



Village of Plandome Heights



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Organizational Meeting – April 6, 2015

Kenneth C. Riscica, Mayor

Trustees:

Lynne Aloia
Daniel Cataldo
Silva Ferman

Gus Panopoulos
Alvin Solomon
Norman Taylor

Village Officials:

Arlene Drucker, Clerk-Treasurer
Elizabeth Vera, Deputy Clerk
Edward Butt, AIA, Building Inspector

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“This Year in the Village”

- Comings and goings
- Continuous improvement
- Emergency Mgt.
- Relentless snow
- Building
- Noteworthy
- Finance

....All is Well...

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Comings and Goings

Thanks for 7 years of Service
Trustee Lawrence J. Bourguet



Welcome Aboard
Trustee Gus Panapolous



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Continuous Improvement

- Added Village Flag to the Preserve and Village Hall
- “Hardened” decorative street name signs
- Taking the sign project to the neighborhoods in ‘15
- Adding Spot Light to Flags on Plandome Road



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Continuous Improvement

- Board Level “Fresh Look” at tree policies
- Clarified fines for removal
- “Evaluation” vs “Improve”
- Selected vendors for evaluation and improvement
- Began Maintenance and Partnering with residents



- Removed 6 hazardous trees

Shore Rd



Summit Dr



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Emergency Management



“Blizzard of 2015”
Home Fire
Home Flooded
Downed tree



- EM Team is:
 - Mayor Ken Riscica
 - EM Bart Giusto
 - Norman Taylor on Trees
 - Trustee Alvin Solomon
 - Clerk Arlene Drucker
- Focus on Resource/Info Sharing with Town/County

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Relentless Snow - *Redux*

- 13 “snow events” vs 14
- Near 4 feet total snow vs 5
- \$12,000 over budget vs \$15,000 over in ‘14
- Higher costs to repair roads, pick up sand



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Building – 2014 - 15

- Served residents with a high level of building
- 54 Building permits in '11
- 95 Building permits in '15 (projected)
- Dollar level of activity implies \$5 M + vs. \$1.5 M
- 4 entire homes



Shore Rd

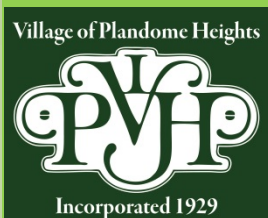
Beachway



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Building – Issues

- Passed “Sky Exposure Plane” law in May 2015
- Measure to Mitigate the “look of largeness”
- Big Concern of Residents; Bournedales
- First Challenge was withdrawn
- Garage Challenges – “Use” not “Area” Variance also withdrawn



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Noteworthy

- Contracts extended; Sanitation to 2017; Lease to 2018
- 164 Plandome Court sold March '15
- Plandome Pond Park – project moving ahead
- Planning Board approves The Terrace project
- Edmund Moores celebrates 100th
- Eagle Scouts Knox and Costello



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Finance & Capital

Finance Presentation

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Budget Principles

- 3 Principles:
 - Provide high service levels
 - Maintain lean cost structure
 - Plan “beyond one year” to avoid surprises
- Also for 2015:
 - Capture NY State Tax refund for you
 - Address capital needs coming into view



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Budget Results

- Your taxes are **lower** by being in the Village
- Village Taxes are **lower than 6 years ago**
- Consistently *Below* Tax Cap – CAGR = 0.9%
- Balance sheet is stronger today
- “Top Tier” Rating in NY Fiscal Stress Test
- Comply with 2015 “Tax Freeze”

Tax stability with no surprises



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Talking Taxes

- Trend of Tax Levy over 8 years
- Compare Village to taxes outside the Village
- Property Tax *Freeze* Program & Our Tax Cap

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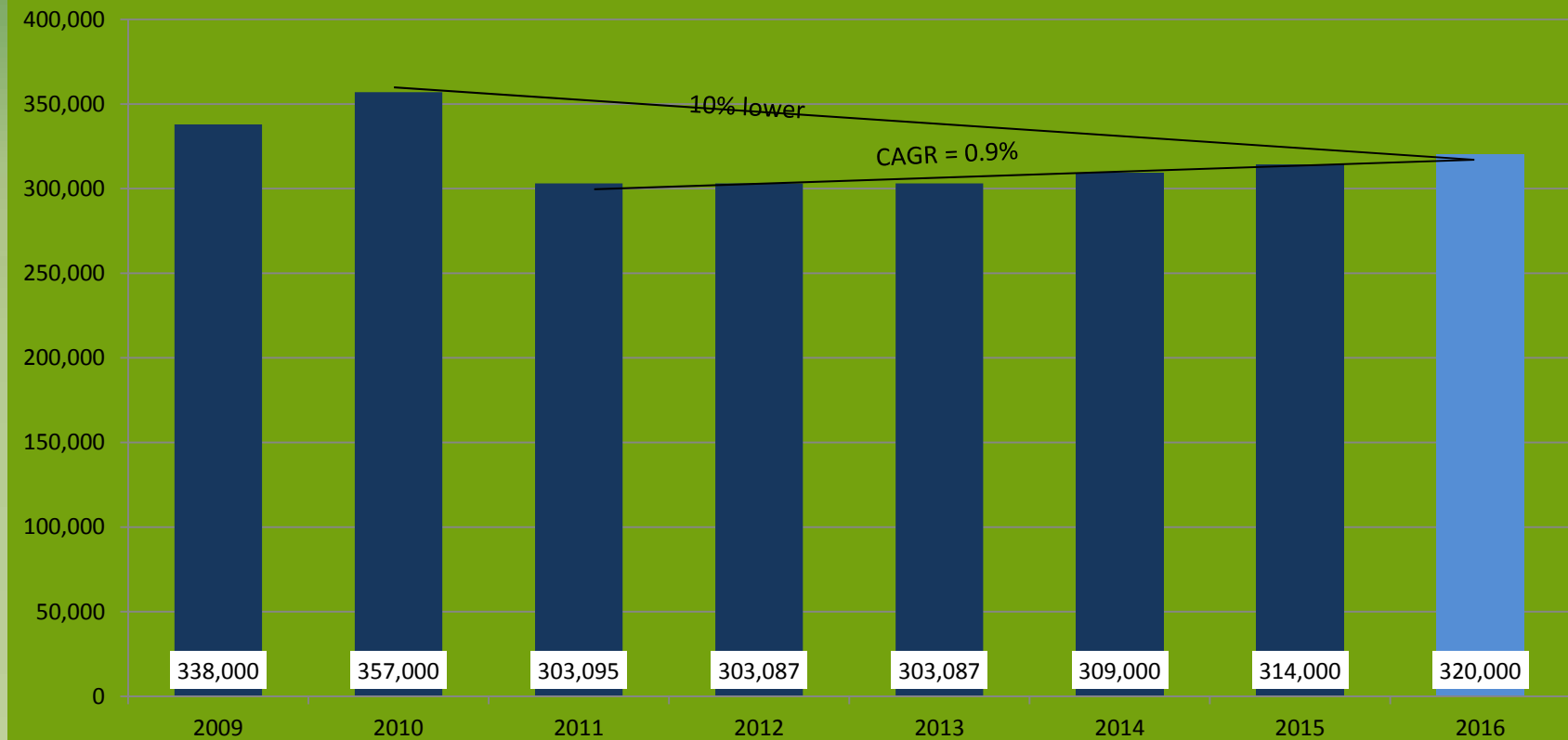


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Finance – Village Tax Levy Trend

VPH Tax Levy Trend - 2011- 2016



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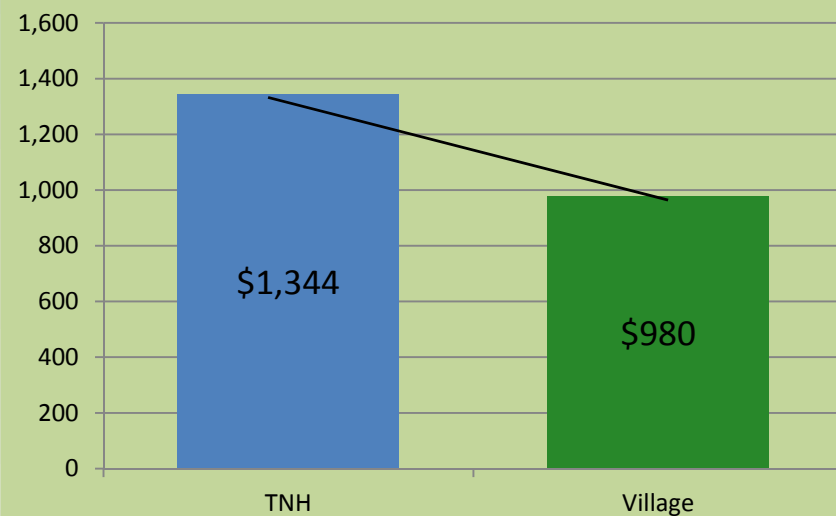
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Taxes are Less in Village

	Tax per \$100 <u>Assessed Val</u>
Plandome Heights tax	<u>\$44.88</u>
Town taxes <u>avoided</u> *:	
- “Outside Village” tax	\$47.41
- Garbage District	11.14
- Town lighting	<u>3.00</u>
- Town tax avoided	<u>\$61.55</u>
- Village savings	\$16.67
- Village savings %	37%

* Source: TNH website – 2015 Budget

2015 Comparison Tax vs Village Tax
(37% less)



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Property Tax *Freeze*

- NYS to “*Freeze*” property taxes for 2 years
- To be eligible we must meet Tax Cap -‘15
- Additional requirements in ’16
- Qualifying residents get rebate

Gov. Cuomo met with LI Officials in 2014
to discuss the Property Tax Freeze
Info on qualifying for the Freeze is available
at www.plandomeheights-ny-gov



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Tax Cap

	<u>%</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Prior year tax levy	100.0%	314,000	309,000	303,087	303,087
Allowed increase	1.9%	6,041	4,858	6,618	6,309
Allowed carryover	1.5%	4,573	4,715	4,641	0
Tax Cap as calculated	103.4%	324,614	318,573	314,346	309,396
Tax Levy	101.9%	320,000	314,000	309,000	303,087
Unused Tax Cap	1.5%	4,614	4,573	5,346	6,309
% of Tax Cap		1.4%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%
Carryover limited to 1.5%		0	0	-631	-1,668
Carryover to next year		4,614	4,573	4,715	4,641

NYS “Property Tax Freeze” – We Comply



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Strength = Long-Term Plan

- Define long-term needs - Capital Plan
- Prepare for long-term needs
 - Coordinate with operating budget
 - Calibrate increases
 - Set aside “reserves”

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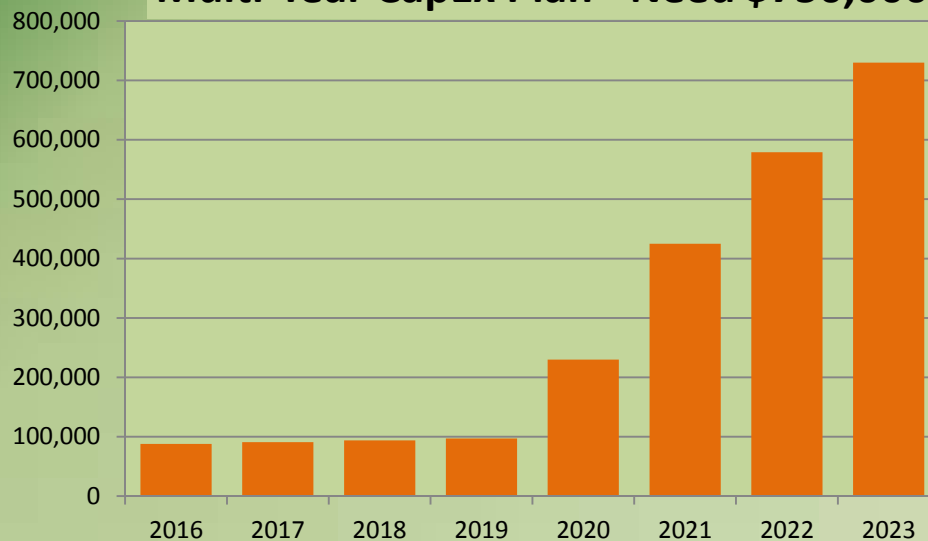
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Define & Meet Needs

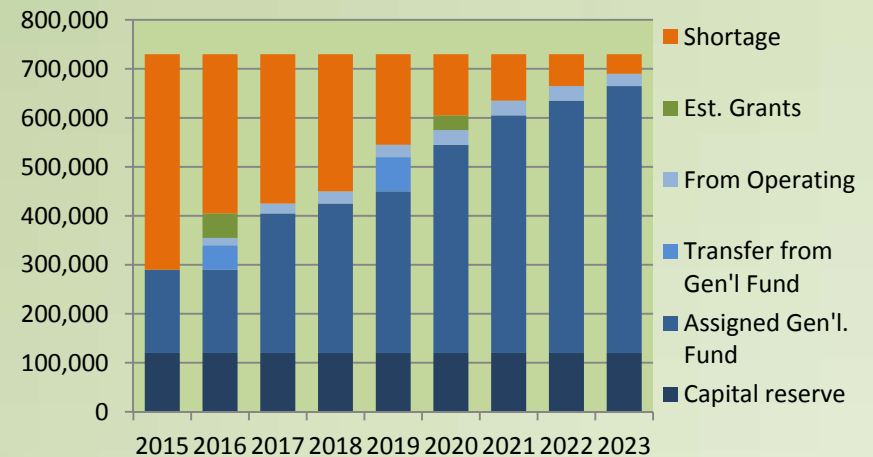
Our Capital Plan Defines the Needs

Multi-Year CapEx Plan - Need \$750,000



That Need is then Plotted to plan our resources

Multi-Yr. Capital - Have vs. Need



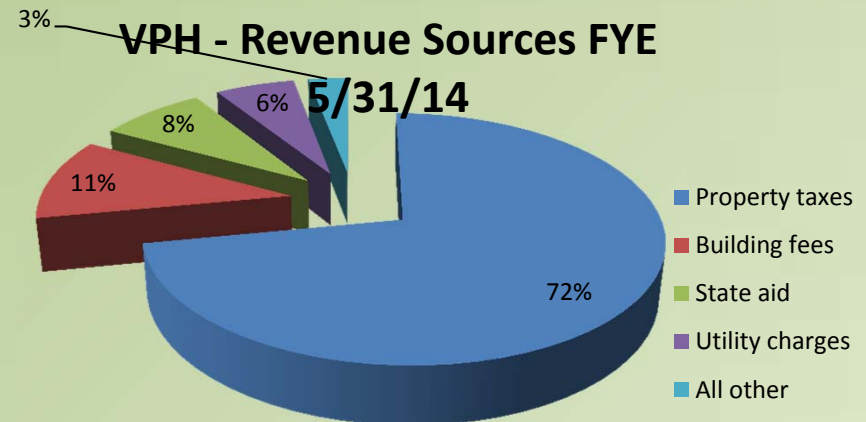
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Revenue and Cost Drivers

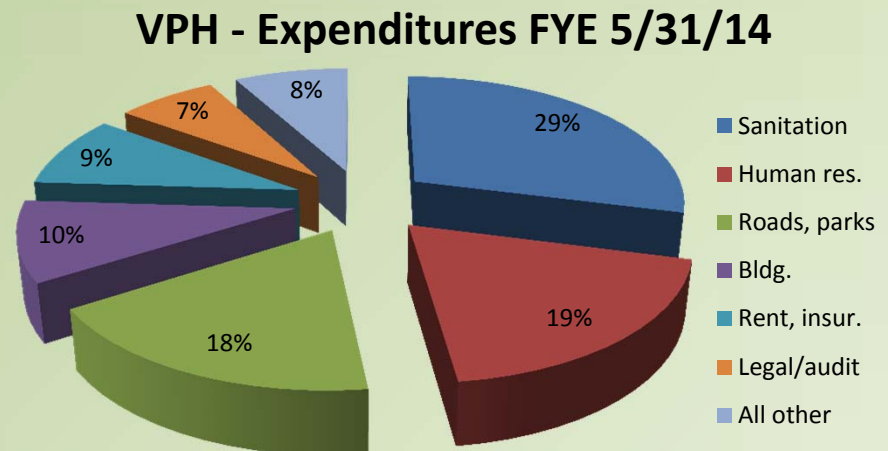
Revenue:

Property Taxes	73%
Building fees	11%
State/County aid	8%
Utility charges	6%
All other	2%



Expense:

Sanitation	29%
Compensation (1.75 FTE)	19%
Roads, drains, parks	18%
Bldg. Department	10%
Rent, insurance	9%
Legal/audit	7%
All other	8%



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Public Hearing

2015 – 16 Tentative Budget

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