

**\*\*\*\*\*PLANDOME HEIGHTS – NEWS\*\*\*\*\*****Plandome Heights Sets Tentative Budget for 2022 -23;  
Tax Increase 1.5%; Below Our Tax Cap**

**March 7, 2022** – On March 7, 2022 the Trustees of the Village of Plandome Heights approved a Tentative Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023. A Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at the Village Annual Meeting which starts at 6:00 p.m. The budget is due later in April 2022.

Our tax increase represents \$15 per household per year (\$1.25/month). It continues our commitment, last year, to “bend the curve” in the short term. The combined increase for last year when we had no increase, and this year, is 0.75%; roughly half the 1.4% trendline rate of increase per year. Taxes in our Village, (i) remain approximately \$500 below the taxes for the same services outside the Village, (ii) are the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest operating taxes in Nassau County (the other two have less than half the residents we do) and (iii) At the NYS level, our taxes are comparable to Villages in Appalachia and The Adirondacks with 65% less family income. We “Plan Beyond One Year” to keep our taxes low and stable.

Revenues – The Tentative Budget for 2022 - 2023 calls for total revenues of \$486,800, a 1.9% increase over \$477,600 in the prior year which includes: (a) non-property tax revenues of \$126,800, a 3.4% increase over \$122,600 in the prior year budget, and (b) property tax revenues of \$360,000, a 1.4% increase over \$355,000 in the prior year budget. The 2022 – 2023 property tax increase of 1.4% is below our Village Property Tax Cap of 2.5% which includes a “growth factor,” and carryover in addition to the 2% inflation factor. We will forever forfeit much the unused tax cap and carryover some for use in later years.

Expenditures - The 2022 – 2023 Tentative Budget calls for expenditures of \$497,300 which is a 1.9% increase in costs compared to the 2021 – 2022 Budget of \$488,100. The increases are primarily in sanitation, snow and human resource costs.

Commentary - Commenting on the Tentative Budget, Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica said: “Our Tentative Budget continues our practice of *low and stable* property taxes, continuous improvement as well as *commitment to compliance with the Tax Cap*. We made a commitment last year to “bend the tax curve” in these two years and this budget reflects that commitment. While our Tax Cap is 2.5% this year, we are limiting the increase to 1.5%. After this increase:

- The two-year rate of increase is just 0.75% in order to “bend the tax curve,”
  - Our average annual tax increase for the last 12 years will be about 1.4%,
  - Our tax advantage vs. outside the Village will continue to be 33% (\$500/year) lower.
- This annual advantage, over 10 years, is \$5,000 of savings to each household.

The Village is fortunate to have skilled volunteers who deliver these results.”

Further information available - Village website at [www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/finances](http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/finances) .

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