



VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

MEETING DATE: MAY 11, 2021
AGENDA ITEM SECTION: MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION
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AGENDA ITEM: DISCUSSION OF SEWER RENT – POTENTIAL POSTPONING OF LEVY OF OPEN/PAST DUE CHARGES
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Village of Dobbs Ferry

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MEMORANDUM

From: Office of the Treasurer, Office of the Village Administrator

To: Mayor Rossillo and the Board of Trustees

Re: Sewer Rent accounts in arrears, postponement of re-levy

Date: May 5, 2021

In March 2020, the Village established a Sewer Rent program in order to more equitably distribute the costs of maintaining and operating the Village's sanitary sewer system. The billing cycle for the new program began in June 2020, and the first bills arrived for Dobbs Ferry homeowners and institutions in October 2020. We currently have more than 600 accounts in arrears in the Village. Delinquent accounts become a lien on the real property and may be re-levied as Village taxes. Due to the hardships imposed by the COVID pandemic the Village could consider deferring the re-levying of delinquent sewer accounts as part of the 2021-22 Village tax bill. This would provide some relief to taxpayers experiencing financial hardship, while providing the opportunity for additional communications with those in arrears in the event the non-payment is a result of lack of understanding of the nature of the new program. In light of the above, it is the recommendation that the Village postpone the re-levy of these accounts until the 2022 tax roll to give additional time to rectify the delinquency. The Village attorney investigated the question and determined that the Village has the option to re-levy the outstanding amounts on future tax rolls.