

*******PLANDOME HEIGHTS – NEWS*******

**Plandome Heights Holds Annual Meeting
 Trustees Approve Budget for 2015 -16;
 Approve Clean-Up, Repair and Public Works Projects
 Adopted Budget Will Qualify Residents for NYS
 Property Tax Freeze Payment
 Tax Increase is Below the Tax Cap**

April 6, 2015 – The Trustees of the Village of Plandome Heights gathered at the Manhasset Public Library on April 6, 2015 for the Annual Organization Meeting of the Village. In addition to required business such as professional retentions, service agreements, policy approvals and appointment, the Trustees conducted a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016. The Tentative Budget has been publicly available since it was published on March 15, 2015. The Trustees voted to adopt the Tentative Budget without change. The Adopted Budget complies with the Tax Cap and therefore permits residents to enjoy a refund under NY State’s *Property Tax Freeze* program. Further discussion of the Budget and tax freeze follows below.

In addition to the Budget, the Trustees approved various ongoing spring clean-up efforts as well as public works projects to (a) repair potholes and storm drain damage, (b) replace and improve the lighting at the Plandome Road flag pole and (c) advance the pending NY State grant for road resurfacing at The Waterway/The Neck.

In addition to the Budget, clean up and public works matters, Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica gave a presentation, “This Year in the Village,” summarizing events and activities as well as financial trends in the Village. A summary of Mayor Riscica’s presentation is on the Village website at www.plandomeheights-ny.gov.



Mayor Kenneth Riscica (center) with Trustees (from left) Norman Taylor, Alvin Solomon, Aida Ferman and Daniel Cataldo at the Annual Meeting of the Village

Kenneth C. Riscica
 Mayor

Lynne Aloia
Lawrence Bourguet
Daniel Cataldo
Silva Ferman
Alvin Solomon
Norman Taylor
 Trustees

Arlene Drucker
 Clerk - Treasurer

Elizabeth Vera
 Deputy Clerk, Building

Maura McMullan
 Court Clerk

Cye E. Ross, Esq.
 Village Justice

Mary Breen Corrigan
 Village Prosecutor

Edward P. Butt, AIA
 Village Building
 Inspector Stormwater
 Mgmt. Officer

Bart Giusto
 Emergency Mgmt.
 Coordinator

Maryann Grieco
 Architectural Review
 Board, Chair

James Madison
 Planning Board, Chair

Eugene O'Connor
 Zoning and Appeals
 Board, Chair

Trey Harragan
 Technology Advisory
 Board, Chair



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF
Plandome Heights

37 Orchard Street, Manhasset, New York 11030
Tel: (516) 627-1136 Fax: (516) 627 1393
www.plandomeheights-ny.gov

Kenneth C. Riscica
Mayor

Lynne Aloia
Lawrence Bourguet
Daniel Cataldo
Silva Ferman
Alvin Solomon
Norman Taylor
Trustees

Arlene Drucker
Clerk - Treasurer

Elizabeth Vera
Deputy Clerk, Building

Maura McMullan
Court Clerk

Cye E. Ross, Esq.
Village Justice

Mary Breen Corrigan
Village Prosecutor

Edward P. Butt, AIA
Village Building
Inspector Stormwater
Mgmt. Officer

Bart Giusto
Emergency Mgmt.
Coordinator

Maryann Grieco
Architectural Review
Board, Chair

James Madison
Planning Board, Chair

Eugene O'Connor
Zoning and Appeals
Board, Chair

Trey Harragan
Technology Advisory
Board, Chair

Commenting on the meeting, Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica said, "The Village is in great shape and we remain committed to "continuous improvement" supported by sound financial policies. We have some capital project needs coming into view and are working to assure that the resources are in place well in advance. The Village is fortunate to have a terrific Board who care deeply about providing current services and planning for our future."

A discussion of the Adopted Budget follows.

Revenues - The 2015 – 2016 Adopted Budget calls for a property tax increase of 1.9% which is below the Village property tax cap. As a result of maintaining property taxes below the tax cap, Village residents will be eligible for a refund of the increased property tax under NY State's *Property Tax Freeze** program.

The Adopted Budget calls for total revenues of \$442,525 which includes: (a) non-property tax revenues of \$122,525, a 3.8% increase over \$118,000 in the prior year budget, and (b) property tax revenues of \$320,000, a 1.9% increase over \$314,000 in the prior year budget.

Expenditures - The 2015 – 2016 Adopted Budget calls for expenditures of \$442,525 which is a 1.5% increase in costs compared to the 2014 – 2015 Budget of \$436,200. The Village's largest cost, sanitation, increases by 3.0% in the Adopted Budget but reductions in other spending were able to be made to limit the increased spending to 1.5%.

Commentary - Commenting on the Adopted Budget, Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica said: "By staying within the Tax Cap, our residents can participate in the NY State *Property Tax Freeze* program for our tax. By "planning beyond one year" we are able to maintain current services, provide for the the long term needs of the Village and avoid surprises."

Further information available - The Adopted Budget, complete with a message from the Mayor and detailed various analyses, is contained on the Village website at www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/finances .

Contact: Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica, Mayor@PlandomeHeights-NY.Gov

* Information on the NY State *Property Tax Freeze* program is available on our website at www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/finances

