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March 27, 2024

Dear Residents –

Once again, there is no better place to be on the first Monday of April than the Annual Meeting of the Village of Plandome Heights! We have a lot to do at the annual meeting.

This year, I will be sworn-in as will re-elected Trustees, Mary Hauck and Kristina Lobosco, our new Trustee elect Eric Carlson and long-term resident and ARB member Jerry Love who will be appointed to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Trustee Panopoulos. We will also make various other appointments. So that will be fun. After the swearing in, our principal business includes: (a) Public Hearing on our Tentative Budget, (b) Public Hearing regarding the installation of solar panels, (c) approve various annual policy matters such as investment policy, emergency management policy, procurement policy, etc. and (d) current business.

I see the Tentative Budget as a placeholder, maintaining our taxes as lowest in Nassau County (a \$24/year increase) while we understand how occupancy affects us after that.

Three years ago, I told you that we expect significant increases in occupancy cost due to (a) increases in the lease rate and (b) our need for more space. I also told you that we would *work to mitigate those increases by considering all options*, and we have. On July 22, 2022, after a financial feasibility study with 6 resident advisors, I told you that “*we could save significantly by owning...*” And, welcoming your input, I added, “*So, a purchase is feasible and will be considered along with all other options.*”

At the annual meeting, we will discuss occupancy including:

- Our space needs.
- Governance over the process and
- Update on progress

On space needs, Harry Nicolaidis, AIA, and former Village Mayor will discuss his Space Analysis Report that concludes that our space at 60% less than our comparable villages is “...woefully inadequate for even the smallest municipality.” This can't go on. Then Village Attorney, Christopher Prior, esq. will take us through governance. I will then give an update on progress, and there is much to report, including improving economics and cordial dialog with our landlord about lease extension or alternatives.

So, I look forward to meeting with residents to further Engage and Inform starting with the Annual Meeting. A critical part of that engagement is the wealth of information contained on our website at Village Hall, including Why Now?

We have historic opportunities as we begin the journey to 100 years.

Sincerely,
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