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Dear Residents,

I write to share with you changes the Trustees are considering to the Village's Tentative Budget for 2021 -22. Our Tentative Budget, published on March 1, 2021, called for a tax increase of 2.8%, which is lower than our tax cap of 3.3%.

At our Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget last night, I told residents that we were considering lowering the proposed tax increase to zero, from 2.8%, or perhaps even a small tax decrease. The reason for this is the following:

- Our current budget generates surplus which we need to fund our 10-year Capital Plan,
- By eliminating the Village Hall project from possible capital needs, our capital position is adequate as it stands and the need to generate surplus is diminished, short-term.
- Residents suggested that we should lower taxes and we agree that lower taxes, perhaps even a small tax decrease is in order.
- The means and methods of doing this involves study and deliberation which the Trustees will be doing over the coming days and weeks.

What we are talking about is "bending the curve" of our tax levy. We have done this successfully in the past in 2011. The enclosed graphic shows how that worked, and how it might work now. A period of small, planned and controlled deficits may be involved.

As always, we welcome your input on the topic. You can do that via my email (Mayor@PlandomeHeights-NY.gov), call Village Hall (516 627 1136) or contact Clerk@PlandomeHeights-NY.gov to make an appointment for "Office Hours with Mayor Ken."

We will be making decisions over the next days and weeks so watch our website for notice of any meetings we may have. And do provide us input.

Sincerely,
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

Kenneth C. Riscica, Mayor

Enc. Planning Beyond One Year graphic; "Bending the Curve"

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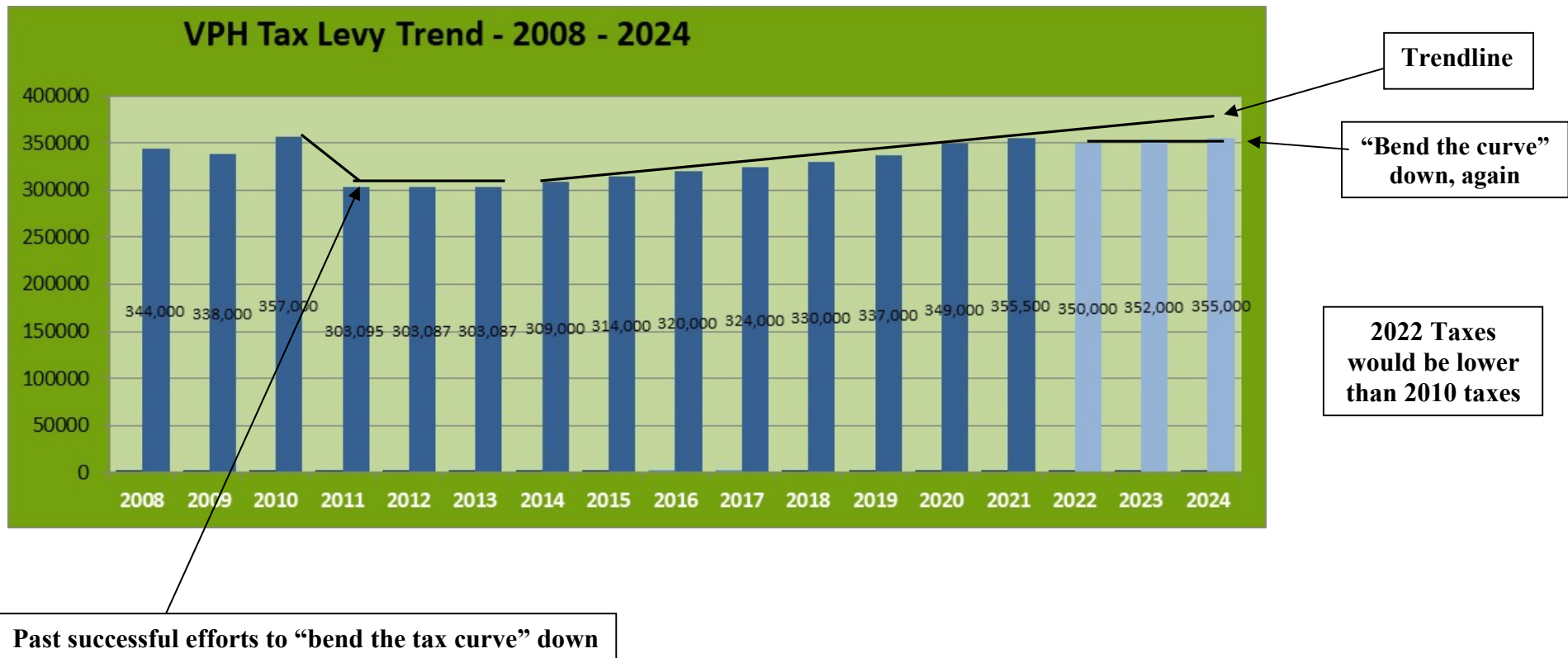
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Village of Plandome Heights
One View of Bending the Curve Down

Our Principles:
“Planning Beyond One Year”
“Low and Stable Taxes”



Note: This is not a Plan; it is a “scenario” in draft and under consideration which is subject to change.