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March 7, 2022

2022 – 2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET - MESSAGE

Fellow Taxpayers:

On March 7, 2022 the Trustees approved our Tentative Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023. The tax increase is \$15.00/year per average home, 1.4%. A Public Hearing for residents on the Tentative Budget will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at the Village Annual Meeting which starts at 6:00 p.m.

We “Plan Beyond One Year” in order to maintain low and stable taxes and a strong balance sheet. In our planning exercise this year, we note the following, among others:

- The current 7.5% inflation is a risk to our finances,
- Our long-term contracts mitigate some of that inflation risk in the short term,
- Favorable contracts for snow removal and occupancy expire during our 5-year planning window,
- The completion of our 10-year Capital Plan later this year creates a new planning dynamic which will cause us to consider our future capital and operating needs,
- Our strong balance sheet represents an opportunity for the Village; the extent of that opportunity will be known after all the bills are paid and all the grants are collected on our capital project,
- We have needs and opportunities to use technology, including digitizing records, and these involve costs (as well as opportunities for grants) which are not yet known.

Thoughtfully considering these factors, we decided that now is the time to “do no harm.” As such, we are proposing a very modest tax increase, below our cost increases. Our full tax cap is 3.6% and our increase is 1.4% (0.75% over the two years where we bend the curve).

Our trendline rate of increase per year over 12 years is 1.4%. Taxes in our Village, (i) remain approximately \$500 below the taxes for the same services outside the Village and (ii) are the 3rd lowest operating taxes in Nassau County (the other two have less than half the residents we do). This is due to the extensive use of volunteers and also the use of competitive long-term bids for many of our services. So, thank you to over 30 volunteers who serve on our various Boards!

The Tentative Budget and related analyses will be on our website by the end of the week. As always, your comments, questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted.

Sincerely,
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

Kenneth C. Riscica

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