

*******PLANDOME HEIGHTS – NEWS*******

**Plandome Heights Holds Annual Meeting
 Trustees Approve Budget for 2018 -19;
 Tax Increase is Below the Tax Cap
 Village Moves to Strengthen Planning Board**

April 2, 2018 – The Trustees of the Village of Plandome Heights gathered at the Manhasset Public Library on April 2, 2018 for the Annual Organization Meeting of the Village. In addition to required business such as swearing-in, professional retentions, service agreements, policy approvals and appointment, the Trustees conducted a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019. The Tentative Budget has been publicly available since it was published on March 12, 2018. The Trustees voted to adopt the Tentative Budget with minor line item changes that do not affect the overall budget. The Adopted Budget complies with the Tax Cap. Further discussion of the Budget follows below.

In addition to the Budget, Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica gave a presentation, “This Year in the Village,” summarizing current year events and activities and progress on the Village priorities. A summary of Mayor Riscica’s presentation is on the Village website at www.plandomeheights-ny.gov.

In other action, in an effort to strengthen the Village Planning Board, the Mayor appointed, and the Trustees approved, two new members and plus one additional alternate member to the Planning Board. These appointments bring the Planning Board to its full strength, with five members, plus two alternate members. The new members, Eric Carlson, Marijan Bernic and Alex Linsky, will join Chairman James Madison and continuing members Elaine Canton, Roxanne Fitzg and alternate member Patrick Pilch.



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

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Commenting on the meeting, Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica said, "The Village is fortunate to have a terrific Board who care deeply about providing current services and planning for our future. This year we completed the second year of our multi-year Capital Plan with extensive work on the West side of the Village and important work done in every neighborhood in the Village. With the downturn in Building activity, this will be a challenging financial year. But we will look at that challenge, as we always do, 'beyond one year' so that we have some consistency in our tax levy. Lastly, I welcome our new members and alternate to do the important work of our Planning Board."

A discussion of the Adopted Budget follows.

Revenues - The Adopted Budget calls for total revenues of \$467,100, a 2.7% increase over \$454,100 in the 2017 - 18 budget which includes: (a) non-property tax revenues of \$130,100, a 4.3% increase over \$124,700 in the prior year budget, and (b) property tax revenues of \$337,000, a \$7,000 or 2.0% increase over \$330,000 in the prior year budget. The 2018 - 2019 property tax increase of 1.5% is within our Village Property Tax Cap.

Expenditures - The 2017 - 2018 Adopted Budget calls for expenditures of \$467,100 which is a 2.7% increase in costs compared to the 2017 - 2018 Budget of \$454,700. The increase will cover the increased costs of sanitation (approximately 2.8%) as well as other operating and staffing costs.

Commentary - Commenting on the Adopted Budget, Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica said: "Our Adopted Budget continues our practice of *low and stable* property taxes as well as *compliance with the Tax Cap*. Our Adopted Budget also maintains our *cost advantage* as our taxes remain *significantly lower* than the cost for the same services outside our Village. This is largely because more than 30 residents volunteer their time. Further, by "*planning beyond one year*" we maintain the stability to support the long-term capital needs of the Village and to cushion surprises. In fact, in March 2018, NY State Comptroller assigned our Village a fiscal stress score of 3.3% (low stress) on a scale of 0 - 100. The Village is fortunate to have skilled volunteers on our Board who deliver these results."

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 .

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