and law enforcement. But during the meeting, after the public forum at around 3 hours, 33 minutes, the issue of the alleged drug deal on Lexington and Charles Avenue was discussed. And I just wanted to clarify a few comments made because I did personally witness this, along with another individual, formal statement was actually made to Westchester County Police, as well as a notification to the town and a very prompt response from the town and to Bedford Central School District due to the incident's location within the school zone. During the conversation with the detective, I did learn that the individual involved in the alleged deal has an extensive arrest record and is known to Westchester County Police for, allegedly selling drugs, although it is yet to be proven. It's also important to clarify that it was not a cigarette or a Snickers bar, despite the comments made post public forum. I do believe or I would like to believe, that the comments and banter may have been intended to highlight the challenges in prosecuting such offenses, but it did come across as an attempt to minimize or discredit the issues that the community is facing on a daily basis. I very clearly saw the deliberate, cautious, fast side hand off exchange of an item in a small bag, palm to palm and pocket to pocket. This statement was also documented, by the Westchester County Police. It is true that I did not roll down my window, and I did not say, excuse me, what are you distributing? I also did not see an exchange of money. I was flowing with traffic, a very heavy traffic. Post Mount Kisco Elementary School and dismissal. I am, I've lived in the. I lived in the city for many years. I grew up outside DC and I've seen very similar behaviors. And I'm not naive. Additionally, it was also mentioned that it could have been marijuana that was exchanged. It could have been it absolutely could have been. But I do believe that all of us are aware that even though elements of marijuana are legalized, it is not legal to sell it without a dispensary license, and it's not legal to sell it on, school proximity. So these are all concerns. In my email to the town about this, I did put down some bullet points, and I was not present at the last meeting where many community members shared their experiences. So I would like to share some of mine. I shared several incidents that immediately came to mind, and I wanted to expand for the board to understand where I am coming from. Please note I do not seek out these issues. I am a woman and I'm a mother, and I am a survivor myself of an assault. And it's for my own safety that I am a vigilant observer. I'm out and I'm active in the community, and I believe in being proactive and addressing concerns. And hence, again, my many meetings and emails with the town. In 2014, shortly after we moved here, my daughter, toddler was approached by a man and then A & P, while I reached for produce. I was about six inches away and I had my back turned to her to the side actually, and I turned around to see a toothless man with his hands on my on my cart, approaching my daughter, holding a camera to her face, a male, a very tall male, stepped in and intervened and pushed the man out of the way.

And 2016, these are just a few. 2016 I was followed by two men in a car while running, and I went into CVS to be around people, and once I got home, I reported it to the police around 2015, 2016, I can't remember. I am an avid runner and I do run through town. I was stopped by a police officer at 6 a.m. and advised, be careful while running alone. You don't know who is in our town. 2018. This is one that I find very troubling. 2018 my daughter was grabbed by an extremely intoxicated man in the downtown

area near the KeyBank. I was holding my son's hand in one arm with one hand and my daughter's hand with the other hand. We were walking to the back lot. I didn't see him sitting behind a column, but as we passed, he reached for her and he grabbed his leg. As we walked by, she was startled. She screamed and she jumped and I immediately yanked her and I kicked my foot. I may have kicked him. She was seven, turning eight. That's a core memory now. I got both kids home. I called my husband, and then I called the police. The police said there was nothing they could do. And that finding a man like that was finding a needle in a haystack. That's acknowledging there's a standing problem with intoxication and unwarranted behavior. It's a core memory for my daughter. Much like the little boy who was chased from Mount Kisco Elementary School on his way home. These are moments that stick with children. And to this day, my daughter, now 14, is uneasy in town when she's walking alone into stores or simply rounding the corner. And our community deserves to feel safe. And these are all preventable experiences. 2020 I reported a man injured or passed out on the side of a road. I actually wasn't sure if he'd been hit by a car. But hopefully he was okay. 2024 my daughter's friends were solicited outside Starbucks by 2 20- to 30-year-old men, asking them to come to their house nearby. 2024 2025 the school year. My daughter met weekly with the tutor at public library. 80% of the time there were adult males, often intoxicated, sleeping or loitering. My daughter was never permitted to enter without an adult due to this. I never knew if she went to the bathroom who would be in there waiting for her. Is it a fear? Possibly. Is it plausible? Possibly. Do you know what individuals who are intoxicated will do? You don't. A public library is now an unsettling place of concern for our children, and it's ironic that tutoring was moved to the cafe at the new Barnes and Noble, and the problem exists there now. 2025 Barnes and Noble. Waiting to pick up my daughter, I began browsing and encountered a group of four men sitting and chatting loudly with their backpacks. When I walked past the group, one got up, proceeded to follow me from one table book to the next around the bookends and the shelves, and I quickly moved back to the cafe. Weekend of, February 20th February 22nd this this year witnessed what appeared to be prostitution by Henry's Deli. Last week I witnessed yet another intake by EMS and I often see intakes. I'm in and out of town running, driving, and I witnessed another intake by EMS of a drunken adult after an altercation while out walking my dog. There were 3 to 4 police cars. Those are police cars responding to the same problem. It's a chronic problem that these officers have to deal with. I'll spare the board the number. Exact number of times over the years, I've witnessed men urinating in public passed out in baseball fields, dugouts before they were locked, benches and basic harassment. Experiences like mine are a common occurrence. It's important to note that this spans multiple administrations. This is not specific to this administration or the previous or the one before, but it is a growing crisis and it has gained severity in recent years. And it knows no party. The stunning part is that we do have a town that often chooses to write infractions for things like washing screens, dog summons, or even the stand your ground idea of breaking up pick up youth soccer games or stopping kids from tossing a football and the park. It's a shame that these are the things that are targeted. Rather than addressing the crisis of intoxicated and aggressive individuals. The rite of passage of teens walking into town is slowly dissipated because parents are fearful about who their children will encounter, who will come out of the trails, who is waiting in a pathway between Starbucks and Mimi's. Our DPW works tirelessly cleaning up chronic encampments of litter, seeing them in and out of the trails, hauling mattresses and cans and household items is upsetting. It's not about politics or blame. It's about safety and accountability and long-term solutions. Residents are often told that hands are tied, but where there's a will, there's a way. Residents really need transparency. Coordination between the village, the county, the state officials, the judicial system and a clear plan going forward. Without this clear plan, our town will continue to suffer through the loss of business, residential decline and unfortunately, a preventable accident. I love this

town and from the community, voices share time and again. I'm not alone in this sentiment. Residents should not feel dismissed and they should not be, and they should not feel belittled for raising legitimate concerns. And we deserve continued proactive leadership and meaningful action. Thank you.

03;41;32;20 - 03;42;02;28

Good evening. Resident, sorry, Jennifer Vallejos. I'm a resident of Mount Kisco. Thank you. Mayor and Board members. I spoke at the last board meeting, and since then, I have emailed the Board and the Mayor. And I thank you, Mayor, for your response. And I'd like to share the letter with the public. After researching the ongoing issue of intoxication, I compared Mount Kisco to nearby towns with similar, train station access. Bedford Hills, Chappaqua and Katonah, for example, experience far fewer, if any, incidents of public intoxication or disturbances. One major difference is the number of businesses selling beer, liquor and wine for off premise consumption. Currently, to my knowledge, Mount Kisco has approximately 11 registered businesses in the downtown area selling alcohol. That is a concerning concentration for such a small, walkable 3.1-mile radius town. This number does not include liquor stores, bars, or restaurants. In contrast, Bedford Hills, to my knowledge, has only five and Chappaqua might have one, and Katonah seems to have zero. With numbers like this in Mount Kisco, we are essentially supplying the alcohol to our village and to all of our neighboring towns. The gas station at Chappaqua train station doesn't even sell beer. The availability of alcohol in Mount Kisco seems to be an easy grab and go. It's a situation for individuals who are seeking to purchase alcohol for consumption in public spaces. This accessibility, combined with very late hours of operation, the lack of sufficient regulation or oversight is fueling the issue. The New York State Liquor Authority regulates the sale of alcohol, ensuring that businesses comply with laws designed to protect public health and safety. The SLA monitors alcohol licenses and has policies to prevent overconcentration of alcohol outlets, which can lead to alcohol related issues. With our town's current situation, I believe it is essential for the village leadership to collaborate with the SLA to remove Mount Kisco alcohol licensing regulation to review. Sorry to review, not remove review it. Some key questions include are these licenses pending? Are they expired or are they valid? I strongly urge the village to investigate these establishments, and consider limiting the number of licenses issued for off premise alcohol sales, as well as reassessing the locations and operating hours of these businesses. Additionally, I recommend enhanced coordination between local law enforcement, businesses, and community organizations to ensure that both intoxicated individuals and those selling alcohol to intoxicated individuals are held accountable. I'm confident that by working together, the town can address this issue and make Mount Kisco a safer and more welcoming community for everyone, especially our children. I'm also wondering if the contract with WC w sorry, with Westchester County Police Department can be amended to bring on and assign more police officers to our town, at least until the village starts to see numbers of intoxication decline. The Village has to start seeing some relief. We need a solution that addresses the issue and we need it fast. And as I did last meeting, I'll end with some dispatches because to me that is evidence. I collected 25 of intoxication or disorderly conduct. Since the last meeting March 2nd until today, March 12th, 2026, 6:06 p.m. Intoxicated person in parking lot near Main Street. Don't worry, I won't read all 25 panhandler harassing customers outside coffee shop. March 13th, 9:32 a.m. March 15th, 1:38 p.m. intoxicated person on second floor of library. March 15th, 6:27 p.m. intoxicated man at Chestnut Market in Mount Kisco. March 15th, 7:23 p.m. intoxicated man refusing to leave Starbucks and I like everyone else. I'm here for the fight. Thank you.

03;46;30;15 - 03;47;02;19

Hello, Theresa. Flora, 348 Spring Street. For the last 36 years. Mayors, Deputy Mayor, Trustees. Thank you. I came in here hopeful tonight, and then I heard some comments, and I lost that hope again. So after the last meeting, I was disappointed. The bulk of the comments were made after we all left the room, and I thought that we should have been here when you made those comments. I was mad at myself. So was Lou. We should have stayed till the end. But, Anyway, I wrote an email to the Board the next day. I didn't receive a response, but I wasn't going to read this. But I am going to read part of it at least now I'm disappointed and dismayed at the lack of trustee's response to last night's comments by concerned residents. While we were in the room, there was no plan mentioned, no commitment to at least try to keep children and residents safe around the Village. That's what residents want to hear. We're not really interested. I'm not a numbers person, you know? We see things on a daily basis. It's not anecdotal. And saying that minimizes what we're dealing with. I'm not sure why you don't deal with it. You don't seem to be knowledgeable or aware of what's happening out in town. But we are maybe because where we live, maybe, you know, Marianna and I are runners, so, you know, when you're on foot, you see stuff, stuff you don't like. So I wonder if you just out of touch, in denial, don't care. I don't know what it is. If it's all of it, but I came in here hoping to hear something different tonight, and I didn't, And that makes. And that makes us. That makes us all feel really upset. The stand your ground comment really upset me because, why do you think we're here? Trustee Luzio, do you think this just started? Do you think anybody on this board is responsible for this? I have emails, I got a day one here. Sharon smoked Stein. Yes, of the Smith Stein department store and then the shoe store. I when I got here, she was 12 years old. We live right next door to each other for this many years. We were blessed. And we're cursed. We live right above the early settlement trail, also known as trail one. We see a lot of things. I have an email. You probably don't even know that I have this in my little packet of stuff here. You had some communication in 2019 with then-Mayor Peconic about things that go on the trail, mostly intoxication, maybe prostitution, because we see stuff. 2023 I wasn't on the board yet. Went back and forth. I don't know how many emails. I have one here about how I live on the early settlement trail. Sharon knows what happened that time. For weeks, we watched someone sitting on this trail in a spot that nobody ever sits. We're on the north side, south side is the problem side. We have problems, but not like south side, which is the side near that vacant bank along Lexington. And we watched somebody who appeared to be selling drugs. Okay, we saw it because all of a sudden there was foot traffic and bike traffic, and they would stop and they would exchange. And I tried and Sharon tried to get police officers to go into the trail. And when Sharon called that night, they came to our house. We live right next door to each other, and we said, no, and it's back there on the trail. And the officer said, well, the homeless have rights. Sharon and I said, we never mentioned we don't know who it is and we the homeless have rights. Yeah, obviously. But why are you assuming this person is homeless?

We were seeing something here, something we've never seen before. Was smelling marijuana or smelling cigarette smoke. You know, there's trash there after this person leaves. There's beer cans and cigarette butts and baggies. No one wanted to look at this problem. Do you know when the problem stopped? When the dead body was found behind the bank in 2023? Was it related? I don't know, we never found out. Was that person selling drugs bad drugs? Who knows? We'll never know. So it's not new. It's not like we don't call. We haven't been calling. How could you blame anybody? It's no one's

fault. We're all here because we're trying to make a difference and a change. Because we. This is the first time in 36 years you can ask my poor husband here. When I got accosted for the fourth time by that gentleman, I came home and I said to Joe, we're leaving. I can't feel unsafe here. I have felt so safe for 36 years, and all of a sudden, I can't. I don't feel safe. What I want is for the kids to feel safe. I want the kids, the moms here for their kids. Whoever said it, the rite of passage to go into town. Leah is Sharon's daughter. She could walk and she walked into town. And then when she was working with the park, we had issues when she was a lifeguard with people hanging out and that trail that goes into the playground where men were bathing naked. And one morning some guys came out of the bushes. So we tried to make some changes there. Clear it out, clear out all that. You know, those bad shrubs. So it's open so that she could walk in there without feeling scared. So it's a long history of trying to do something here, but I feel like we keep hearing the same things. And two weeks ago I heard didn't hear much. And I thought, in two weeks we're probably going to have some good feedback of what's what, what the plan is, but I haven't heard anything. So. Trustee Bryant, you said this staff presence on Hyatt and Sarels at dismissal. Who's the staff? What staff? I've seen DPW there. Yes. Multiple times. Okay. Is that our DPW instructed to go our DPW? Certain ways to the crossing guards. There's a crossing guard. And exposing themselves. The police. Patrols from. If, police are not available for some. Okay. All right. Noted. So it's so you have. So someone on staff from Mount Kisco is in the area watching. Okay. All right. It would be better. I feel like it would be better if we had a police officer on foot. You know, I don't know if you remember, we were on the Board together. Mayor, Karen. Bob D'Agostino, former police chief. Mount Kisco police chief, stood here and said, what we need is a cop on the beat, which is a foot patrol, and we thought that was a great idea. Somebody from Kirby Plaza South, Mosher, you know, Main Street, and at the time of dismissal to be down at that house on High, Sarles and Lexington, on March 5th, I happened to be running down Lexington, and I noticed that the crossing guards were out early. Kids had half a day that day. So I was standing with the crossing guard that stands by the, the Lieto Drive crosswalk and, you know, as I had gotten there, I noticed that there were a couple of individuals out at that house. So we were having a little conversation, and I noticed a couple of police cars drove up, and they pulled up right in front of that, that house where those individuals stand. And after a few minutes, those individuals left because of the police presence. So it really and since then, I haven't seen anybody out there because I go every day prior to dismissal. And I look, there's a lot of eyes on. So I'm glad that there's eyes on. But also, we've been doing it, to make sure that the kids are safe. But I think if we had a cop on the beat, like Bob D'Agostino said, I think it would really, they could really make a difference in the whole downtown area. You know, it took me a while to figure out what was going on at that house. Mariana, you know, I come down that hill and there's and there's individuals standing outside mid-morning, even in the rain. Is that the March 5th? The kids had half day. It was raining like a heavy rain. There was an individual that would approach me and try to engage me as I'm walking, as I'm coming down the street. And at first I didn't get it. And then I realized what was happening. Right. So, you know, we have there are issues here. Let me move on. So we turn you know, I'm glad Jen brought up the statistics that you had were great. I'm just, you know, I sent an email, to your board. I think it was March 9th. I had noticed drinking. That was me that noticed the drinking in the Justice Court lot. I picked up my daughter on the 7:56 train p m. I forgot I had to go turns on Green Street, forgot I had to go to the post office. So I cut through the justice court, locked police station, and there was a lot of individuals out. And I often see that, this time of year waiting for the shelter van, I had to drive slowly because they were dispersed throughout that whole area, and I noticed they were drinking beer. So if you go behind the shelter vans and the senior busses, you'll find all the BUD ice cans there. And I'm wondering. No one sees it. It's right there. It's the police stations. They are if there cameras there, you know, we should be

looking at those. It's disrespectful. You know the shelter. The shelter can take whoever they want. You know, but it's just. It's unbelievable to me. On Wednesday, March 11th, there was an assault on trail one. Again. I happened to run into Mariana because she's out with her dog. I'm out taking my exercise. I cut through the lot or, you know, Cohens lot there on the empty bank. And greeted by four cop cars. An ambulance, fly car. You know, the dispersing guys. You know, the usual suspects. I didn't see anybody get in the ambulance that day, but I did run into what I'm pretty sure was somebody involved in the assault, because he looked like he got a beat down. His face was, in bad shape. None of us want to walk into Trustee Luzio. When you mentioned the trails, none of us want to run into that. We don't want to run into. Last year, that was somebody that was found with, a laceration to his neck. Was transported to the Westchester County Medical Center, a 19-year-old was arrested that evening. But none of us, none of us residents, unsuspecting residents, want to run into a knife fight. You know, a fistfight or anything else. For years, I have emails to Mayor Picinich. I have an email that I sent November 30th, 2025. I was still deputy mayor at that time and I wrote to Deputy Mayor Schleimer, Mayor Cindrich, Mr. Brancati on Sunday, November 30th, 2025 at 8:15 in the morning on a Sunday from my yard, I could see and hear individuals and observed them drinking alcohol in the conservation area. For too many years. I've requested routine police patrols in the area. In those areas, it's the same location easily accessed from behind the vacant bank. The clear cutting in that area in 2024 did nothing to dissuade these behaviors, and apparently neither does the cold weather. Serious attempt to prevent deaths on the trails would be to insist on routine police patrols. So it comes back to that all the time. TJ Max, this past Friday night, March 13th, my neighbor Danny Bruno, that lives on boltis. Unfortunately, he's right across from that green space at TJ Max. The drinking at TJ Max is in the green space. That part of it's our property on Boltis in the back area is TJ Max property. And I've never seen anything like it. This is the worst year yet. There's something now called. And all you young parents better get acquainted with something that's called buzz balls. See them? Their little round ball plastic balls. This big 6.5oz with 15% alcohol. That's three times the amount of a 12-ounce beer. And I'm pretty sure they're being sold in the gas stations, etc.. TJ Max the back of them. The back lot is filled with these, filled with these, and they're all around town to. So it's another thing for parents to worry about and for us to worry about. Apparently. Sunday, March 15th as yesterday in the library an intox on the second floor, required an ambulance. Do we have a zero tolerance policy at the library? Trustee Bryant, would you not? So, in other words, that person who was carted out yesterday for intoxication, are they allowed back in?

The protocol, I believe. Ed, do you do you know, I mean, I can speak to. My past experience, the protocol, I believe, is if they do come back, then it is, a ban. Right. So the first time would be just removal. And if they return and the behavior is still ongoing, then it is a ban. The I will say the librarians are not social workers, nor are they, officials. They are village employees. And they do have protocol where they do not touch anyone, any of the patrons in the library. If they see someone sleeping, they attempt to wake them up. If they cannot wake them up, they then call the police. At the police come. They cannot wake them up. The EMS is called. So there are protocols that the librarians have, to ensure their safety as well.

And I understand, I, I think we need a zero-tolerance policy. One strike. You're out there, kids. At the library. There was a mom because this went on Facebook. I know Mayor, you don't like Facebook, but this is where we get our info from. You know, years ago when we had the problems in the, in the, in

Leonard Park with the baseball, dugouts, try to put it on the other social media, the big mom, social media. And they kept getting deleted because, you know, God forbid we talk about anything negative here. But moms, you know, we moms want to protect their kids, so we need to know the information. So we need a zero-tolerance policy. I would suggest that strongly because there are children there. And I can pass that on to Jeff. You know, a mom commented yesterday on Facebook and she said she was grateful that, you know, the public safety officers and EMS were quiet about it because she had her two kids, her two, her two boys in the children's center. And, you know, nobody wants their kids to see that. I was there one day. There were two intox within a short time. One was on the second floor, one came out of the reading room and just collapsed right on the floor. This is feet from the children's Center so that this has to stop the when it comes to the kids, you have to make a commitment and you have to actually say it to us. We are going to protect the children. Okay. If I can go out. I could go like dismissal time and make sure you know somebody out there because we didn't know. I didn't know anybody was around. Okay. I didn't see any cops till that one day. March 5th. You have to make these commitments to the residents. This is what we want to hear. We don't want to hear about the data. And, you know, some of it's fine. I guess you have to do that. But we've been calling. I called when I was on the board. I called before is on the board and I've been calling now. I always call for intox. We go, we try to clean up loose, clean I try. I almost picked up a guy's foot one day who was under the bushes a TJ Max. Okay. But it's, you know, it's a maybe depending on where you live, you don't see it as much. But we see it and we're out. But make the commitment to protect the kids, protect the residents. We're here because we love Mount Kisco and we're trying to fix it. We could the where we could leave. We have nothing holding us here anymore. But we want to stay. But we want it to be safe. We understand there's going to be issues. No place is 100% safe. I would never tell anybody. I don't care if it's the safest trail in the safest town. You need a buddy to go with you tell your kids the buddy system. Same thing. But here, Mount Kisco, when we talk about the trails, you need to always remember we have issues in our trails. The police chief that stood here and said, we need a cop on the beat. He and I saw a drug deal in the trail called Peninsula Trail on Lieto Drive. He knows what he's looking at. I knew what I was looking at, and ironically, one of the individuals involved with that drug sale is the guy that's after me. Okay. And he was with an individual that neither of us had ever seen before in Mount Kisco. I don't even believe he was a Mount Kisco resident because I followed him after I called the police, and he didn't look like he knew where he was going on foot. So we have issues here. And when you talk about the trails, please make sure you're never going to be able to make them safe here because they're retreating back there now. Okay. I just told you about that incident last week. They're going to go in there as quickly as possible as quickly. And they're going to they're going to they hide themselves. They know how to do it. So don't please do not sell the trails as, you know, as part of our recreation system until you know that they're safe. Thank you.

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Trustee Bryant: Mr. Mayor. Can I say something, Mr. Mayor? Do you mind if I say something really quick? I mean, may I say something very quickly? I just want to be clear that, in the. You brought up anecdotal data, right? Like I said, that I want to be very clear that I'm not minimizing. But what I would like to see happen on a village level is for us to be able to compile every single complaint and have it registered so that we know how many we have. Right? Because we have one one, one one. That's

anecdotal. If you take all the data, all the anecdotal data that we have and you build on to that, then it becomes quantitative.

Theresa Flora: But while you're doing that, that's fine. While you're doing it, you have to make the effort to make sure that the residents are kept safe. We're getting aggressive panhandling. I know Mayor. You said I didn't know about the panhandling. You said aggressive. I don't know. I don't know what they did with that guy that was aggressively panhandling the other day. But a few hours later, he was sitting in Shoppers Park on one of the benches. So aggressive panhandling. I'm not sure how they handle it, but the point is, is that when you say anecdotal and it sounds like, yeah, we're just kind of hysterical and making all this up, that's how it comes across. But you can do your data. But at the same time, we want to see a difference here. Okay. So that basically what that was about. Thank you.

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Hello. Angie Garcia Guerra 16. Spencer. Okay. I was here at the last meeting as well because I love Mount Kisco, because I chose to live here. I had an opportunity to sell my home and find a home anywhere else, and I chose Mount Kisco. And I can say that with confidence because I even fought my husband on it, because he kept telling me, why do you why are you so hung up on Mount Kisco? What about Mount Kisco? Why do you want to live there? And I chose to live here because I wanted to be in a diverse community with diverse people, with access, with conveniences, with sidewalks. I grew up in New York City. I love New York, and I also love Mount Kisco. So I wanted to be here because this is where I wanted to raise my son. I want him to go into town like all these other kids had a chance to do. Now, I'm not sure where he can do that anymore. It feels like fine. This may have always been going on, as I've heard multiple times, and I find that to be an insult because if it's always been going on, then why haven't we done anything about it thus far? That's a problem. I did my best to serve this community. I served on the Board. So I'm not trying to just pass the buck to anybody else. I'm willing to roll up my sleeves and help do whatever I can. I feel like I'm. I'm constantly doing that. It's why I started the Hispanic Heritage Festival. Because I didn't want my community, the Latino community to be seen in such a negative light only. We're not homeless people in the street. We're not panhandlers. We're not, you know, creating issues in the streets all the time. That's not what our community is about. We are contributors. We love this community. We live here. So obviously it impacts us as well. I think these issues can't be solved until we actually acknowledge that it's a problem by saying we need more data. Fine. That may be so, but you can do something in the meantime. Something can be done. We know that it's an issue with alcohol. So what can we do? I don't want to just provide, complaints and not offer some solutions. Can't we just do something with regards to these vendors? If they're selling to intox people, which we know that they are. Isn't there a way that we can penalize them? Shouldn't we be doing that? To me, that's an easy solution that we can start tomorrow. Like, we could just. I mean, I've heard so many times about Newport Deli's a problem. Newport deli is a problem. Then why aren't we. Why aren't we finding them? Why aren't we doing that? I don't understand. Trustee Luzio made an issue about us apparently attacking this board. That's not the point. We're just trying to bring this issue to your attention. If you don't already know. I'm not sure why this issue has become a bigger issue recently. My only guess is that the snow we had incredible snow. Some snow that I think people didn't even see in their lifetime. Some people that live here in New York. We haven't had snow like that in so

many years. The green space was not available to them. So that's why they were spilling over everywhere. It's that simple in my opinion. I mean, I don't know that for sure, but that's my best guess, is that's why we're seeing such an issue. The snow just left recently, so. But yes, the problems continue. Someone in the Village should download this app, the crime radar app. I'm not a fan of apps, in my opinion, because I feel like the distractions. But if you want data, you're going to get data. There. I have it. Okay. So then you have the information. You're seeing that it's over and over again multiple times a day. Sunday alone for calls. I mean, it's an issue. The issues that we have a reality and they should not be dismissed. You can't, you know, see, like that, you know, just repeating myself. Sorry, because I have my notes, but let's try to do something. So today, I actually witnessed eye witness, an issue right here at the KeyBank outside. It was about 5:50 this evening. I was dropping my son off at, Park four and coming back home to make dinner. And there were two intoxicated individuals, and there were three police cars and EMS were taxing our system. Police are not to blame. Clearly, they need to be our most active partners in this problem. I believe, along with many others. So I feel like we need to call to action all of our representatives, not just our village board, but everybody else that has any responsibility for Mount Kisco. Our assemblyman, our congressmen, everybody, even the governor. Like we're talking to them about the bridge. Well, we should be talking to them about this issue. It's quality of life issue, like our neighbors are saying. It needs to be dealt with in a multifaceted way because it's a multifaceted problem. It's not going to just be fixed by the police. It's not going to just be fixed by our residents coming every single week to complain. So something needs to be done. And there's many frustrated people, not just the residents, the businesses, our emergency responders. I've heard them say themselves that they're sick of these calls. What are we doing? They're sick of these calls. We have we have employees in our Village that are miserable. Essentially, I watched the cops today. The look on their faces. They didn't look happy to have to be dealing with this again. I'm sure they're tired of it. So then let's try to fix it. What can we do? MCRT is supposed to help. How can they be helping if we only have one person being referred to a program? I know we can't force people into programs, but it needs to be boots on the ground doing something. Allegedly, the policies. They have to wait for the police to refer them. Why? Why is that the only way that this works? Then it's not working. Then let's cut the program. Or let's find something else that works. We need to do something. I just going to say that we're all here because we care. We love this village. I want to stay in Mount Kisco. I want my son to stay here as well. I want him to raise his family. Hopefully, that will be one day. But it can't be if we keep going the way that we're going. We have. We know it's an issue. So let's try to fix it. Please. Let's do something. It's your charge.

04;14;09;07 - 04;14;30;06

Hey everybody. Kim Terlizzi, Drake street, Mount Kisco. Thank you for all you know for doing this again. Quick question. I know what the last Village Board meeting. Mayor, you were a little bit upset. Because you had requested a detective and a sergeant be present. And there was a little communication between you and the Village Manager. Just wondering why they didn't appear.

Mayor: It wasn't the. It wasn't asked probably. It was a disconnect.

Ms. Terlizzi: Okay. Again a disconnect. Okay. That makes sense. Okay. Also, Trustee Bryant, I know you had questions. You said you. Yes.

Mayor: Can I just ask the favor that the general protocol is that we don't ask questions? We gather the information. Okay. No problem that I want to ask. Trustee Bryant was very accommodating. Okay. But, and I, you know, the last board had a time limit on this. Yes. I you know, I just got an email. Why don't you put a time limit on this? Yeah, I know, well, for the time limit on it, because, this is very important to hear. What the pulse of the community. Yeah. So, and if the protocol is, if we go by. Yeah. Robert's Rules to address me.

Mr. Terlizzi: Okay. And that's no problem. I can I can move on. I grew up in Chappaqua. Moved here about 40 years ago. Raised our family here. Our children grew up here going to the park, going to the movies, going to all the stores in town. Never thought for a second about their safety in this village. Now I carry mace when I walk. And that's quite a change in. In how I feel. And I know at the last meeting, several residents expressed the same sort of feelings for one resident. The woman who had a business here. She says she won't have her all women staff take the train from the city late at night because she doesn't feel safe at the train station, which I've witnessed myself know police being at the train station when the late trains come in and I question that now, especially because I know with the police contract, they're supposed to meet the trains. I did a random foil request to the county and asked for specific date. March 3rd. I'm sorry. March 4th to March 5th from 9 p.m. to 3:15 a.m. There were ten trains. They met three, seven they did not meet. Looking at the whole call log, there does not appear to be anything else that was pressing going on. Why? One of the officers wasn't at the train. So I just did. One day I could do every day, and I'm sure I would see something very similar from day to day. And I. I know the police, everybody. You want to just love your police department and they do serve us and protect us. But I feel this police department is not proactive. I've been saying this, Mayor, you know, Trustee Schleimer, you know, I've been saying this for years. They respond to calls, but they're not proactive in this room groups of people can tell you where our problems are in this town. We know where their problems are. Why aren't the police being proactive and going to those areas and breaking people up before it becomes an EMS call, a police call. I lost my train of thought. An example. I emailed this board in February about that group of young men standing at the base at Sarles Street in Lexington, saying there's a problem with them. They were drinking right there, which is basically on it is Village property. They're drinking there I could tell that they were up to no good. The police must pull in and out of that driveway. How many times a day? How come they didn't see that? Why am I seeing that? I take one walk a day. One walk an hour and a half in the Village. Why is it nearly every single day I'm either calling the police. I'm seeing something. Why aren't they? I just it's inexplicable to me how in my 1.5 hours out in the village, I see so much. And it's concerning, and I. I just think they need to be more proactive. Mayor, I think I've emailed the whole Board. I walk part of my walk now as I walk through the police station parking lot. Entertain myself with how many police cars are running out front. It's 2 or 3, sometimes four. That's all the officers that are supposed to be on the road. Like I said, I walk four miles a day through the heart of the whole village. An hour and a half. Most days I don't see one police car. It's. That's virtually impossible. If they were out on the streets patrolling the heart of our Village, I should see them multiple times. So we have a problem. I like the idea of cameras being installed not only for the protection of our building, our courthouse is there, the pickup for the homeless shelter, though. Houses of Worship shelter program is there. You should consider putting cameras there to see where the police officers are as well, because they're there's they're in there. And I also emailed, you know, something little I had you Trustee Bryant was the only one that got back to me social media. One of the police officers very inappropriately commented on one of the posts. And it was it was very inappropriate what he did. And he's a supervisor, so he's setting the tone in the department for all the patrolmen below

him, that this is all a joke. So we're concerned. You know, when I think I know the judges are a part of it, the landlords are a part of it. But the police have to be proactive. They have to be out there. They have to be on foot. They have to go into the trails. Will they go into the trails? I know that there have been calls for issues on the trails and they won't go in. Like what? What is the protocol on that? Do they not go into trails? Do they? If things are happening not out on the streets, they don't. They won't do that. It just it doesn't make sense. So. All right, well, that's it for me. Thank you.

04;20;59;18 - 04;21;30;02

Lou Terlizzi, Mount Kisco. Good evening. Board. I find it. I know you, Mayor mentioned not to ask questions. I mean, clue to the Village Manager because half the information we get is from asking questions that we should be getting. And we're not. So, I mean, I'll get into some of that because the information we need has to be accurate as well. The bridge. Well, I'll start with keep it on topic. Quality of life issues, particularly distressing to me is when I hear stories of children being accosted and women and children feeling uncomfortable going into town with their friends. My kids had that, I had that. I grew up here. You know, it was never a concern. I was a police officer for 30 years, so I'm aware of what happened. I'm a warrior, but I wasn't worried about my kids. But I. It pains me when I hear parents saying that when they. When they're talking about how they're afraid to let their kids go into town. It's a childhood robbed when the kids accosted, goes home crying. He doesn't have bus service. He has to walk to and from school. Anyway, As you're aware, I emailed my, concerns and suggestions to your board. Nobody even acknowledged my email. Which is, of course, your prerogative. You're not answering questions here. You don't acknowledge emails. I repeat that I will make myself available to meet with you. I spent 30 years here as an officer, so I have some idea of what works and what doesn't. I heard what Mr. Seriano said earlier. I'm sorry, Trustee Luzio, but zero tolerance policing works. We had to. As chief D'Agostino knows, he's the one that instituted it. It worked very well. We employed it here, and it was highly effective in combating crime and quality of life violations. I also understand it's just one spoke to the wheel. The court also needs to step it up. And, we need to find the next coming of Mel Berger and restart the Mount Kisco Drug Court. Again, I'm not going to reiterate everything I suggested, but, I'll make myself available any time. The bridge. Quick note on that. Lawyers were never involved, and they should have been. And while the trains keep rolling, rolling underneath the bridge, nobody's allowed to walk over it. Where's our leverage with the MTA if they're not inconvenienced in any way? We are the resident's army. Maybe not you, maybe not me. I have a car, but people who live in Pine Crest don't have a car that people work at target that used to walk over the bridge. Now they have to go around and walk down Main Street, Northwest Road. Again, it just doesn't make sense. Can't pedestrians can't go over and trains are rolling under there every day, unimpeded, undisturbed. No delays. So it's no wonder MTA's not concerned. Let Mount Kisco cover it, we hear criticism that Jim Palmer spent$ 250,000. The village manager spent $750,000. So, you know, a lot of blame. People like to throw it around, but I think there's plenty to go around. I do want to get into an issue that I think needs to be addressed. And again, it concerns questions. People have questions. They want answers. If we're not given all the information, we're not giving accurate information that leads to questions that should be answered. Byram Lake water capacity. For example, during the Village Manager September 15th, 2025 report, Mr. Brancati stated that the reservoir was a little bit below 83% capacity both at the beginning and end of the month of July, and that the August level remained below 83%. Later, on November 17th, 2025, he stated that the Byram Lake water capacity was just below 83%, both at the

beginning and the end of the month of October. How could those claims be made? How could they be true? And current equipment cannot measure below 83%. Which is where the capacity remains today. And from asking questions on February 2nd of this year, the manager acknowledged that the unfiltered, Leonard Park wells designed to be a supplemental water source only in peak summer months but is now running year-round, are producing less and less water and are not a viable quote, not a viable long-term solution. Yet despite running 12 months a year, the capacity remains at somewhere below the determinate number of 83%. Despite the denied. We're talking about the Chase water tank now. Despite the denials of the Village Manager, we now know that a substantial amount of water was allowed to leak from the base of the Chase water tank for four years, with zero sense of urgency to have the leak repaired. And now residents are being told they cannot use any outside water, including to water their garden. We're told this is three gallons per minute. Was that estimate obtained from an independent testing company? The video on news 12 appeared to show significantly higher water loss. At the January 5th village board meeting, I asked the Village Manager the following question is the chase water tank leaking at this time? He specifically answered no. The following day, January 6th, he sent out an email to me and copied Mayor Cindrich. Lou, I wanted to let you know that after your question regarding the Chase water tank last night, I went out today to inspect the tank and wanted to confirm that it is leaking. We previously had a leak in the tank that we had repaired. The repair had stopped the leak, which is why I had told you last night that it was not leaking. I want to thank you for raising the issue last night, and we will be working to address the current leak. Thank you. The next day, I emailed the entire Board January 7th and reiterated reiterate what had transpired, expressed my concerns about the village manager statements, and that we need a manager who will solve problems and not make them worse. I also indicated that once credibility in an administration is lost, it cannot easily be restored. At the next village board meeting, January 20th, the manager stated he had simply misspoken and reiterated that he was referring to another previous leak that had already been repaired. Well, I now have the copies from the Westchester County Health Department for the last four years. October 31st, 2022 2022 Annual Sanitary Survey addressed to the Village Manager, Brancati was also observed that Chase water storage tank was leaking at the bottom of the tank. The source of the leak must be identified. Repair must be done as soon as possible. August 29th, 2023 2023 Annual Survey again addressed to the Village Manager. It was also observed that Chase water tank was leaking at the bottom of the tank. The source of the leak must be identified and repair must be done as soon as possible. 2024 Annual Survey again. It was also observed that the Chase water storage tank continued leaking at the bottom of the tank. Since last year's Sanitary Survey, this department conducted a meeting to address this issue within AI engineer Stephen Smith at various employees on 8/29. To date, no corrective action was taken to repair the leak. Please provide a timeline to address the Chase water storage tank leakage to this department and last one September 18th, 2025 2025 Annual Sanitary Survey again addressed to the Village Manager, Dear Mr. Brancati was also observed that wastewater storage continued leaking at the bottom area of the tank since 2023 Sanitary survey was actually 2022 was the first one. The department conducted a meeting to address this issue. To date, no corrective action was taken to repair the leak. Please provide a timeline to address the Chase water storage tank leakage to this department. For years so was leaking for four years. So. The Village residents and taxpayers, as well as the Village Board rely on the manager to provide truthful and accurate information on a whole host of important issues, not the least of which is the quantity and quality of our limited water supply. Besides the water, the village is facing many other difficult challenges. Somewhat. Some of these include the prolonged Preston Way Bridge closure, public safety and quality of life concerns and budgetary constraints. The residents, taxpayers and village board rely on the information provided to them for the manager to be

both again, truthful and accurate, our village manager should be held to a higher standard, not a lesser one. Thank you.

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Brown to close the meeting; all in favor:

Motion Adopted	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Karen B. Schleimer	Aye
Trustee Tammy L. Brown	Aye
Trustee Heather Bryant	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye

There being no further business, the regular meeting closed at 11:31 p.m.

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Edward W. Brancati
Village Manager

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