Town of Malone, Florida

# **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

September 30, 2021

# TOWN OF MALONE, FLORIDA

As of September 30, 2021

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

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, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Town of Malone, Florida's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# **Opinions**

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, 2021, 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.

#### Other Matters

# Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-7 and 28 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 for 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 February 7, 2022, 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 the Town of Malone, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Grimsley & Associates

Grimsley & Associates, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

February 7, 2022 Marianna, Florida

#### **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, 2021 by \$ 3,487,175 (net position). Of this amount \$ 292,702 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The Town continued to work on repairs from Hurricane Michael.

#### **Town Highlights**

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.

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 2021 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 8-9 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.

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 28 of the annual financial report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 10-13 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 14-16 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 17 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.

#### **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, 2021

	Govern	mental	Busines	ss-Type				
	<u>Activ</u>	<u>rities</u>	Activ	<u>rities</u>	<u>Total</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>		
Current and other Assets	\$ 323,205	\$ 307,500	\$ 172,811	\$ 175,285	\$ 496,016	\$ 482,785		
Capital Assets	1,599,880	1,676,685	1,732,773	1,662,392	3,332,653	3,339,077		
Total Assets	1,923,085	1,984,185	1,905,584	1,837,677	3,828,669	3,821,862		
Current Liabilities	94,147	82,721	34,044	83,308	128,191	166,029		
Non current Liabilities	67,853	56,458	171,822	112,200	239,675	168,658		
Total Liabilities	162,000	139,179	205,866	195,508	367,866	334,687		
NET POSITION								
Invested in capital assets,								
net of related debt	1,470,735	1,573,395	1,583,573	1,531,192	3,054,308	3,104,587		
Restricted								
Other Purposes	58,210	58,210	-	-	58,210	58,210		
Debt Service	-	-	31,676	31,676	31,676	31,676		
Unrestricted	232,140	213,401	84,469	79,301	316,609	292,702		
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,761,085</u>	<u>\$ 1,845,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,718</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,169</u>	\$ 3,460,803	<u>\$ 3,487,175</u>		

# **Statement of Activities**

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

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Govern	nmental				
	Activ	<u> /ities</u>	Activ	<u>rities</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>otal</u>
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
REVENUES						
Program Revenues						
Charges for Services	\$ 182,880	\$ 184,670	\$ 145,948	\$ 149,904	\$ 328,828	\$ 334,574
Operating Grants and Contributions	42,224	57,129	-	-	42,224	57,129
Capital Grants and Contributions	623,937				623,937	
Total Program Revenues	849,041	241,799	145,948	149,904	994,989	391,703
General Revenues						
Taxes-Advalorem	13,578	14,690	-	-	13,578	14,690
Taxes-Other	130,486	134,474	-	-	130,486	134,474
Miscellaneous	291,581	292,080	280	165	291,861	292,245
Total General Revenues	435,645	441,244	280	<u>165</u>	435,925	441,409
Total Revenues	1,284,686	683,043	146,228	150,069	1,430,914	833,112
EXPENSES						
Governmental Activities						
General Government	289,354	239,149	-	-	289,354	239,149
Public Safety	43,365	70,070	-	-	43,365	70,070
Health & Sanitation	63,323	66,438	-	-	63,323	66,438
Transportation	150,238	153,448	-	-	150,238	153,448
Culture/Recreation	108,458	63,028	-	-	108,458	63,028
Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,518	6,989	-	-	7,518	6,989
Business-type Activities						
Water & Sewer			200,755	207,618	200,755	207,618
Total Expenses	662,256	599,122	200,755	207,618	863,011	806,740
Change in Net Position	622,430	83,921	(54,527)	(57,549)	<u>567,903</u>	<u>26,372</u>
Net Position - Beginning	1,138,655	1,761,085	1,754,245	1,699,718	2,892,900	3,460,803
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 1,761,085</u>	<u>\$ 1,845,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,718</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,169</u>	<u>\$ 3,460,803</u>	<u>\$ 3,487,175</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, 2021, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$271,611 of this amount \$189,534 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, 2021 were \$1,642,169 of which \$78,744 was unrestricted.

#### **General Funds Budgetary Highlights**

The Budget was amended on September 02, 2021 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.



# Town of Malone, Florida Statement of Net Position September 30, 2021

Primary Government Governmental Business-type Activities Activities Total **ASSETS** Cash and Cash Equivalents \$ 272,000 \$ 399,330 127,330 \$ Restricted Cash 34,270 34,270 19,750 19,750 Accounts Receivable Due from other Governments 23,093 23,093 (12,407)Internal Balances 12,407 4,000 Inventory 4,000 Capital Assets Land 234,260 234,260 Buildings, Improvements, and Equipment, Net 1,662,392 3,104,817 1,442,425 **Total Capital Assets** 1,676,685 1,662,392 3,339,077 Bond Issue Costs. Net 2,342 2,342 **Total Assets** 1,984,185 1,837,677 3,821,862 **LIABILITIES** Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses 35,889 19,376 55,265 **Customer Deposits** 44,932 44,932 Long Term Liabilities Due within one year 46,832 19,000 65,832 Due in more than one year 56,458 112,200 168,658 **Total Liabilities** 139,179 195,508 334,687 **NET POSITION** Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt 1,573,395 1,531,192 3,104,587 Restricted for: Other Purposes 58,210 58,210 **Debt Service** 31,676 31,676 Unrestricted 213,401 79,301 292,702 **Total Net Position** 1,845,006 1,642,169 3,487,175

# Town of Malone, Florida Statement of Activities For the Year Ending September 30, 2021

		Program Revenues				) Revenue and Cha	nges in Net Position
	F	ees, Fines ar	Operating	Capital		Primary Governn	nent_
		Charges for	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-type	
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Services</u>	Contributions	Contributions	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Functions/Programs							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 239,149	\$ 74,048	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (165,101)	\$ -	\$ (165,101)
Public Safety	70,070	-	55,000	-	(15,070)	-	(15,070)
Health & Sanitation	66,438	84,567	-	-	18,129	-	18,129
Transportation	153,448	23,130	-	-	(130,318)	-	(130,318)
Culture/Recreation	63,028	2,925	2,129	-	(57,974)	-	(57,974)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	6,989				(6,989)		(6,989)
Total governmental activities	599,122	184,670	57,129		(357,323)		(357,323)
Business-type Activities:							
Water Fund	126,953	109,505	-	-	-	(17,448)	(17,448)
Sewer Fund	80,665	40,399				(40,266)	(40,266)
Total business activities	207,618	149,904				(57,714)	(57,714)
Total primary government	\$ 806,740	\$ 334,574	\$ 57,129	\$ -	\$ (357,323)	<u>\$ (57,714)</u>	\$ (415,037)
	General Rev	/enues:					
	Taxes:						
	Taxes-A	dvalorem			14,690	-	14,690
	Taxes - (	Other			134,474	-	134,474
	Interest Inc	come			333	165	498
	Miscellane	ous			291,747	<u>-</u>	291,747
	Total G	eneral Revenu	ues and Transf	ers	441,244	165	441,409
	Chan	ge in Net Posi	tion		83,921	(57,549)	26,372
	Net Position	- beginning			1,761,085	1,699,718	3,460,803
	Net Position				\$ 1,845,006		\$ 3,487,175
The notes to the financial statements	are an integral	part of this sta	atement				

# Town of Malone, Florida Balance Sheet Governmental Funds September 30, 2021

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ASSETS	(	General <u>Fund</u>	Other <u>Fund</u>	Go	Total vernmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash Due from other Governments Due from other Funds Prepaids	\$	190,962 22,054 12,407	\$ 81,038 1,039 -	\$	272,000 23,093 12,407
Total Assets	\$	225,423	\$ 82,077	\$	307,500
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses Due to other Funds Accrued Leave Total Liabilities	\$	10,147 - 25,742 35,889	\$ - - - -	\$	10,147 - 25,742 35,889
Fund Balances: Restricted: Other Purposes Unassigned Total Fund Balances Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$	189,534 189,534 225,423	\$ 82,077 - 82,077 82,077	\$	82,077 189,534 271,611 307,500

# Town of Malone, Florida Reconciliation of Balance Sheet -Governmental Funds To the Statement of Net Position For the Year Ending September 30, 2021

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Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Fund	\$ 271,611
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.	1,676,685
Some liabilities, including note payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	 (103,290)
Total net position	\$ 1,845,006

# Town of Malone, Florida Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ending September 30, 2021

REVENUES	(	General Fund	Other <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Taxes	\$	117,541	\$ 31,623	\$ 149,164
Licenses & Permits	·	70,448	-	70,448
Intergovernmental Revenues		343,279	-	343,279
Charges for Services		114,222	-	114,222
Miscellaneous Revenues		1,395	4,534	5,929
Total Revenues		646,885	36,157	683,042
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government		227,430	-	227,430
Public Safety		39,240	-	39,240
Health and Sanitation		66,438	-	66,438
Transportation		110,476	117	110,593
Culture/Recreation		12,909	-	12,909
Debt Service:				
Principal		15,722	10,134	25,856
Interest		4,949	2,039	6,988
Capital Outlay		212,327		212,327
Total Expenditures		689,491	12,290	701,781
Excess (deficiency) of				
revenues over expenditures		(42,606)	23,867	(18,739)
Net Change in				
Fund Balances		(42,606)	23,867	(18,739)
Fund Balances - beginning		232,140	58,210	290,350
Fund Balances - ending	\$	189,534	\$ 82,077	\$ 271,611

# 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, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (18,739)

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 \$213,020 exceeded depreciation \$136,215 in the current period.

76,805

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 expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which repayments \$25,855 exceeded proceeds \$0

25,855

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 83,921

# Town of Malone, Florida Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds September 30, 2021

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	Eı				
	Water	r	Sewer		
	<u>Fund</u>		<u>Fund</u>		<u>Total</u>
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 9	8,117	\$ 29,2	3 \$	127,330
Accounts Receivable	1	9,750		-	19,750
Due From Other Funds		-	3,66	67	3,667
Inventory		4,000		<u>-</u> -	4,000
Total Current Assets	12	1,867	32,88	<u>80</u> _	154,747
Noncurrent Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	4,270		-	34,270
Capital Assets:					
Buildings, Improvements, and					
Equipment, Net	91	5,439	746,95	53	1,662,392
Bond Issue Costs, Net		2,342			2,342
Total Noncurrent Assets	95	2,051	746,95	<u> </u>	1,699,004
Total Assets	1,07	3,918	779,83	<u> 33</u>	1,853,751
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable		1,938	1,18	36	3,124
Accrued Leave		9,901	3,96	60	13,861
Accrued Interest		2,391		-	2,391
Due to Other Funds		4,575	1,49	99	16,074
Bonds Payable, Current	1	9,000	-		19,000
Total Current Liabilities	4	7,805	6,64	<u> </u>	54,450
Noncurrent Liabilities:					
Customer Deposits	4	4,932		_	44,932
Bonds and Notes Payable after One Year		2,200			112,200
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	15	7,132			157,132
Total Liabilities	20	4,937	6,64	<u> </u>	211,582
NET POSITION					
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	78	4,239	746,95	53	1,531,192
Restricted:		-			
Debt Service		2,233		-	32,233
Unrestricted		2,509	26,23		78,744
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 86</u>	8,981	\$ 773,18	<u> </u>	1,642,169

# Town of Malone, Florida Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Proprietary Funds For the Year Ending September 30, 2021

Enterprise Fund Water Sewer <u>Fund</u> **Fund** <u>Total</u> **OPERATING REVENUES:** Charges for Services \$ 108,660 40,399 149,059 Miscellaneous Income 845 845 Total Operating Revenue 109,505 40,399 149,904 **OPERATING EXPENSES:** Salaries and Benefits 35,426 14,170 49,596 16,221 8,073 24,294 **Contractual Services** Insurance 2,915 1,458 4,373 Operating Supplies and Miscellaneous 26,174 25,308 51,482 Depreciation 70,381 38,725 31,656 Amortization 107 107 **Total Operating Expenditures** 119,568 80,665 200,233 Operating Gain(Loss) (40, 266)(10,063)(50,329)Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses): 118 Interest Income 47 165 Interest Expense (7,385)(7,385)Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses) 47 (7,220)(7,267)Income (Loss) before Contributions and Transfers (17,330)(40,219)(57,549)Change in Net Position (17,330)(40,219)(57,549)Net Position, beginning of year 813,407 1,699,718 886,311 Net Position, end of year 868<u>,981</u> 773,188 1,642,169

# Town of Malone, Florida Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds For the Year September 30, 2021

	Enterprise Fund					
		Water		Sewer		
		<u>Fund</u>		<u>Fund</u>		<u>Total</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:						
Receipts from Customers	\$	114,995	\$	40,399	\$	155,394
Payments to Suppliers		(43,797)		(33,653)		(77,450)
Payments to Employees		(34,920)		(13,968)		(48,888)
Net Cash provided (used) by Operating Activities		36,278		(7,222)		29,056
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:						
Loans to/from Other Funds		1,493		(488)		1,005
Net cash provided (used) by Noncapital						
Financing Activities		1,493		(488)		1,005
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:						
Principal Paid on Capital Debt		(18,000)		_		(18,000)
Interest Paid on Capital Debt		(7,460)		-		(7,460)
Net Cash provided (used) by Capital and Related				_		
Financing Activities		(25,460)				(25,460)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:						
Interest Income		118		47		165
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Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		12,429		(7,663)		4,766
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year		119,958		36,876		156,834
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$	132,387	\$	29,213	\$	161,600
Reconciliation of Operating Gain(Loss) to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:						
Operating Gain(Loss)	\$	(10,063)	\$	(40,266)	\$	(50,329)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash		, ,		,		,
Used in Operating Activities:						
Depreciation & Amortization		38,832		31,656		70,488
Change in Assets and Liabilities:						
Accounts Receivable		1,180		-		1,180
Customer Deposits		4,310		-		4,310
Accounts and Other Payables		2,019	_	1,388	_	3,407
Net Cash provided (used) by Operating Activities	\$	36,278	\$	(7,222)	\$	29,056



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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, 2021.

# **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.

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# NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### Fund Financial Statements

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

# **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.

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# NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### 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.

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 2020 through September 2021 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.

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# NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

# <u>Property Taxes – Continued</u>

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, 2021.

# 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.

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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.
- 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, 2021 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

held in trust, but not in the Town's name 197,298

Total Deposits with Financial Institutions \$ 447,298

The carrying value on the financial statements was \$433,600 at September 30, 2021.

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# NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

The Town reported receivables as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Due from Other Governments	\$ 22,054
GAS TAX FUND	
Due from Other Governments	\$ 1,039
ENTERPRISE FUND - WATER SYSTEM	
Water Fees, Refuse Fees and Sewer Fees	\$ 19,750
Total	\$ 19,750

No allowances for uncollectible accounts are considered necessary.

# NOTE 4 - INTERNAL BALANCES

As of September 30, 2021, the Town had Interfund receivables and payables that resulted from various transactions as follows:

	Re	<u>ceivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund				
Receivable from Water Fund	\$	10,908	\$ -	Operations
Receivable from Sewer Fund		1,499	-	Payroll
Payable to Gas Tax Fund			-	
Water Fund				
Payable to General Fund		-	10,908	Operations
Payable to Sewer Fund		-	3,667	Operations
Sewer Fund				
Receivable from Water Fund		3,667	-	Operations
Payable to General Fund			 1,499	Payroll
	\$	16,074	\$ 16,074	

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# 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

\$ 34,270

# NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ending September 30, 2021 was as follows:

	BEGINNING BALANCE INCREASES		DECREASES	ENDING BALANCE
Governmental activities:	BALANOL	INCINE/TOEG	DEGILLAGES	BALANOL
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 234,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 234,260
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	234,260			234,260
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Office Furniture and equipment	431,694	164,099	-	595,793
Improvements other than buildings	1,724,330	24,309	-	1,748,639
Buildings	460,489	24,612	<u>-</u>	485,101
Total capital assets being depreciated:	2,616,513	213,020		2,829,533
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Office Furniture and equipment	(340,172	) (33,020)	-	(373,192)
Improvements other than buildings	(738,423	) (87,922)	-	(826,345)
Buildings	(172,298	)(15,273)		(187,571)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,250,893	(136,215)		(1,387,108)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,365,620	76,805		1,442,425
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,599,880	\$ 76,805	\$ -	\$ 1,676,68 <u>5</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$ 12,412
Public safety	30,829
Transportation	42,855
Culture and recreation	 50,119
Total governmental depreciation expense	\$ <u>136,215</u>

# NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS - Continued

	BEGINNII BALANC		INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING ALANCE
Business Type activities:					
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Distribution, collection systems, and improvements	\$ 3,38	1,762 \$	-	\$ -	\$ 3,381,762
Equipment	11	0,329	<u>-</u>		 110,329
Total capital assets being depreciated:	3,49	2,091			 3,492,091
Less: accumulated depreciation for:					
Distribution, collection systems, and improvements	(1,71	5,061)	(68,603)	-	(1,783,664)
Equipment	(4	4,257)	(1,778)		 (46,035)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,75	9,318)	(70,381)		 (1,829,699)
Total capital assets being depreciated , net	1,73	2,773	(70,381)	<del>-</del>	1,662,392
Total Business-Type capital assets, net	\$ 1,73	2,773	(70,381)	\$ -	\$ 1,662,392

# 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, 2021 in balloon payment of outstanding principal and interest.

payment of outstanding principal and interest.	\$ 33,875
Note payable in monthly installments of \$977, including interest at 4.63%, collateralized by real estate, due March 1, 2022 in balloon payment of outstanding principal and interest.	27,594
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.	 41,821
Total governmental activities	\$ 103,290

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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:

Due Date	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>		
2022	\$ 46,833	\$ 3,936	\$ 50,769		
2023	46,810	1,511	48,321		
2024	9,647	201	9,848		
	\$ 103,290	\$ 5,648	\$ 108,938		

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

	Beginning			Ending	Due within
	<u>Balance</u>	Increase	Decrease	<u>Balance</u>	One year
Governmental Activities					
Notes	<u>\$ 129,145</u>	\$ -	\$ (25,855)	\$ 103,290	\$ 46,833

# <u>Business – Type Activities</u>

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, 2021:

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2022	\$ 19,000	\$ 6,520	\$ 25,520
2023	20,000	5,610	25,610
2024	21,000	4,610	25,610
2025	22,000	3,510	25,510
2026	23,000	2,460	25,460
2027	26,200	1,310	27,510
	<u>\$ 131,200</u>	<u>\$24,020</u>	\$ 155,220

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#### 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>

**Business-Type Activities** 

Bonds \$149,200 \$ - \$ (18,000) \$131,200 \$ 19,000

#### 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

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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, 2021 was \$39,603. This amount is included in the accrued expenses of the governmental activities in the amount of \$25,742 and the business-type activities in the amount of \$13,861.

# 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, 2021, the Town's contributions totaled \$4,703 and voluntary employee contributions totaled \$3,699.

#### 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 still in the process of determining if this project is feasible.



# Required Supplementary Information Town of Malone, Florida Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund For the Year Ending September 30, 2021

		Budgeted Amounts				Actual Amounts	
		<u>Original</u>		<u>Final</u>	(GAAP Basis)		
REVENUES		-				-	
Taxes	\$	113,926	\$	117,455	\$	117,541	
Licenses & Permits		63,092		71,500		70,448	
Intergovernmental Revenues		162,560		354,639		343,279	
Charges for Services		108,430		114,312		114,222	
Miscellaneous Revenues		2,246		1,425		1,395	
Total Revenues		450,254		659,331		646,885	
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General Government		187,905		222,421		227,430	
Public Safety		36,670		48,838		39,240	
Health & Sanitation		63,116		70,205		66,438	
Transportation		115,809		119,288		110,476	
Culture/Recreation		63,365		13,442		12,909	
Debt Service:							
Principal		23,747		21,750		15,722	
Interest		-		-		4,949	
Capital Outlay		<u>-</u>		218,146		212,327	
Total Expenditures		490,612		714,090		689,491	
Excess (deficiency) of							
revenues over expenditures		(40,358)		(54,759)		(42,606)	
Net Change in							
Fund Balances		(40,358)		(54,759)		(42,606)	
Fund Balances - beginning	_	232,140		232,140		232,140	
Fund Balances - ending	\$	191,782	\$	177,381	\$	189,534	

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



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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, 2021. 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, 2021.

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.

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Marianna, Florida February 7, 2022 Grimsley and Associates, P.A. Certified Public Accountants

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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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, 2021, 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 February 7, 2022.

#### **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.

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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.

#### **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

The Town of Malone, Florida's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying section titled Response to Findings. The Town of Malone, Florida's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **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.

Grímsley & Associates

February 7, 2022 Grimsley & Associates, P.A. Marianna, Florida Certified Public Accountants



## Town of Malone, Florida Schedule of Findings September 30, 2021

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#### <u>2004-001</u>

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 City Council Members Town of Malone Malone, Florida 32445

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information for Town of Malone, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to financial statements have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022.

#### **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 February 7, 2022, 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 #	2019-20 FY Finding #	2018-19 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**

Section 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.

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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.

## **Current Year Findings:**

None

None

Grimsley & Associates

February 7, 2022 Marianna, Florida

Grimsley & Associates, P.A. Certified Public Accountants





# TOWN OF MALONE

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February 7, 2022

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

Re: Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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 2021.

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

#### **Prior Year's Comments:**

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

2007-001 - <u>Internal Accounting Control</u> — 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 2020-2021:

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

Sincerely,

Linda Wilson Town Clerk