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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME MANOR
PUBLIC MEETING

55 Manhasset Road
Manhasset, New York

April 16, 2019
7:29 p.m.

PRESENT:

BARBARA DONNO, Mayor

PATRICIA O'NEILL, R.A., Trustee

TONY DeSOUSA, Trustee

MATTHEW CLINTON, Trustee

JAMES BAYDAR, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

MARIE DePALO, Treasurer

EDWARD P. BUTT, Building Inspector

RANDI I. MALMAN, Village Clerk

JOHN FARRELL, Village Counsel

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Lisa H. MacDonald, RPR
Court Reporter

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2 MAYOR DONNO: We are into
3 our budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal
4 year.

5 Can I have a motion for the
6 Board of Trustees to open the public
7 hearing on the budget for fiscal year
8 June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020?

9 MR. BAYDAR: Motion.

10 MAYOR DONNO: Can I have a
11 second?

12 MS. O'NEILL: I second.

13 MAYOR DONNO: All those in
14 favor?

15 MS. O'NEILL: Aye.

16 MR. CLINTON: Aye.

17 MR. DeSOUSA: Aye.

18 MR. BAYDAR: Aye.

19 MAYOR DONNO: Matt, do you
20 want to present the budget?

21 MR. CLINTON: Sure.

22 Just a few highlights worth
23 noting. This is our third run at the
24 budget after a few edits and some
25 hard work and some revisits. So

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we'll just go through a couple of the highlights.

If you'd turn to the expenses first, page 3, you'll notice that we've got a big number for road construction and permanent improvements of over \$400,000 and that, in conjunction with the engineer that goes with it, brings us close to 500. It's an aggressive agenda, something that we've been saving for and preparing for and includes work on North Plandome Road, the Mills.

In putting up some money upfront, that will be reimbursed for the work in Plandome Park and you might ask how can we afford it. Well, we've drawn down from the capital improvements budget, which we built up over the past years and we've also increased the appropriation from our unappropriated reserves. So we are in a position to

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2 afford it. The work needs to be
3 done. Whether it gets done this year
4 or the next year, it's important to
5 note that we have the resources
6 available without having to float a
7 bond, so that's the good news and we
8 are comfortable that we'll be in good
9 financial condition at the completion
10 of the work going forward.

11 So this is sort of the
12 culmination of a long-term capital
13 improvement agenda that we've been
14 working our way through and I'm not
15 sure it ever ends, but we are getting
16 closer to it I think until we have to
17 start again.

18 The other thing worth noting
19 is the refuge and garbage removal is
20 up from 157,000 to 190, roughly 22
21 percent. I think the Village has
22 been extremely fortunate to have a
23 lid on this line item for as long as
24 it has and Barbara was pretty good at
25 negotiating a reasonable number given

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2 the increased expenses that they're
3 facing.

4 But that is a big increase
5 and we've negotiated a rate that's
6 going to put a cap on that number for
7 the next five years, not at the 190,
8 but at reasonable incremental
9 increases from there.

10 So that's the -- you know,
11 those are the big changes on the
12 expense line items.

13 If you go back to the front
14 end, the revenue pages, page 1
15 actually, you'll note that we are
16 still getting the benefit of some
17 grants that Randi and Barbara have
18 worked hard in securing and that will
19 go help pave the way for the
20 construction of the jogging path and
21 what's the other 35?

22 MR. BAYDAR: Storm drains.

23 MR. CLINTON: Yes, for the
24 storm drains.

25 So just to emphasize the

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2 importance of working with our local
3 government agencies and using these
4 grants to supplement our tax burdens.

5 Then lastly the news that
6 everybody is focused on given these
7 large cap increases and expenses is
8 the change to the individual taxes.
9 So if you go back to the front page,
10 taxes for the entire Village are
11 going to go up 25,000 and if you
12 break that down per household, it
13 works out to be roughly about \$90.

14 So our total per household
15 member is still reasonable and when
16 you look at it over the last 10
17 years, it's been held very much in
18 check and that's something that the
19 Board should be proud of and that the
20 residents should be appreciative of.

21 MAYOR DONNO: Thank you.

22 Are there any questions?

23 Mike?

24 A SPEAKER: Just with
25 regards to the road construction, so

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2 you allotted \$500,000. How do we
3 know that it's going to stay within
4 that budget and that it's not going
5 to balloon up to \$750,000 and then
6 expand onto increasing our taxes?

7 Is there -- was that based
8 on some estimates that were gathered
9 or is that based on your estimate of
10 what the construction costs are going
11 to be?

12 MR. CLINTON: Yes. We don't
13 know for sure until we put it out to
14 bid. So the process is that they go
15 out to, you know, a minimum of three
16 reputable persons and we do our due
17 diligence and obviously have an
18 obligation to pick the lowest cost.
19 So it's an estimate based on the work
20 that we've done. So it's an
21 estimate, but I think it's a
22 conservative estimate and any work
23 that is fronted on behalf of the work
24 that we are doing for Plandome Park
25 will be reimbursed in the following

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2 tax year through tax levies, so
3 that's not money the Village is
4 spending.

5 That might be money that the
6 Village is putting upfront that will
7 cross over between years, so we'll
8 get some of that back.

9 A SPEAKER: Do you know how
10 much will come back? How much do you
11 get back?

12 MR. CLINTON: Well, we don't
13 know how much we are going to spend.
14 We don't know how much will be
15 subsidized by some of the people that
16 are tearing up the roads.

17 A SPEAKER: Right.

18 MR. CLINTON: So my guess is
19 we are going to get all of it back is
20 the answer. All of the money that we
21 are putting into Plandome Park, we'll
22 get 100 percent of that back.

23 A SPEAKER: Thank you.

24 MAYOR DONNO: The water
25 district will be going in to replace

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the water mains. National Grid is also going in to replace the gas mains. We are not quite sure about National Grid and whether or not they will reimburse us for what they have done and that's an issue that we are still working on mainly because they had to move up their schedule date. They had planned not to do this for another five years and we, in our discussion with them, said look, we plan on going in and paving these roads because they're so bad.

So they kind of -- they sort of relented a little bit, Ed, wouldn't you say?

MR. BUTT: They are starting to give us.

MAYOR DONNO: A little bit.

MR. BUTT: But, again, this is Plandome Park --

MAYOR DONNO: Right.

MR. BUTT: -- which is not coming out of the Village budget.

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2 MAYOR DONNO: Right.

3 Also Manhasset Lakeville,
4 you know, will be putting some money
5 into that.

6 Plandome Road, which we are
7 planning on doing almost right away
8 as soon as National Grid is out of
9 there, National Grid has agreed to
10 pay what, 22 percent of the --

11 MS. MALMAN: 25.

12 MR. BUTT: 25 percent.

13 MAYOR DONNO: Oh, 25?

14 MR. BUTT: Yes.

15 A SPEAKER: But your role,
16 Plandome Road is just surfaced or is
17 it replacing the under structure
18 also?

19 MR. BUTT: No. It's a mill
20 and resurface project.

21 MAYOR DONNO: Yes, I think
22 they're milling down what did you
23 say, two --

24 MR. BUTT: Two inches.

25 MAYOR DONNO: -- two inches

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2 on Plandome Road.

3 MR. CLINTON: To answer your
4 question regarding sharp increases in
5 taxes, if the roads were to become a
6 real short-term burden on the
7 Village, the solution would probably
8 be to float a bond issue that would
9 amortize over the life of the road or
10 at least five or ten years, whatever
11 the structure, the Village would
12 support.

13 So you would avert any sharp
14 increases in your taxes and the
15 burden would be shared over time, you
16 know, as people utilize the roads,
17 which is something we did about nine
18 years ago now.

19 MAYOR DONNO: Right.

20 MR. CLINTON: We issued a
21 bond for \$500,000 that's subsequently
22 been paid and interestingly the small
23 residual we had was the start of our
24 capital fund, which we've been
25 contributing for which now enables us

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2 to do this project without a bond
3 issuance.

4 But as an example, Plandome
5 I think just issued a million dollar
6 bond to do their roads.

7 Was that the right number?

8 MAYOR DONNO: Yes. No,
9 you're right.

10 Does that answer your
11 question?

12 A SPEAKER: Yes. Kudos to
13 not being able -- not needing to
14 issue a bond. That's great. That's
15 wonderful.

16 MAYOR DONNO: Anybody else
17 have any questions about the budget?
18 No. Everybody okay?

19 Okay. Can I have a motion
20 to close the public hearing on the
21 budget?

22 MR. BAYDAR: Motion.

23 MAYOR DONNO: Can I have a
24 second?

25 MS. O'NEILL: I second.

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MAYOR DONNO: All those in
favor?

MS. O'NEILL: Aye.

MR. CLINTON: Aye.

MR. DeSOUSA: Aye.

MR. BAYDAR: Aye.

MAYOR DONNO: Can I have a
motion to adopt the budget for the
fiscal year June 1, 2019 to May 31,
2020?

MR. BAYDAR: Motion.

MAYOR DONNO: Can I have a
second?

MS. O'NEILL: I second.

MAYOR DONNO: All those in
favor?

MS. O'NEILL: Aye.

MR. DeSOUSA: Aye.

MR. CLINTON: Aye.

MR. BAYDAR: Aye.

MAYOR DONNO: Thank you.

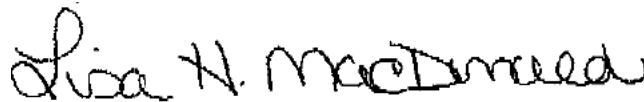
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I, LISA H. MACDONALD, a Registered Professional Reporter and a Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes.

I further certify that I am not employed by nor related to any party to this action.



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