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Dear fellow resident,

Please be advised that the Planning Board meeting scheduled for April 13th has been canceled. The application for the construction of an Assisted Living at 244 Old Tappan Road is being carried to the May 11th meeting. Please check the website for updates.

At a recent council meeting the borough's 2022 municipal budget was introduced and I am pleased to report that through the efforts of the hard-working council members and our Chief Financial Officer Becky Overgaard, a municipal tax increase was held to a minimum. Effectively, on the value of the average home value assessed at \$788,000, the increase for the year is \$63.00. In the interest of public safety, due consideration was given to police, fire, and ambulance services. Additionally, the needs of the Department of Public Works, Recreation, Administration, and the remainder of boards and other agencies were carefully addressed as well. The portion of your annual tax bill which supports all municipal activities amounts to approximately 17%. The remainder goes to county taxes and in support of our local and regional school systems. While costly, I am ever proud of our schools and their administration. They too, are very much a part of what makes Old Tappan a desirable community in which to reside.

Finally, I am happy to report that the Old Tappan Golf Course is now open for play. With the retirements of Superintendent Paul Parascandolo and Golf Pro Doug Meeks, the mayor and council have hired KemperSports, a widely known professional golf management company, to run the daily operations. By doing so, we anticipate greater revenue through reduced salaries & benefits, expanded membership, and greater purchasing power. Congratulations to our long-time employees, both Paul and Doug, on a job well done and wish them well in their retirements.

Thank you and I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,

John M. Kramer

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