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## Media Advisory

### Statement from the Town of Beekman Town Board

Last year, the Town became aware of a number of irregularities with respect to the collection and reporting of tax payments by the former Receiver of Taxes, Jennifer L. Colucci. While at the time the Town could not determine whether or not her actions were criminal or simply ineptitude, it undertook a course of action to protect its taxpayers. These actions included, but were not limited to, launching an internal investigation, notifying the appropriate law enforcement officials and requesting assistance from the New York State Comptroller's Office. The Town's internal investigation concluded that the matter was, in-fact, a law enforcement matter at which time the Town turned over the investigation to the New York State Police, Office of State Comptroller and the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office.

Today, the Town was made aware of the arrest of Jennifer L. Colucci based on her actions as the former Receiver of Taxes. The Town will continue to cooperate with law enforcement until this matter is concluded.

As a result of Jennifer L. Colucci's resignation in August 2020 the Town Board was able to complete the process started in May 2017 when the Board voted to eliminate the position of Receiver of Taxes and move the functions of that office to the Town Clerk's office in January 2022. Ms. Colucci's resignation allowed the town to make the transition prior to January 2022. After Ms. Colucci's resignation, the Town implemented new procedures to provide an added layer of security during the collection period, including the requirement that two town employees sign off on all cash payments.

If it is determined that Jennifer Colucci has abused her elected position to financially benefit herself, this Town Board will push for the most severe penalty possible through our legal system. The Town Board recognizes that this is the most egregious act an elected official can commit against the town residents who placed their trust in them. We are both saddened and outraged that anyone who is placed in a position of trust by our residents would breach that trust. The Town of Beekman will pursue all available sources of restitution in order to make the taxpayers whole.