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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It's been 2 months since I have written, so I write to update you & share good news; specifically,

1. We received a new \$25,000 NYS Grant for Digitizing Records – Our request to extend our digital records initiative beyond Building Dept. files was approved in July. Trustee Florence Musalo again led the effort that resulted in the new grant in addition to the existing \$50,000 grant. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for a Trustee with only one year of service. In fact, all of our newest Trustees (including Mary Hauck and Kristina Lobosco) are making extraordinary contributions. I am so glad they all agreed to be my running mates in 2022.
2. Our fiscal year-end results in strong surplus; Surplus added to reserves for occupancy – I am pleased to report that the fiscal year ended May 31, 2023 ended with a significant surplus. The surplus is driven by non-recurring items (use of ARPA funds (\$20k), litigation proceeds (\$17K), interest income (\$20k), snow removal and related road repair). The Trustees set aside the surplus to be dedicated to our occupancy needs and the possible purchase of a Village Hall. This increases our funds available for that purpose by 13.5%.

This result, coming largely from non-recurring items, and at a time when we have the lowest Village taxes* in Nassau County, is a significant achievement.
3. Village Pride - Historic Preservation – As we approach our 100th anniversary shortly, residents are reflecting on the unique, and sometimes historic, status of some of the homes in our Village. Residents have encouraged us to explore the possibility of establishing the ability to designate “Historic” status for qualifying Village homes. So, we have begun to explore that matter. Any decisions would be fully, transparently vetted in a Public Hearing where residents can hear the plans and be heard. In the meantime, if you have an interest or opinion on the issue, or want to volunteer, please contact me (see below).

The Village continues to be in great shape physically and fiscally. 25 residents *volunteer* to make that so. Please consider joining our winning team as a volunteer. With so many new residents moving into the Village, there are positions available for our boards and activities. We need volunteers in Zoning, Architectural, Justice, Emergency Management and in tasks and initiatives in Village Hall. If you have a desire to be involved, please contact me. Be part of it!

As always, questions, comments and complaints are cheerfully accepted.

Sincerely,
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

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* Excludes 2 Villages with half our population and 1 village that operates on endowment, not taxes.