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Choose One: Village Manager's Office

Please include any questions or comments: Before any changes are made home owners need a clear understanding of what will happen with their taxes. Please don't move forward with anything until current residents have a clear understanding of what will happen. Please read these comments at tonight's meeting.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Jessica

Email Address:

==Address==

Street: 58 Thompson Ave

City: Croton-on-Hudson

State: New York

Zipcode: 10520

Organization:

Phone Number:

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Choose One: Public Comments for Board Meeting

Please include any questions or comments:

Regarding the assessor agenda item:

It is hard to comment when you don't know how a pending Board item impacts you. I cannot conceive of any reason why the village has not published a spreadsheet with all of the estimated property level tax changes. It should have been in the meeting backup materials.

It is all public information, and it is all information that the village already has. In fact, the Village has already done the work at a higher level to figure out an estimated equivalent rate for Cortlandt and to determine the number of impacted properties, so do the right thing and show it to us. It's not that simple for residents to do if they don't understand how to calculate the tax amounts or don't know where to go to find the rolls much less how to read them. Most probably don't understand.

It's not fair to make people try to figure this out themselves and then ask them to vote on it. How do you make an intelligent public comment when you don't know how something affects you?

I also noticed there's an item (9d) referencing a Teamsters contract/agreement, but the contract/agreement is not included in the materials. I googled and other towns seem to include them as backup for similar agenda items. It's not exactly government in the sunshine if we don't know what the board is agreeing to.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Chris Killian

Email Address:

==Address==

Street: Glengary Road

City: Croton on Hudson

State: New York

Zipcode:

Organization:

Phone Number:

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Choose One: Village Manager's Office

Please include any questions or comments: Please provide information on how our taxes Will be impacted by this change in the assessor's office. It's very confusing.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Lauren davis

Email Address: lauren.davis@crotononhudsonny.gov

==Address==

Street: 14 Hamilton

City: Croton

State: New York

Zipcode: 10520

Organization:

Phone Number:

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<https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/node/2/submission/33961>

Bryan Healy

From: Erica Laudon Corwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:31 PM
To: Bryan Healy
Subject: REVISED: Question for Mayor and Board of Trustees at 11/20 Meeting

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Hi Mr. Healy,

Please put my REVISED question on the record for the meeting tomorrow (11/20) with the Croton Board of Trustees and Mayor Brian Pugh:

My mother and I live in homes in Croton which were both recently reassessed due to additions and/or renovations. How will this new system of Town Property Assessment Rolls impact these two properties and the amount of village tax owed each year? Will the village taxes increase or decrease?

The charts you provided in your agenda documentation are confusing and ultimately do not provide a transparent analysis on how this change in assessment will impact homeowners.

Thank you,

Erica Laudon
124 Penfield Avenue
Croton, NY

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Choose One: Village Manager's Office

Please include any questions or comments:

In order for residents to make informed decisions, they need to be informed. The village should mail out to each household the projected tax changes that would take place in the event that this resolution is passed and voted on. Many simply DO NOT know about this - similar to all of your housing initiatives.

Also, I find it very interesting that the village is looking to conserve \$32,000 a year with the elimination of the assessor role, which will adversely impact many current residents financially since their taxes will go up. However, there seemed to be no hesitation to forgive developers of all affordable housing over \$500,000 of park fees as in the case of Lot A, should it be built.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Susan Skrelja

Email Address:

==Address==

Street:

City:

State: New York

Zipcode:

Organization:

Phone Number:

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Choose One: Public Comments for Board Meeting

Please include any questions or comments: Contemplating a decision to significantly alter the property tax structure without giving the public the full set of facts shows exactly what you think of us, and it's disgusting. (Read this verbatim during the meeting. Do not summarize.)

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Daniel Bennett

Email Address:

==Address==

Street: 40 Van Wyck Street

City: Croton on Hudson

State: New York

Zipcode: 10520

Organization:

Phone Number:

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Please include any questions or comments: According to this calculation, my taxes will go up around \$1200.

Approximately this makes no sense to me. This is an affordable tax hike for a person of my age and in my financial position please help me.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Lauren David

Email Address:

==Address==

Street: 14 Hamilton ave

City: Croton

State: New York

Zipcode: 10520

Organization:

Phone Number:

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Please include any questions or comments:

If you are considering making a change that will affect the communities taxes, you should be provided updates to how the change will affect each home owner. The residents of this town need to know the full picture before a change is proposed. This feels very post election sneaky.

If the village is worrying about saving the salary of the accessor, maybe should consider not giving tax breaks to the new developers. All the recent changes in town are negatively affecting the homeowners. This will also negatively affect homes that have apartments, do you not think that increasing property taxes will also increase rent? That goes directly against the affordable housing initiative in town.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Heather Miranda

Email Address:

==Address==

Street: 40 Darby Avenue

City: Croton on Hudson

State: New York

Zipcode: 10520

Organization:

Phone Number:

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Choose One: Public Comments for Board Meeting
Please include any questions or comments:
What will the village do for the households that are facing large tax increases?

I'm looking at a \$2000 increase in 1 year!

I'm currently paying \$13,000 this would put me over \$15,000.

My home is 1500 sq/ft on a .13 lot.

This is not equitable. This would unfortunately make us consider relocating due to the increase cost of living.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Brett Miranda

Email Address:

==Address==

Street: 40 Darby Ave

City: Croton On Hudson

State: New York

Zipcode: 10520

Organization: Poor Croton Family

Phone Number:

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Please include any questions or comments: As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I am very concerned about the board's intent to terminate the village's tax assessor and to hand over that role to the town of Cortlandt without knowing exactly what that means to my tax bill. The list being shared on Facebook showing how many can expect increases vs decreases as well as the supposed formula to calculate your own tax change do nothing to make this clear to me, and I'm sure the same can be said for many others. Before moving ahead, you need to make clear just how much of jump, up or down, this would mean for every household in this village, where many are not even aware this is happening. A significant tax increase could mean some will no longer be able to afford their homes. Certainly, ironic when the board is forgiving taxes for people who do not yet live here.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Rosemary Hawkins

Email Address: _____

==Address==

Street: 90 Hastings Ave

City: Croton on Hudson

State: New York

Zipcode: 10520

Organization:

Phone Number:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/node/2/submission/34031>

Bryan Healy

From: Feed the Birds!
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 12:57 PM
To: Bryan Healy
Cc: Emily Giovanni
Subject: Comments for Assessor Public Hearing 11/20/24

*****CAUTION: External sender.*****

Bryan:

As I cannot attend this Public Hearing, I respectfully request my comments be read into, and made part of the hearing's public record.

Every single homeowner needs to be made aware of what they'll be voting for. Nothing should move forward until each household is notified exactly how they'll be affected.

Sincerely,
Robert Armanini
10 Thompson Avenue
Croton on Hudson

Sent from my iPhone

Bryan Healy

From: Domna Candido
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 4:32 PM
To: Bryan Healy
Cc: Brian Pugh; Len Simon; Ian Murtaugh; Nora Nicholson; Cara Politi; Emily Giovanni
Subject: Re: Upcoming 11/20/24 Public Hearing on Terminating the Village's Status as an Assessment Unit.

CAUTION: External sender.

Dear Mgr. Healy,

At the 11/6/24 Board of Trustees meeting, at which the Public Hearing on terminating Croton on Hudson's status as an Assessment Unit and transferring that responsibility to the Town of Cortlandt was last discussed, an issue of great concern emerged about how such a change would affect the property taxes of Croton residents. Trustee Murtaugh raised some very important concrete concerns about how certain Croton residents would face an increase in their taxes, and how that would not be the case for others. Since, as you are aware, Mayor Pugh was pushing to rush through that whole conversation, it was very disconcerting to find out, only after Trustee Murtaugh insisted on pursuing that aspect of the conversation and only after Mayor Pugh blatantly admitted that there will be "winners and losers" if this change is effected, that certain Croton residents will be detrimentally impacted if this change is made. That realization was all the more outrageous since Mayor Pugh's flippant response indicated that he didn't seem to care about that disparate treatment resulting in certain residents, including Trustee Murtaugh, being the "losers."

It was obvious from that Nov. 6th discussion that you were already in receipt of specific information relating to residents' properties, including that of Trustee Murtaugh, when he requested that more complete and specific information be revealed about the rise in taxes for the other so-called "losers." Mayor Pugh, insisting that he was in some rush, indicated that full disclosure of information would be provided to residents prior to holding the Public Hearing... the one that is scheduled to be held tomorrow (11/20/24) with this issue on the agenda. Yet, to date, we have not received such information. Instead, we have been provided with a bunch of historical documents and carefully selected portions of current documents that tells us NOTHING SPECIFIC that is of any real use to residents who might be particularly interested because they might unknowingly be in the "loser" category! As you well know, we received the following:

THE SPIN

per Bryan Healy (in "Assessment Memo", BoT 11/20/24 Agenda on Village Site): *"You will see that the study concluded that more properties (1,676) will see a decrease in their Village tax bill, if the Village's assessment function was to be discontinued, than would see an increase in their Village tax bill (1,363). The Village Treasurer took a deeper dive into this data and was able to break it down into the three main categories of property classification: residential, commercial and vacant land. The median residential parcel in the Village would see a decrease in their Village tax bill of \$27.95 and the median vacant land parcel in the Village would see a decrease in their Village tax bill of \$116.32. The median commercial parcel in the Village would see an increase in their Village tax bill of \$226.35."*

Why is all this energy used to avoid disclosing the facts about any specific increases in residents' taxes, exactly what those increases might be, and who might be getting those increases? The above "spin" information is the typical gobbledygook and doubletalk that we have become accustomed to when the Pugh Administration does not want to reveal what is actually going on. We have seen this movie before, and it is not acceptable! Perhaps, if the Village Treasurer used his time more wisely, rather than doing these ridiculous calculations, and provided the more transparent, meaningful specifics, such as the potential actual increases to residents' taxes that were requested and promised at the 11/6 Board meeting, it would be more helpful to our residents to provide meaningful Public Comments! Or perhaps, that information was all compiled but not provided to us!

THE TRUTH?? (we are also given a redacted "Study" with just selected Tables (such as Table 16 below) and Exhibits but not the promised actual Tax Info for each Individual Resident Property that had been discussed with Trustee Murtaugh but is now being withheld from resident taxpayers and which is needed to know whether one is a so called "loser", i.e. a resident whose taxes likely will be going up, perhaps quite substantially, for whom Mayor Pugh seems to have no concern:

Why are Croton residents not provided with ALL of the specific information relevant to their properties, that was requested and promised?

Why should it be ok, as was stated in the chart below, that certain properties that are "anticipated to experience an increase will have an average increase per parcel greater than the average decrease?!! (see below)

Why should Croton residents be treated so disparately? Be deemed the "Losers" as Mayor Pugh referred to them!!!

Is that the Pugh Administration's Selling Point? ... i.e., that a certain portion of residents can get their taxes decreased in order to stick it to another portion of residents who will have their taxes raised even more?!!! ... not only relating to this issue, but in connection with other looming issues, projects and proposals on this Administration's agenda that will likely also increase taxes further!

As **Table 16** indicates, the model predicts that more properties will experience an increase. This also means that the parcels anticipated to experience an average increase per parcel greater than the average decrease.

Table 16: Consolidation of Assessment Function Approximate

Approximate Impact on Village Property Tax Payment Due to Shift to Town Property Assessment Role		
	Increase in Tax Bill	Decrease in Tax Bill
	Number of Properties	Number of Properties
\$0	0	1
\$1-\$99	183	400
\$100-\$199	170	321
\$200-\$399	285	366
\$400-\$599	217	186
\$600-\$799	157	105
\$800-\$999	102	65
\$1,000-\$1,199	90	54
\$1,200-\$1,399	44	39
\$1,400-\$1,599	33	49
\$1,600-\$1,799	21	22
\$1,800-\$1,999	17	14
\$2,000-\$4,999	40	44
\$5,000-\$9,999	4	6
\$10,000-\$14,999	0	2

Croton residents are entitled to the real dollar information for each of their properties BEFORE holding a PUBLIC HEARING tomorrow on this important issue, so that residents are fully aware what the issue is and fully aware how they are personally being affected... and how our Village will be affected as a whole!

If the primary, underlying reason is to cover the Tax Assessor's salary of \$32,000 (which amounts to approx. \$10.00 per household), and additional tax-related expenses the Village is hoping to save by encouraging this transfer of responsibility, we need to know exactly how much those expenses are. We need to know why some residents would be so intentionally and disparately financially affected on an ongoing basis for, what seems to be, far more than the amount needed to cover the \$32k plus, without being told in advance how much that would be, so that they could consider and voice their objections. And then being told by this Administration that if those "losers" don't like it, they could spend even more of their own money to grieve those higher taxes (which was this Mayor's, Board's and Manager's message to our residents at the last Board of Trustees meeting). In making those calculations and considering the disparity baked into this process, perhaps the Village might also need to factor in the Village's additional potential legal expenses for discrimination suits that might ensue if it pursues this path on these bases.

The provision of this inadequate, intentionally misleading information at the last minute prior to a hurriedly scheduled Public Hearing, yet again demonstrates the fact that this Administration and this Board does not have the best interests of ALL of our residents as its focus... and apparently is, and has been, working off of another agenda!

It also seems to fall right in line with comments made by Mayor Pugh at the 10/7/24 Special Meeting, the one where he and Trustee Simon verbally and physically bullied and attacked resident Ed Riely and suppressed his First Amendment Rights, and at which Mayor Brian Pugh arrogantly stated that the Board of Trustees did NOT need agreement or buy-in of Croton residents to take action! Perhaps that is why there seems not to be any real concern within this Administration to be transparent, to provide adequate information or to reveal underlying intentions relating to this latest move, and not to listen to and to cut people off during their actual public comments.

The disparate, discriminatory practices of this Administration must stop! The sneaky behind the scenes practices must stop! Stop the deceptive, dishonest, manipulation of information and feeble attempts at gaslighting! We are not stupid...Croton deserves better!

Croton residents look forward to your response as soon as possible before tomorrow's meeting with more complete, specific information being provided to Croton residents regarding actual anticipated dollar increases in their property taxes if this transfer of assessment duties to the Town of Cortlandt is taken. We do not need more of the useless information that has been provided in this matter, to date. I called several times today in an attempt to have more information made available to residents. But it appears that you were too busy to take my calls. I doubt that paying even more taxes will change that!

Thank you,

Domna Candido

cc: Mayor Pugh
Board of Trustees
Emily Giovanni