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December 8, 2025

RE: Update

Dear residents:

I write to bring you up to date on a few things in the Village. All is calm and well!

With a year left on our snow removal contract, and an economy recovering from inflation, we decided to “test the market” by going out to bid this year instead of next to give us maximum flexibility. I am pleased to report that the new contract gives us 10 years of certainty, starting in 2026, with annual increases of 2% (down from the nearly 3% that was bid). This is part of our “*Planning Beyond One Year*” program in order to maintain “*Low and Stable Taxes.*” This is a great outcome with a reliable vendor.

We scheduled a Public Hearing on January 5, 2026 in order to permit, but not require, the Village to override the tax cap. As you’ll recall, in March and April (see reverse side) this year, I reported that our costs over 5 years of inflation had risen approximately 10% higher than our property taxes, (about \$100 per resident). This shortfall was being funded by expiring non-recurring revenues. Rather than catch that up all at once (as our “near peer” villages did) we added 4% to the current year tax (about \$48/year) and indicated that we would likely have to do that again. Currently we do not know if we will exceed the tax cap, but this action will give us that flexibility if we come to decide it is necessary. The Hearing is to receive your input.

When the Webster Avenue Bridge reopened at the end of September, we took several measures to improve public safety including: (a) adding bright yellow, “Slow Children Playing” signs at two entrances to the Village, (b) remediating the eastbound STOP sign on Webster Avenue by trimming the obstructive tree, adding a red reflective strip to the pole and repainting the reflective STOP line on the street and (c) requested additional traffic safety patrols from NCPD.

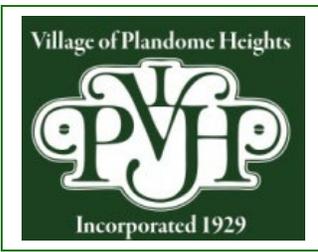
Our NSTV interview is informative and resides on You Tube (search Plandome Heights) and has had over 110 views. We added 15 new trees to the Village right-of-way to replace trees lost over time. And, there were no hurricanes this year.

My best wishes for Happy Holidays to you and your family and Happy New Year! Comments, questions and complaints, as always, are cheerfully accepted.

Sincerely,  
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April 7, 2025

**COPY OF APRIL 7, 2025 LETTER TO RESIDENTS**

**RE: Tonight's Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget – 2025 - 26**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

After thoughtful consideration over several weeks, at tonight's Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget, I recommended that the Village exceed our tax cap in our 2025 -26 tax levy.

I don't come to this lightly; so, let me to explain: (a) Why and (b) What it means to you.

**Why** - In my [2025 - 26 Tentative Budget Message](#), I described that, including the 2026 budget (as now adjusted) over 5 years our costs have increased 19.5% and our taxes under the tax cap increase 9.5%. That 10% in cost that we did not pass along to residents would be an additional \$110/year for 2026 beyond our budgeted tax levy. We have been "covering" that 10% shortfall with non-recurring interest income. Initially, I thought the best 2026 course might be to "cover" the shortfall one more year.

What has changed is the following: (1) our costs, specifically cost of our current facility, will be higher than I estimated, (2) the Federal Reserve has confirmed last week plans to lower interest rates (which are already 25% lower (1.25 points) than last year) by another 10% (0.5 points) reducing the interest available to "cover" higher costs, (3) sound financial planning, not compliance to an outdated tax cap, should dictate our finances and (4) peer Villages are coming to the same conclusion and are following the concerns of the Comptroller in exceeding the cap.

**What it means to you** - Because of our strong balance sheet and "Planning Beyond One Year" discipline, we do not need to absorb the 10% additional costs all at once. So, my recommendation is to increase taxes for this shortfall over a period of time beginning this year. I'm suggesting a tax increase of about 4% over our tax cap. This is an additional increase of approximately \$48/average household per year; \$4.00/month. The total tax increase, including the 2.5% tax cap, is 6.5% (4% + 2.5%), or \$77/average household per year; (\$6.40/month). This is the right thing to do.

Exceeding the property tax cap requires passing a local law and holding a Public Hearing which will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm in Village Hall for complete transparency so residents can be heard on this important matter.

Our property taxes will continue to be the lowest Village taxes in Nassau\* and are 33% less than the same services in the Town; further our tax increases have averaged 1.75%/year for 14 years,

Your comments, questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted. I hope to hear from you.

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\* Excludes two villages with half our population and one that operates on endowment, not taxes

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