

Village of Plandome Heights

Organizational Meeting – April 7, 2014

Kenneth C. Riscica, Mayor

Trustees:

Lynne Aloia
Lawrence Bourguet
Daniel Cataldo

Silva Ferman
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

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

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Building – 2013 - 14

- Served residents with a high level of building
- 54 Building permits in '11
- 90 Building permits in '14 (projected)
- Level of activity implies \$3 M + vs. \$1 M
- 4 entire homes; 23 generators



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Continuous Improvement

- New law eased the driveway “curb cut”
- Continued to replace dilapidated signs
- “Hardened” decorative street name signs
- Strengthened Village Flagpole
- New Village Flag



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Continuous Improvement

- Cleaned up Webster Ave. Bridge
- Freshened Village entrance signs
- Replaced 35 sidewalk “flags”
- Added new Hydrant Finders
- Planted 3 new trees



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Relentless Snow

- 14 “snow events”
- Nearly 5 feet of total snow
- \$15,000 over snow budget; used other funds
- Higher costs to repair roads, pick up sand



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Emergency Management

- PSE&G takes over LIPA 1/1/14
- Numerous meetings with PSE&G in Fall '13
- Numerous “trial runs” with new team in '14
- EM Team is:
 - Mayor Ken Riscica
 - Trustee Alvin Soloman
 - EM Bart Giusto
 - Clerk Arlene Drucker
- Resource & Info Sharing with Town/County

The Village is prepared



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Comings and Goings

We welcome to the Village:

Clerk-Treasurer - Arlene Drucker (June 2013)

Deputy Clerk - Elizabeth Vera (June 2013)

Court Clerk - Maura McMullan (Feb. 2014)

Welcome!

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Noteworthy

Celebrated Special Events with Residents

Larry Kaplan at 98 Wadhvani's Renew Vows



October 28, 2013



November 25, 2013



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Finance & Capital

Finance Presentation

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Finance – Budget Principles

- Your taxes are **lower** in the Village
- Village Taxes are **lower than 5 years ago**
- Balance sheet is stronger today
- Results in “Top Tier” in NY Fiscal Stress Test
- We are consistently Below the Tax Cap
- Plan for NYS “Tax Freeze” in 2015

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Finance – Tax Rate Lower in Village

	Tax per \$100 <u>Assessed Val.</u>
<u>Plandome Heights</u> taxes in 2013/14	<u>\$41.18</u>
<u>Town</u> taxes <u>avoided</u> in 2013:	
“Outside Village” tax*	\$42.36
Garbage district	\$ 9.64
Town lighting	<u>2.74</u>
Total	<u>\$54.74</u> (33% higher)
Savings	\$13.56

* Roads, snow, Bldg. Dept.



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Finance – Tax Bill Lower in Village

Comparable tax if outside Village*	\$1,264.00
Plandome Heights average home tax	<u>\$ 951.00</u>
Savings	<u><u>\$ 313.00</u></u>



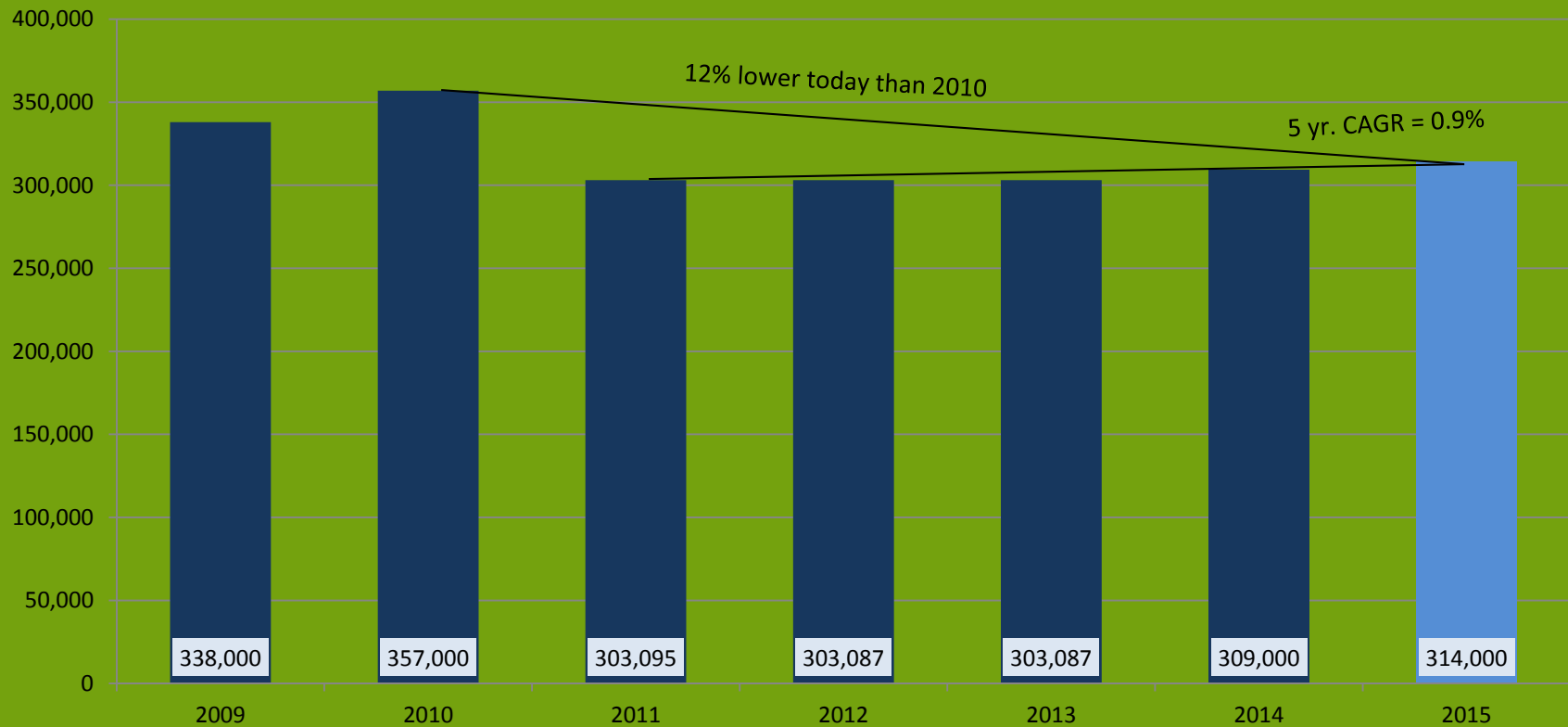
* TNH taxes for sanitation, lighting, roads, building, snow removal



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Finance – Village Tax Levy Trend

VPH Tax Levy Trend – 2009 - 2015



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Tax Cap

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Prior year tax levy	303,087	303,087	309,000
Allowed increase	6,309	6,618	4,859
Allowed carryover	0	4,641	4,715
Tax Cap as calculated	309,396	314,346	318,574
Tax Levy	303,087	309,000	314,000
Unused Tax Cap	6,309	5,346	4,574

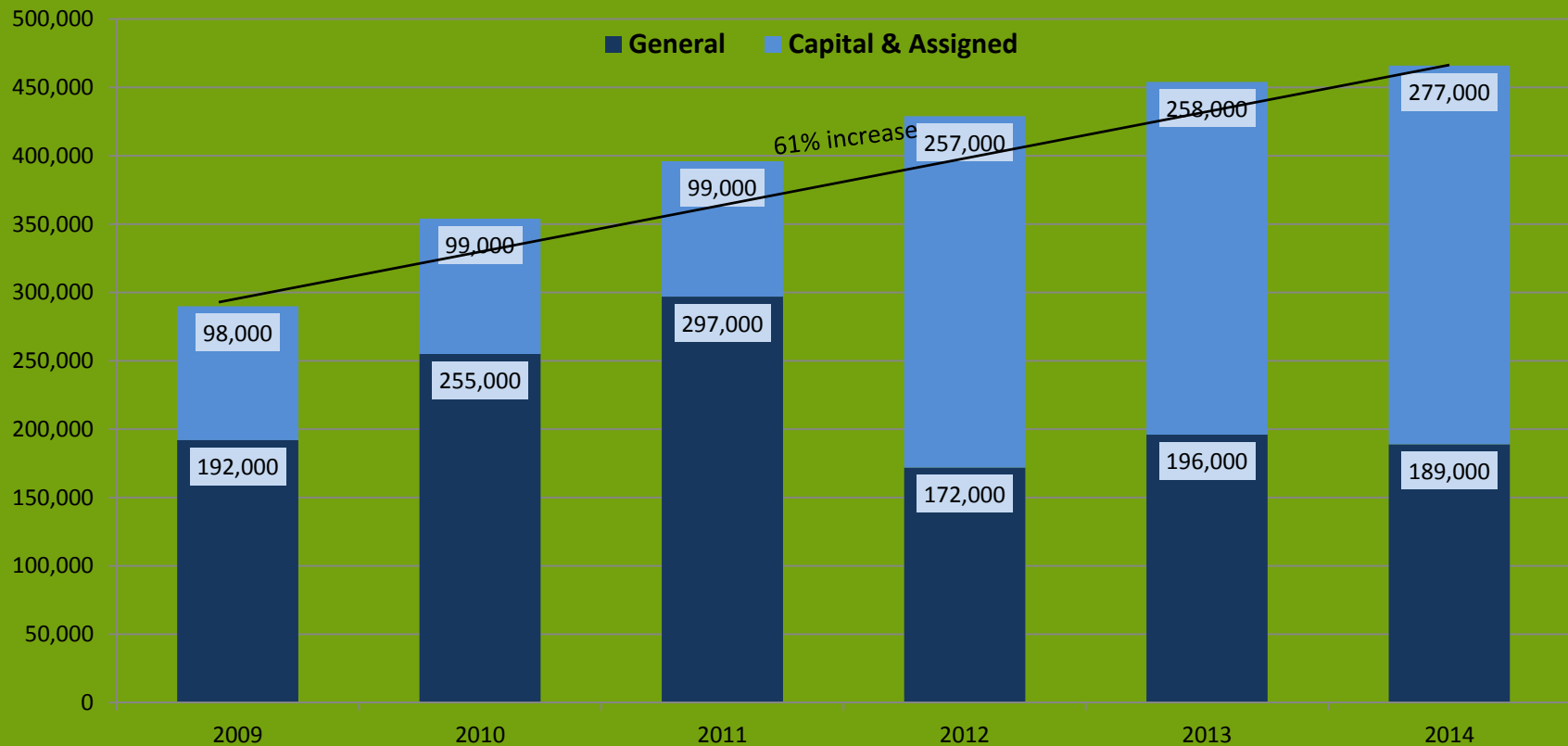
- Our plans include meeting the eligibility requirement for NYS “Tax Freeze” Credit in 2015



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Finance – Financial Strength

Reserve Funds 2009 - 2014

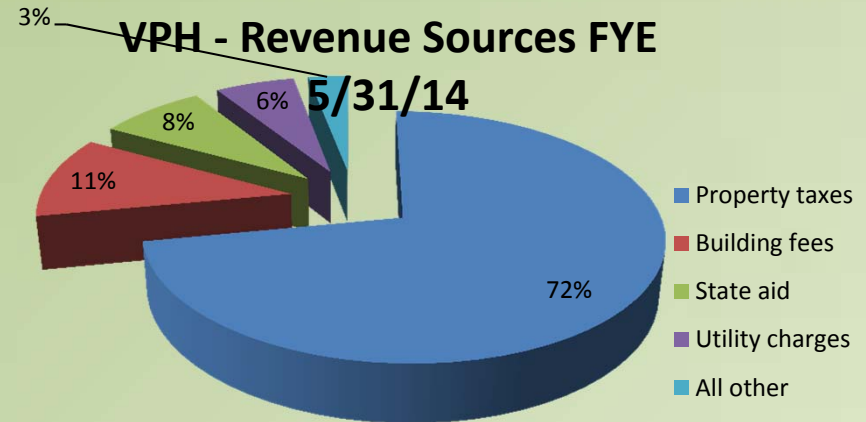


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Finance – Revenue and Cost Drivers

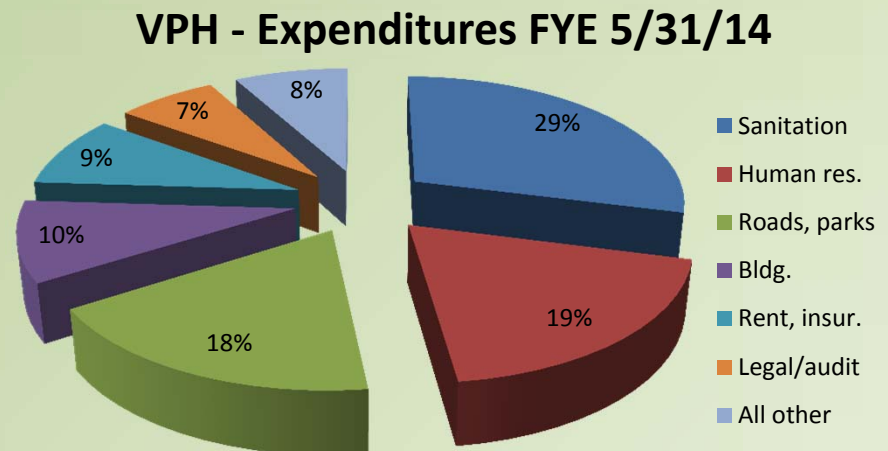
Revenue:

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

2014 – 15 Tentative Budget

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