

Town of Malone, Florida

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

September 30, 2024

TOWN OF MALONE, FLORIDA

As of September 30, 2024

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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, 2024, 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, 2024, 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.

**Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Malone, Florida's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Uniform Guidance of Florida, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2025, 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 26, 2025

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, 2024 by \$ 4,574,603 (net position). Of this amount \$ 339,570 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the *Town's* ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

### Town Highlights

The Town received grant funds for various repairs and upgrades to Town property.

### 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 2024 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, 2024

	Governmental		Business-Type		Total	
	<u>Activities</u>		<u>Activities</u>			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current and other Assets	\$ 1,137,167	\$ 931,727	\$ 189,772	\$ 197,499	\$ 1,326,939	\$ 1,129,226
Capital Assets	<u>1,580,623</u>	<u>1,717,472</u>	<u>1,746,491</u>	<u>2,481,421</u>	<u>3,327,114</u>	<u>4,198,893</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,717,790</u>	<u>2,649,199</u>	<u>1,936,263</u>	<u>2,678,920</u>	<u>4,654,053</u>	<u>5,328,119</u>
Current Liabilities	912,811	590,698	67,332	71,497	980,143	662,195
Non current Liabilities	<u>52,180</u>	<u>20,121</u>	<u>97,201</u>	<u>71,200</u>	<u>149,381</u>	<u>91,321</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>964,991</u>	<u>610,819</u>	<u>164,533</u>	<u>142,697</u>	<u>1,129,524</u>	<u>753,516</u>
NET POSITION						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,528,443	1,697,351	1,647,162	2,408,199	3,175,605	4,105,550
Restricted						
Other Purposes	93,309	95,881	-	-	93,309	95,881
Debt Service	-	-	33,136	33,602	33,136	33,602
Unrestricted	<u>131,047</u>	<u>245,148</u>	<u>91,948</u>	<u>94,422</u>	<u>222,995</u>	<u>339,570</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,752,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,038,380</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,246</u>	<u>\$ 2,536,223</u>	<u>\$ 3,525,045</u>	<u>\$ 4,574,603</u>

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Statement of Activities

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

	<b>Governmental</b>		<b>Business-Type</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Activities</b>		<b>Activities</b>			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
Charges for Services	\$ 242,751	\$ 221,374	\$ 162,267	\$ 172,337	\$ 405,018	\$ 393,711
Operating Grants and Contributions	133,878	556,012	-	-	133,878	556,012
Capital Grants and Contributions	<u>80,467</u>	<u>316,052</u>	<u>221,783</u>	<u>752,053</u>	<u>302,250</u>	<u>1,068,105</u>
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<u>457,096</u>	<u>1,093,438</u>	<u>384,050</u>	<u>924,390</u>	<u>841,146</u>	<u>2,017,828</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Taxes-Advalorem	17,030	18,508	-	-	17,030	18,508
Taxes-Other	184,773	186,761	-	-	184,773	186,761
Miscellaneous	108,318	147,558	177	37,308	108,495	184,866
Transfers	<u>34,568</u>	<u>(280,067)</u>	<u>(34,568)</u>	<u>280,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<u>344,689</u>	<u>72,760</u>	<u>(34,391)</u>	<u>317,375</u>	<u>310,298</u>	<u>390,135</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>801,785</u>	<u>1,166,198</u>	<u>349,659</u>	<u>1,241,765</u>	<u>1,151,444</u>	<u>2,407,963</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
General Government	291,810	413,440	-	-	291,810	413,440
Public Safety	155,766	130,532	-	-	155,766	130,532
Health & Sanitation	74,780	78,498	-	-	74,780	78,498
Transportation	167,454	178,812	-	-	167,454	178,812
Culture/Recreation	148,709	79,335	-	-	148,709	79,335
Interest on Long-Term Debt	3,285	-	-	-	3,285	-
<b>Business-type Activities</b>						
Water & Sewer	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211,230</u>	<u>477,788</u>	<u>211,230</u>	<u>477,788</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>841,804</u>	<u>880,617</u>	<u>211,230</u>	<u>477,788</u>	<u>1,053,034</u>	<u>1,358,405</u>
<b>Transfers</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>(40,019)</u>	<u>285,581</u>	<u>138,429</u>	<u>763,977</u>	<u>98,410</u>	<u>1,049,558</u>
					-	-
Net Position - Beginning	<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>
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 1,752,799</u>	<u>\$ 2,038,380</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,246</u>	<u>\$ 2,536,223</u>	<u>\$ 3,525,045</u>	<u>\$ 4,574,603</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, 2024, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$343,699 of this amount \$245,148 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, 2024 were \$2,536,223 of which \$626,663 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, 2024

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	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 784,532	\$ 151,328	\$ 935,860
Restricted Cash	-	35,649	35,649
Accounts Receivable	-	20,371	20,371
Due from other Governments	133,346	-	133,346
Internal Balances	13,849	(13,849)	-
Inventory	-	4,000	4,000
Capital Assets			
Land	525,505	1,027,631	1,553,136
Buildings, Improvements, and Equipment, Net	1,191,967	1,451,768	2,643,735
Total Capital Assets	1,717,472	2,479,399	4,196,871
Bond Issue Costs, Net	-	2,022	2,022
Total Assets	2,649,199	2,678,920	5,328,119
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	139,504	21,855	161,359
Unavailable Revenue	451,194	-	451,194
Customer Deposits	-	49,642	49,642
Long Term Liabilities			
Due within one year	8,021	22,000	30,021
Due in more than one year	12,100	49,200	61,300
Total Liabilities	610,819	142,697	753,516
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,697,351	2,408,199	4,105,550
Restricted for:			
Other Purposes	95,881	-	95,881
Debt Service	-	33,602	33,602
Unrestricted	245,148	94,422	339,570
Total Net Position	\$ 2,038,380	\$ 2,536,223	\$ 4,574,603

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, 2024

Functions/Programs	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
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>							
General Government	\$ 413,440	\$ 96,248	511,459	\$ 58,375	\$ 252,642	\$ -	\$ 252,642
Public Safety	130,532	-	40,000	155,434	64,902	-	64,902
Health & Sanitation	78,498	95,138	-	-	16,640	-	16,640
Transportation	178,812	26,063	-	70,375	(82,374)	-	(82,374)
Culture/Recreation	79,335	3,925	4,553	31,868	(38,989)	-	(38,989)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>880,617</b>	<b>221,374</b>	<b>556,012</b>	<b>316,052</b>	<b>212,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,821</b>
<b>Business-type Activities:</b>							
Water Fund	405,239	123,572	-	517,913	-	236,246	236,246
Sewer Fund	72,549	48,765	-	234,140	-	210,356	210,356
<b>Total business activities</b>	<b>477,788</b>	<b>172,337</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>752,053</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>446,602</b>	<b>446,602</b>
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b>\$ 1,358,405</b>	<b>\$ 393,711</b>	<b>\$ 556,012</b>	<b>\$ 1,068,105</b>	<b>\$ 212,821</b>	<b>\$ 446,602</b>	<b>\$ 659,423</b>
<b>General Revenues:</b>							
<b>Taxes:</b>							
Taxes-Advalorem					18,508	-	18,508
Taxes - Other					186,761	-	186,761
Interest Income					2,650	272	2,922
Miscellaneous					144,908	37,036	181,944
Transfers					(280,067)	280,067	-
<b>Total General Revenues and Transfers</b>					<b>72,760</b>	<b>317,375</b>	<b>390,135</b>
Change in Net Position					285,581	763,977	1,049,558
Net Position - beginning					1,752,799	1,772,246	3,525,045
Net Position - ending					<b>\$ 2,038,380</b>	<b>\$ 2,536,223</b>	<b>\$ 4,574,603</b>

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

Town of Malone, Florida  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
September 30, 2024

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	General Fund	Other Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 691,408	\$ 93,124	\$ 784,532
Due from other Governments	129,771	3,575	133,346
Due from other Funds	14,720	-	14,720
Total Assets	<u>\$ 835,899</u>	<u>\$ 96,699</u>	<u>\$ 932,598</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 107,865	\$ 818	\$ 108,683
Due to other Funds	1,484	-	1,484
Accrued Leave	30,208	-	30,208
Unavailable Revenue	451,194	-	451,194
Total Liabilities	<u>590,751</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>591,569</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted:			
Other Purposes	-	98,551	98,551
Unassigned	245,148	-	245,148
Total Fund Balances	<u>245,148</u>	<u>98,551</u>	<u>343,699</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 835,899</u>	<u>\$ 99,369</u>	<u>\$ 935,268</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, 2024

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Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Fund \$ 343,699

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. 1,717,472

Some liabilities, including note payable, are  
not due and payable in the current period  
and therefore, are not reported in the funds. (20,121)

Total net position \$ 2,041,050

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Town of Malone, Florida  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ending September 30, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 165,771	\$ 39,498	\$ 205,269
Licenses & Permits	92,648	-	92,648
Intergovernmental Revenues	829,955	-	829,955
Charges for Services	128,726	-	128,726
Miscellaneous Revenues	188,017	1,650	189,667
Total Revenues	1,405,117	41,148	1,446,265
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General Government	368,896	-	368,896
Public Safety	199,672	-	199,672
Health and Sanitation	78,498	-	78,498
Transportation	117,447	14,070	131,517
Culture/Recreation	34,311	-	34,311
Debt Service:			
Principal	14,742	9,896	24,638
Interest	58,686	-	58,686
Capital Outlay	138,697	14,610	153,307
Total Expenditures	1,010,949	38,576	1,049,525
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	394,168	2,572	396,740
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfer In	-	-	-
Transfer Out	(280,067)	-	(280,067)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(280,067)	-	(280,067)
Net Change in Fund Balances	114,101	2,572	116,673
Fund Balances - beginning	131,047	93,309	224,356
Fund Balances - ending	\$ 245,148	\$ 95,881	\$ 341,029

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, 2024

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Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	116,673
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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 capital outlay \$305,855 exceeded depreciation \$169,006 in the current period.		136,849
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Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, 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 \$32,059 exceeded proceeds \$0.		<u>32,059</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>285,581</u></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, 2024

	Enterprise Fund		Total
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 110,886	\$ 40,442	\$ 151,328
Accounts Receivable	20,371	-	20,371
Due From Other Funds	-	4,929	4,929
Inventory	4,000	-	4,000
Total Current Assets	<u>135,257</u>	<u>45,371</u>	<u>180,628</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	35,649	-	35,649
Capital Assets:			
Land and Construction in Process	571,076	456,555	1,027,631
Buildings, Improvements, and Equipment, Net	799,780	651,988	1,451,768
Bond Issue Costs, Net	2,022	-	2,022
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>1,408,527</u>	<u>1,108,543</u>	<u>2,517,070</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,543,784</u>	<u>1,153,914</u>	<u>2,697,698</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	2,936	511	3,447
Accrued Leave	11,619	4,647	16,266
Accrued Interest	2,142	-	2,142
Due to Other Funds	17,400	1,378	18,778
Bonds and Notes Payable, Current	22,000	-	22,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>56,097</u>	<u>6,536</u>	<u>62,633</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Customer Deposits	49,642	-	49,642
Bonds and Notes Payable after One Year	49,200	-	49,200
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>98,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,842</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>154,939</u>	<u>6,536</u>	<u>161,475</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	728,580	1,108,543	1,837,123
Restricted:	-		
Debt Service	33,602	-	33,602
Unrestricted	626,663	38,835	665,498
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,388,845</u>	<u>\$ 1,147,378</u>	<u>\$ 2,536,223</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, 2024

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	Enterprise Fund		Total
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 123,572	\$ 48,765	\$ 172,337
Miscellaneous Income	<u>26,454</u>	<u>10,582</u>	<u>37,036</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>150,026</u>	<u>59,347</u>	<u>209,373</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	44,611	17,401	62,012
Contractual Services	14,992	9,583	24,575
Insurance	5,855	477	6,332
Operating Supplies and Miscellaneous	296,755	13,305	310,060
Depreciation	38,525	31,655	70,180
Amortization	<u>106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106</u>
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>400,844</u>	<u>72,421</u>	<u>473,265</u>
Operating Gain(Loss)	<u>(250,818)</u>	<u>(13,074)</u>	<u>(263,892)</u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>			
Contributed Capital	517,913	234,140	752,053
Interest Income	221	51	272
Interest Expense	<u>(4,523)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,523)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>513,611</u>	<u>234,191</u>	<u>747,802</u>
Income (Loss) before Contributions and Transfers	<u>262,793</u>	<u>221,117</u>	<u>483,910</u>
Transfers In	305,043	212,724	517,767
Transfer Out	<u>-</u>	<u>(237,700)</u>	<u>(237,700)</u>
Total Contributions and Transfers	<u>305,043</u>	<u>(24,976)</u>	<u>280,067</u>
Change in Net Position	567,836	196,141	763,977
<b>Net Position, beginning of year</b>	<u>821,009</u>	<u>951,237</u>	<u>1,772,246</u>
<b>Net Position, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,388,845</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,147,378</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,536,223</u></u>

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, 2024

	Enterprise Fund		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>			
Receipts from Customers	\$ 152,440	\$ 59,347	\$ 211,787
Payments to Suppliers	(315,303)	(23,365)	(338,668)
Payments to Employees	(44,571)	(17,386)	(61,957)
Net Cash provided (used) by Operating Activities	<u>(207,434)</u>	<u>18,596</u>	<u>(188,838)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</b>			
Transfers to Other Funds	-	(237,700)	(237,700)
Transfers from Other Funds	305,043	212,724	517,767
Loans to/from Other Funds	1,011	6	1,017
Contributed Capital	517,913	259,116	777,029
Net cash provided (used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>823,967</u>	<u>234,146</u>	<u>1,058,113</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>			
Purchase of Capital Assets	(571,076)	(234,140)	(805,216)
Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(21,000)	(5,001)	(26,001)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	(4,610)	-	(4,610)
Net Cash provided (used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(596,686)</u>	<u>(239,141)</u>	<u>(835,827)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>			
Interest Income	221	51	272
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	20,068	13,652	33,720
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	126,467	26,790	153,257
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 146,535</u>	<u>\$ 40,442</u>	<u>\$ 186,977</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Gain(Loss) to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:			
Operating Gain(Loss)	\$ (250,818)	\$ (13,074)	\$ (263,892)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:			
Depreciation & Amortization	38,631	31,655	70,286
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-
Customer Deposits	2,414	-	2,414
Accounts and Other Payables	2,339	15	2,354
Net Cash provided (used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (207,434)</u>	<u>\$ 18,596</u>	<u>\$ (188,838)</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, 2024

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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, 2024.

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.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
September 30, 2024

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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  
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September 30, 2024

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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, 2024

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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, 2024.

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, 2024

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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, 2024 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>734,780</u>
Total Deposits with Financial Institutions	<u>\$ 984,780</u>

The carrying value on the financial statements was \$971,509 at September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

The Town reported receivables as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Due from Other Governments	<u>\$ 129,771</u>
GAS TAX FUND	
Due from Other Governments	<u>\$ 3,575</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>\$ -</u>

No allowances for uncollectible accounts are considered necessary.

NOTE 4 – INTERNAL BALANCES

As of September 30, 2024, 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	\$ 11,684	\$ -	Operations
Receivable from Sewer Fund	3,036		- Payroll
Payable to Sewer Fund		1,484	
Water Fund			
Payable to General Fund	-	11,684	Operations
Payable to Sewer Fund	-	4,929	Operations
Sewer Fund			
Receivable from Water Fund	4,929		- Operations
Receivable from General Fund	1,484		
Payable to General Fund	-	3,036	Payroll
	<u>\$ 21,133</u>	<u>\$ 21,133</u>	

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September 30, 2024

**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 \$ 35,649

**NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ending September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING BALANCE
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 234,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 234,260
Construction in Process	-	291,245	-	291,245
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	<u>234,260</u>	<u>291,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>525,505</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Office Furniture and equipment	714,656	14,610	-	729,266
Improvements other than buildings	1,748,639	-	-	1,748,639
Buildings	520,071	-	-	520,071
Total capital assets being depreciated:	<u>2,983,366</u>	<u>14,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,997,976</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Office Furniture and equipment	(449,723)	(65,689)	-	(515,412)
Improvements other than buildings	(1,002,003)	(83,055)	-	(1,085,058)
Buildings	(185,277)	(20,262)	-	(205,539)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,637,003)</u>	<u>(169,006)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,806,009)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,346,363</u>	<u>(154,396)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,191,967</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 18,439
Public safety	58,535
Transportation	47,089
Culture and recreation	44,943
Total governmental depreciation expense	<u>\$ 169,006</u>

Town of Malone, Florida  
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September 30, 2024

**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>158,434</u>	<u>805,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>963,650</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	<u>222,415</u>	<u>805,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,027,631</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Distribution, collection systems, and improvement:	\$ 3,380,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,380,900
Equipment	<u>102,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,117</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated:	<u>3,483,017</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,483,017</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Distribution, collection systems, and improvement	(1,919,686)	(68,402)	-	(1,988,088)
Equipment	<u>(41,383)</u>	<u>(1,778)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43,161)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,961,069)</u>	<u>(70,180)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,031,249)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,521,948</u>	<u>(70,180)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,451,768</u>

**NOTE 7 - LONG TERM DEBT**

Governmental Activities

Notes payable

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. 20,049

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. 73

Total governmental activities \$ 20,122

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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>
2025	\$ 8,093	\$ 1,330	\$ 9,423
2026	8,729	521	9,250
2027	<u>3,300</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>3,337</u>
	<u>\$ 20,122</u>	<u>\$ 1,888</u>	<u>\$ 22,010</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>\$ 52,180</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (32,058)</u>	<u>\$ 20,122</u>	<u>\$ 8,093</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, 2024:

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2025	\$ 22,000	\$ 3,510	\$ 25,510
2026	23,000	2,460	25,460
2027	<u>26,200</u>	<u>1,310</u>	<u>27,510</u>
	<u>\$ 71,200</u>	<u>\$ 7,280</u>	<u>\$ 78,480</u>

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September 30, 2024

NOTE 7 - LONG TERM DEBT – Continued

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

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>	Due within <u>One year</u>
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>					
Bonds & Notes	\$ 92,200	\$ -	\$ (21,000)	\$ 71,200	\$ 22,000

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 2024

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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, 2024 was \$46,474. This amount is included in the accrued expenses of the governmental activities in the amount of \$30,208 and the business-type activities in the amount of \$16,266.

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, 2024, the Town’s contributions totaled \$5,827 and voluntary employee contributions totaled \$ 1,406.

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, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts
	Original	Final	(GAAP Basis)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 169,500	\$ 161,540	\$ 165,771
Licenses & Permits	88,267	99,777	92,648
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,437,589	4,911,416	829,955
Charges for Services	131,263	131,439	128,726
Miscellaneous Revenues	9,465	9,420	188,017
Total Revenues	<u>2,836,084</u>	<u>5,313,592</u>	<u>1,405,117</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General Government	253,801	287,643	368,896
Public Safety	36,900	55,151	199,672
Health & Sanitation	78,000	81,000	78,498
Transportation	111,312	125,956	117,447
Culture/Recreation	36,280	35,420	34,311
Debt Service:			
Principal	10,000	9,360	14,742
Interest	-	-	58,686
Capital Outlay	<u>2,299,830</u>	<u>4,542,956</u>	<u>138,697</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,826,123</u>	<u>5,137,486</u>	<u>1,010,949</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>9,961</u>	<u>176,106</u>	<u>394,168</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfer In	-	-	-
Transfer Out	-	-	(280,067)
Loan Proceeds	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(280,067)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	9,961	176,106	114,101
Fund Balances - beginning	<u>131,047</u>	<u>131,047</u>	<u>131,047</u>
Fund Balances - ending	<u>\$ 141,008</u>	<u>\$ 307,153</u>	<u>\$ 245,148</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.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Town of Malone, Florida  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ending September 30, 2024

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	CFDA Number	Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<b>U.S. Department of the Treasury</b>			
Pass through the State of Florida Executive Office of the Governor			
American Rescue Plan Act	21.027	N/A	\$ 429,079
Pass through the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection			
Malone Sewer System Extension	21.027	WG090	<u>234,140</u>
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			<u>663,219</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			
Pass through the State of Florida Department of Economic Security			
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	M0046	58,375
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	M0021	155,433
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	M0111	261,413
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	23DB-N06	31,868
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	MT142	<u>70,375</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>577,464</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards			<u>\$ 1,240,683</u>

**Note A – Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Town of Malone, Florida under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 , *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operation of the Town of Malone, Florida, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of the Town of Malone, Florida.

**Note B – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported in the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**Note C – Indirect Cost Rate**

The Town of Malone, Florida has elected to use the 15% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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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, 2024. 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, 2024.

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 26, 2025

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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  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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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, 2024, 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 26, 2025.

### **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 Schedule of 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 26, 2025  
Marianna, Florida

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON  
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the Town of Malone, Florida's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of Malone, Florida's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The Town of Malone, Florida's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town of Malone, Florida complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal Programs for the year ended September 30, 2024.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance 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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulation Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirement, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance 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 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Malone, Florida's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Town of Malone, Florida's federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town of Malone, Florida's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Town of Malone, Florida's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material noncompliance, 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 Town of Malone, Florida's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Town of Malone, Florida's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance of Florida, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Malone, Florida's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirement of Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Grimsley & Associates*

June 26, 2025  
Marianna, Florida

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Town of Malone, Florida  
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
 September 30, 2024

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**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

***Financial Statements***

✔	1.	Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified
✔	2.	Internal control over financial reporting:	
	a.	Material weaknesses identified?	Yes
	b.	Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes
	c.	Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	No

***Federal Programs***

✔	1.	Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified
✔	2.	Internal control over major programs:	
	a.	Material weaknesses identified?	No
	b.	Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	None noted
✔	3.	Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2CFR section 200.516(a)?	None noted
✔	4.	Identification of major programs	

<b>CFDA</b>	<b>Federal Project</b>
14.228	Community Development Block Grant

✔	5.	Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs	\$750,000
✔	6.	Auditee qualified as low-risk under 2CFR 200.520	No

Town of Malone, Florida  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
September 30, 2024

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**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

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.

Management Response – The Mayor and Town Council will continue to be active and involved in the day-to-day operation of the town's finances.

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.

Management Response – The Town 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 sufficient to prepare financial statements.

Town of Malone, Florida  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
September 30, 2024

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**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned costs**

None noted

**Section IV - Federal Programs and Questioned Costs**

None noted

**Section V - Summary of Prior Year Audit**

None noted

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, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2025.

### **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 Uniform Guidance.

### **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 Uniform Guidance. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 26, 2025, 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 #	2022-23 FY Finding #	2021-22 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.

**Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs**

As required by Section 10.554(1)(i)6.a., Rules of the Auditor General, a PACE program authorized pursuant to Section 163.081 or Section 163.082, Florida Statutes did not operate within the Town’s geographical boundaries during the fiscal year under audit.

**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

*Grimsley & Associates*

June 26, 2025  
Marianna, Florida

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