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Residents:

Last Monday I was pleased to report 2 things to the Trustees: (1) my Financial Report for our fiscal year end May 31, 2022, and (2) my Preliminary Feasibility analysis of "buy vs lease." These are consequential matters at a unique and consequential time in our history. These reports are posted on our website at www.plandomeheights-ny.com/finance .

The key takeaways of the Financial Report for the fiscal year are:

- Extraordinary success of our Capital Plan - We completed nearly \$500,000 of capital improvements largely with grant and other available funds. This results from extraordinary management of costs and aggressive follow up on all available sources of funding and is explained in my report.
- Non-recurring revenues result in a surplus year - Despite challenges on several fronts, non-recurring building fees, FEMA reimbursement for Storm Isais and other items offset challenges in costs so we added surplus to our reserve funds for the $13^{\text {th }}$ year.
- Reserve funds set aside - With our roadwork needs met for the coming period, and our occupancy needs presenting challenges for us, we reallocated our reserve funds to be available to support a solution including a possible purchase of a Village Hall.
In the Preliminary Feasibility analysis of buy vs. lease, the Village Hall opportunity comes into focus vs our alternatives. Market rents approximate $\$ 1.1$ million for the next 15 years. If we borrow $\$ 750,000$ in a 30 -year bond (and use $\$ 500,000$ of reserve funds set aside for a down payment) our debt service (instead of rent) over 15 years would be approximately $\$ 600,000$. That's an opportunity to save $\$ 500,000$ which you would see in reduced taxes over that period. The particularly stunning part is how the rent escalates over time while the debt service stays constant. To illustrate this, I put an excerpt of the Preliminary Feasibility analysis on the reverse side of this letter so you can clearly see the savings.

And remember, the Village pays no property tax and borrows at municipal rates.

We are fortunate to have ample reserve funds to use to reduce our occupancy costs for years to come. I am sharing this so you are informed in real time so we can continue the community dialog on this important matter. Let me know your thoughts, many have advised, all are welcome.

## Sincerely,

Incorporated Village of Plandome Heights


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Village of Plandome Heights
Lease analysis

|  | Borrow \$750k; \$1.25 Mill project |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |


| Borrow \$1 mill; \$1.5 mill project |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Market | Est. Debt <br> service on |  |
| Rate for | \$1 mill | (More)/Less |
| 1,500 sf (b) | bond | to own |
| $\mathbf{1 , 1 1 0 , 0 0 0}$ | 780,000 | 330,000 |
| 60,000 | 52,000 | 8,000 |
| 62,000 | 52,000 | 10,000 |
| 64,000 | 52,000 | 12,000 |
| 66,000 | 52,000 | 14,000 |
| 68,000 | 52,000 | 16,000 |
| 70,000 | 52,000 | 18,000 |
| 72,000 | 52,000 | 20,000 |
| 74,000 | 52,000 | 22,000 |
| 76,000 | 52,000 | 24,000 |
| 78,000 | 52,000 | 26,000 |
| 80,000 | 52,000 | 28,000 |
| 82,000 | 52,000 | 30,000 |
| 84,000 | 52,000 | 32,000 |
| 86,000 | 52,000 | 34,000 |
| 88,000 | 52,000 | 36,000 |

(a) Uses $5.2 \%$ escallations (rate in first 3 years projected to the whole period) (b) Uses $2 \%$ escallations.

