

# Plumsted Township

2011 Budget

Questions or Comments  
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- 2 % TAX CAP LEVY  
LAW

- VOTER APPROVAL NEEDED TO EXCEED
- YES OR NO QUESTION ON APRIL 27 (7 AM – 9PM)
  - SAME DAY / TIME / PLACE AS SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE
  - SAMPLE BALLOT MAILED 7 DAYS PRIOR
  - DECISION OF VOTERS FINAL – NO APPEAL
  - SLIDE 2
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- **2 % TAX CAP LEVY LAW PROVIDES FOR:**

- **TAXING AND SPENDING CAPS**
- **PLUMSTED ONLY SEEKS TAX CAP -----NOT SEEKING SPENDING CAP**
- **2011 BUDGET REDUCED SPENDING**
  - **BY \$177,556 FROM 2010**
  - **SLIDE # 3**

- **FACTORS FOR BALLOT QUESTION**
  - **\$675,000 STATE AID LOSS SINCE 2007**
  - **\$10 MILLION LOSS IN TAX RATABLE BASE SINCE 2010**
  - **2010 & 2011 BLIZZARD EMERGENCIES**
    - **SNOW REMOVAL / SALT / ROAD REPAIR**
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    - **SLIDE # 4**

- **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

- 2010 \$3,295,849

- 2011 \$3,118,293

- -\$ 177,556 (LESS)

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- **ALL DEPT. SPENDING REDUCED  
(EXCEPT POLICE)**

- **PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITIZED**

- **POLICE DEPT. INCREASE: \$107,800**

- **MAXIMUM TAX WITHIN 2% TAX CAP LEVY LAW**
  - **\$1,402,733**
  - **212,203 TAX DOLLAR INCREASE**
  - **1.98 CENT TAX RATE INCREASE**
  - **11 CENT RATE TO 12.98 CENT TAX RATE**

- AMOUNT OF TAX OVER 2% CAP LAW AND ON BALLOT
  - \$97,311 PROPOSED TAX DOLLAR INCREASE
  - TAX RATE INCREASE ON THE BALLOT IS JUST UNDER 1 CENT (0.9)
  - IF APPROVED:
    - TOTAL TAX RATE INCREASE 2.88 CENTS
    - TOTAL TAX RATE: 11 CENT TO 13.88
    - TOTAL TAX DOLLAR INCR. \$309,514
    - TOTAL \$97,311 FOR POLICE DEPT.

- TAX DOLLAR CHANGES FOR AVG. HOME \$378,400
  - 2010 BUDGET / 11.0 CENTS: \$416
  - 2011 BUDGET IN 2% CAP
    - 12.9 CENTS / 1.9 CENT INCREASE
    - \$488 / INCREASE OF \$72
  - 2011 BUDGET WITH BALLOT APPROVAL
    - 13.8 CENTS / 2.8 CENT INCREASE
    - \$522 / INCREASE OF \$34

- EST. TOTAL PROPERTY TAX BILL WITH "YES" VOTE
  - AVERAGE HOME VALUE OF \$378,400
    - SCHOOL.. 64%..... \$3,840.....\$ 44 INCR.
    - COUNTY...20%.....\$1,181.....\$ 35 INCR.
    - TOWNSHIP..8%..... \$ 522.....\$106 INCR.
    - FIRE.....7%..... \$ 401.....\$ 23 INCR.
    - OPEN SPACE.1%..... \$ 76.....\$ 0 INCR.
  - TOTAL.....\$6,020.... \$208 INCR.
    - 3.5% INCR.

- EST. TOTAL PROPERTY TAX BILL WITH "NO" VOTE
  - AVERAGE HOME VALUE OF \$378,400
    - SCHOOL....64%.....\$3,840.....\$ 44 INCR.
    - COUNTY....20%.....\$1,181.....\$ 35 INCR.
    - TOWNSHIP...8%.....\$ 488.....\$ 72 INCR.
    - FIRE.....7%.....\$ 401.....\$ 23 INCR.
    - OPEN SPACE.1%.....\$ 76.....\$ 0 INCR.
  - TOTAL.....\$5,986.... \$174 INCR.
    - 3% INCR.

- COMPARISON OF "YES" AND "NO" VOTES
  - TOWNSHIP PORTION OF EST. PROPERTY TAX BILL
    - "YES" VOTE.....\$522
    - "NO" VOTE..... \$488
    - DIFFERENCE... \$ 34
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  - TOTAL EST. PROPERTY TAX BILL
    - "YES" VOTE.....\$6,020
    - "NO" VOTE.....\$5,986
    - DIFFERENCE....\$ 34

- COMPARISON WITH STATE AVERAGE
  - TOTAL STATE TAX BILL AVERAGE: \$7,576
  - TOTAL PLUMSTED TAX BILL AVG.:  
\$6,020 WITH A "YES" VOTE
    - DIFFERENCE.....
    - \$1,556 LESS

- COMPARISON WITH OCEAN COUNTY AVERAGE
  - AVG. MUNICIPAL TAX PORTION...\$1,592
  - AVG. PLUMSTED TAX PORTION....\$ 522 -YES VOTE
  - DIFFERENCE.....\$1,070 - LESS
- PLUMSTED REMAINS LOWEST IN OCEAN COUNTY WITH YES VOTE
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- SLIDE #13

- NEW PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM
  - HOMESTEAD REBATE IS NOW DIRECT CREDIT
    - EFFECTIVE MAY 2011 TAX QUARTER
      - TAX REDUCTION RANGE: \$100 - \$500
      - FOR INCOMES OF: \$75,000 OR LESS
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- **NEW PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM**
  - **HOMESTEAD REBATE IS NOW DIRECT CREDIT**
    - **GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED FY 2011-12 BUDGET**
      - **EFFECTIVE AUGUST, 2011 TAX QUARTER**
      - **AVG. ANNUAL CREDIT: \$540**
        - **SENIOR'S INCOME UP TO:  
\$150,000**
      - **AVG. ANNUAL CREDIT: \$404**
        - **NON-SENIOR INCOME UP TO: \$75,000**

- TOTAL SALARIES REDUCED PAST 3 YEARS
- 2009:\$1,360,972
- 2010:\$1,252,330
- 2011:\$1,216,335
- DIFF: \$ -35,995 LESS THAN 2010
- DIFF: \$ -144,637 LESS THAN 2009
- ONLY SALARY INCREASES TO POLICE PER CONTRACT
- SLIDE # 16

## PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP 2011 BUDGET

- TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES
- 2010: \$1,563,588
- 2011: \$1,269,376
- DIFF: \$ -294,212 LESS
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- ONLY INCREASE: POLICE DEPARTMENT
  - \$107,800

## ○ BUDGET HIGHS AND LOWS

- 1998: \$3.6 MILLION TOTAL BUDGET
- 2011: \$3.1 MILLION TOTAL BUDGET
  - UNPAID FURLOUGH DAYS (EXCEPT POLICE)
  - IMPLEMENTED 39 SHARED SERVICES
    - ITEMIZED LISTING ON WEBSITE
  - 10 FEWER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
    - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR LEFT 4-1-11 (CLERK'S OFFICE ABSORB)
    - POLICE: 1998 - 6 FULL TIME
      - 2011- 13 FULL TIME

## ■ BUDGET QUESTION LANGUAGE

- Shall the Township Committee be authorized to increase its' adjusted tax levy by \$97,311.47 more than the allowable adjusted tax levy, which is 6.937 % more than the allowable adjusted tax levy as provided by NJSA 40A:4-45.44 et seq.?
- YES OR NO
- IF "YES" VOTE: \$34 INCR. FOR AVG. HOME
- \$97,311 WILL BE USED FOR POLICE DEPT.

## BUDGET DATES AFTER APRIL 27 VOTE

- MAY 4, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET
- IF "YES" VOTE ON MAY 4, 2011 WILL ADOPT BUDGET AS INTRODUCED - NO CHANGES
- IF "NO" VOTE ON MAY 4, 2011 CAN NOT ADOPT
- MAY 20, 2011 IS FINAL STATE DEADLINE TO ADOPT
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