

Town of Malone, Florida

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2023

TOWN OF MALONE, FLORIDA

As of September 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Town Council
Town of Malone, Florida
Malone, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Malone, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Malone, Florida's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Malone, Florida, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Malone, Florida and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Malone, Florida's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Malone, Florida's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Malone, Florida's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4-9 and 30 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting or placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 19, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Malone, Florida’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Malone, Florida’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Malone, Florida’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Grimsley & Associates

Marianna, Florida
June 19, 2024

Grimsley and Associates, P.A.
Certified Public Accountant

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The *Town Of Malone's* discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the *Town's* financial activity, (c) identify changes in the *Town's* financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), (d) identify any material deviations from the financial plan, (the approved budget), and (e) identify individual fund issues of concerns.

Since the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on current year's activities, resulting changes and currently known facts, please read it in conjunction with the *Town's* financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The assets of the *Town of Malone* exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2023 by \$ 3,525,045 (net position). Of this amount \$ 222,995 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the *Town's* ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Town Highlights

The Town has continued repairs and rebuilding from damage related to Hurricane Michael. The town received CARES funding from the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners for items needed that were related to Covid-19.

Using This Annual Report

The financial statement's focus is on both the Town as a whole (government-wide) and on the major individual funds. Both perspectives (government-wide and major fund) allow the user to address relevant questions, broaden a basis for comparison (year to year or government to government) and enhance the *Town's* accountability.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the *Town's* basic financial statements, which are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the *Town's* finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The focus is on major funds, rather than fund types. The statement combines and consolidates governmental fund current resources (short-term spendable resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations. The statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the Town presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Statement of Net position presents information on all the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, the increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indication of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the 2023 fiscal year. The focus is on both the gross and net costs of various activities, both governmental and business-type that are supported by the government's general tax and other revenues. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes earned and earned but unused vacation leave). This statement is intended to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of cost of various governmental services. An increase or decrease in net position is an indication of whether the Town's financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish the functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, streets and health and human services.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of the town's annual financial report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over the resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental and proprietary. Traditional uses of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Town's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Town maintains two governmental funds and information on these funds is presented in the governmental fund Balance Sheet and in the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund and Gas Tax Fund. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget and are presented as required supplemental information. This information may be found on pages 30 of the annual financial report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12-15 of the annual financial report.

Proprietary Funds

The *Town* maintains two proprietary fund types. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses an enterprise fund to account for its water and sewer funds. The proprietary fund statement provides the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on page 16-18 of the annual financial report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. They can be found beginning on page 19 of the annual financial report.

Infrastructure Assets

The Town has implemented the major model portions of GASB Statement 34. Historically, a government's largest group of assets (infrastructure – roads, traffic signals, underground pipes not associated with a utility, etc.) have not been reported nor depreciated in governmental financial statements. This new statement requires that these assets be valued and reported within the governmental column of government-wide statements.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

This section is used to present condensed financial information from the government-wide statements that compare the current year to the prior year.

Statement of Net Position

The following schedule reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position:

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

As of September 30, 2023

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	<u>Activities</u>		<u>Activities</u>			
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current and other Assets	\$ 1,159,818	\$ 1,137,167	\$ 160,196	\$ 189,772	\$ 1,320,014	\$ 1,326,939
Capital Assets	<u>1,705,281</u>	<u>1,580,623</u>	<u>1,658,344</u>	<u>1,746,491</u>	<u>3,363,625</u>	<u>3,327,114</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,865,099</u>	<u>2,717,790</u>	<u>1,818,540</u>	<u>1,936,263</u>	<u>4,683,639</u>	<u>4,654,053</u>
Current Liabilities	998,833	912,811	92,523	67,332	1,091,356	980,143
Non current Liabilities	<u>73,448</u>	<u>52,180</u>	<u>92,200</u>	<u>97,201</u>	<u>165,648</u>	<u>149,381</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,072,281</u>	<u>964,991</u>	<u>184,723</u>	<u>164,533</u>	<u>1,257,004</u>	<u>1,129,524</u>
NET POSITION						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,631,833	1,528,443	1,543,909	1,647,162	3,175,742	3,175,605
Restricted						
Other Purposes	58,210	93,309	-	-	58,210	93,309
Debt Service		-	34,732	33,136	34,732	33,136
Unrestricted	<u>102,775</u>	<u>131,047</u>	<u>55,176</u>	<u>91,948</u>	<u>157,951</u>	<u>222,995</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,792,818</u>	<u>\$ 1,752,799</u>	<u>\$ 1,633,817</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,426,635</u>	<u>\$ 3,525,045</u>

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Statement of Activities

The following schedule compares the revenues and expenses for the current year:

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES						
Program Revenues						
Charges for Services	\$ 196,181	\$ 242,751	\$ 157,607	\$ 162,267	\$ 353,788	\$ 405,018
Operating Grants and Contributions	120,210	133,878	-	-	120,210	133,878
Capital Grants and Contributions	<u>35,915</u>	<u>80,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,783</u>	<u>35,915</u>	<u>302,250</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>352,306</u>	<u>457,096</u>	<u>157,607</u>	<u>384,050</u>	<u>509,913</u>	<u>841,146</u>
General Revenues						
Taxes-Advalorem	15,641	17,030	-	-	15,641	17,030
Taxes-Other	139,689	184,773	-	-	139,689	184,773
Miscellaneous	123,027	108,318	140	177	123,167	108,495
Transfers	<u>(59,544)</u>	<u>34,568</u>	<u>59,544</u>	<u>(34,568)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>218,813</u>	<u>344,689</u>	<u>59,684</u>	<u>(34,391)</u>	<u>278,497</u>	<u>310,298</u>
Total Revenues	<u>571,119</u>	<u>801,785</u>	<u>217,291</u>	<u>349,659</u>	<u>788,410</u>	<u>1,151,444</u>
EXPENSES						
Governmental Activities						
General Government	237,274	291,810	-	-	237,274	291,810
Public Safety	80,021	155,766	-	-	80,021	155,766
Health & Sanitation	74,858	74,780	-	-	74,858	74,780
Transportation	157,121	167,454	-	-	157,121	167,454
Culture/Recreation	69,566	148,709	-	-	69,566	148,709
Interest on Long-Term Debt	4,467	3,285	-	-	4,467	3,285
Business-type Activities						
Water & Sewer	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,643</u>	<u>211,230</u>	<u>225,643</u>	<u>211,230</u>
Total Expenses	<u>623,307</u>	<u>841,804</u>	<u>225,643</u>	<u>211,230</u>	<u>848,950</u>	<u>1,053,034</u>
Transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>(52,188)</u>	<u>(40,019)</u>	<u>(8,352)</u>	<u>138,429</u>	<u>(60,540)</u>	<u>98,410</u>
Net Position - Beginning	<u>1,845,006</u>	<u>1,792,818</u>	<u>1,642,169</u>	<u>1,633,817</u>	<u>3,487,175</u>	<u>3,426,635</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 1,792,818</u>	<u>\$ 1,752,799</u>	<u>\$ 1,633,817</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,426,635</u>	<u>\$ 3,525,045</u>

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financial requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of September 30, 2023, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$224,356 of this amount \$131,047 was unassigned.

Proprietary Funds

The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Total net position of the water and sewer funds as of September 30, 2023 were \$1,772,246 of which \$91,948 was unrestricted.

General Funds Budgetary Highlights

The Budget was amended at year end to reflect changes for the year's revenues and expenses that differed from the original budget amounts.

Requests for information

The Town's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors) with a general overview of the *Town's* finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, you may contact Linda Wilson, Malone Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Town of Malone, Florida
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,087,390	\$ 118,070	\$ 1,205,460
Restricted Cash	-	35,187	35,187
Accounts Receivable	-	20,371	20,371
Due from other Governments	36,945	24,976	61,921
Internal Balances	12,832	(12,832)	-
Inventory	-	4,000	4,000
Capital Assets			
Land	234,260	222,415	456,675
Buildings, Improvements, and Equipment, Net	1,346,363	1,521,948	2,868,311
Total Capital Assets	1,580,623	1,744,363	3,324,986
Bond Issue Costs, Net	-	2,128	2,128
Total Assets	2,717,790	1,936,263	4,654,053
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	32,538	19,588	52,126
Unavailable Revenue	880,273	-	880,273
Customer Deposits	-	47,228	47,228
Long Term Liabilities			
Due within one year	22,838	26,001	48,839
Due in more than one year	29,342	71,200	100,542
Total Liabilities	964,991	164,017	1,129,008
NET POSITION			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,528,443	1,647,162	3,175,605
Restricted for:			
Other Purposes	93,309	-	93,309
Debt Service	-	33,136	33,136
Unrestricted	131,047	91,948	222,995
Total Net Position	\$ 1,752,799	\$ 1,772,246	\$ 3,525,045

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ending September 30, 2023

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Primary Government Business-type Activities	Total
Functions/Programs							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 291,810	\$ 119,329	89,279	\$ 80,467	\$ (2,735)	\$ -	\$ (2,735)
Public Safety	155,766	-	40,000	-	(115,766)	-	(115,766)
Health & Sanitation	74,780	94,771	-	-	19,991	-	19,991
Transportation	167,454	24,101	-	-	(143,353)	-	(143,353)
Culture/Recreation	148,709	4,550	4,599	-	(139,560)	-	(139,560)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	3,285	-	-	-	(3,285)	-	(3,285)
Total governmental activities	<u>841,804</u>	<u>242,751</u>	<u>133,878</u>	<u>80,467</u>	<u>(384,708)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(384,708)</u>
Business-type Activities:							
Water Fund	133,978	114,940	-	-	-	(19,038)	(19,038)
Sewer Fund	77,252	47,327	-	221,783	-	191,858	191,858
Total business activities	<u>211,230</u>	<u>162,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,820</u>	<u>172,820</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 1,053,034</u>	<u>\$ 405,018</u>	<u>\$ 133,878</u>	<u>\$ 302,250</u>	<u>\$ (384,708)</u>	<u>\$ 172,820</u>	<u>\$ (211,888)</u>
General Revenues:							
Taxes:							
Taxes-Advalorem					17,030	-	17,030
Taxes - Other					184,773	-	184,773
Interest Income					2,406	177	2,583
Miscellaneous					105,912	-	105,912
Transfers					34,568	(34,568)	-
Total General Revenues and Transfers					<u>344,689</u>	<u>(34,391)</u>	<u>310,298</u>
Change in Net Position					(40,019)	138,429	98,410
Net Position - beginning					<u>1,792,818</u>	<u>1,633,817</u>	<u>3,426,635</u>
Net Position - ending					<u>\$ 1,752,799</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,525,045</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
September 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 997,348	\$ 90,042	\$ 1,087,390
Due from other Governments	33,234	3,711	36,945
Due from other Funds	<u>12,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,832</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,043,414</u>	<u>\$ 93,753</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,167</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 1,988	\$ 444	\$ 2,432
Accrued Leave	30,106	-	30,106
Unavailable Revenue	<u>880,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880,273</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>912,367</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>912,811</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted:			
Other Purposes	-	93,309	93,309
Unassigned	<u>131,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,047</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>131,047</u>	<u>93,309</u>	<u>224,356</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,043,414</u>	<u>\$ 93,753</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,167</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ending September 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Fund \$ 224,356

Amounts reported for governmental activities in
the Statement of Net Position are different
because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities
are not financial resources and therefore are
not reported in the funds. 1,580,623

Some liabilities, including note payable, are
not due and payable in the current period
and therefore, are not reported in the funds. (52,180)

Total net position \$ 1,752,799

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ending September 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 162,470	\$ 39,333	\$ 201,803
Licenses & Permits	115,729	-	115,729
Intergovernmental Revenues	283,097	-	283,097
Charges for Services	127,022	-	127,022
Miscellaneous Revenues	13,917	190	14,107
Total Revenues	702,235	39,523	741,758
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General Government	284,638	-	284,638
Public Safety	44,316	-	44,316
Health and Sanitation	74,780	-	74,780
Transportation	116,954	12,012	128,966
Culture/Recreation	110,195	-	110,195
Debt Service:			
Principal	23,874	12,393	36,267
Interest	2,449	844	3,293
Capital Outlay	45,500	-	45,500
Total Expenditures	702,706	25,249	727,955
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(471)	14,274	13,803
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfer In	217,919	-	217,919
Transfer Out	(183,351)	-	(183,351)
Loan Proceeds	15,000	-	15,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	49,568	-	49,568
Net Change in Fund Balances	49,097	14,274	63,371
Fund Balances - beginning	81,950	79,035	160,985
Fund Balances - ending	\$ 131,047	\$ 93,309	\$ 224,356

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
 Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
 To the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ending September 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	63,371
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation \$170,158 exceeded capital outlay \$45,500 in the current period.		(124,658)
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Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which repayments \$36,268 exceeded proceeds \$15,000.		<u>21,268</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>(40,019)</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds
September 30, 2023

	Enterprise Fund		Total
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 91,280	\$ 26,790	\$ 118,070
Accounts Receivable	20,371	-	20,371
Due from Other Governments		24,976	24,976
Due From Other Funds	-	4,804	4,804
Inventory	4,000	-	4,000
Total Current Assets	<u>115,651</u>	<u>56,570</u>	<u>172,221</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	35,187	-	35,187
Capital Assets:			
Land	-	222,415	222,415
Buildings, Improvements, and Equipment, Net	838,305	683,643	1,521,948
Bond Issue Costs, Net	2,128	-	2,128
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>875,620</u>	<u>906,058</u>	<u>1,781,678</u>
Total Assets	<u>991,271</u>	<u>962,628</u>	<u>1,953,899</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	637	511	1,148
Accrued Leave	11,579	4,632	16,211
Accrued Interest	2,229	-	2,229
Due to Other Funds	16,389	1,247	17,636
Bonds and Notes Payable, Current	21,000	5,001	26,001
Total Current Liabilities	<u>51,834</u>	<u>11,391</u>	<u>63,225</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Customer Deposits	47,228	-	47,228
Bonds and Notes Payable after One Year	71,200	-	71,200
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>118,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,428</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>170,262</u>	<u>11,391</u>	<u>181,653</u>
NET POSITION			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	746,105	901,057	1,647,162
Restricted:			
Debt Service	33,136	-	33,136
Unrestricted	41,768	50,180	91,948
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 821,009</u>	<u>\$ 951,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,246</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ending September 30, 2023

	Enterprise Fund		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Charges for Services	\$ 114,940	\$ 47,327	\$ 162,267
Total Operating Revenue	114,940	47,327	162,267
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Salaries and Benefits	41,825	16,535	58,360
Contractual Services	11,084	18,402	29,486
Insurance	5,368	477	5,845
Operating Supplies and Miscellaneous	31,621	10,182	41,803
Depreciation	38,525	31,655	70,180
Amortization	107	-	107
Total Operating Expenditures	128,530	77,251	205,781
Operating Gain(Loss)	(13,590)	(29,924)	(43,514)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):			
Contributed Capital	-	221,783	221,783
Interest Income	156	20	176
Interest Expense	(5,448)	-	(5,448)
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	(5,292)	221,803	216,511
Income (Loss) before Contributions and Transfers	(18,882)	191,879	172,997
Transfers In	-	157,884	157,884
Transfer Out	-	(192,452)	(192,452)
Total Contributions and Transfers	-	(34,568)	(34,568)
Change in Net Position	(18,882)	157,311	138,429
Net Position, beginning of year	839,891	793,926	1,633,817
Net Position, end of year	\$ 821,009	\$ 951,237	\$ 1,772,246

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Malone, Florida
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds
For the Year September 30, 2023

	Enterprise Fund		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers	\$ 114,940	\$ 47,327	\$ 162,267
Payments to Suppliers	(53,565)	(31,622)	(85,187)
Payments to Employees	(39,632)	(16,220)	(55,852)
Net Cash provided (used) by Operating Activities	<u>21,743</u>	<u>(515)</u>	<u>21,228</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:			
Transfers to Other Funds	-	(192,452)	(192,452)
Transfers from Other Funds	-	157,884	157,884
Loans to/from Other Funds	783	(1,700)	(917)
Contributed Capital	-	196,807	196,807
Net cash provided (used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>783</u>	<u>160,539</u>	<u>161,322</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Purchase of Capital Assets	-	(158,434)	(158,434)
Debt Proceeds	-	50,001	50,001
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(20,000)	(45,000)	(65,000)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	(5,610)	-	(5,610)
Net Cash provided (used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(25,610)</u>	<u>(153,433)</u>	<u>(179,043)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Interest Income	<u>156</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>176</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(2,928)	6,611	3,683
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	<u>129,395</u>	<u>20,179</u>	<u>149,574</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 126,467</u>	<u>\$ 26,790</u>	<u>\$ 153,257</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Gain(Loss) to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:			
Operating Gain(Loss)	\$ (13,590)	\$ (29,924)	\$ (43,514)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:			
Depreciation & Amortization	38,632	31,655	70,287
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-
Customer Deposits	1,406	-	1,406
Accounts and Other Payables	(4,705)	(2,246)	(6,951)
Net Cash provided (used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 21,743</u>	<u>\$ (515)</u>	<u>\$ 21,228</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Introduction

The Town of Malone, Florida's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting principles and practices are discussed in subsequent sections of this Note. The remainder of the Notes are organized to provide explanations, including required disclosures, of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Reporting Entity

The Town of Malone, Florida (the "Town") was formed in 1909. On May 13, 1911, Chapter 6370, Laws of Florida, established the municipality of the Town of Malone, this charter was amended November 3, 1981. The Town operates under a Mayoral form of government. The Town's major operations include fire protection, parks, recreation, transportation, and general administrative services. In addition, the Town owns and operates a water and sewer system and garbage collection system.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the Town of Malone, Florida, as a whole excluding fiduciary activities. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by taxes and Town general revenues, from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or in part with fees charged to external customers.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees, fines and forfeitures, and other charges to users of the Town's services; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets and include fees to developers. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Taxes and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues. The Town does not allocate indirect costs.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for the governmental and proprietary funds. Non-major governmental funds are reported in separate columns.

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Basis of Accounting

The government-wide statements and fund financial statements for proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). However, internal eliminations do not include utility services provided to Town departments. Reimbursements are reported as reductions to expenses. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for debt principal and interest which are recorded as expenditures in the year due.

Major revenue sources susceptible to accrual include: sales and use taxes, property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and investment income. In general, other revenues are recognized when cash is received.

When fund balance resources are available in more than one classification, it is the Town's policy to use the most restrictive funds in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed.

Fund Types and Major Funds

Governmental Funds

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – reports as the primary fund of the City. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not reported in other funds.

Proprietary Funds

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water Fund – accounts for the revenues and expenses, capital assets and debt for the water utility department of the Town.

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Sewer Fund – accounts for all operations associated with the sewer system of the Town.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund’s principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personal and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash and Investments

Amounts shown as cash and investment include cash in the checking accounts, cash on hand, cash in savings accounts and certificates of deposits.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 years
Water and sewer system	15-50 years
Machinery and equipment	5-10 years
Improvements	10-20 years
Other infrastructure	10-50 years

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, the Town began recording the acquisition of infrastructure, streets, roads, sidewalks, etc., as capital assets effective for acquisitions made after September 30, 2003. Prior infrastructure acquisitions have not been included.

Property Taxes

The Town votes a local millage rate for the assessment of ad valorem property taxes. This rate was set at 1 mills for the October 2022 through September 2023 budget year. The Jackson County Property Appraiser’s office includes this assessment with the countywide property tax assessments. The Jackson County Tax Collector is charged with collecting these revenues and distributing the Town its share of these collections.

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Property Taxes – Continued

All taxes are generally due and payable on November 1 of each year. Discounts are allowed of four, three, two and one percent for payment in November through February, respectively. Delinquent taxes at April 1 are converted, by the County, into Tax Certificates. Therefore, there are no significant taxes receivable at year-end.

Materials and Supplies Inventory

Expendable materials and supplies of the business-type activities are recorded at cost using the first-in/first-out method at September 30, 2023.

Long-Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities.

The governmental fund financial statements recognize the proceeds of debt as other financial sources of the current period.

Fund Equity

The following fund balance classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Risk Management and Insurance

The Town insures itself against losses from casualty, accident and dishonesty by purchasing municipal insurance through the Florida League of Cities, Inc. The Town believes the level of insurance purchased is adequate to protect against material loss. No significant changes in coverage has been made in the last year.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Town uses the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting – Continued

1. The Town adopts its budget in accordance with Chapter 166, Florida Statutes.
 - a. The Town follows an internal hearing process to set the proposed tentative budget.
 - b. Public hearings are then held to adopt a tentative budget, and a final budget, in accordance with Chapter 166, Florida Statutes.
 - c. Budget amendments are made in accordance with applicable Florida Statutes.
2. Budgets are reported for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
3. All budgets are adopted in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
4. Level of Control – Expenditures may not exceed appropriations and are controlled in the following manner:
 - d. The budget is controlled according to Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, at the total fund level.
 - e. Any Budget amendments or transfer of funds must be approved by the Town Council.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

As discussed above, the amounts for cash include non-interest and interest bearing checking accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government’s deposits may not be returned to it. The government does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

At September 30, 2023 the Town had the following cash deposits:

Amounts insured by FDIC	\$ 250,000
Amount Subject to Custodial Risk (Risk of loss due to bank failure) Collateralized with securities pledged by the financial institution and held in trust, but not in the Town's name	<u>1,006,360</u>
Total Deposits with Financial Institutions	<u>\$ 1,256,360</u>

The carrying value on the financial statements was \$1,240,647 at September 30, 2023.

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

The Town reported receivables as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Due from Other Governments	<u>\$ 33,234</u>
GAS TAX FUND	
Due from Other Governments	<u>\$ 3,711</u>
ENTERPRISE FUND - WATER SYSTEM	
Water Fees, Refuse Fees and Sewer Fees	<u>\$ 20,371</u>
ENTERPRISE FUND - SEWER SYSTEM	
Due from Other Governments	<u>\$ 24,976</u>

No allowances for uncollectible accounts are considered necessary.

NOTE 4 – INTERNAL BALANCES

As of September 30, 2023, the Town had Interfund receivables and payables that resulted from various transactions as follows:

	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund			
Receivable from Water Fund	\$ 11,585	\$ -	Operations
Receivable from Sewer Fund	1,247		Payroll
Payable to Gas Tax Fund			-
Water Fund			
Payable to General Fund	-	11,585	Operations
Payable to Sewer Fund	-	4,804	Operations
Sewer Fund			
Receivable from Water Fund	4,804		Operations
Payable to General Fund	-	1,247	Payroll
	<u>\$ 17,636</u>	<u>\$ 17,636</u>	

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 5 – RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certain Enterprise Fund assets are restricted by debt service and capital projects (Water Fund). Restricted Assets consist of cash and investments, which is required by resolution to be set-aside for specific purposes and is therefore unavailable for general operating purposes.

Water Fund

Cash - Debt Service	<u>\$ 35,187</u>
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NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ending September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING BALANCE
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 234,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 234,260
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	<u>234,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,260</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Office Furniture and equipment	714,656	-	-	714,656
Improvements other than buildings	1,748,639	-	-	1,748,639
Buildings	<u>509,971</u>	<u>45,500</u>	<u>35,400</u>	<u>520,071</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated:	<u>2,973,266</u>	<u>45,500</u>	<u>35,400</u>	<u>2,983,366</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Office Furniture and equipment	(384,731)	(64,992)	-	(449,723)
Improvements other than buildings	(914,824)	(87,179)	-	(1,002,003)
Buildings	<u>(202,690)</u>	<u>(17,987)</u>	<u>(35,400)</u>	<u>(185,277)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,502,245)</u>	<u>(170,158)</u>	<u>(35,400)</u>	<u>(1,637,003)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,471,021</u>	<u>(124,658)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,346,363</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,705,281</u>	<u>\$ (124,658)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,580,623</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 16,164
Public safety	60,517
Transportation	44,410
Culture and recreation	49,067
Total governmental depreciation expense	<u>\$ 170,158</u>

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS – Continued

	<u>BEGINNING</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	<u>ENDING</u> <u>BALANCE</u>
Business Type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 63,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,981
Construction in Progress	<u>-</u>	<u>158,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,434</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	<u>63,981</u>	<u>158,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,415</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Distribution, collection systems, and improvement:	\$ 3,380,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,380,900
Equipment	<u>102,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>102,117</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated:	<u>3,483,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>3,483,017</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Distribution, collection systems, and improvement	(1,851,284)	(68,402)	-	(1,919,686)
Equipment	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(1,778)</u>	<u>(395)</u>	<u>(41,383)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,891,284)</u>	<u>(70,180)</u>	<u>(395)</u>	<u>(1,961,069)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,592,128</u>	<u>(70,180)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,521,948</u>
Total Business-Type capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,656,109</u>	<u>\$ 88,254</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,744,363</u>

NOTE 7 - LONG TERM DEBT

Governmental Activities

Notes payable

Note payable in monthly installments of \$1,103, including interest at 5.0%, collateralized by real estate, due June 15, 2024 in balloon payment of outstanding principal and interest.	\$ 9,691
Note payable in monthly installments of \$977, including interest at 4.63%, collateralized by real estate, due March, 2024 in balloon payment of outstanding principal and interest.	5,779
Note payable in monthly installments of \$779, including interest at 5.00%, collateralized by real estate, due February 5, 2023 in balloon payment of outstanding principal and interest.	26,637
Line of Credit of \$130,000, interest only payments at 5.89%, due on first of month until maturity on 3/15/25 with balloon payment of outstanding principal and interest.	<u>10,073</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 52,180</u>

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 7 - LONG TERM DEBT – Continued

Debt Service requirements to governmental activities long-term debt at September 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2024	\$ 22,838	\$ 2,259	\$ 25,097
2025	18,092	1,330	19,422
2026	8,730	621	9,351
2027	<u>2,520</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>2,557</u>
	<u>\$ 52,180</u>	<u>\$ 4,247</u>	<u>\$ 56,427</u>

Changes in long-term governmental obligations are summarized as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due within One year</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
Notes	<u>\$ 73,448</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ (36,268)</u>	<u>\$ 52,180</u>	<u>\$ 22,838</u>

Business – Type Activities

During the year ended September 30, 1988, the Town issued \$434,200 Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 1988. Payments are due annually September 1, including interest at 5.0%. All bonds are held by Rural Development, a division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The following is the debt service requirements for the business type activities revenue bond September 30, 2023:

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2024	\$ 26,001	\$ 6,520	\$ 32,521
2025	22,000	5,610	27,610
2026	23,000	4,610	27,610
2027	<u>26,200</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>28,660</u>
	<u>\$ 97,201</u>	<u>\$19,200</u>	<u>\$116,401</u>

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 7 - LONG TERM DEBT – Continued

Changes in long-term business-type obligations are summarized as follows:

	Beginning			Ending	Due within
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>One year</u>
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>					
Bonds & Notes	<u>\$112,200</u>	<u>\$ 50,001</u>	<u>\$ (65,000)</u>	<u>\$ 97,201</u>	<u>\$ 26,001</u>

NOTE 8 – BOND ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

Proprietary Fund Type – Enterprise Fund – Water System

The Bond Ordinance adopted May 12, 1987, requires the establishment of certain “trust funds” to ensure repayment of the Water System Revenue Bonds. It was amended on January 13, 2004, for the additional issuance of the 2004 Water System Revenue Bonds.

1. All cash income from the ownership and operation of the system shall be deposited into the “Revenue Fund” on or before the 15th day of each month. Transfers are to be made to certain accounts.
2. The “Sinking Fund” is to be used exclusively for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the bonds and is to be funded by transferring each month from the “Revenue Fund” one-twelfth of the next annual interest and principal requirement.
3. The “1988 Bond Reserve Account” is to be established by transferring on or before the 15th of each month from the “Reserve Fund” the sum of \$264 until such time as the fund equals \$27,510. The funds in this account shall be used only for paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the system caused by an unforeseen catastrophe, construction improvements or extensions to increase net revenues, and paying principal and interest in the event that the Sinking Fund is insufficient to meet such payments.
4. The “Operation and Maintenance Fund” is to be used exclusively for the purpose of receiving funds transferred monthly from the revenue fund and for paying the current expense of the system pursuant to the annual budget.
5. Excess funds not required by the above accounts are to be transferred to the Water System Revenue Bonds Redemption Account. This account is to be used to redeem the Bonds in inverse order or to acquire outstanding bonds subject to limitations

Town of Malone, Florida
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2023

NOTE 9– COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Accrued Leave

All full-time employees of the Town are entitled to an annual vacation and sick leave with pay. The employees are generally allowed to accumulate vacation leave up to 100 hours. Sick leave may be accumulated and is paid 80% after 10 years of service upon termination. Vacation pay and sick leave payments are included in operating costs when the payments are made to the employees. The estimated commitment for annual leave at September 30, 2023 was \$46,317. This amount is included in the accrued expenses of the governmental activities in the amount of \$30,106 and the business-type activities in the amount of \$16,211.

NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT PLAN

As of October 1, 1997, the Town adopted “The Retirement Plan and Trust for the Employees of the Town of Malone”. This plan is a defined contribution type plan through which the Town contributed 3.5% of each participant’s compensation for the employee’s benefit. Employees may also elect to contribute to the plan. Voluntary contributions may not exceed \$18,000 per employee. The plan is administered by City Street, “Florida Municipal Pension Trust Fund”.

The plan was adopted by Local Ordinance 76 dated December 9, 1997. The plan was amended on December 11, 2001, to reflect a change in the administrator. The plan may be amended, but not in such a manner to cause any reduction in amounts credited to participants.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Town’s contributions totaled \$5,161 and voluntary employee contributions totaled \$ 1,187.

NOTE 11– GRANTS, MAJOR PROJECTS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In August 2018 the Town entered in an agreement with United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Utilities Service to update and extend the sewer system with an estimated cost of \$4,790,000. Of this amount the Town is expected to finance \$1,226,000 the remaining \$3,534,000 will be a grant to the Town. The Town is currently in the process of executing this grant.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required Supplementary Information
Town of Malone, Florida
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
For the Year Ending September 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>(GAAP Basis)</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 162,825	\$ 162,825	\$ 162,470
Licenses & Permits	108,000	108,000	115,729
Intergovernmental Revenues	288,946	288,946	283,097
Charges for Services	131,770	131,770	127,022
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>7,560</u>	<u>7,560</u>	<u>13,917</u>
Total Revenues	<u>699,101</u>	<u>699,101</u>	<u>702,235</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General Government	293,258	293,258	284,638
Public Safety	41,167	41,167	44,316
Health & Sanitation	75,000	75,000	74,780
Transportation	126,812	126,812	116,954
Culture/Recreation	225,959	225,959	110,195
Debt Service:			
Principal	9,620	9,620	23,874
Interest	-	-	2,449
Capital Outlay	<u>45,500</u>	<u>45,500</u>	<u>45,500</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>817,316</u>	<u>817,316</u>	<u>702,706</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(118,215)</u>	<u>(118,215)</u>	<u>(471)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfer In	-	-	217,919
Transfer Out	-	-	(183,351)
Loan Proceeds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,568</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(118,215)	(118,215)	49,097
Fund Balances - beginning	<u>81,950</u>	<u>81,950</u>	<u>81,950</u>
Fund Balances - ending	<u>\$ (36,265)</u>	<u>\$ (36,265)</u>	<u>\$ 131,047</u>

Note: This schedule is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES

Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Malone, Florida
Malone, Florida

We have examined Town of Malone, Florida's, compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, during the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for Town of Malone, Florida's, compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Town of Malone, Florida's, compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Malone, Florida, complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the Town of Malone, Florida, complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Town of Malone, Florida's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, Town of Malone, Florida, complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Grimsley & Associates

Marianna, Florida
June 19, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Honorable Mayor and Town Council Members
Town of Malone
Malone, Florida 32445

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Malone, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Malone, Florida's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 19, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Malone, Florida's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Malone, Florida's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Malone, Florida's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2007-001 to be a material weakness.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2004-001 to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Malone, Florida's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Town of Malone, Florida's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Malone, Florida's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying section titled Response to Findings. The Town of Malone, Florida's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Grimsley & Associates

June 19, 2024
Marianna, Florida

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

Town of Malone, Florida
Schedule of Findings
September 30, 2023

2004-001

Criteria – Custody of assets, record keeping and recording of assets should have adequate separation.

Condition – Due to the size of the organization, proper separation of duties may not be feasible.

Effect – Internal controls lack proper checks and balances due to the size of the organization.

Cause – This is a small bookkeeping system.

Recommendation – Management should remain very active and involved in the day-to-day operations. Controls should be established to provide checks and balances.

2007-001

Criteria – An entity's system of internal control over financial reporting should include controls over the prevention, detection and correction of misstatements in the audited financial statements.

Condition – The Town relies on the external auditor to assist with preparing and explaining financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Effect – Since the auditor cannot be a part of an entity's system of internal accounting control, the Town's system of internal accounting control over the financial reporting is not sufficient by itself to prevent, detect or correct misstatements in the audited financial statements.

Cause – The Town has a small accounting staff necessitated by the overall small size of the entity. They do not consider it cost effective to develop and maintain a system of internal accounting control sufficient to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, nor to maintain internal staff with sufficient knowledge to develop and maintain controls to prevent, detect or correct misstatements in audited financial statements.

Recommendation – The Town should continue to consider the effects of the cost of developing and benefits of implementing such a system as compared with understanding that due to the size of their accounting department, they will continue to need external assistance with the preparation and understanding of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Honorable Mayor and Town Council Members
Town of Malone
Malone, Florida 32445

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Malone, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated June 19, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Schedule of Findings; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 19, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report except as noted below under the heading Prior Year Findings and Recommendations.

Schedule of Findings items:

Tabulation of Uncorrected Audit Findings		
Current Year Finding #	2021-22 FY Finding #	2020-21 FY Finding #
2004-001	2004-001	2004-001
2007-001	2007-001	2007-001

Management letter items:

None

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This information is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the Town of Malone, Florida met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Town of Malone, Florida did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Town of Malone, Florida. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Town of Malone, Florida's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendation to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendation.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrant the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Town Council, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Prior Year Findings:

None

Current Year Findings:

None

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June 19, 2024
Marianna, Florida

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RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS



TOWN OF MALONE

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June 18, 2024

Auditor General
Claude Pepper Building Room 401
11 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Auditor General,

In accordance with the requirements of the Auditor General, we are submitting the following responses to the independent auditor's findings in their audit of our financial statement for the year end September 2023.

Independent Auditor's report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other matters.

Prior Year's Comments:

2004-001 - **Segregation of Duties** – Mayor and Town Council will continue to be active and involved in the day-to-day operation of the town's finances.

2007-001 - **Internal Accounting Control** – The Town of Malone does not consider it cost effective to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or maintain internal staff effective to develop and maintain a system of internal accounting control sufficient to.

Current Year's Findings 2022-2023:

No new findings other than what is listed for Prior Years Findings.

Sincerely,

Linda Wilson

Town Clerk