Minutes of the ***VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING*** of the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco held on Monday, March 2, 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:	

6:30 p.m. Interview – Board of Assessment Review - Procino

Monday, March 2, 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 – Car Wash – April 18, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the request by The Hillside Program at Fox Lane High School to hold a car wash on April 18, 2026 at the Green Street firehouse; 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 – MKVFD Parade – July 10, 2026

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to approve the request to hold the MKVFD Parade on July 10, 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

c. Request – Maker's Market – May 16, 2026 – Nov 21, 2026

This item was tabled at this time.

d. Request – Hispanic Heritage Festival – October 3, 2026

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the request to hold the Hispanic Heritage Festival on October 3, 2026 in front of Village Hall; 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. Request – Board Appointment – Conservation Advisory Council – McCartney

The Board requested an interview to be set up.

f. Request – Board Appointment – Economic Development Council – Taplitz

The Board requested an interview be set up.

g. Request – Board Appointment – Leonard Park Committee – Flora

The Board requested an interview be set up.

h. Letter to BOT- CJ Developers – 461 Lexington Avenue

Mr. Charles Martabano presented a letter with exhibits to the Board. The request is a proposed land exchange for a development at 461 Lexington Avenue. There was a discussion amongst the Board and Mr. Martabano on this project and the environmental impact for the Village and all the different agencies involved.

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 was approximately 70.2 million gallons for a daily average of 2.2 million gallons. The Leonard Park wells were used and produced approximately 2.7 million gallons of the total produced. The Byram Lake Reservoir began and ended the month below 83% capacity.

b. Preston Way Bridge update

Mr. Brancati advised at the regular meeting of the Village Board held on Monday, February 2, 2026, that the Village Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Village Manager, after approval from the Village Attorney, to execute the Master Entry Permit Agreement between the Village and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and Metro-North Railroad (MNR). This agreement was required by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in order to allow the Village to be able to move forward with issuance of bids for replacement of the Preston Way Bridge so that we have a true cost for replacement of the bridge, and complete all necessary approval paperwork with NYSDOT for this project.

The Master Entry Permit Agreement between the Village and the MTA was fully executed on February 18, 2026. Most importantly, the agreement establishes and confirms that the Village will not be required to make any payment to a Force Account used to pay for railroad support personnel such as inspectors, flaggers, and other protective personnel to ensure continued and safe railroad operations and that the railroad right-of-way remains protected throughout the entire duration of the project to replace the Preston Way Bridge. These costs, estimated by the MTA to be $1.5 million for this project, will be paid by the MTA, not the Village.

The Village has also requested additional funding for the Preston Way Bridge Replacement project through both the State and the U.S. Department of Transportation. At the State level, the Village has requested an additional $2.5 million from State Senator Pete Harckham and Assemblymember Chris Burdick. In addition, the Village has submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program for $5 million in funding for this project at the suggestion of Senator Schumer's office.

We have also received confirmation from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) that the Preston Way Bridge Replacement Project, as proposed, does not require a DEP-approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Permit (SWPPP).

We continue to work with the New York State Department of Transportation, and we have completed the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process for this project and have received Design Approval enabling us to proceed with finalizing bid documents for this project. DOT has given the Village a bid-date of May 18, 2026.

5) **Board Reports**: (Board reports can be heard in their entirety beginning at the 3:06:16 mark here: https://vimeo.com/1170086770?fl=pl&fe=sh)

Trustee Bryant began by saying that she too shares the concerns of the residents particularly with the school and the Lexington Avenue activity stating that she has gone through past reports and sees an increase in activity around town. Trustee Bryant went on to mention the Village's Emergency Management Plan, and warming centers as well as announcing a new newsletter that will go out monthly and urged all residents to sign up for it.

Trustee Luzio began by thanking Trustee Bryant for working on the newsletter as a result of complaints on lack of communication and is looking forward to sharing things a little differently. He went on to recap a meeting with the Mobile Crisis Response Team as well as other events he attended throughout the month. He continued to announce some upcoming events as well as mentioning the

trails, issues with the taxi companies in town, and scheduling another meeting with the WCPD. To summarize that meeting January 14th quarterly meeting with WCDPS:

We discussed many of our residents' concerns: meeting the trains, checking our taxis to identify and ticket the gypsy cabs and issuing summons' to those who are drinking in public. The County PD simply asked us what we want them to focus on and indicated a willingness to increase enforcement in virtually any area. Enforcement comes at a cost – no matter what area. In December alone, we incurred 41 hours of overtime on arrest-related overtime and 15 hours of overtime related to prisoner transport. This is not a "money grab." With Discovery rules in place the time it takes to process an arrest has doubled since 2020. A benefit to having WCDPS as our force is that we do not have to an extra dime for the team at County HQ that collects & provides that material to the DA – as all other village/town PD must do. As a long-time prosecutor, I can also tell you that "ZERO TOLEREANCE" policy for any lesser crime (obviously not Murder or violent crime) is a set up for disappointment. I prosecuted 40,000 individuals throughout my career, with a large majority going to jail. And those 40,000 – many in Mount Kisco– only worked because I was able to get 2,000 people into drug treatment or other diversionary programs. I also dismissed or reduced or dismissed over 1,000 cases because the ends never justify the means. I was disappointed in the prior board that brought forth a law, supposedly to address drinking in public offenders, that was unconstitutional: the ends never justify the means – and often lead to lawsuits paid for by residents' tax dollars. To my knowledge, there have been NONE since the County PD began operating here. There are many challenges:

- Some offenders are ineligible for programs because they don't qualify for Dept. of Social Services benefits Westchester;
- Some addicts and alcoholics don't take advantage of programs offered to them;
- To be clear these offenses were NEVER offenses in which Bail could be set or deserved lengthy incarceration – and without bail or incarceration looming over a defendant, they often choose to pay their fines& walk;
- So, what do we do? We have compassion for those who need help and keep trying to help them;
- We can do that through our partners, beginning with the County PD. we can still identify the main offenders and institute "Precision Policing & Prosecution," which means identifying the scope of the problem (I believe the County PD issues 30-40 such summons per month) and having our Prosecutor and Judges and PD identifying the main offenders within that group. Beyond policing, what else could we do?
- Improve lighting throughout the village (but ConEd rates).
- Consider a task Force of citizens like Jean Farber was leading prior to Covid.
- Work with the Interfaith Shelter Program, Lexington Center and Neighbors Link and others to share information.
- Get the data to the Mobile Crisis Response Team and figure out who actually has a mental health problem that prevents them from ending their alcohol problem.
- Communicate with DPW and a Park Ranger
- We are on the verge of reinstituting the Trail Team, which had regularly shared information with our former CRO on who's who. While I personally don't fear walking anywhere in Mount Kisco at any time, the Trail Team will also encourage more folks to use our amazing trail system and if they see something – say something. I can assure as someone with 38 + years in law enforcement – criminals tend to avoid crimes in broad daylight. We hear you. We must meet with MKES + homeowners' group.

Conduct our quarterly meeting with the WCPD with the entire Board of Trustees; Form a citizens group; We must examine the real statistics, work with non-profits, County, Lexington Center, and work with our County and State Partners to fund solutions. Our Courts have begun holding criminal cases back and not always covering these nuisance cases, enforcing Bench warrants. Only When folks face jail time – the option of treatment seams more palatable. Remember these things come with a cost. More enforcement = more OT, etc. Discussing solutions creates action!

Mayor Cindrich responded to some of what Trustee Luzio mentioned including responses from the hospital and some of the work he is doing behind the scenes with the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT). Mayor Cindrich went on to also discuss issues the ability for the courts to sentence people on citations or summons which aren't actual arrestable offenses. This resulted in a large discussion.

Trustee Brown began by thanking the Village Manager for his update on the Preston Way Bridge as many residents are concerned as well as Trustee Bryant for taking the lead on the online newsletter. She continued on to thank the people who showed up and shared their concerns with the Board of Trustees, who also share their concerns, and look forward to working together to help mitigate these issues in the Village. Trustee Brown continued by recapping some of the events she attended during the month including a Black History event at the Senior Center and upcoming events in the Village.

Deputy Mayor Schleimer began by announcing the Saint Patrick's Day parade, daylight savings time, and the next time the mobile shredder will be in town. She continued to make comments on the Preston Way Bridge and shared information she received from the Village Engineer in response to her questioning if a prefab bridge was a possibility. The Village Engineers advised that it was not a viable option at this time listing other concerns to her. She is set to have a follow up meeting with them to discuss other possible options. Deputy Mayor Schleimer also asked the Village Manger about the Chase water tank and what steps will be taken by the Village. Mr. Brancati responded that this project has a few phases including securing pressurized water to the residents while the work is being done. There is work being done on the pump stations to provide that water in order to drain the tank and repair it. Deputy Mayor Schleimer also made mention of the mobile County Clerk's office visiting the Village as well as the charges for utilities continuously going up.

6) **Old Business**:

7) **New Business**:

a. Adopt Proposed Local Law #01-2026 – Amend Chapter 101 Vehicles & Traffic

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to adopt the proposed Local Law 01-2026; 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. Authorize Village Manager to Execute North East Special Recreation IMA

A motion was made by Trustee Bryant and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Schleimer to authorize the Village Manager to execute the North East Special Recreation IMA; 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

c. Tax Cert – 5-11 South Moger Avenue

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to approve the following:

WHEREAS, petitions have been filed by the property owner below, challenging real property tax assessments on the Town and Village assessment rolls with respect to the following parcels:

Property Owner	Tax Designation	Years
5 South Moger LLC	69.81-6-1	2020 to 2025 - Town 2020 to 2025 - Village

WHEREAS, petitioner's court challenge is now pending in the Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the property owner have reached a mutually agreeable resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of the Village Attorney is authorized to execute a settlement on behalf of the Town for assessments for no less than the following:

Village Proceedings:

Assessment Year:	Original:	Proposed Settlement:	Reduction:
2020	$410,000	$357,600	$52,400
2021	$410,000	$359,040	$50,960
2022	$410,000	$363,840	$46,160
2023	$410,000	$358,000	$52,000
2024	$410,000	$324,000	$86,000
2025	$410,000	$332,500	$77,500

Town Proceedings:

Assessment Year:	Original:	Proposed Settlement:	Reduction:
2020	$810,000	$710,100	$99,900
2021	$810,000	$736,000	$74,000
2022	$810,000	$708,760	$101,240
2023	$810,000	$658,560	$151,440
2024	$770,000	$687,470	$82,530
2025	$730,000	$695,500	$34,500

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 Resolution – Water/Sewer relevy

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor and was seconded by Trustee Brown to adopt the following:

VILLAGE/TOWN OF MOUNT KISCO
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
104 Main Street
Mount Kisco, New York 10549-0150

Office of the
VILLAGE TREASURER

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(914) 241-0500

RESOLUTION

Whereas, pursuant to Section 198 of the Town Law and Section 17-1712 of the Village Law, the Mount Kisco Water District (Water District) is administered and managed by the Village Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, the administration and management if said Water District includes the maintenance, operation, enlargement and improvement of said district; and

Whereas, as part of the operation of said Water District, water is provided to properties, for which the Water District is permitted to and does charge: and

Whereas, there exist unpaid water charges on some properties in said Water District; and

Whereas, some of these properties in said Water District exist outside of the boundaries of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco; and

Whereas, the Village Board, pursuant to Section 198 of the Town Law and Section 17-1712 of the Village Law, is empowered to enforce said unpaid water charges;

Now therefore be it resolved, that any unpaid water charges in the Mount Kisco Water District in arrears of thirty (30) days or longer shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding ten per centum (10%) of the amount due; and

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Board may terminate the supply of water to any property with unpaid water charges if such water charges are not paid within sixty days from the date due;

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Village Clerk, shall file with the Village Board, and with the Supervisors of adjoining towns in which permits have been issued to property owners, statements showing the unpaid water charges in the respective districts and towns and which have not appeared on any such statements previously files; and

Therefore, be it further resolved, that such statements shall contain a brief description of the property upon which the water was used, the names of the persons or corporations liable to pay for the same and the amount chargeable to each, for purposes of levy and enforcement under "Water Rents".

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 Resolution – AIM Funding

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE/TOWN OF MOUNT KISCO
March 2, 2026

Supporting Increased Aid to Municipalities and
Strengthening New York's State-Local Partnership

Moved by:
Second by:

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional $100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional $100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village/Town of Mount Kisco applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village/Town of Mount Kisco urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional $100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village/Town of Mount Kisco calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, President Pro Tempore and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Pete Harckham, and Assemblymember Chris Burdick.

The Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco voted as follows:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
J. Michael Cindrich, Mayor:				
Karen B. Schleimer, Deputy Mayor:				
Tammy L. Brown, Trustee:				
Heather Bryant, Trustee:				
Thomas G. Luzio, Trustee:				

The above resolution constitutes the determination of the Board of Trustees for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco. This document was duly adopted on the 2nd day of March, 2026 and shall constitute the Resolution of the Board of Trustees.

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Edward W. Brancati, Village Manager

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

f. Board Resolution – Support Home Rule Ensuring Public Health and Safety of the People of Mount Kisco

A motion was made by Trustee Bryant and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Schleimer to adopt the following:

MAYOR
J. Michael Cindrich

DEPUTY MAYOR
Karen B. Schleimer

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VILLAGE MANAGER
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ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER
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RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE/TOWN OF MOUNT KISCO
March 2, 2026

Supporting Home Rule and
Ensuring the Public Health and Safety of the People of Mount Kisco

Moved by:
Second by:

WHEREAS, Section 10 of New York State Municipal Home Rule Law grants "general powers of local governments to adopt and amend local laws in addition to powers granted in the State Constitution, the statute of local governments, or in any other law";

WHEREAS, under this same section every local government shall have the "power to adopt and amend local laws not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution or not inconsistent with any general law relating to its property, affairs or government";

WHEREAS, under this same section "every local government, as provided in this chapter, shall have power to adopt and amend local laws not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution or not inconsistent with any general law, relating to the following subjects, whether or not they relate to the property, affairs or government of such local government, except to the extent that the legislature shall restrict the adoption of such a local law relating to other than the property, affairs or government of such local government" that includes, among other subjects, "the protection and enhancement of its physical and visual environment" as well as "the government, protection, order, conduct, safety, health and well-being of persons or property therein, and this provision shall include but not be limited to the power to adopt local laws providing for the regulation or licensing of occupations or businesses";

WHEREAS, the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) continuously advocates for the protection of home rule on behalf of the cities and villages across New York, and the New York State Association of Towns (NYAOT) lists as its top legislative priority each year the need to preserve and support home rule, which was recently reaffirmed at their 2026 Annual Meeting

held on February 17, 2026, where a resolution was adopted to protect the constitutional authority of towns to govern local affairs, adopt local laws, manage land use, and respond to community needs without state overreach while also supporting state and federal recognition of home rule;

WHEREAS, the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, as a coterminous town and village, is a proud member of both and supports both NYCOM and NYAOT's defense of home rule on our behalf as well as all of the other cities, towns, and village throughout New York State;

WHEREAS, the Village/Town of Mount Kisco is aware of legislation introduced in both the New York State Senate, S.5506, and in the New York State Assembly, A.8378, that would grant the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission the ability to site Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in a municipality in a manner that may override local zoning laws, emergency preparedness standards, and community-specific safety concerns, despite the fact that local governments are most familiar with their infrastructure, population density, environmental conditions and emergency response capabilities, which is precisely why they are granted the powers articulated under Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10;

WHEREAS, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) have been shown to pose serious risks to public health, safety, and welfare, including but not limited to fires, explosions, toxic smoke, thermal runaway events, and the release of hazardous chemicals, and these incidents, as recently evidenced in the Village of Warwick, New York, underscore the reality that battery storage facilities can inundate or overwhelm local emergency services, and expose first responders and residents to toxic conditions;

WHEREAS, the Village/Town of Mount Kisco is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of Village residents and given the Village's high population density and density of uses throughout the 3.07 square miles within the boundaries of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village, as authorized by the New York State Constitution, the provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, the relevant provisions of the Town and Village Law of the State of New York, the laws of the Village of Mount Kisco and the general police power vested with the Village to promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents and property owners in the Village has previously determined that, given the current state of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) technology, particularly those utilizing lithium-ion batteries, the siting of BESS within its boundaries would jeopardize and put at substantial risk the health, safety, and welfare of Village residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village/Town of Mount Kisco is hereby opposed to any proposed legislation that would diminish or erode home rule and any legislation

that would enable the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission the ability to override home rule in siting Battery Energy Storage Systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Kathy Hochul, President Pro Tempore and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Brian Kavanagh, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, Senator Pete Harckham, Assemblymember Chris Burdick, and all relevant state and regional representatives, urging them to reject or substantially amend Senate Bill S.5506 and Assembly Bill A.8378 to preserve local control and prioritize public safety.

The Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco voted as follows:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
J. Michael Cindrich, Mayor:				
Karen B. Schleimer, Deputy Mayor:				
Tammy L. Brown, Trustee:				
Heather Bryant, Trustee:				
Thomas G. Luzio, Trustee:				

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Edward W. Brancati, Village Manager

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

g. Adopt Audit for Fiscal Year (FY) ending 5/31/2025

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to adopt the audit for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2025; 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 Reappointment – Economic Development Council - David Gorin

A motion was made by Mayor Cindrich and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to reappoint David Gorin to the EDC; 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

i. Board Appointment – Recreation Commission

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to appoint Kim Lapple to the Recreation Commission; all in favor:

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

j. Board Appointment – Leonard Park Committee

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Brown to appoint Philip DuBon to the Leonard Park Committee; all in favor:

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

k. Board Resolutions – TAP Grant

i. Barker Street

A motion was made by Mayor Cindrich and was seconded by Trustee Luzio to adopt the following:

MAYOR
J. Michael Cindrich

DEPUTY MAYOR
Karen B. Schleimer

VILLAGE TRUSTEES
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RESOLUTION RE: TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR NYSDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT AND PROVIDE LOCAL MATCH FOR THE BARKER STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees passed a Vision Zero Goal Resolution on November 20, 2023 which states zero roadway deaths and serious injuries as the Village's ultimate goal for safety and establishes the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Committee tasked with guiding and implementing the Safety Action Plan to reach the Village's Vision Zero Goal; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees, Complete Streets Committee, and their consultant undertook an effort to study roadway safety, safety improvements, and countermeasures throughout the Village as part of the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Study and Safety Action Plan funded by the New York State Empire State Development Corporation Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees adopted the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Safety Action Plan on June 16, 2025, which identifies opportunities to improve roadway safety, enhance the bicycle and pedestrian network, improve signage and public infrastructure, and encourage usage of active transportation options in Mount Kisco; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Safety Action Plan identifies multiple Complete Street and roadway safety projects for implementation, including pedestrian safety improvements along the Barker Street corridor; and

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the New York State Department of Transportation issued a notice of funding availability of $97.4 million to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path, and active transportation-related projects through the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Barker Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements project is as follows:
Total Project Cost: $854,719
State Assistance: $683,775
Local Match $170,994; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees hereby approves the motion for Mount Kisco to apply for grant funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Barker Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements project and to provide a 20% match as required by the New York State Department of Transportation and any cost overruns not covered by the grant request.

All in favor:

Motion Adopted

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

ii. Kisco and Preston

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to adopt the following:

MAYOR
J. Michael Cindrich

DEPUTY MAYOR
Karen B. Schleimer

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RESOLUTION RE: TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR NYSDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT AND PROVIDE LOCAL MATCH FOR THE KISCO AVENUE AND PRESTON WAY PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees passed a Vision Zero Goal Resolution on November 20, 2023 which states zero roadway deaths and serious injuries as the Village's ultimate goal for safety and establishes the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Committee tasked with guiding and implementing the Safety Action Plan to reach the Village's Vision Zero Goal; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees, Complete Streets Committee, and their consultant undertook an effort to study roadway safety, safety improvements, and countermeasures throughout the Village as part of the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Study and Safety Action Plan funded by the New York State Empire State Development Corporation Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees adopted the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Safety Action Plan on June 16, 2025, which identifies opportunities to improve roadway safety, enhance the bicycle and pedestrian network, improve signage and public infrastructure, and encourage usage of active transportation options in Mount Kisco; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Safety Action Plan identifies multiple Complete Street and roadway safety projects for implementation, including pedestrian safety improvements along the Kisco Avenue and Preston Way corridors; and

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the New York State Department of Transportation issued a notice of funding availability of $97.4 million to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path, and active transportation-related projects through the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Kisco Avenue and Preston Way Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements project is as follows:

Total Project Cost:	$3,125,502
State Assistance:	$2,500,402
Local Match	$625,100; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees hereby approves the motion for Mount Kisco to apply for grant funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Kisco Avenue and Preston Way Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements project and to provide a 20% match as required by the New York State Department of Transportation and any cost overruns not covered by the grant request.p

All in favor:

Motion Adopted

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

iii. Streetscape Phase 3B

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to adopt the following:

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RESOLUTION RE: TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR NYSDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT AND PROVIDE LOCAL MATCH FOR MOUNT KISCO STREETSCAPE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3B.

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees passed a Vision Zero Goal Resolution on November 20, 2023 which states zero roadway deaths and serious injuries as the Village's ultimate goal for safety and establishes the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Committee tasked with guiding and implementing the Safety Action Plan to reach the Village's Vision Zero Goal; and

WHEREAS, Mount Kisco has undertaken significant efforts to improve pedestrian safety throughout the Village, including Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Village's Streetscape project, which encompassed Shopper's Park and Blackeby parking lots, Green Street, and Main Street, in addition to Phase 3A which is underway and includes Kirby Plaza and the section of South Moger Avenue north of Kirby Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees, Complete Streets Committee, and their consultant undertook an effort to study roadway safety, safety improvements, and countermeasures throughout the Village as part of the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Study and Safety Action Plan funded by the New York State Empire State Development Corporation Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees adopted the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Safety Action Plan on June 16, 2025, which identifies opportunities to improve roadway safety, enhance the bicycle and pedestrian network, improve signage and public infrastructure, and encourage usage of active transportation options in Mount Kisco; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Safety Action Plan identifies multiple Complete Street and roadway safety projects for implementation, including pedestrian safety improvements in the Streetscape Phase 3B area which spans the South Moger Avenue corridor south of Kirby Plaza to Green Street; and

WHEREAS, in November 2025, the New York State Department of Transportation issued a notice of funding availability of $97.4 million to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path, and active transportation-related projects through the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Mount Kisco Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Phase 3B project is as follows:

Total Project Cost:	$5,164,641
State Assistance:	$4,131,712
Local Match	$1,032,929; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Kisco Board of Trustees hereby approves the motion for Mount Kisco to apply for grant funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program for Mount Kisco Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Phase 3B and to provide a 20% match as required by the New York State Department of Transportation and any cost overruns not covered by the grant request.

All in favor:

Motion Adopted

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to pay the bills as submitted on March 2, 2026 for the month of February 2026 as follows:

General Fund	$	392,031.08
Water Fund	$	196,792.74
Sewer Fund	$	9,480.01
Capital Fund	$	53,323.54
Library Fund	$	17,792.90
Trust Fund	$	15,871.21
Special Purpose Trust	$	00.00
LOSAP	$	00.00
TOTAL	$	685,291.48

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 1.5.2026

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to approve the minutes as amended for January 5, 2026; all in favor:

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

b. VB Meeting Minutes 1.20.2026

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Bryant to approve the minutes as submitted for January 20, 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 1:21:58 mark here: https://vimeo.com/1170086770?fl=pl&fe=sh)

Hello. I'm a friend of Mount Kisco. Okay. Could you just state your name and address?
Sandra Veco, 150 North Bedford Road, Chappaqua, New York, 10514.

I'm a friend of Mount Kisco. I work in Mount Kisco. I serve, I have the honor of serving vulnerable adults and older people. I make home visits. I was, today, ironically walking to see a patient in Mount Kisco, and I was approached by someone who appeared to be drunk and intoxicated and, I, it was very unpleasant. So basically, I'm here with a few other women, and we're gonna share with you, I think Mount Kisco is under siege. I think we have a serious problem. I think it's becoming more and more unsafe. Women are afraid to walk out in this community. There are blotter reports daily and even multiple times of dysregulated, inebriated, intoxicated people who are defecating and urinating in public. They are harassing other people. They're very unhinged. They're using a lot of resources. And I think we have to come up with a humanitarian solution to this issue. But it's serious. People are not gonna wanna shop here. People are not gonna wanna come here. It's getting worse and worse. And there'll be other people in this room who can share their positions. The blotter reports what's going on in the laundromat. There was someone who died. This is really serious. And people have a right to be cared for and treated. However, people also have the right to have a quality of life and not have to be subjected to experiencing this.

Thank you.

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Phillip DuBon, Prospect Street, Mount Kisco.

Good evening, Mayor and members of the board. I'm here to be constructive and I'm gonna stick to facts, timelines, and solutions. So I've spoken about the Preston Way Bridge, especially about communication and urgency. And tonight I wanna do three things. I wanna acknowledge that real progress has been made or remind you that better communication was requested and agreed to months ago. And I'm asking you to commit to a clear and consistent way of keeping residents informed, not just on Preston Way, but on major issues in general. So since the closure in December, there's been important movement. On January 9th, Senator Harckham brought together the Village, DOT, County Legislator Pierce, and other, government notables, Governor Hochul, and Senator Schumer from their office. The village posted a January 14th update saying the goal was to have a working agreement with the MTA by the end of January. So you could consider it at your February 2nd meeting and try and get bids out in early February. The board approved the MTA master permit that New York State DOT required before the village can go out to bid. And that was a major milestone. And I wanna acknowledge that.

We've also heard that design is complete bid docents are being prepared. Bids may be back in a matter of weeks, and enclosure could last up to two years. I understand the complexity of building over an active railroad and negotiating with multiple agencies. This information along with what we heard tonight from the Village manager, it's all real work and I genuinely appreciate. But as a resident, there are some things that we know from daily experience right now. Traffic still feels terrible. Key intersections are still being blocked on a regular basis. Side streets that were never meant to carry this load are now full of frustrated, cut through drivers. I've spoken with merchants in a town to tell me in plain numbers that they've already lost thousands of dollars of revenue since the bridge closed. If this continues for months and years, that can easily become tens of thousands for individual small businesses. And that's not theoretical, that's payroll, that's rent, that's staying open. And we need to be honest about the timeline. And I think Village Manager approached that a little bit tonight. The bridge is closed on December 3rd. If it's up to two years, it's realistic that we're about three months in. So it's roughly 21 months still ahead of us. And if conditions feel this strained. Now, it's fair to say that without strong visible action and communication, the frustration and economic damage is only gonna

grow. So with that in mind, I want to be very clear. This is not the first time I've stood here asking for better communication.

When I spoke on December 15th, I specifically asked for time, timelines, ongoing updates to residents about Preston Way several of you acknowledged in the room that communication is critical Since then, from the average resident's point of view, here's what we can actually see. A detailed web update dated January 14th, the original December eight bridge closed notice, still sitting there as if it was the whole story. And here's the issue, that January 14th update included a targeted deadline of January 30 for the next step. And it’s now March two residents deserve to see a fresh dated update reflecting what has happened since then, especially now that the master permit has been approved and the village is going out to bid. In other words, most of what residents know about the most disruptive local issue in years still comes from outside media, scattered videos, word of mouth, not from a clear, consistent flow of information from our own village government. Former mayor used to send out periodic letters tucked in with a water bill. They weren't novels, but they listed what was happening in the Village. Projects underway, issues being addressed, sometimes even problems being worked on. You got the sense that somebody was talking to you and not around you. And this is where village management matters. The board sets the direction, but the day-to-day execution lives with the village manager and staff. Mr. Brancati, I'm asking you specifically to take ownership of this work proactively with the mayor and trustees to create a simple repeatable system for public updates and then keep it going consistently. Residents shouldn't have to rely on rumor outside articles or meeting videos to learn what their own village is doing. And already we have a working model right here in Mount Kisco. The rec department sends out regular emails that keep residents informed in a clear, consistent way. And that shows the village can communicate well if we choose to. If the rec can do it consistently, village hall can too. I'm asking that the same discipline and cadence be applied by the Village manager's office for major issues like Preston Way. And I understand some trustees have even offered to help. I think Trustee Bryant has stepped into that. I think, that's great, but it still needs to be organized, consistent and owned by management as part of the job. I'm not asking for a weekly newsletter. I am asking that the Village make a conscious ongoing effort using staff or other resources to give residents the level of information we deserve, especially on something as big as Preston Way.

So here are my specific requests. One for Preston Way specifically, keep the Preston Way Bridge closure page current with short dated updates in plain language. Please post updates at these, at these milestones. Bid issued, bid due dates, bids received, contract awarded, anticipated start date, best estimated reopening window pair those milestones with a brief notice on the homepage. And a simple email or text alert, even if we're still waiting on X, it's better than silence. Two, for village communication more broadly, ask the village manager and staff to put together a basic communication plan for major issues, Preston Way, Leonard Park projects, downtown projects, public safety matters, and so on. That could mean a monthly or quarterly village update, a bulletin plus a standing major project section on the website where residents can see in one place what's going on and what's coming up next.

So I want to emphasize, I'm not here to deny that hard work is happening. I believe it is. What I'm saying again, is that the public shouldn't have to piece it together from rumor videos and long articles, we should be able to go to the village's own channels and see clearly where things stand for residents, merchants, property owners, and people thinking about moving or investing here. This bridge is not a side issue. It affects safety, daily life, business, and the long-term reputation of Mount Kisco. So I'm asking you respectfully but firmly to do two things at the same time. Keep pushing the Preston Way Bridge Pro forward every day and commit to clear, consistent, proactive communication about it and about other major village issues as well. So I'll close with this. This is a hard problem, but it's not helped by rumor blame or performative outrage. It is helped by clear milestones and steady public updates. I know people are frustrated, but if we want solutions, we need steady information and real milestones, not a running commentary that's more interested in applause than progress. I'll say this plainly. If this bridge could realistically be closed for up two years, for up to two years, then we cannot operate as if we have plenty of time. We don't. We're about three months in with roughly 21 months to go. This means every week matters, every milestone matters. And every resident and business owner deserves to see progress and clear communication that matches the scale of this disruption. So

tonight, the village manager did give us a lot of information. Thank you. And this is the type of information that needs to be communicated clearly and regularly. Thank you for your time. Thank You.

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Hi. I've never been to one of these before, so forgive me for not understanding how this goes. I see that people come and talk and you know, I live at 171 Elmwood Road in South Salem. For 29 years I lived in this community.

Mayor Cindrich: Just give us your name.

Oh, Lauren Tori. Hi. So I have lived in this community for 29 years until recently and moved. I own an office. I'm a female founded business with 10 females working for me in Mount Kisco on Dakin Avenue. For the past 29 years, I have walked my dog around the town. I have shopped in the town. I have had my business in the town, and I'm sure that you guys all know and have heard over and over again about how unsafe we all feel. I felt it was necessary for me now to come to talk to you guys as a business owner here. I would love to keep my business here. I would. I don't know what the village manager does. I don't know what his job, I don't know what you do, but I've seen your name all over social media, and is this a forum where I can ask questions and you can answer questions? Or do I just kind of state what my fears are?

Mayor Cindrich: Due to the time constraints, we'd like you to just say what you want to say. We will compile everything said here and provide a response to that at a later date.

Ms Tori: Okay.

So I have now not walked my dog in the town. I have come across a few different situations where it's made me feel unsafe, even with my dog. I was walking by the police station a couple weeks ago, and both my dog and I were sort of on high alert, very uncomfortable. I turned around, went back to my car on Dakin Avenue.

I have instructed all of my employees, all females not to take the train out of Mount Kisco. We now drive to Bedford Hills or Katonah. I instruct them not to park their cars there, not to be there at night. We often go into the city for business meetings, come back late at night. None of us feel comfortable. I certainly don't want to be responsible for the people that I work with to feel unsafe or God forbid something happened. I think that it's just when my lease is up, I'm gonna be looking at other places that, I'm not the only business in town that feels this way. There are other female founded businesses that are in the town. We are all feeling unsafe. So, I would love to hear, you know, either now or when you do your notes, where the police are 'cause I don't feel the presence where I used to back in the day. Where I would see the same police officers over and over tell them where I feel uncomfortable, which was very rare by back then, but I don't feel that there's anybody that can come. I work on Dakin Avenue. That's where my office is. If you know the area there, it's a one way that kind of swings around. There is, I saw two who I believe were ICE officers with a few other officers down around that one way when I was leaving the office the other night. It's unsettling. It's scary. None of us wanna be in the office past dark. And in the winter, obviously it gets dark early. So I implore everybody to listen to what we're saying. You know, not pointing fingers, but, you know, it would be great for, you know, people like the village manager to listen to what we're saying. I feel, you know, I'm speaking here from my heart that I love this town and I would love to keep my business in this town. But you know, you not seeming to pay attention to what I'm saying now is sort of disrespectful. And I'm feeling like you're not listening. And I would really appreciate for you to hear us and to understand that all of us here in this room want this town to be what it used to be.

You know, we all love it here. We all want to work here and shop here and walk our dogs here. This goes back as far as when my boys were little and playing ball at Leonard Park, where there were homeless people in the dugouts. It's like, when it's trickling down like this and it's affecting all of us

and all of our families, I feel like something needs to be done. I'm happy to join a board. I'm happy to sit with all of you guys and give you my experience. And from everybody else that I'm hearing from. I wanna be a business owner that feels comfortable and proud of where I work. And I feel like we can get there, but I feel like it's kind of slipping away. So that's what I have to say.

Mayor Cindrich: How long have you been in business in Mount Kisco?

Ms. Tori:

I've had my, well before COVID, I've had my business in Mount Kisco for the past almost 10 years, where I was working from home. Then, during COVID I left, working over on Main Street, and then came to Daikin and I'm happy there. I would love to stay there. You know, Joe Bueti is my landlord. I absolutely adore him. He's a proud business member here too. So, you know, I would love, I mean, I own a PR agency. It's what I do. It's like, I know what, what goes on here. And I would love nothing more than to keep saying how proud I am. But we're scared.

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Mark Mafia, 33 Turner Lane, Mount Kisco.

I have three points, three things. I've seen a lot of stuff about what's going on with the public drunkenness and the fights and that kind of thing. And a lot of people blaming the police department. Guys, you gotta get one thing straight. The cops hands are tied. They cannot do a lot. It's very limited what they can do due to the laws of our wonderful governor. And due to the laws of our legislature, they cannot touch anybody. They can't arrest anybody. If they do arrest them, they are release before the ink on the paperwork is dry. Okay? It's just, it's a nightmare. This whole thing. I think there should be a three-strike rule because it seems that the same people are the ones that keep getting arrested. First time you get let off, second time you get a $500 appearance ticket. Third time you're down in Westchester County Jail. That's it. Three strikes, you're out.

My other thing is, I'm very, very disappointed as a resident of this town for 25 years or more, that these two big snowstorms that we had this year, and we had some big snowstorms. They were pretty rough. I remember years ago when we had big snow storms, overnight, DPW or private contractors or both were out on Main Street, out on Moger Avenue, cleared all the snow from the front of the stores. And when you came to shop, you could get outta your car, walk into the store, and everybody was happy. The store owners are getting buried by Preston Avenue Bridge. By Preston Bridge, okay? The store owners are getting buried 'cause they are buried by snow that wasn't cleared. Why? For the life of me, we have two storms over 20 inches, and nothing's been cleared. If you have two people in a car and you pull up to a parking space, not only can you not reach the meter, and we're probably losing a bundle of money on the meters, but the passenger seat person, the person in the passenger seat can't get out of the car. And so as a result, you get the driver gets back in the car; you drive away. And I go to Katonah or I go to Bedford, or I don't shop here. I don't shop here. I'm a big believer in shopping local. I had a local business in a small town. I understand what it's about. I appreciate the fact that it was a big snowstorm, but I, for the life of me, I can't understand. I come out of my street, Turner Lane to Croton Avenue. There's a snow pile between the exit on the Saw Mill and Croton and Turner Lane in my little Honda. I cannot see over the thing. So I just pull out and hope that nobody's flying off the exit and making a right turn and plowing into me. You can't see anything. Not everybody in this town drives an SUV. Okay, Ed, not for nothing, but maybe you should get in your car and drive around a little bit and see what's going on because it's tough out there.

The third thing, everybody has a right to protest. A couple of weeks ago, I know there are parameters on the protesters on Saturday, couple of weeks ago, I was at front of the firehouse, the traffic light. There was a gentleman standing in the street yelling and screaming at people. The light turned green. I started to go, he stood in front of my car. If I was 40 years younger, I would've been in jail and he would've been in a wheelchair. Okay? He spit at me. I didn't say anything to him. All I, that's wrong. I did say something to him. I said, please move outta the way so I can go, yeah, when

I'm ready. And he spit at me. Everybody has a right to protest. I thought we had limits on how big the crowds could be. Obviously, we don't. Nobody's Saturday. This Saturday they were up in front of AT&T, I mean, this is what you want Mount Kisco to look like. Just let's just, between the snow, the drunks, let's just bury the town. Property values will go down the toilet. Now we can do it. Thank you.

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Good evening, Board. Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Trustees, Theresa Flora, 348 Spring Street, 36-year resident.

Lauren, that was really great. Thank you for saying that. Everything you said when we discussed the Downtown Improvement Grant, when I was on the board, one of the things that I wanted to talk about was safety and being a woman in the downtown and how unsafe that that feels. I was rebuffed because if you're a man and you don't feel unsafe, I guess none of us do, and unfortunately, that's where we are, with a very serious situation here. So I've noticed that the blotter is full of incidents of intoxicated individuals repeatedly. EMS being called sometimes two, three times a day. I did not know that. I don't know if it's because this winter has been so bad and people have been displaced from the green spaces, but it can't continue this way. We're stressing the EMS to the max. I don't even think they wanna go out, to be honest with you. If it's 4:30 in the morning and it's cold out and you hear there's an intox on North Moger, do you really wanna go? And they're very dedicated individuals and they don't complain. They never complain to me. I know a bunch of them. I mean, I know what they deal with. So we've had issues here. I've had issues here personally. I got a call from a parent from Mount Kisco Elementary School. This parent wants to stay anonymous, and I don't blame this parent, young parent with a young child. I'd wanna be anonymous too, if there were drug dealing going on Lexington, if there was open drinking going on, on Lexington and West Hyatt. So she asked me if I would read this statement for her, and I will.

Dear members of the town legislature, I'm writing to formally report a serious and unacceptable safety concern involving my fifth-grade son, a student at Mount Kisco Elementary School on multiple occasions while walking home from school. My child has been accosted by intoxicated men who regularly gather at the corner of West Hyatt and Lexington. During the most recent encounter, one of these individuals aggressively charged toward my son and what appeared to be an attempt to grab him or something he was wearing. This is not harmless loitering. This is threatening predatory behavior directed at a child. No parent should have to worry that their elementary school child may be chased, grabbed, or assaulted while walking home in our town. The fact that this has happened repeatedly suggests an ongoing invisible problem that has not been addressed. I'm demanding immediate action to ensure the safety of our children and all residents. This should include increased police presence during school dismissal hours.

And I'm gonna just add not just in front of the school and enforcement of public intoxication and loitering laws, and any other appropriate measures necessary to prevent further incidents.

Waiting until a child is physically harmed is not an acceptable course of action. Our town has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for families, residents of this community. I expect a prompt response outlining what specific steps will be taken to address the situation and prevent it from continuing. The safety of our children must be a top priority.

And I'm gonna repeat it. The safety of our children must be a top priority. This child is a fifth grader, was at 10, 11 years old. This is a core memory for this child. Scared, petrified no doubt, just walking home from school, 10 or 11-year-old boys should just be thinking about their friends, sports, video games, whatever else 10-year-old kids think about. I'm sure Deputy Mayor, you'll remember in 2023, Leonard Park was, and I'm gonna use your word Sandy, it's here in my notebook. Under siege. Under siege. I'm sure you remember a bunch of disruptive drunks. Same people I still see involved as disruptive drunks all over the village. They were using our children's dugouts as bar rooms, bathrooms, bedrooms, not even the batting cages were off limits. Everything had to be disinfected before a baseball game. So what did we do here? We demanded change. I don't know how these drunks got displaced into the park. I've been here a long time. Spend many, spend all my time in the

park. Any free time I have, I'd like to go there. Had never seen that level of invasion. And so what did we do? We demanded that the then Mayor do something. So at great taxpayer costs, $12,000. We invested in locking gates. The Rec had to approve that. What could we do? Locking gates on the dugouts. So we locked out the drunks, but we also locked out our children, and we locked out everybody else who wants to go down for a pickup game and sit in a dugout. I wasn't happy about that.

So that was also around the time when the tea house was broken into, same group of individuals. The Byram Lake Trail that leads from Byram Lake Road into the playground. Another area that was under siege while kids are on the playground, campers, counselors, lifeguards that use that trail to get to work in the morning. Parents that bring their kids into the playground. Naked men bathing 10 o'clock in the morning. Okay? So what we need and what we asked for then was foot patrols. And we had it for a little while. I don't think anyone likes getting around, out of the car around here. That's the problem. It's hard to see things from the car. I sat in that seat with Erica Pierce, our legislator, standing right here. And I tried to say, we have a humanitarian crisis on our hands with the intoxication. Nobody wanted to listen to that. Glazed over. Okay? It's too, too big of a problem. We don't want him in our town keep them there in Mount Kisco. Now, my story pales in comparison to a 10- year-old boy getting accosted. But I'm gonna read my story anyway because I think it's important for people to understand it. Listen to it, hear it. I also emailed this board and got no response except for Deputy Mayor Schleimer, who had the decency to contact me.

But on February 20, February 16th of this year, I wrote an email to the board. For some inexplicable reason, I have become the target of a chronically drunk and belligerent individual. I'll leave the name out, who's supposedly homeless. The first encounter was in Leonard Park that same year, the 2023 year, August 25th when he verbally harassed me. No reason, I just happened to be there. But that day, one of the police officers who was in the park dispersing him and others from one of the dugouts because they were drinking alcohol, told me he didn't hear or see the altercation between me and this individual. So he couldn't do anything about it. Maybe could, maybe couldn't. Soon. As the police officers left, this particular individual came right back to the park. And I needed one of the park staff to walk me out so I could get home that day.

The next incident of harassment and menacing was in Kirby Plaza. Following year, October 2nd, 2024. That incident resulted in me filing a formal police report. I sat in the Blue Heron and filled it out, but again, because the police didn't see it, nothing was done. I foiled for that police report, and the call type was called check condition. I don't really know what that means. My condition, his condition. Then on February 5th of this year, I was once again aggressively approached by the same individual who verbally harassed and met me outside the strip mall where the man was recently found dead in the laundromat. I called the Westchester County police, an officer responded. I told him, I'm scared of this man. I'm scared he is gonna hurt me, and the officer said, I'll write it up. The man who menaced me was just a few feet away inside the bakery, but he didn't approach him.

And then on February 16th, at approximately 10:28 AM I was walking on 117 toward Lexington, toward the Timber Ridge Condos. And this man was walking toward me. I didn't see him quick enough. I had nowhere to go because there was a snow mountain here, and a snow mountain here. And I was stuck. And I was scared. As soon as he saw me, he recognized me, started yelling in Spanish, called me puta, which I'm pretty sure we all know what that means. And other statements I couldn't comprehend 'cause he was yelling in Spanish. I was very frightened that day. And I, that day, I feared for my life. And I'm not embarrassed to stay. I started to cry. Thankfully, there was a man behind me, an older man who was walking to the rehab where the old Calico corners used to be. And he said to me, call the police. He also said to me, I've been here for 35 years and I've never seen it this bad. And I agreed. So when the police arrived, I told him, I need to do something. I need to file something. I need to do something. This guy's gonna hurt me. He, I'm afraid he's gonna end up killing me. So I went, met them down at the station, and I filled out a deposition that was sent to the district attorney.

Now I spend at least two hours a day on foot in the village. Something I've done for probably more than three decades. I don't plan to stop, but I'm afraid. First time in this, in all these years

that I've been afraid here in Mount Kisco, I always thought, 'cause I grew up in the Bronx, I had a different way of life than my kids enjoyed here. I was always afraid down there, walking to school and walking home. My kids didn't have that. And I was so very grateful for that experience for them. But now I'm afraid. But I'm not gonna, I'm gonna stand my ground here in this Village because it belongs to us. We respect it. They, anybody could be here, respect our village and respect the residents. This is not what we're getting. You might say it's always been this way. We've always had to deal with the intoxicated. But it's different now. These individuals are right in your face. They spend their days and nights drinking, and they are not afraid to get right in your face and menace you. They have no fear of drinking in public. They have no fear of urinating in public. No fear of defecating in public, in front of homes, in front of children, in front of businesses. I have never seen this level of disrespect here, but it's frightening. So our quality of life and safety are compromised. Our business districts suffering. You have to do something.

Lastly, at some point, and I have to make, put this on the record, when this snow melts, these individuals will retreat to the trails that are close to the stores that sell the alcohol. I know because I live on a trail for 36 years and I've seen it, it would be morally and ethically wrong to promote the trails that have a long history of danger, and minimal, if any, surveillance, minimal.

If any surveillance, please protect the residents. So I'm gonna finish, I'll follow up at what happened with the assistant district attorney. I happened to call Friday to ask, did you get my stuff? You got the deposition, right? Oh yeah. This was Friday the 27th. I wrote you guys an email. I didn't get a response. Apparently, the defendant was in court the night before. Here's the email I just spoke with the assistant district attorney who's handling the menacing case that I emailed you about recently. He was in court last night, drunk, combative, and with six open warrants. Six open warrants. Six open warrants. Okay. Can anyone explain why the Westchester County Police aren't doing their jobs? Mark, I know you said they can't do anything. No, they can do something when they know where he is and I call them and they don't run his, and I tell 'em his name. It's not like I don't know him. And not, not like they don't, they can do something. Okay. Not mad at you. It's not as though they don't know where he is. It's disgraceful. I know where he is. A few days later, I go into the library. Guess where he is in our taxpayer funded library. I leave because I'm afraid. But he gets to stay charging his phone in our taxpayer funded library. You cannot be proud of that. Okay? You can't. This, I just received a foil of the report from the late incident in February. Apparently, he was engaged by another police officer while two were talking to me on the sidewalk. Someone engaged, another officer engaged him at the BP. There was a witness who said he was belligerent to the officer. That officer let him go without running his name, without seeing that he had six warrants out. Six, six warrants open

The Westchester County contract. The police contract was approved quickly on January 5th. I wrote an email that day to the board, got no response, outlined all my concerns 'cause we never had a chance to really talk about it. And I had concerns, grave concerns the vote was four to one with Deputy Mayor Schleimer, appropriately abstaining. She had opined, Trustees had never met trustees, had never met with the Westchester County Police. They are our contractors. Would you hire a contractor for your house to put a roof on, to reno your kitchen without talking to 'em before you signed the contract? Of course not. You needed to do your due diligence. It's malpractice when you don't. So thank you Karen, for abstaining. I appreciate that. So again, I'm gonna go back to the beginning, to the young man that I talked about. If you don't have the intestinal fortitude to hold your contractors to account and make sure they're keeping the children safe, like we did with Leonard Park, we held them to account and said, make the park safe.

If you don't have the intestinal fortitude to hold them to account, you should step down.

Thank you.

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Hello, Jordan Young 50 Park Drive.

Uh, I got some stuff to say over here. Good evening, Mayor. Members of the board and neighbors. My name is Jordan. I'm a fourth-generation resident. My child and I are the future of Mount Kisco. I love this town. It's where I'm raising my daughter, where we shop and where we spend our time in the community. But lately, I've grown increasingly concerned about what I'm seeing on the streets.

First of the conditions. Our road has really become a problem. Potholes, uneven payment aren't just an inconvenience they're a safety issue for drivers, cyclists, and anyone walking downtown. We deserve a clean, well-maintained street that reflects the pride we all feel for our town.

Second, and equally serious, in risk of public intoxication downtown. It brings, it breaks my heart to say this, but I often see people passed out on the sidewalks or even inside stores. Interesting. As a parent, I shouldn't have to be afraid to bring my child in local shops and beyond that, its unfair for our first respondents. When EMS has to respond repeatedly to the same thing over and over. I have seizures. What if I have fell down the stairs? That's an actual, you know, serious situation. Back to that I'm asking the town for a real solution. Better road repair schedules, more consistent law enforcement presence downtown and appreciate local service for intoxicated with addiction. We all want safe and welcome communities where families feel comfortable and first responders aren't overstretched. Thank you for your time and your service for listening to a resident like me who cares deeply about where I live. Something really needs to be done, guys. This is a shame. Just like the first young lady said, no one's gonna wanna shop in Kisco. Everyone's gonna fail. Have a good night. And I really hope you think about doing something about it.

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How, you doing? My name is Sean Moran.

I've, lived in Mount Kisco for just under 16 years and work in Mount Kisco. I love this town, but, I can't help but piggyback on everybody that has come up before me here to this podium. It wasn't always like this. I've seen it go in a direction that is very, very, very undesirable. I've seen it with my own eyes. It's not hearsay. I was in, Barnes and Noble just the other day, just for one small incident. The poor sales lady was elected, I guess, by her coworkers to ask these guys who were basically having a party in Barnes and Noble, could you please leave? And, you know, they, they're laughing and joking and, you know, sitting on the chairs and going in and out of the bathrooms. By the way, didn't look like anyone had any Barnes and Noble bags for, you know, making any purchases. But, I said to the woman later, I said, I give you a lot of credit. I'm so sorry that you had to handle that. It's coming on their shoulders, it's coming on their heads. It's really coming down on them. My little girl said to me tonight when we, she said, where are you going mom? Where are you going dad? We're gonna go talk about what's going on in town. She says, I don't even want to go to town anymore. My 10-year-old little girl, also in fifth grade.

A neighbor of mine, oh, Sean, I live at 18 Beverly Road, a neighbor of ours, she works in town. She said kind of glibly, you know, not glibly, that's not the right adverb. She kinda said, matter of factly, she said, oh, yeah, no, I know to not walk, you know, between the municipal lot and south Moger, you know, if it's the sun starts going down, forget about it. But even in the morning, you have to give the guys who are sleeping there and partying there. Time to get roused and woken up. I'm not walking past those bodies. There's no way. And it, it's said to me matter of factly. Like, you just don't, you don't go there. You don't go there. You don't go there. You don't go there. What are we under siege? You know what I mean? And, uh, the unbelievable thing is that it's so visible. We don't have to form some task force to find these issues. They are unfortunately right in our faces. And the fact that these citizens are getting the sense that nothing is being done, I think needs to be answered for. I'm not pointing fingers. I appreciate everyone here's service. I'm just making an appeal. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

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Good evening, mayor and board members. My name is Jennifer Vallejos.

I live on Beverly Road and I'm here tonight, not just as a resident, but as a parent. I'm also a local educator of the district. Like many families in our town, I chose to live here because I feel like it's a community, a place where neighbors look out for each other and work. Children should be able to grow up safely. But lately I have been very concerned. I've seen the police dispatches and I've seen situations myself that make me worry about the safety and wellbeing of our kids and our neighborhoods. Safety isn't a political issue, it's nonpartisan, it's personal. When our children ride their bikes, walk to and from school, wait at bus stops, walk to town stores and restaurants, or spend time at local parks, we should feel confident that they're protected. When seniors walk alone or with their grandkids in town, or small business owners close up at night, they should feel secure. I'm asking the board to take a proactive approach to strengthening safety in our town.

Prevention is always better than reaction. We shouldn't wait for a tragedy to occur to force a change. I also believe safety starts with community connection. When neighbors know each other, when families feel heard, and when local government communicates transparency, trust grows, and safer communities can follow. We're not here to criticize. We're here to collaborate.

I want to work together to ensure our town remains a place we are proud to call home and want to encourage other families to move here. Not just today, but for our future. Three to four, police dispatches for intoxication, disorderly conduct, harassment or assault a month for our small village is an inconvenience. Three to four dispatches a week is a problem. Three to four dispatches a day is a crisis.

Mount Kisco is currently in a crisis, I've collected 66 dispatches of intoxication, disorderly conduct or harassment, assault since January 31st to today, March 2nd. I'm gonna take a moment just to read a few.

March 2nd, 4:09 PM intoxicated person in the lobby of our municipal hall.
March 1st, 5:49 PM Intoxicated man found lying in snowbank.
February 28th, 7:47 PM intoxicated person in parking lot behind the shoe store.
February 28th, 6:50 AM intoxicated man outside 78 Lexington Avenue.
February 27th, 8:29 PM Intoxicated men reported outside Lexington Avenue Laundromat.
February 26th, 7:28 AM intoxicated men at Lexington Avenue Laundromat, unwanted person reported at Lexington Address, Lexington Avenue.
February 26th, 3:28 PM Intoxicated man at gas station on North Bedford Road.
February 25th to 30 7:00 PM drug deal on Lexington in Mount Kisco school zone.

That's just this weekend. I have all the other ones here, which I'm happy to share. If you'd like them, please, I implore you to please do something. This is a very unsafe situation that we're all putting our lives into. Thank you.

Thank You

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Hi, I am Melissa Moran. I live on Beverly Road.

Just to piggyback off of what everybody's been saying, when we moved here 16 years ago, what brought us here? Well, not what brought us here, but we saw the St. Patrick's Day parade and there was this sense of community and everyone was happy. Can you hear me? Everyone was happy. And we just loved the town we love. We said, this is where we wanna be. And that's where we landed. Fast forward 16 years, that sense of community is now gone. The only reason I know about half of these dispatches is because of that news and safety page.

So I think a lot of the residents aren't even aware unless you're walking around town or have children of what's really going on. People on that page blast the people who are sharing these reports, which makes no sense to me because they're sharing facts. And what it comes down to is, you're a racist, you're a maga, you're this. The bottom line is it's not about racism. It's not about what political

side you're on, it's about safety. It's about our children. And what my husband said at dinner tonight when my daughter's saying, oh, I wish I could go to town because she's 10 now, turning 11. She has, but I'm too afraid, and to be honest, I'm afraid to let her go. I have a 13-year-old boy who loves to go to Barnes and Noble, I don't want him to go there anymore because I don't want him to go in those bathrooms because I don't know what's in there. Are there four drunk men passed down on the floor? Are they gonna grab him? Are they gonna do something to him? And what we wanna know as residents is like, do you realize that there's a problem and you're just ignoring it? What is being done about it? And if it wasn't for certain people, who people like to call whistleblowers, but look whistleblowers state the facts and it might anger people and certain comments are, well, nobody's gonna wanna move to Mount Kisco. Why would they wanna move to Mount Kisco when there's this going on.

My 84-year-old mom, we got her to move up from Yonkers. She lived in her house for 40 something years. She lives on Spring now. She's hearing this stuff. And she goes, why did you have me move up here? She brought my son to Oishi and as they're driving by, cops are questioning somebody in the back of Shoes n' More. And she's like, oh, what's going on in this town? And I'm like, I go on the dispatch and I'm like, oh, another intox. And it was like, I don't know, six o'clock at night or something like that. Broad daylight. They're doing it in the lobby. They're doing it in the back of the police station. They're doing it anywhere. So it's either a cry for help from them 'cause they could care less or you guys are just closing your eyes and looking the other way and hoping it goes away. The thing is, it's not going away and it's getting worse and worse every day. Like Jen said, four to five calls a day on this stuff, starting from four o'clock in the morning, men fist fighting in the middle of the road. So somebody passed out on 133 to the drug deal on the corner of Lex. I did reach out to the Superintendent, Dr. Glass, because I feel like he needs to be involved too, and because it's a safety issue for the kids, for women, and for the whole community. So we really, we beg that you please open your eyes and I'm sure you see it, but stop being in denial and do something about it.

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Hello. Abraham Guerra 16 Spencer Street.

I wanna echo some of the sentiments we've already heard today. As a father of an 11-year-old, I'm concerned for his safety as I think about him growing up and hanging out in Mount Kisco. As a homeowner, and someone who's interested in the economic development of his community, as you know, I'm recently part of that board as well. I'm concerned when I hear business owners talking about leaving Mount Kisco. I'm concerned when I speak to friends in Bedford and they tell me they go to Chappaqua to avoid Mount Kisco because of the issue with homeless drunk men. As a Latino and a community member, I'm concerned because situations like this feed stereotypes and divide our community further instead of pulling it closer together. I have friends in, I've made friends in the community that are immigrants that have started businesses here and tell me literally that they take issue with it because it reflects poorly on them. So I think what you're hearing tonight, if you haven't heard it already, is that this is a critical issue for the community and that they hope you make this a priority.

And if I can make another point that the gentleman made there, you know, I recognize, I know firsthand how hard this job is and I'm more than happy to give you the benefit of the doubt that you recognize this as an issue and that you're willing to do what it takes to address it. And that maybe the issue is just communication, right? Maybe you are interested in, if you are interested in fixing this, maybe you just need to communicate that better. Maybe you need to communicate what you're planning to do. Maybe policing's an issue, and some of that may be out of our control. But there's other ways to deal with this, right? There's social programs. Is there grants to be had to help for issues like this? I mean, we're reaching out to the governor to legislators, it sounds like we're reaching out to a lot of people for help with infrastructure. Do the members of our community matter the same? Are they worth the same type of effort? Again, I'm willing to give you the benefit of the doubt and say that government in general doesn't care as much and won't, there won't be grants to be had. But if you can communicate that you're at least trying to seek them that you are looking for solutions, I think that would go a long way in helping the community feel more comfortable that at least

something is being done, ‘cause the sense I'm getting is that some of the community believe you're doing nothing in regard to this issue. So, like was mentioned, I'm here to help. I think a lot of people here are willing to help. If you need help, figure out a way to ask for it to get people involved, 'cause I think people would be willing to help and help make the situation better. Thanks.

Thank you

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Lou Terlizzi Mount Kisco.

I'll stay on topic at least initially, there's no valid reason why a male subject with six active warrants who physically harassed a female twice in two weeks shouldn't have been arrested on the spot either time. The court did its job, the police did not. It is also inappropriate and unacceptable. When just last week, a 63-year-old resident of Mount Kisco who called the police about problems stemming from an overcrowded house in his neighborhood, is told by a county officer, if you don't like it, why don't you move? What's needed is proactive community-oriented policing with focus on addressing quality of life issues. Now a lot of those issues aren't, shouldn't just fall on the police. Obviously, the building department has their role as far as the police broken windows theory, a lot of minor-ish problems if left unaddressed become bigger ones.

Proper supervision, accountability, continuity of officers to ensure familiarization of people and addressing problem locations. We have enough officers assigned to patrol provided they go on patrol. It's obvious that too many officers are congregating for too long at 40 Green Street. There's no reason for officers to be inside that building for any extended period of time. They are not dispatching police, fire, ambulance. And since the building is closed to the public, they're not handling walk-in complaints. Since the building is not supervised 24/7, there should be exterior cameras installed to safeguard village property, including the court. Simple solutions that I think will go a long way.

I walk sometimes two, three hours a day through the center of town, and rarely do I see a police car. It's unacceptable. Regarding home rule, I want to thank, I want to commend the village board for formally supporting home rule. It's imperative that the village maintain local control from the potential overreach of the state. We can no longer be the dumping ground of Northern Westchester. Thank you. If you prioritize the needs of the residents, the residents will support you a hundred percent.

I do wanna make mention regarding the bills. My 92-year-old Aunt Raquinna was a resident of Grove Street, passed away on February 8th. She worked full-time for 37 years at Curtis Instruments in Mount Kisco. She had always made sure to make fresh homemade dinners for her family. She died in her kitchen just like my other 90-year-old aunt on Spring Street. Both died in the place they loved me the most. I don't think it's a coincidence. She was also never one for holding back from speaking her mind. For the last 20 years, she repeatedly told me that Karen Schleimer was the only politician that she and her friends trusted and supported because she questioned the bills. Thank you for always supporting the taxpayers, including the seniors and those living on fixed incomes regarding development.

It seems like we're putting the cart before the horse again. You're telling people they can't water their gardens, yet curiously, there's no temporary moratorium on building. We're acting like Mount Kisco has an unlimited supply of water when clearly we all know that that's not the case. The reservoir is somewhere below 83% and the other source of well water. The Leonard Park Wells are drying up. So again, maybe consider a moratorium on new development. Certainly we need to be wise until we can find alternate solutions for water. All right, well I have something else, but I'll save for next time.

I know it's been a long, long night. It's gonna be even longer. Thank you very much.

Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Board.
I'm Bob Scoppeletti, a lifelong resident, 68 years in Mount Kisco.

Both my parents and two of my grandparents were also born in Mount Kisco. So, we have roots in this town. We have commitment in this town. My wife and I both volunteer some of our time with the Italian American Club and the Lions Club, and we've seen all the good things that this town has to offer. What we're seeing now is not good. I don't actually blame the police for not enforcing the laws because their hands are tied. We have become just like the whole state, a sanctuary town, and I am not apologetic in saying it, but when people vote for that, that's what we get. The fact that the police cannot uphold the law. They can do what they do. They can write up a report, they know nothing's gonna happen, and these people who are constantly publicly intoxicated, they're just gonna do it again and again 'cause there's no consequence. You know, we teach our kids when they're young, don't do that because there's a consequence. The first time. It might be you can't watch TV for an hour. You're gonna sit in your room for two hours, you know you're gonna get a little slap like we did with the wooden spoon. Italian families, had a wooden spoon all the time at the ready. And you learned you don't do it again. There has to be a consequence for what these people are doing. It's got nothing to do with race. It's got nothing to do with ethnicity. If I drink in public, I'm gonna pay the consequence. I don't know if anyone's ever been to New Orleans, but during Mardi Gras, if you're in New Orleans and you're publicly drunk, you're getting put on a bus and the bus sits in one spot until it's full. It doesn't matter what goes on in that bus, then it goes to the police station and everybody gets booked and everybody gets a ticket and they pay a fine. So maybe we need a bus in Mount Kisco. I don't know what the answer is, but I've sat here long enough and watched it over and over again and it's not right.

It's not good. You know, it's not new. I'm gonna go back about 20 years now. My father who lived on, Lexington and right on the corner, really, Moore Avenue, Lexington. He used to go to Florida for the winter and his first-floor apartment was vacant. And my brother would go over there one time to check the apartment, make sure the heat was on, and he sees footprints in the snow leading to the bilko door in the basement. Wow, that's not right. He goes inside and he hears noise, and while he's walking through the house, the guy runs from the basement or from the bedroom through the basement, out through the backyard. My brother follows him as far as he could go 'cause he smokes, and he ran outta gas on the way and he ended up making a report. At that time the officer said, Hey, you know, you should probably leave a light on in a house so nobody breaks into it. That's not the right answer. Now we don't expect every door to be checked, but when we were kids, the cop walking the beat literally walked to every storefront and checked every door downtown to see if they were locked. That's not the way you wanna live, but right now, locking the doors isn't the issue. Getting these people off the streets and where they belong is what we have to do, and the women in this room, I know exactly the way you feel because I raised two daughters in this town and both of them had similar situations going back 25, 30 years. But one of my daughters actually understood Spanish and she understood what they were saying. Diana was pretty strong and still is a pretty strong woman, and she gave it right back to 'em, 'cause she knew the language and she spoke it right back to them. We can't do that anymore because then we're considered racist or, or some type of label. But anyway, I thank the board for listening. I hope there is a solution and I'm willing to help in any way that I can.

Thanks, Bob.

Mayor Cindrich made some comments to address some of the concerns of the residents advising that he was also going to bring this to the attention of the WCPD.

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

<u>Motion Adopted</u>

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 9:48 p.m.

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Edward W. Brancati
Village Manager

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