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On Thursday, October 29, the Village laid off 16 employees. The decision to lay off employees was an extremely difficult one and was not easy for the Mayor and Board of Trustees or the Staff. These cuts were necessary to help the Village reduce an immediate shortfall in State forecasted revenue as well as a forecasted shortfall for FY 2010/11.

When examining where to reduce costs our priority was to minimize the impact to the residents. However, the cuts made were very real and deep. Residents will notice changes in service in certain areas. Staff reductions were made across the board including in the Planning, Building, Police, and Public Works Departments. A number of support staff positions were also eliminated.

The Village remains committed to providing high quality services without raising taxes or fees. In the meantime, we will continue to explore ways to further reduce costs and improve efficiencies while providing high quality services and providing for the health, safety, and welfare of our residents.

We will survive these difficult economic times by working together as a community. Many community members have recognized the need to step up and have reached out to the Village. We are thankful for their support. For example, Tom Quinn of Quinn's Landscaping has volunteered to help both the Village and the downtown by installing holiday lights on the trees in Downtown Plainfield, free of charge. The Village truly appreciates Mr. Quinn's sense of community spirit.