

Q4 Comments

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#	Responses	Date
1	as long as there's additional money in the fund balance, it should be used to pay for infrastructure improvements. there's no need to bond and pay interest	4/9/2016 12:19 PM
2	In addition, the town should add sidewalks along Rt 35 to ensure a safe walking area from Quaker Church Road to town. Furthermore, Yorktown should petition the state to add a traffic light on Rt 35 corner Quaker Church Road.	4/5/2016 4:37 PM
3	I would also like to see upgrades in helping keep the town cleaner from garbage and litter on the streets.	4/4/2016 8:35 PM
4	No new highway garage! Get landlords of shopping centers to fix up their buildings, Roma, Yorktown Green, and get more restaurants and fun stores into existing buildings like Trader Joes, Christmas Tree shop etc... Stop the building until you fill in the existing store fronts! Keep some money just in case of a real emergency, not increasing anyone's on town board's salary!	4/3/2016 3:17 PM
5	Clear dead trees along town roads	4/3/2016 9:34 AM
6	The people deserve every cent refunded to them. Period. Politicians beware, the people are coming for you. Look no further than the presidential election as proof!	4/2/2016 4:58 PM
7	The parks took the hit which got us this money; they should get a generous share of it to compensate for that. Borrowing money to do roadwork when we have (arguably) more than we need in the fund balance in order to reduce taxes is dishonest. Republicans complain about "tax and spend" Democrats, but their "borrow and spend" habit is worse. At least the Democrats are willing to tell people that many things that are worth having have to be paid for. Maintenance is important; it's got to be cheaper to do things like replace bridges and culverts before they collapse rather than waiting until it's an emergency as we have been doing.	4/1/2016 8:02 PM
8	We should NOT use the money to reduce taxes in the current year, but rather to use it for projects which will save us money and reduce borrowing in the long term.	4/1/2016 8:00 PM
9	Since the money was provided for use of existing Town parkland, much of the money should be spent on improving Town parkland.	3/31/2016 8:35 PM
10	Sewers in areas that were promised 40 years ago should be installed.	3/31/2016 8:18 PM
11	Build better roads on route 6 and route 202	3/31/2016 11:29 AM
12	We do not need a new garage in this town!	3/30/2016 7:32 PM
13	I hope the input from the residents is heard. I appreciate having the opportunity to provide the priorities that I foresee for the town. Thank you.	3/30/2016 6:48 PM
14	DO NOT USE THE MONEY FOR A NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE.	3/30/2016 5:57 PM
15	Pave the roads!	3/30/2016 5:33 AM
16	Why spend it all. Half to projects, half to offset tax increases	3/30/2016 12:07 AM
17	have all pay taxes in a timely manner including the supervisor and other town board members	3/29/2016 10:12 PM
18	our town center is quite unattractive - and the Roma building and the hole in front being the very worst way to greet visitors to our town	3/29/2016 4:43 PM
19	It would be reasonable to split the money among more than the top 2 choices, as there should be town funds already earmarked for most of those projects. I WOULD NOT want this money used for a new highway garage.	3/29/2016 9:56 AM
20	To provide public sewers.	3/29/2016 7:55 AM
21	My road is falling apart, and has never been paved in the 10 years we've lived in Yorktown. This adversely affects the value of our home.	3/29/2016 1:01 AM
22	do the job once and do it right the first time	3/29/2016 12:00 AM
23	We are getting screwed with rising taxes, with little to show or little input. The main thing about the money is transparency in the good ole boys club Yorktown govt has become.	3/28/2016 11:29 PM
24	Where in Yorktown is Spectra building this pipe?	3/28/2016 10:18 PM

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25	I do believe that community input should be considered.	3/28/2016 9:46 PM
26	Passive Rec. for all. Now reclaim our forests and parks for Nature,. Use the Forest Management plans for guidelines using as muct volunterism as possible.	3/28/2016 8:21 PM
27	Moving the highway garage away from Front Street to existing town property will make the current location taxable after it is sold by the town and increase tax revenues.	3/28/2016 8:15 PM
28	I assume that money needed for infrastructure has already been budgeted. Yorktown is known unfortunately for high taxes. How about sharing this one time windfall with the citizens by relieving the tax burden we have.	3/28/2016 8:10 PM
29	Reduce our property taxes.	3/28/2016 6:55 PM
30	Well it's not SPECTRA money now. Since the town sold out and made a devil's bargain the least they should do is use the money for something that lasts a long time, like parks. Yorktown already feels like a big shopping center, so more roads? A better garage? I don't think so.	3/28/2016 6:53 PM
31	fix the roads!	3/28/2016 4:27 PM
32	These roads are in serious need of repair. It's been quite a long time since our roads have been paved. We are fortunate to have had such a mild winter. There was less need for overtime for snow plowing and we should have plenty of salt in our reserves still. Now is the time to finally pave the roads.	3/28/2016 4:26 PM
33	The regular routine town taxes should be sufficient to cover regular and routine expenses such as maintenance roads and other infrastructure without the Spectra money, and town money should not be wasted on foolish unnecessary projects.	3/28/2016 3:32 PM
34	The money I will save on car repairs because of better roads will more than offset whatever small decrease in taxes I might get from that 1.5 mil.	3/28/2016 2:30 PM
35	We don't need a new highway garage. Streets always need upkeep and Rockhill Park needs to be finished.	3/28/2016 2:12 PM
36	The money was obtained for use of parkland, and as such should be used to repair and/or build new parks without our town.	3/28/2016 2:11 PM
37	Some of the money should be used to make sure that the Town stays within the state limit so we qualify for the state real estate tax rebate. Some money should also be kept in reserve for future years.	3/28/2016 2:09 PM
38	The money is almost a windfall -- it's not likely to happen again, but it's not enough to make a major difference in our taxes. So let's get some value and benefit from it and spend it in a way that will benefit the town and avoid some small future tax increases that might otherwise be necessary to maintain our infrastructure.	3/28/2016 2:00 PM
39	Just because we received the money doesn't mean we should run out and spend it as soon as possible. All moneys received should be allocated or planned as needed budet wise with something left in reserve. Spending because it's there is foolishness and irresponsible!	3/28/2016 1:57 PM
40	The HOLE on rte 118 left as an open sewer, is abominable. I would not visit those restaurants because I feared contamination, to water and area as a whole. Where was the EPA, and a more aggressive town supervisor, and board. Ow did those businesses survive. The supervisor should make that clean up a priority.	3/28/2016 1:57 PM
41	When we have sidewalks in all parts of town, so that kids can walk to school, someone can walk to a grocery store, walk their dog or leave their car in the garage for any reason, then we can talk about town buildings and the highway garage. We have an enormous traffic issue and unhealthy citizens. Walking would solve much of that.	3/25/2016 5:39 PM
42	Fix the need of all the people of Yorktown residents first. Thank you.	3/25/2016 12:03 PM
43	I think Yorktown should stop pissing away money like they have in the past and worry about home property values and lower taxes!	3/25/2016 11:10 AM
44	reduce taxes every year for the next 3 years by \$500,000	3/25/2016 10:57 AM
45	I am in favor of infrastructure spending because \$ will have to be spent on this sooner or later - and the longer such maintenance is put off the more it will cost Yorktown.	3/25/2016 10:27 AM
46	Consider using the money for a sewer line on East Main Street to preserve Lake Osceola.	3/25/2016 9:32 AM
47	The Spectra money is blood money. Return it and stop the pipeline!	3/24/2016 8:03 PM
48	All you think about is money, you are destroying the neighborhood.	3/24/2016 7:10 PM
49	All the money should be returned to Spectra Energy and they should then be asked to leave our land in its natural state. They are opportunists and environmental polluters. There is no place for them in my community.	3/24/2016 5:32 PM
50	The Town Board should decide what is best for the town.	3/24/2016 5:05 PM

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51	Match the \$1.5 MM Spectra Money with very long term assets. The longest life asset we can invest in is Open Space. All the Spectra money ney should be invested in acquiring Open Space, or paying for easements that protect Open Space. There is no other investment that will produce a higher return to the Town than preserving land for future generations. Every other purpose for the Spectra money will be spent on assets that deteriorate and burden the Town with future maintenance. Open Space never depreciates. We need all of it before it is gone. One suggestion is to acquire the Sanctuary Golf Course, or a similar stranded project.	3/24/2016 3:12 PM
52	Repave--not repatch--Spring Valley Road	3/24/2016 2:19 PM
53	Good infrastructure makes for a safer and cleaner town. New and upgraded parks make for more activities for our youth.	3/24/2016 2:02 PM
54	Focus on passive recreation, including trails, habitat enhancement, open space acquisition.	3/24/2016 1:29 PM
55	Road Paving is #1. I've lived in London Woods where taxes are very high and our roads are falling apart after 25 years!	3/24/2016 12:23 PM
56	I'm making choices based on the assumption that my top picks are projects that are urgent and would cost the town considerably more money down the road if left undone now.	3/22/2016 6:20 PM
57	Not to be used for closing budget gaps for the benefit of the Town Supervisor to puff out his chest.	3/22/2016 7:53 AM
58	Require that there be an open, publicized discussion of the options being considered. The citizens of Yorktown should have their thoughts and opinions validated. Possibly a referendum . Since we, the residents, were inconvenienced by Spectra , this money should be used to directly compensate us , through a tax reduction or the retention of the bulk of it in a reserve ,emergency fund. This money should not be used to satisfy the self - serving agenda of the town's administration	3/22/2016 6:14 AM
59	Fix the eye sore at 2026 saw mill river rd... Big hole in the ground for years now	3/21/2016 11:08 PM
60	Definitely NOT to fund the Highway Garage. That is the least important thing facing this town at this time.	3/21/2016 7:31 AM
61	fund the police department with more \$\$ to combat the HEROIN problem in Yorktown!!!	3/20/2016 10:37 PM
62	I was sold on the deal originally under the condition that we would have new field space.	3/20/2016 9:35 PM
63	Who is responsible for fixing the big hole by sue and Han restaurant? If town, use some of the money for that repair	3/20/2016 7:32 PM
64	More lights are needed for streets like Broad and Granite springs rd.	3/20/2016 6:16 PM
65	I would also consider setting aside a small amount to hire a firm that would draw up plans on how to make our downtown a more family friendly walkable area like numerous other towns in Westchester. Right now there is no uniformity to our stores and shops, everything is plopped down in different areas and mosh mashed about. The downtown could be a jewel with some planning.	3/20/2016 4:12 PM
66	Our town council should be serving our needs, but instead, they prefer to keep us out of the loop and make decisions behind closed doors. This must change.	3/20/2016 2:02 PM
67	FIX TOWN ROADS	3/20/2016 11:06 AM
68	A senior center....even a modest one, on the Shrub Oak, Mohegan side of the Township would be quite wonderful....it does not have to be "majestic"...just functional, easy to get into, and "light" with plenty of natural light. That building, now vacant for at least a decade, at the Shrub Oak Acme plaza...where tires were sold...has potential for plenty of parking and would be a wonderful spot for seniors in this area of the township. Surely there are other potential spots as well.....	3/20/2016 10:20 AM
69	Jefferson Valley is long neglected yet important part of Yorktown. We have been begging for a traffic light, a real one, not a yellow blinking one, to slow down traffic on this road, that should be priority number 1. If there is money left over then you add sidewalks to the other side of the street.	3/20/2016 9:12 AM
70	American Flags and town 911 memorials!!! That's where some of the money should be spent!!	3/20/2016 8:07 AM
71	I would prefer to see the money used for the betterment of our infrastructure. We certainly do not need a new Highway Department garage at the projected expense?	3/20/2016 7:28 AM
72	This survey negatively guides you to what town boards agendas are. Why not lower property taxes which are among highest in us.	3/20/2016 3:08 AM
73	Put at least one million in the general fund to save for a rainy day.	3/20/2016 12:45 AM
74	Please fund the projects that will benefit the most residents.	3/19/2016 10:15 PM
75	don't waste money building a new Highway Garage	3/19/2016 9:53 PM

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76	My first choice for usin the money remains a reduction in taxes. The projects are covered by tax monies already. The new highway dept is a ridiculous waste of money. I've lived in Yorktown since 1990 and the mismanagement of money despite such large increases in school taxes and town taxes has been discouraging to say the least.	3/19/2016 6:25 PM
77	Use a small amount to remove/demolish abandoned fire burned buildings	3/19/2016 5:55 PM
78	Build the sidewalks and complete restoration, drainage, traffic and parking solutions for east Main Street, Jefferson Valley. Upgrading this blighted small residential area will certainly bring success to the new businesses bringing in a huge percentage of the tax dollars to the town. The multi-county and local traffic this area indures puts too much strain on the residents.	3/19/2016 5:29 PM
79	I just wonder why I am I hearing about this in Facebook, and not from Yorktown.	3/19/2016 5:07 PM
80	Frankly, I'd like to see the entire \$1.5M to be used to installed sidewalks in Jefferson Valley so that we may look similar to Shrub Oak, Mohegan and the Heights....after all we do contribute the 2d highest revenue to the town with the JV mall. It's only fair that we should see some of that tax \$\$ being invested in our hamlet.	3/19/2016 3:50 PM
81	Reduce taxes.	3/19/2016 12:26 PM
82	Yorktown sucks.	3/19/2016 12:12 PM
83	Not using it for a new garage	3/19/2016 10:50 AM
84	NOT the town garage.	3/19/2016 10:49 AM
85	Our parks and fields are an embarrassment. No restrooms and conditions are not up to standard with our community.	3/19/2016 10:36 AM
86	This town is in need of a place for the kids and their families to do things . There is no where now . An indoor roller skate rink , a movie theater , upgrades to the parks ,anything that would make Yorktown a more family friendly town .	3/19/2016 10:20 AM
87	like to see money spend on back road for maintenace. Our taxes are outrages but yet no one from the highway dept really doing their job to lol into this problem. When it rain there are no proper drainage for this water to go and when it snow, it just freeze and make this a very dangerous for us to drive out to the road.	3/19/2016 10:17 AM
88	Lower taxes!!! Yorktown pays way too much!	3/19/2016 10:02 AM
89	The fund should not be left untouched. The tendency of elected officials to dip into them increases if left alone	3/19/2016 9:51 AM
90	Leave the highway garage where it is. No need to waste money	3/19/2016 9:50 AM
91	We don't need a new town garage Michael Grace!!!	3/19/2016 9:38 AM
92	Save the money to be used for medical expenses for the people that will become ill from the pipeline.	3/19/2016 9:30 AM
93	Shopping like target or baby store. A salad place like chopt. To promote healthy eating. More playgrounds for the kids the new one at the track is unsafe.	3/19/2016 9:25 AM
94	Please make NO SMOKING signs at the track and pass law that prohibits cigarette smoking. People and children are walking or running and trying to get healthy and should not have to be subjected to that. Use some of the money for no smoking signs. Thank you.	3/19/2016 8:49 AM
95	The money was paid for parkland. The money should go back to the parks.	3/19/2016 8:43 AM
96	As long as its use appropriately then it should be used. Our roads are a mess considering our town is so well known.	3/19/2016 8:40 AM
97	How about put it in reserve to pay for all of the future health issues that will arise from this being done.	3/19/2016 8:15 AM
98	Yorktown should never have leased the land to Spectra.	3/19/2016 7:59 AM
99	I think the poor local road conditions have a negative effect on the value of our homes.	3/19/2016 7:53 AM
100	It's embarrassing that the town does not have sufficient nor centralized recreational -use space for town residents - especially youth sports. That is the type of spending that positively affects the bottom line; as the town becomes more appealing and property values rise.	3/19/2016 7:49 AM
101	Of course my immediate reaction is that we should NEVER have accepted any \$\$from Spectra..however,it's done now..so let's use it wisely for our town.Do not leave it in the "rainy day fund"where it can mysteriously disappear.Unfortunately this sum of \$ is a mere "drop in the bucket"when it comes to the costs of most of these mentioned projects,so it's important to make it stretch and make it count.This town could use more playgrounds for our children and grandchildren..not everyone has jungle gyms in their backyards!And these structures should all be "special needs" friendly for ALL children to use.We don't need another strip mall..we need more playground area -- and by that I don't mean more ball fields!	3/19/2016 7:26 AM
102	Generally fixing up and beautifying the town. Maybe build a facility for the teens. More of a community center. Make the town more enticing so we can rent existing empty properties which are eyesores.	3/19/2016 7:25 AM

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103	Reduce taxes!!!!	3/19/2016 6:25 AM
104	Paving would including paving the trail where some passes are still damaged since Sandy.	3/19/2016 3:39 AM
105	Maybe the surplus could be used to offset the proposed water rate tax hike.	3/18/2016 11:21 PM
106	Please pave the streets and parking lots...my street hasn't been paved in 23 years....and we need SEWER hook ups!!!	3/18/2016 11:20 PM
107	Love to see the down town revitalization -depot square come to be.	3/18/2016 7:40 PM
108	Build a Youth & Recreational Center like Corylandt just built. The teen center in the community building is very sad. http://www.townofcortlandt.com/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=20&TPID=5362	3/18/2016 4:00 PM
109	Projects with a positive environmental effect such as sewers, runoff prevention, wetland preservation, etc	3/18/2016 2:14 PM
110	I live in Mohegan Lake and there is almost no parkland in the area. I would like to see an area that residents of our hamlet could enjoy.	3/18/2016 12:07 PM
111	I would like to see some of that money go to Hilltop Hanover Farm.	3/18/2016 11:30 AM
112	Supervisor Grace has a great idea in his relocation of the highway garage. It is a much needed project for this town and will certainly help towards getting a 'downtown' in our community.	3/18/2016 9:43 AM
113	Construct a road connection between Front Street and Rte 118 to help reduce the school bus and UPS traffic through the middle of town!!!! #1 priority!	3/18/2016 9:25 AM
114	Money is good but our health and well being are more important. Don't get caught up in the greed. Do the right thing and make smart decisions on what is right for the community at large not just to line selected individuals wallets or frivolous wants.	3/18/2016 8:53 AM
115	all the \$1.5 should be spent on passive recreation projects in town parks.	3/17/2016 10:50 PM
116	Our roads are a mess. The town seems like it's not well kept from the looks of things. This doesn't help attract people to our town and lowers our property values.	3/17/2016 10:40 PM
117	We should make sure that NO elected official is accepting any Spectra campaign donations, and if they are they should publicly admit it. 1.5 million should go into sewers for everyone, upgrades of our sewer system, maintenance of our libraries and public buildings, and preservation of Yorktown parkland and the \$ should be used to remove the Trump sign on the Taconic.	3/17/2016 10:12 PM
118	Since the source was an energy company using fossil fuels, the money should be used to help the town conserve energy in its buildings, install solar, and combat the local effects of climate change.	3/17/2016 9:31 PM
119	Do NOT use it for a one-time tax reduction that will only have to be reversed down the road for needed expenses.	3/17/2016 9:23 PM
120	We need our town taxes reduced NOW! We are senior citizens with a fixed income and we would like to stay in Yorktown for the rest of our lives. Please make it possible for us to do this by lowering our taxes.	3/17/2016 7:35 PM
121	The money was derived from our park land and should be reinvested in parks to offset the damage done by the removal of trees in Sylvan Glen. There is private property adjacent to Sylvan Glen that should be purchased by the town to protect trails.	3/17/2016 5:38 PM
122	I'd like to see one third of the Spectra money go to each of these: fund balance, lower taxes, infrastructure (not ballfields and ballfield parking lots).	3/17/2016 5:36 PM
123	Top priority above the choices given is to have money aside or to pay insurance for any problems or disasters caused by or related to the expansion of the pipeline including but not limited to "pigging" stations, air, soil, or water contamination, explosions etc. for the life of the pipeline. Question: has Spectra said they will insure or be responsible for any pipeline related issues?	3/17/2016 5:03 PM
124	Using the money for infrastructure improvements does not solve the problem. The town must make yearly budgets which takes care of the infrastructure and not depend on one-time windfalls. You might just as well use it to have one big party. Since the money was obtained from the alienation of parkland, legally or not, NY State says that it has to be used to restore the parkland.	3/17/2016 4:49 PM
125	My recollection is that the 1.5million was to be spent on park improvements. However, it does make sense to allocate 50% for other infrastructure, such as roads.	3/17/2016 4:11 PM
126	Yorktown has become a kingdom, with King Mike leading us down a path to ruin. His henchmen, such as court jester Greg Bernard, are self-serving idiots. Grace should resign for not paying his taxes ("I will pay the taxes when I sell the property" means that everybody else in town who pays their taxes is subsidizing him. Oh, except Emperor Murphy who only speaks through a spokesperson and is "unaware" of his obligations related to taxpaying and disclosing his business interests. Crooks.	3/17/2016 4:00 PM

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127	Sewers for the Hallock's Mill Sewer District is my top infrastructure priority. The previous questions about infrastructure projects should have included a choice ="other" with the option of adding a difference choice.	3/17/2016 3:18 PM
128	roadway and drainage are critical issues	3/17/2016 3:08 PM
129	The money is available because parkland is being damaged by the project, so it should be entirely used for park purposes. We lost a lot of trees in Sylvan Glen, so new parkland should be purchased to mitigate that lose, e.g. the Bonnelo inholding in Sylvan Glen.	3/17/2016 2:50 PM
130	DO NOT USE ANY MONIES TO MOVE THE HIGHWAY GARAGE	3/17/2016 2:47 PM
131	The Police Department should get fixed plate scanners at the Parkway entrances.	3/17/2016 2:22 PM
132	Spectra money was payment for use of park land and therefore needs to be spent on parks such as aquiring the remaining quarry adjacent to Granite Knolls, pay for repairs to trails destroyed by the construction, tennis courts and ball fields.	3/17/2016 2:19 PM