

State of the Village Report

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 - Fiscal Performance
 - Operational Highlights
- Intangible Results
 - Relations with neighboring communities and other governing bodies
 - Quality of life issues
- Open Items: Goals not yet met
- Looking to 2006



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Tangible Results:

Financial Performance Objectives

- Keep tax rate increases at or below rate of inflation
- Keep undesignated fund balance (surplus) at a comfortable and prudent percentage of planned expenditures
- Recover costs associated with expenditures of funds related to oil spill clean up



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Results:

- Two years that tax rate increase was below Metropolitan area rate of inflation (4.4% - FY 2004 - 2006)
- Healthy cash surplus – approximately 12% at end of 2004-2005 FY (4/30/05)
- NYS Comptroller's Oil Spill Fund processing application for reimbursement of up to \$400,000.00
- Negotiated favorable PILOT agreement with RPW (Altria building)
- Negotiated favorable tax agreement with Reckson (PILOT to be signed with Town and BBSD approval)



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- Half Year-To-Date Financial Results (November 30, 2005)
- “Expenditures and revenues are on target with the adopted budget” (Treasurer’s Memo, January 11, 2006)
- At half year, collected 72% of total revenues and spent 54% of planned expenditures
- Collections at half year ahead of FY 2003-4 and FY 2004-5



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Tangible Results: Operational Highlights

Objectives:

- Simplify Village codes for construction and/or modifications for existing structures
- Acquire additional “green space” and/or make Village parks and recreational facilities more resident-accessible, e.g. walking/nature trail at Belle Fair and restoration at Rich Manor Park
- Finance and construct new athletic fields



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- Expand services and programs for all residents, e.g. meal program for seniors, new recreation programs
- Address long-standing matters (e.g., Garden Inn; “Keyhole” project)
- Address parking and traffic issues
- Enter with long-term agreement with Port Chester for fire protection service

Results:



- Achieved all of the above (to some degree).

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Intangible Results:

Improved relations with other governing bodies

- Port Chester – Fire Service/EMS
- Rye – EMS/“Keyhole” Project
- Greenwich – King Street Traffic; homeless shelter
- BB Board of Education – PILOT with Reckson
- PC Board of Education – PILOT with RPW
- LISWIC – Long Island Sound Watershed

Intermunicipal Council

- Evaluating Stormwater Management District
- \$100,000 grant to do above study
- Educational materials on stormwater prepared



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Intangible Results: Continued

- Town of Rye – Re-Val and BAR; PILOT agreements; access to RBTV
- Westchester County – homeless shelter, Legacy Grant; takeover of county roads; Rich Manor Park improvement
- NY State – Oil Spill Fund; NYDOT (King Street); Hazmat/Emergency Mitigation Plan
- US EPA – Clean up and follow up



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Intangible Results – Quality of Life

- Parking
- Greenspace and recreational facilities
- Negotiations with public utilities and service providers– (Con Ed; Verizon; Sprint; Tennessee Gas; Cablevision)
- Leaf collection; snow removal
- Morale of staff
- Resident participation in government



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Open Items: Items To Be Addressed

- Traffic on King Street
- Garden Inn – Re-Zone for residential housing development
- “Keyhole” Project
- Finalize Capital Budget
- Finalize standards for fire protection (Fire Advisory Board)



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Looking to 2006

- Budget for FY 2006-2007
- Closure on “Keyhole”
- Resolution of Garden Inn
- Negotiate acceptable plan for King Street traffic with NY and CT DOT



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Addendum

Whatever happened to

- NY State Office of the Comptroller
re: SMART review
- Tree and Beautification Committee and
Tree Removals Appeals Board
- Policy on Village sidewalks



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Thank you.

