

**Town of Barre, New York**

**Financial Statements**  
**With Required Supplementary Information,**  
**And Supplementary Information**  
**As of December 31, 2023**  
**Together With**  
**Independent Auditor's Report**

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Town Board  
Town of Barre  
Barre, New York

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Barre, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Barre, New York'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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Barre, New York, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Barre, New York 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 statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Barre, New York'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.

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## ***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 for 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 judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks 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 Barre, New York'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 Barre, New York'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, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) and schedule of the Town's contributions to the NYSLRS pension plan, 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 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.

## **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Barre, New York's basic financial statements. The combining water fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 basic 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 combining water fund financial statements are 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 December 4, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Barre, New York'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 Barre, New York'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 Barre, New York's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Allied CPAs, P.C.*

Amherst, New York  
December 4, 2024

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

This section of the Town of Barre's (the "Town") annual financial report presents a discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's basic financial statements following this section.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets and deferred outflows of the Town of Barre exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the fiscal year by \$2,251,457. Of this amount, \$134,869 is restricted for specific purposes (restricted net position), \$1,305,308 is unrestricted, and \$811,280 is invested in capital assets, net of related debt.
- The Town's net position increased by \$71,423 as a result of this year's activity.
- At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$356,561 or 74.14% of total General fund balance.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of four parts - *Management's Discussion and Analysis* (this section), *Basic Financial Statements*, *Required Supplementary Information*, and *the Supplementary Information*.

**Basic Financial Statements**

*Government-Wide Financial Statements* are two statements designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

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

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event occurs giving rise to the change, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (i.e., unallocated taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of these government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and State and Federal aid (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, health, transportation, economic assistance and opportunity, culture and recreation, home and community services, interest and fiscal charges and depreciation.

**The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 13 - 14 of this report.**

**Fund Financial Statements**

These funds are groupings of related accounts that are used to maintain control over 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 finance related legal compliance. All funds of the Town can be categorized as governmental funds.

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**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)**

**Governmental Funds**

These 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 funds financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a Town's near-term financing requirements.

Because of the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financial decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet

and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Town maintains four individual major governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund, and special revenue funds. Data for the other non-major governmental funds is presented elsewhere in this report.

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund, highway and water fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund, and highway. fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

**The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15 – 18 of this report.**

**Fiduciary Funds**

These funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. The Town has one fiduciary fund. The Custodial Fund is not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs.

**The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 19 – 20 of this report.**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

Notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**The notes can be found on pages 21 – 36 of this report.**

**Required Supplementary Information**

This information explains and supports the financial statements and includes budgetary comparison information for major governmental funds, schedule of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of the Town's pension contributions, and schedule of changes in the Town's total OPEB liability.

**The required supplementary information can be found on pages 37 – 40 of this report.**

**Other Supplementary Information**

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information.

**The other supplementary information can be found on pages 41 – 44 of this report.**

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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**GOVERNMENTAL-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,251,457 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

**Summary of Town of Barre's Net Position**

	<b>Total Governmental Activities December 31, 2023</b>	<b>Total Governmental Activities December 31, 2022</b>
<b><u>ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</u></b>		
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 1,930,666	\$ 2,046,913
Capital assets	4,441,280	4,369,193
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,371,946</b>	<b>6,416,106</b>
Deferred outflows of resources	263,410	204,258
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>263,410</b>	<b>204,258</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION</u></b>		
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Long-term liabilities	4,039,322	3,802,305
Other liabilities	324,075	157,303
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,363,397</b>	<b>3,959,608</b>
Deferred Inflows of resources	20,502	480,722
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>20,502</b>	<b>480,722</b>
<b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>		
Net investment in capital assets	811,280	640,193
Restricted	134,869	134,869
Unrestricted	1,305,308	1,404,972
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 2,251,457</b>	<b>\$ 2,180,034</b>

The largest portion of the Town's net position reflects unrestricted net position of \$1,305,308, which may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The restricted portion of the Town's net position of \$134,869 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used, which include Town Board established reserves, and funds designated for capital projects.

The remaining balance of net position reflects investment in capital assets of \$811,280 (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, equipment and infrastructure) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.



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**GOVERNMENTAL-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Governmental Activities**

Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$71,423. The following table indicates the changes in net assets for governmental activities:

**Summary of Town of Barre's Changes in Net Position**

	<b>Total Governmental Activities <u>December 31, 2023</u></b>	<b>Total Governmental Activities <u>December 31, 2022</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>		
<b>PROGRAM REVENUES:</b>		
Charges for services	\$ 481,440	\$ 494,618
Operating grants and contributions	274,714	459,991
<b>GENERAL REVENUES:</b>		
Real property taxes	1,484,093	1,433,520
Real property tax items	4,324	4,521
Non-property tax items	82,475	80,854
Use of money and property	68,448	36,528
Licenses and permits	10,613	8,950
Fines and forfeitures	29,183	18,925
Sale of property and compensation for loss	61,480	11,475
Miscellaneous	-	15,391
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>2,496,770</u></b>	<b><u>2,564,773</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>		
General government support	450,822	247,644
Public safety	265,722	237,930
Health	8,180	-
Transportation	1,200,827	1,216,859
Economic assistance & opportunity	200	200
Cultural and recreation	42,002	116,377
Home and community services	379,468	447,381
Interest and fiscal charges	78,126	86,211
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>2,425,347</u></b>	<b><u>2,352,602</u></b>
Change in net position	71,423	212,171
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>2,180,034</u>	<u>1,967,863</u>
<b>NET POSITION - ENDING</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,251,457</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,180,034</u></b>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS**

As noted earlier, the Town uses *fund accounting* to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds**

The general governmental functions are contained in the general, special revenue funds and nonmajor 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 financing 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.

At December 31, 2023, the Town's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$1,620,464, a decrease of \$24,080 in comparison with the prior year. Of the combined fund balances, \$289,425 constitutes *unassigned fund balance*, which is available to meet the Town's current and future operational and capital needs. *Assigned fund balance* represents amounts designated for subsequent years' expenditures in the amount of \$1,196,170. *Restricted fund balance* represents amounts restricted by outside sources in the amount of \$134,869.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At December 31, 2023, unassigned fund balance was \$356,561 and total fund balance of the General Fund was \$480,876. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 63.88% of total fund expenditures, while total fund balance also represents 86.39% of that same amount.

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS – GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES**

Revenues for governmental functions totaled \$2,496,770 in fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, which represents a decrease of 2.65% from the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

The following table presents the amount of revenues from various sources, as well as increases or decreases from the prior year:

**Revenues Classified by Source - Governmental Funds**

	<u>2023</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount of</u> <u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>
<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>					
Real property taxes	\$ 1,484,093	59.44%	\$ 1,433,520	\$ 50,573	3.53%
Real property tax items	4,324	0.17%	4,521	(197)	-4.36%
Non-property tax items	82,475	3.30%	80,854	1,621	2.00%
Departmental income	336,454	13.48%	350,949	(14,495)	-4.13%
Intergovernmental charges	144,986	5.81%	143,669	1,317	0.92%
Use of money and property	68,448	2.74%	36,528	31,920	87.39%
Licenses and permits	10,613	0.43%	8,950	1,663	18.58%
Fines and forfeitures	29,183	1.17%	18,925	10,258	54.20%
Sale of property and compensation for loss	61,480	2.46%	11,475	50,005	435.77%
Miscellaneous	-	0.00%	15,391	(15,391)	-100.00%
State aid	267,587	10.72%	439,343	(171,756)	-39.09%
Federal aid	7,127	0.29%	20,648	(13,521)	-65.48%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,496,770</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,564,773</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (68,003)</u></b>	<b><u>-2.65%</u></b>

The following provides an explanation of revenue by source that changed significantly over the prior year:

- Property taxes increase due to the Town having an increase in the tax rate this year.
- Use of money and property changed due to the Town utilizing a bank account that receives better interest.
- Fines and forfeitures increased due to more activity at the Town Court.
- Sale of property and compensation for loss increased because the Town sold equipment.
- State aid decreased due to receiving less CHIPS during the year and not receiving the wind project state aid this year.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS – GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES**

Expenses for governmental functions totaled \$2,520,850 in fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, which represents a decrease of .85% from the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

The following table presents the amount of revenues from various sources, as well as increases or decreases from the prior year:

**Expenditures by Function - Governmental Funds**

	<u>2023</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount of</u> <u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>					
General government support	\$ 310,458	12.32%	\$ 290,467	\$ 19,991	6.88%
Public safety	265,722	10.54%	237,524	28,198	11.87%
Transportation	1,165,464	46.23%	1,089,797	75,667	6.94%
Economic assistance & opportunity	200	0.01%	200	-	0.00%
Culture and recreation	32,261	1.28%	113,670	(81,409)	-71.62%
Home and community services	360,461	14.30%	437,253	(76,792)	-17.56%
Employee benefits	200,632	7.96%	184,584	16,048	8.69%
Debt service - principal	99,000	3.93%	102,500	(3,500)	-3.41%
Debt service - interest	78,472	3.11%	86,539	(8,067)	-9.32%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,520,850</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,542,534</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (21,684)</u></b>	<b>-0.85%</b>

The following provides an explanation of expenditures by source that changed significantly over the prior year:

- Public Safety increased due to the increase in fire protection this year.
- Transportation increased due to purchases of equipment in the highway fund this year.
- Culture and recreation decreased due to less purchases of equipment in the parks department this year.
- Home and community services decreased due to less research expenditures for the solar and wind projects this year.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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**GOVERNMENTAL-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The table below summarizes changes in fund balances of the Town's Governmental Funds for year's ending December 31, 2023 and 2022.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**

	<b>Governmental Funds</b>						<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Highway</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Fire Protection</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Debt Services</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>	\$ 525,843	\$ 705,310	\$ 432,974	\$ -	\$ (41,822)	\$ -	\$ 1,622,305
Revenues	655,854	1,131,268	544,420	233,000	231	-	2,564,773
Expenditures	707,865	1,070,700	496,060	233,000	5,583	29,326	2,542,534
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(52,011)	60,568	48,360	-	(5,352)	(29,326)	22,239
Other financing sources, net	588	-	(29,913)	-	(1)	29,326	-
<b>FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2022</b>	474,420	765,878	451,421	-	(47,175)	-	1,644,544
Revenues	557,807	1,146,279	531,356	261,000	328	-	2,496,770
Expenditures	556,601	1,181,240	501,720	261,000	20,289	-	2,520,850
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,206	(34,961)	29,636	-	(19,961)	-	(24,080)
Other financing sources, net	5,250	-	(5,250)	-	-	-	-
<b>FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 480,876</b>	<b>\$ 730,917</b>	<b>\$ 475,807</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (67,136)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,620,464</b>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
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**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The differences between the original budget and the amended budget in the General Fund were as follows:

- General government decreased by \$241.
- Public safety decreased by \$3,000.
- Health decreased by \$632,415.
- Transportation increased by \$1,011.
- Culture and recreation increased by \$1,210.
- Home and community services increased by \$15,373.
- Employee benefits increased by \$820.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2023, amounted to \$4,441,280 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, infrastructure, buildings, machinery and equipment, and vehicles.

All depreciable capital assets were depreciated under the straight-line method using the full-year convention. Capital assets net of depreciation are presented below:

**Summary of Town of Barre's Capital Assets**  
**(Net of Depreciation)**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Land	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000
Buildings and improvements	5,111,784	5,111,784
Machinery and equipment	2,461,666	2,181,706
	7,793,450	7,513,490
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,352,170)	(3,144,297)
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS, NET</b>	<b>\$ 4,441,280</b>	<b>\$ 4,369,193</b>

The following is a summary of the Town of Barre's long-term liabilities for governmental activities, as shown on the Statement of Net Position, for the year ending December 31, 2023:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Serial bonds	\$ 3,630,000	\$ 3,729,000
Compensated absences	85,804	73,305
Net pension liability	323,518	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,039,322</b>	<b>\$ 3,802,305</b>

Additional information on the Town's long-term debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information, should be addressed to: Town of Barre, Town Supervisor, 14317 West Barre Road, Albion, NY 14411.

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,836,588
Accounts receivable	17,337
Water rents receivable	76,741
Capital assets:	
Land	220,000
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	4,221,280
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>6,371,946</u></b>

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Pensions	<u>263,410</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b><u>263,410</u></b>

**TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES \$ 6,635,356**

**LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ 89,192
Accrued liabilities	8,474
Accrued interest	13,873
Due to other governments	4,680
Due to employees' retirement system	43,074
Unearned revenue - ARPA	164,782
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds payable	101,000
Due within more than one year:	
Bonds payable	3,529,000
Compensated absences	85,804
Net pension liability - proportionate share	323,518
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>4,363,397</u></b>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Pensions	<u>20,502</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b><u>20,502</u></b>

**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	811,280
Restricted	134,869
Unrestricted	1,305,308
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b><u>2,251,457</u></b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND RESOURCES  
AND NET POSITION \$ 6,635,356**

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	
<b><u>FUNCTIONS / PROGRAM</u></b>				
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
General government	\$ (450,822)	\$ 889	\$ 41,975	\$ (407,958)
Public safety	(265,722)	-	-	(265,722)
Health	(8,180)	-	-	(8,180)
Transportation	(1,200,827)	138,019	217,366	(845,442)
Economic assistance and opportunity	(200)	-	-	(200)
Culture and recreation	(42,002)	-	-	(42,002)
Home and community services	(379,468)	342,532	15,373	(21,563)
Interest and fiscal charges	(78,126)	-	-	(78,126)
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ (2,425,347)</b>	<b>\$ 481,440</b>	<b>\$ 274,714</b>	<b>(1,669,193)</b>
 <b>General revenues:</b>				
Real property taxes				1,484,093
Real property tax items				4,324
Non-property tax items				82,475
Use of money and property				68,448
Licenses and permits				10,613
Fines and forfeitures				29,183
Sale of property				61,480
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES</b>				<b>1,740,616</b>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				71,423
TOTAL NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR				2,180,034
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR</b>				<b>\$ 2,251,457</b>



**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>				<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Fire Protection</u>		
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 594,094	\$ 758,521	\$ 479,788	\$ -	\$ 4,185	\$ 1,836,588
Accounts receivable	9,664	-	7,673	-	-	17,337
Water rents receivable	-	-	76,741	-	-	76,741
Due from other funds	70,736	-	-	-	-	70,736
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 674,494</b>	<b>\$ 758,521</b>	<b>\$ 564,202</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,185</b>	<b>\$ 2,001,402</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ 2,995	\$ 1,315	\$ 84,297	\$ -	\$ 585	\$ 89,192
Accrued liabilities	1,245	4,729	2,500	-	-	8,474
Due to other governments	4,680	-	-	-	-	4,680
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	70,736	70,736
Due to employees' retirement system	19,916	21,560	1,598	-	-	43,074
Unearned revenue - ARPA	164,782	-	-	-	-	164,782
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>193,618</b>	<b>27,604</b>	<b>88,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,321</b>	<b>380,938</b>

**FUND BALANCE**

Restricted	36,212	98,657	-	-	-	134,869
Assigned	88,103	632,260	475,807	-	-	1,196,170
Unassigned	356,561	-	-	-	(67,136)	289,425
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>480,876</b>	<b>730,917</b>	<b>475,807</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(67,136)</b>	<b>1,620,464</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 674,494</b>	<b>\$ 758,521</b>	<b>\$ 564,202</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,185</b>	<b>\$ 2,001,402</b>
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**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**TO GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the  
Statement of Net Position are Different Because:**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 1,620,464
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds	4,441,280
Certain liabilities and deferred inflows are not considered financial uses or are not Due or payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds payable	(3,630,000)
Compensated absences	(85,804)
Proportionate share of employee retirement system liability	(323,518)
Accrued interest on obligations	(13,873)
Deferred outflows related to the employee retirement system liability	263,410
Deferred inflows related to the employee retirement system liability	<u>(20,502)</u>
<b>NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,251,457</u></b>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>					<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Fire Protection</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
Real property taxes	\$ 348,831	\$ 696,644	\$ 177,618	\$ 261,000	\$ -	\$ 1,484,093
Real property tax items	4,324	-	-	-	-	4,324
Non-property tax items	82,475	-	-	-	-	82,475
Departmental income	889	-	335,565	-	-	336,454
Intergovernmental charges	737	138,019	6,230	-	-	144,986
Use of money and property	23,407	37,521	7,192	-	328	68,448
Licenses and permits	10,613	-	-	-	-	10,613
Fines and forfeitures	29,183	-	-	-	-	29,183
Sale of property and compensation for loss	-	56,729	4,751	-	-	61,480
State aid	50,221	217,366	-	-	-	267,587
Federal aid	7,127	-	-	-	-	7,127
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>557,807</b>	<b>1,146,279</b>	<b>531,356</b>	<b>261,000</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>2,496,770</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
General government support	290,599	-	-	-	19,859	310,458
Public safety	4,722	-	-	261,000	-	265,722
Health	8,180	-	-	-	-	8,180
Transportation	94,902	1,070,562	-	-	-	1,165,464
Economic assistance and opportunity	200	-	-	-	-	200
Culture and recreation	32,261	-	-	-	-	32,261
Home and community services	38,940	-	321,091	-	430	360,461
Employee benefits	86,797	110,678	3,157	-	-	200,632
Debt service - principal	-	-	99,000	-	-	99,000
Debt service - interest	-	-	78,472	-	-	78,472
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>556,601</b>	<b>1,181,240</b>	<b>501,720</b>	<b>261,000</b>	<b>20,289</b>	<b>2,520,850</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,206	(34,961)	29,636	-	(19,961)	(24,080)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>						
Transfers in	5,250	-	-	-	-	5,250
Transfers out	-	-	(5,250)	-	-	(5,250)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,250)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	6,456	(34,961)	24,386	-	(19,961)	(24,080)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	474,420	765,878	451,421	-	(47,175)	1,644,544
<b>FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 480,876</b>	<b>\$ 730,917</b>	<b>\$ 475,807</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (67,136)</b>	<b>\$ 1,620,464</b>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the  
Statement of Net Position are Different Because:**

Net change in total governmental fund balances	\$	(24,080)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities, the cost of capitalized assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital assets increased in the current year		279,960
Depreciation recorded on the statement of activities but not in the governmental funds		(207,873)
Accrued interest is only reported on the statement of activities		346
Bond and other debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond and other debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position. Repayment of serial bonds		99,000
The net change in compensated absences are recorded in the statement of activities but not in the governmental funds		(12,499)
Change in deferred outflows of the employees' retirement system		59,152
Change in proportionate share of employees' retirement system liability		(411,144)
Change in deferred inflows of the employees' retirement system		288,561
<b>CHANGES IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>71,423</u></b>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

**Custodial  
Fund**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents \$ 18,292

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 18,292

**NET POSITION**

**NET POSITION**

Restricted for contractor deposits \$ 18,292

**TOTAL NET POSITION** \$ 18,292

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<b>Custodial Funds</b>
<b><u>ADDITIONS:</u></b>	
Contributions - contractor deposits	\$ 6,796
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	<b>6,796</b>
 <b><u>DEDUCTIONS:</u></b>	
Return of escrow - contractor deposits	14,670
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>14,670</b>
Change in net position	(7,874)
Net position - beginning of year	26,166
<b>Net position - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 18,292</b>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Town of Barre, New York (the "Town") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. The more significant of the Town's accounting policies are described below.

**Financial Reporting Entity**

The Town of Barre, which was established in 1822, is located within the County of Orleans, New York. The Town is governed by Town law and other general laws of the State of New York and various local laws. The Town Board is the legislative body responsible for overall operations and the Supervisor serves as chief fiscal officer.

The following basic services are provided on a town-wide basis: municipal court; collection of County and Town real property taxes; snow removal; and general administration. The following basic services are provided to the area of the Town: road construction and maintenance; fire protection; water transmission service; and safety inspection.

Independently elected officials of the Town consist of the following:

Supervisor	Town Clerk
Councilmembers (4)	Superintendent of Highways
Town Justice	

All governmental activities and functions performed for the Town of Barre are its direct responsibility. No other governmental organizations have been included or excluded from the reporting entity.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effects of interfund activity within governmental has been eliminated from these statements. However, balances due and resource flows between governmental activities have not been eliminated. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Certain indirect costs have been allocated and are reported as direct program expenses of individual functions or programs. Program revenues include: charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment; and capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Taxes and other items not included as program revenues are reported as general revenues, as required.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)**

**Fund Categories**

**Governmental Funds**

The fund statements provide information about the Town's funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major Individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financials statements.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund* - the principal operating fund and includes all operations not required to be recorded in other funds.

*Capital Projects Fund* - This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

**Special Revenue Funds**

These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The following Special Revenue Funds are utilized:

*Highway Fund* - This fund is used to record all revenues and expenditures related to maintenance of bridges, highway machinery, brush and weeds, snow removal and services to other governments.

*Water Fund* - The Water Fund is used to record the revenues and expenditures related to the operation and maintenance of water services provided by the Town. The principal source of revenue for the Water Fund is departmental income.

*Fire Protection Fund* - The Fire Protection Fund is used to record the revenues and expenditures related to fire protection in the Town. The principal source of revenue for the Fire Protection Fund is real property taxes.

**Fiduciary Fund**

These funds are used to account for assets held by the local government in a trustee or custodial capacity. This includes the Custodial Fund.

*Custodial Fund* – The fund is used to account for amounts held in escrow that are custodial in nature, not held in trust.

Government-wide financial statements apply all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict subsequent GASB pronouncements, Statements and Interpretations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins ("ARBs") of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. General revenues are those that cannot be associated directly with program activities.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.



**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as is the Fiduciary Fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are earned. Grants, entitlements and donations are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

**Accrual Basis**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Property taxes associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

**Modified Accrual Basis**

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities for the current period. Material revenues that are accrued include real property taxes, state and federal aid, sales tax and certain user charges. If expenditures are the prime factor for determining eligibility, revenues from federal and state grants are accrued when the expenditure is made.

Expenditures are recorded when incurred except when:

- a) Expenditures for prepaid expenses and inventory-type items are recognized at the time of purchase.
- b) Principal and interest on long-term debt are not recognized as expenditure until due.
- c) Compensated absences, such as vacation and sick leave, which vests or accumulates, are charged as an expenditure when paid.

**Property Tax Revenue Recognition**

The Orleans County Legislature prepares the levy in late December of each year and jointly bills the Town levy with New York State and Orleans County real property taxes. On January 1 of each year, property taxes become a lien on the property. Tax payments are due January 1 to January 31<sup>st</sup> without penalty; February 1 to 28 a 1% penalty; March 1 to 31 a 2% penalty; April 1 to 30 a 3% penalty, and 5% of base amount and \$1 notice fee thereafter.

Taxes for County purposes are levied together with taxes for Town and special district purposes as a single bill. The Town and special districts receive the full amount of their levies annually out of the first amounts collected on the combined bill. The County assumes enforcement responsibility for all taxes levied in the Town. The tax roll is returned to the Orleans County Commissioner of Finance after June 30 at which time all unpaid taxes and penalties are payable to that office. Any such taxes remaining unpaid at year-end are re-levied as county taxes in the subsequent year. The County enforces all liens.

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)**

**Budgets and Budgetary Data**

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. No later than September 30<sup>th</sup> the budget officer submits a tentative budget to the Town Board for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1<sup>st</sup>. The tentative budget includes proposed expenditures and the proposed means of financing for all funds except the Capital Projects Fund.
- b. After public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments, no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Town Board adopts the budget.
- c. All modifications of the budget must be approved by the Town Board.
- d. Budgetary controls for the Special Grant Fund are established by applicable grant agreements that cover a period other than the Town's fiscal year.
- e. Budgetary controls are established for the Capital Projects Fund through Town Board resolutions authorizing individual projects that remain in effect for the life of the projects.

**Budget Basis of Accounting**

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

**Encumbrances**

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded for budgetary control purposes to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is employed in all Town funds. Outstanding encumbrances at year end, exclusive of grant-related commitments, are presented for GAAP reporting purposes as reservations of fund balances, and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the Town.

**Restricted Cash**

Certain assets are classified on the balance sheet and statement of net position as restricted because their use is limited and has been set aside for cemetery and short-term debt financing purpose. In addition, amounts to support fund balance/net position restrictions are also reported as restricted.

**Prepaid Expenses**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Due To and Due From Other Funds**

In the fund financial statements, non-current portions of long-term interfund loans receivable are reported as advances and are offset equally by a fund balance reserve account, which indicates that they do not constitute expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation. A detailed description of the individual fund balances at year end is provided subsequently in these notes.

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)**

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., streets, and water lines) are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial individual cost equal to or greater than \$3,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives is not capitalized.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and Improvements	75 Years
Infrastructure	75 Years
Machinery and Equipment	10 Years
Office Furniture and Equipment	10 Years
Vehicles	5 Years

When capital assets are retired, or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income for the period in the government-wide statements.

**Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligation**

Payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full, from current financial resources. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due. Long-term obligations represent the Town's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the statement of net position.

**Insurance**

The Town purchases insurance covering liability for most risks including, but not limited to, general liability, vehicle liability, and excess liability. Judgments and claims are recorded when it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred, the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated and the estimated amount of loss exceeds insurance coverage.

**Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has one item that qualify for reporting in this category. It is deferred amounts related to the pension reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The deferred amounts related to pension relate difference s between estimated and actual investing earnings, changes in assumptions and other pension related changes.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has one item that qualify for reporting in this category. In the government-wide financial statements the Town reports deferred amounts related to pension.

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**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)**

**Federal Grants**

Federal grants are recorded as grants receivable and deferred revenue when the entitlement period occurs. Revenues are recognized using the modified accrual basis of accounting as the Town meets the performance requirements of the grants.

**Pensions**

Nearly all Town employees are members of the New York State Employees' Retirement System. The Town is invoiced annually by the systems for its share of the cost.

**Compensated Absences**

The Town's labor agreements, rules, and regulations permits employees to accumulate earned and unused sick and vacation leave. Upon retirement certain eligible employees qualify for paid medical and dental insurance premiums and/or payment for fractional values of unused sick leave. These payments are budgeted annually. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for those amounts is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured as a result of employee resignations or retirements.

**Net Position/Fund Balance:**

**Net Position Flow Assumptions**

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the governmental-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

**Fund Balance Flow Assumption**

Sometimes the Town will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Town's policy that the Town Board will assess the current financial condition of the Town and then determine the order of application of expenditures to which fund balance classification will be charged.

**Interfund Transactions**

The operations of the Town include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with inter-fund borrowings. The Town typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These inter-fund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid with one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditure and revenues to provide financing or other services.

**Order of Use of Fund Balance**

The Town's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, non-spendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balance. In the General Fund, committed fund balance is determine next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignments of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

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**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)**

**Net Position Classifications:**

**Government-Wide Statements**

The government-wide fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation.

Net position is categorized as follows:

*Net Invested in Capital Assets* - This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net assets. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.

*Restricted Net Position* - This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted Net Position* - This category represents net position of the Town not restricted for any project or other purpose.

**Governmental Funds Statements**

The fund balance financial statements have five classifications of fund balance.

*Non-spendable* - Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable fund balance includes prepaid expenditures.

*Restricted* - Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions on enabling legislation.

*Committed* - Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town's highest level of decision-making authorities.

*Assigned* - Includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned fund balance includes amounts designated for subsequent years' expenditures.

*Unassigned* - Includes all other net assets that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Town.

**Use of Estimates**

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

**Subsequent Events**

The Town has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through December 4, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

**Budget**

Budgetary control of the General Fund is minimally exercised at the department and account level. There were no excesses of expenditures/expenses over appropriations at the established control level.

**Deficit Fund Balance**

At December 31, 2023, the Capital Projects Fund, a major fund, has a deficit fund balance of \$67,136. The deficit in the capital projects fund is related to the engineering and design phases of ongoing water projects. This deficit will be eliminated in future years through grant financing, the issuance of debt, or permanent transfers from operating funds.

**Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Town investment policies are governed by state statutes. In addition, the Town also has its own written investment policy. Town monies must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the state. The Supervisor is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand deposits and certificates of deposit at 105% of the amount of all deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the state and its municipalities and school districts and obligations issued by other than New York State related in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

The Town's aggregate bank balances collateralized on December 31, 2023 consisted of the following:

	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
<b><u>COLLATERALIZED:</u></b>		
Collateral held by bank's agent in Town's name	1,618,516	1,604,880
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,868,516</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,854,880</u></b>

**Investment and Deposit Policy**

The Town follows an investment and deposit policy, the overall objective of which is to adequately safeguard the principal amount of funds invested or deposited; conformance with Federal, state and other legal requirements; and provide sufficient liquidity of invested funds in order to meet obligations as they become due. Oversight of investment activity is the responsibility of the Town Supervisor.

**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of investments will be affected by changing interest rates. The Town's investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

**Credit Risk**

The Town's policy is to minimize the risk of loss due to failure of an issuer or other counterparty to an investment to fulfill its obligations. The Town's investment and deposit policy authorizes the reporting entity to purchase the following types of investments:

- Interest bearing demand accounts.
- Certificates of deposit.

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**Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont.)**

**Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution, the reporting entity may not recover its deposits. In accordance with the Town's investment and deposit policy, all deposits of the Town including interest bearing demand accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIC) shall be secured by a pledge of securities with an aggregate value equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits. The Town restricts the securities to the following eligible items:

- Obligations issued, fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States Treasury and United States agencies.
- Obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by New York State and its localities.
- Obligations issued by other than New York State rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organizations

**Note 4 – Capital Assets**

Capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2023 were as follows:

	<b>Balance at January 1, 2023</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Balance at December 31, 2023</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL ASSETS NOT BEING DEPRECIATED:</u></b>				
Land	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS NOT BEING DEPRECIATED</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220,000</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL ASSETS BEING DEPRECIATED:</u></b>				
Buildings and improvements	5,111,784	-	-	5,111,784
Machinery and equipment	2,181,706	279,960	-	2,461,666
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS BEING DEPRECIATED</b>	<b>7,293,490</b>	<b>279,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,573,450</b>
<b><u>LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION FOR:</u></b>				
Buildings and improvements	(1,878,824)	(61,383)	-	(1,940,207)
Machinery and equipment	(1,265,473)	(146,490)	-	(1,411,963)
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>(3,144,297)</b>	<b>(207,873)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,352,170)</b>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	4,149,193	72,087	-	4,221,280
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES CAPITAL ASSETS, NET</b>	<b>\$ 4,369,193</b>	<b>\$ 72,087</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,441,280</b>

Depreciation expense was charged to function/programs of the primary government as follows:

<b><u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</u></b>	
General government	\$ 61,383
Transportation	146,490
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 207,873</b>

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**Note 5 – Deferred Revenue**

During 2021, the Town was awarded \$192,307 of funding from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and received all installments, which were passed through the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The Town has spent \$27,525 of ARPA funds as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the Town had total deferred revenue related to ARPA in the amount of \$164,782.

**Note 6 - Short-Term Debt**

Liabilities for bond anticipation notes (BAN's) are generally accounted for in the capital projects funds. Principal payments on BAN's must be made annually. State law requires that BAN's issued for capital purpose be converted to long-term obligations within five years after the original issue date. However, BAN's issued for assessable improvement projects may be renewed for periods equivalent to the maximum life of the permanent financing, provided that stipulated annual reductions of principal are made. The Town had no outstanding bond anticipation notes at December 31, 2023.

**Note 7 - Long-Term Obligations**

**Serial Bonds**

The Town borrows money to acquire land or equipment or construct buildings and improvements. This enables the cost of these capital assets to be borne by the present and future taxpayers receiving the benefit of the capital assets. These long-term liabilities, which are full faith and credit debt of the Town. The provision to be made in future budgets for capital indebtedness represents the amount exclusive of interest, authorized to be collected in future years from taxpayers and others for liquidation of the long-term liabilities.

**Other Long-Term Liabilities**

In addition to the above serial bonds, the Town had the following noncurrent liabilities:

*Compensated Absences* - represents the value of earned and unused portions of the liability for vacation and sick leave.

*Net Pension Liability* - represents the Town's share of the state retirement systems' liability for pensions for employees.

The following table summarizes the Town's long-term obligations as of December 31, 2023:

Serial bonds	\$	3,630,000
Compensated absences		85,804
Net pension liability		<u>323,518</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>4,039,322</u></b>

**Summary of the Changes in the Non-Current Government Liabilities**

The following is a summary of changes in the Non-Current Government Liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2023:

<b><u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</u></b>	<b>Balance at January 1, 2023</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Balance at December 31, 2023</b>
Serial bonds	\$ 3,729,000	\$ -	\$ (99,000)	\$ 3,630,000
Compensated absences	73,305	12,499	-	85,804
Net pension liability	-	<u>323,518</u>	-	<u>323,518</u>
<b>TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,802,305</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 336,017</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (99,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,039,322</u></b>



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**Note 7 - Long-Term Obligations (Cont.)**

**General Obligation Serial Bonds**

The following is a summary of general obligation serial bond transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2023:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance at January 1, 2023</u>	<u>Refinance</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance at December 31, 2023</u>
<b><u>Water Districts:</u></b>						
Water District No. 2	2034	0.500%	\$ 84,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 76,000
Water District No. 3	2036	0.500%	90,000	-	7,000	83,000
Water District No. 4	2038	0.500%	128,000	-	10,000	118,000
Water District No. 5	2051	2.125%	772,000	-	20,000	752,000
Water District No. 6	2054	2.250%	1,065,000	-	23,000	1,042,000
Water District No. 7	2054	2.250%	335,000	-	7,000	328,000
Water District No. 8	2056	2.750%	566,000	-	10,000	556,000
Water District No. 9	2058	1.750%	689,000	-	14,000	675,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b><u>\$ 3,729,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 99,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,630,000</u></b>

**Long-Term Debt Maturity Schedule**

The following schedule sets forth the remaining annual maturities and annual interest payments on serial bonds at December 31, 2023:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 101,000	\$ 76,807	\$ 177,807
2025	102,000	74,940	176,940
2026	106,000	73,013	179,013
2027	105,000	71,017	176,017
2028	104,000	68,995	172,995
2029 - 2033	541,000	312,702	853,702
2034 - 2038	545,000	254,559	799,559
2039 - 2043	547,000	195,490	742,490
2044 - 2048	612,000	131,657	743,657
2049 - 2053	609,000	61,108	670,108
2054 - 2058	258,000	9,194	267,194
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,630,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,329,482</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,959,482</u></b>

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**Note 8 - Pension Plans**

**Plan Description**

The Town of Barre participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). Which is referred to as New York State and Local Retirement System (the System). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The Systems provide retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Obligations of employers and employees to contribute and benefit to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). As set forth in the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller of the State of New York (Comptroller) serves as sole trustee and administrative head of the Systems. The Comptroller shall adopt and may amend rules and regulations for the administration and transactions of the business of the Systems and for the custody and control of their funds. The Systems issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement Systems, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

**Funding Policy**

The plan is noncontributory except for employees who joined the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3% of their salary for the first ten years of membership and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010, who generally contribute 3% to 3.5% of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. The Comptroller annual certifies the actuarially determined rate expressly used in computing the employers' contributions for the ERS' fiscal year ended March 31.

Membership, benefits and employer and employee obligations to contribute are described in the NYSRSSL using the tier concept. Pension legislation established tier membership by the date a member last joined the Retirement System. They are as follows:

**ERS**

- Tier 1 - Those persons who last became members of the System before July 1, 1973.
- Tier 2 – Those persons who last became members on or after July 1, 1973, but before July 27, 1976.
- Tier 3 – Generally those persons who are State correction officers who last became members on or after July 27, 1976, but before January 1,2010, and all others who last became members on or after July 27, 1976, but before September 1, 1983.
- Tier 4 – Generally, except for correction officers, those persons who last became members on or after September 1, 1983, but before January 1,2010.
- Tier 5 – Those persons who last became members of the System on or after January 1, 2010, but before April 1, 2012.
- Tier 6 - Those persons who first became members of the System on or after April 1, 2012

The Town of Barre is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The required contribution for the current year and two preceding years were:

	<b>ERS</b>
2023	\$ 46,648
2022	\$ 57,611
2021	\$ 50,601

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expenses, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At December 31, 2023, the Town of Barre reported a liability of \$323,518 for its proportionate share of the pension liability (asset). The net pension liability (asset) was measured as of March 31, 2023, and the total pension liability (asset) used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2022. The Town of Barre's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was based on a projection of the Town of Barre's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contribution of all participating members, actuarially determined.

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**Note 8 - Pension Plans (Cont.)**

At December 31, 2023, the Town of Barre's proportion was .0015087 percent. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Town of Barre recognized pension expense of \$117,913. At December 31, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following resources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 34,457	\$ 9,086
Changes of assumptions	157,121	1,736
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	-	1,901
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	28,759	7,779
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	43,073	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 263,410</b>	<b>\$ 20,502</b>

The Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ended December 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b><u>Year Ended December 31,</u></b>	
2024	\$ 45,818
2025	(10,035)
2026	71,970
2027	92,083
2028	-
Thereafter	-

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability at March 31, 2023 was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2022, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability (asset) to March 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Interest rate	5.90%
Inflation rate	2.90%
Salary	4.40%
Investment rate of return	5.90%
Cost of living adjustment	1.40%
Decrement Tables	April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2020 system's experience

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**Note 8 - Pension Plans (Cont.)**

Annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015- March 31, 2020, System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvement based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2022 valuation is based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015-March 31, 2020.

The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method which is best estimates ranges of best estimate future real rates of return (expected returns nets of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of March 31, 2023 are summarized below:

<b>Asset Type</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate</b>
Domestic equity	4.30%
International Equity	6.85%
Private Equity	7.50%
Real Estate	4.60%
Opportunistic / ARC Portfolio	5.38%
Credit	5.43%
Real Assets	5.84%
Fixed Income	1.50%
Cash	0.00%

The real rate of return is net of the long-term inflation assumption of 2.50 percent.

**Discount Rate**

The discount used to calculate the total pension liability (asset) was 5.90%. The project of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at the statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability (asset).

**Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption**

The following presents the Town of Barre's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 5.90 percent, as well as what the Town of Barre's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (4.90 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (6.90 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.90%)	Current Discount Rate (5.90%)	1% Increase (6.90%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 781,805	\$ 323,518	\$ (59,434)

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**Note 8 - Pension Plans (Cont.)**

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

The components of the current-year net pension liability (asset) of the total employers' share for the state retirement system as of March 31, 2023, are as follows:

		<u>Employees' Retirement System</u>
Employers' total pension liability	\$	232,627,259
Fiduciary net position		<u>211,183,223</u>
Employers' net pension liability	\$	<u>21,444,036</u>
Ratio of plan net position to the employers' total pension liability		90.78%

**Note 9 - Interfund Receivables and Payables**

Individual fund operating interfund receivables and payables for the year ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>		<u>Interfund Payable</u>
<b><u>Governmental Fund Types:</u></b>			
General fund	\$ 70,736	\$	-
Capital fund	-		<u>70,736</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 70,736</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>70,736</u></b>

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed. The balances result from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds are made.

**Note 10 – Interfund Transfers**

Individual fund operating transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Transfer In</u>		<u>Transfer Out</u>
<b><u>Governmental Fund Types:</u></b>			
General fund	\$ 5,250	\$	-
Water fund	-		<u>5,250</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,250</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>5,250</u></b>

Transfers are used to move revenue from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and move residual cash from closed projects to debt service to be used for debt payments at a later date. The purpose of the government interfund transfers are debt service payments, capital projects and self-insurance costs.

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**Note 11 – Fund Balances**

Restricted fund balances which have external constraints are as follows:

Fund	Balances
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Capital reserve	\$ 26,191
Retirement reserve	10,021
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>36,212</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND:</b>	
Capital reserve	\$ 98,657
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>98,657</b>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUND</b>	<b>\$ 134,869</b>

Assigned fund balances which are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for special purposes are as follows:

Fund	Balances
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Appropriated fund balance	\$ 88,103
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>88,103</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND:</b>	
Appropriated fund balance	37,639
Unappropriated fund balance	594,621
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>632,260</b>
<b>WATER FUND:</b>	
Appropriated fund balance	13,086
Unappropriated fund balance	462,721
<b>TOTAL WATER FUND</b>	<b>475,807</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,196,170</b>

**Note 12 - Contingencies**

The Town receives significant financial assistance from federal governmental agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed expenditures resulting from such audits could become a liability of the governmental funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts to be immaterial to the Town's financial statements.

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Real property taxes	\$ 348,831	\$ 348,831	\$ 348,831	\$ -
Real property tax items	4,500	4,500	4,324	(176)
Non-property tax items	74,000	74,000	82,475	8,475
Departmental income	700	700	889	189
Intergovernmental charges	711	711	737	26
Use of money and property	3,800	3,800	23,407	19,607
Licenses and permits	8,200	8,200	10,613	2,413
Fines and forfeitures	21,000	21,000	29,183	8,183
State aid	27,000	42,173	50,221	8,048
Federal aid	-	-	7,127	7,127
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>488,742</u>	<u>503,915</u>	<u>557,807</u>	<u>53,892</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
General government support	309,876	309,635	290,599	19,036
Public safety	9,722	6,722	4,722	2,000
Transportation	100,432	101,443	94,902	6,541
Economic assistance and opportunity	200	200	200	-
Culture and recreation	41,100	42,310	32,261	10,049
Home and community services	27,489	42,862	38,940	3,922
Employee benefits	78,531	79,351	86,797	(7,446)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>581,350</u>	<u>596,523</u>	<u>556,601</u>	<u>39,922</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(92,608)</u>	<u>(92,608)</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>13,970</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfers in	5,250	5,250	5,250	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other (uses)	<u>(87,358)</u>	<u>(87,358)</u>	<u>6,456</u>	<u>13,970</u>
Fund balance at December 31, 2022	<u>474,420</u>	<u>474,420</u>	<u>474,420</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance at December 31, 2023</b>	<u><b>\$ 387,062</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 387,062</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 480,876</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 13,970</b></u>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**HIGHWAY FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>				
Real property taxes	\$ 696,644	\$ 696,644	\$ 696,644	\$ -
Intergovernmental charges	122,000	122,000	138,019	16,019
Use of money and property	500	500	37,521	37,021
Sale of property	15,000	23,650	56,729	33,079
State aid	331,955	453,955	217,366	(236,589)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>1,166,099</u>	<u>1,296,749</u>	<u>1,146,279</u>	<u>(150,470)</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>				
Transportation	1,153,949	1,284,599	1,070,562	214,037
Employee benefits	123,967	123,967	110,678	13,289
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>1,277,916</u>	<u>1,408,566</u>	<u>1,181,240</u>	<u>227,326</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(111,817)</u>	<u>(111,817)</u>	<u>(34,961)</u>	<u>(377,796)</u>
<b><u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</u></b>				
Transfers out	<u>(61,076)</u>	<u>(61,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(61,076)</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>(61,076)</u>	<u>(61,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(61,076)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other (uses)	<u>(172,893)</u>	<u>(172,893)</u>	<u>(34,961)</u>	<u>(438,872)</u>
Fund balance at December 31, 2022	<u>765,878</u>	<u>765,878</u>	<u>765,878</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance at December 31, 2023</b>	<u><b>\$ 592,985</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 592,985</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 730,917</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (438,872)</b></u>



**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE**  
**OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**NYSLRS PENSION PLAN**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>					
	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
<b><u>Employees' Retirement System (ERS)</u></b>						
Measurement date	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0015087%	0.0010719%	0.0010698%	0.0010765%	0.0015036%	0.0014408%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 323,518	\$ (87,626)	\$ 1,065	\$ 285,066	\$ 106,537	\$ 46,502
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 455,134	\$ 420,904	\$ 376,001	\$ 364,902	\$ 390,700	\$ 381,750
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	71.08%	-20.82%	0.28%	78.12%	27.27%	12.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	90.78%	103.65%	99.9%	86.4%	96.3%	98.2%

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**NYSLRS PENSION PLAN**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Year Ended December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b><u>Employees' Retirement System (ERS)</u></b>					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 46,648	\$ 57,611	\$ 50,601	\$ 50,152	\$ 61,360
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 46,648	\$ 57,611	\$ 50,601	\$ 50,152	\$ 61,360
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 455,134	\$ 420,904	\$ 376,001	\$ 364,902	\$ 390,700
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.25%	13.69%	13.46%	13.74%	15.71%

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND – WATER DISTRICTS**  
**BALANCE SHEET – WATER FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

	<u>Water District 1</u>	<u>Water District 2</u>	<u>Water District 3</u>	<u>Water District 4</u>	<u>Water District 5</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>					
Cash	\$ 302,934	\$ 29,084	\$ 19,651	\$ 56,352	\$ 23,321
Account receivable	1,875	750	865	1,215	1,020
Water rents receivable	34,958	4,096	3,142	4,833	3,043
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 339,767</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 33,930</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 23,658</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 62,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,384</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ 36,119	\$ 2,986	\$ 2,307	\$ 2,756	\$ 2,765
Customer deposits	-	1,500	-	1,000	-
Due to employees' retirement system	434	169	197	245	193
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>36,553</u></b>	<b><u>4,655</u></b>	<b><u>2,504</u></b>	<b><u>4,001</u></b>	<b><u>2,958</u></b>

**FUND BALANCE**

Assigned	303,214	29,275	21,154	58,399	24,426
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>303,214</u></b>	<b><u>29,275</u></b>	<b><u>21,154</u></b>	<b><u>58,399</u></b>	<b><u>24,426</u></b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 339,767</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 33,930</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 23,658</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 62,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,384</u></b>
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**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND – WATER DISTRICTS**  
**BALANCE SHEET – WATER FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

	<u>Water District 6</u>	<u>Water District 7</u>	<u>Water District 8</u>	<u>Water District 9</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>					
Cash	\$ 32,719	\$ 8,825	\$ 6,902	\$ -	\$ 479,788
Account receivable	1,048	225	285	390	7,673
Water rents receivable	2,816	21,727	1,031	1,095	76,741
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 36,583</b>	<b>\$ 30,777</b>	<b>\$ 8,218</b>	<b>\$ 1,485</b>	<b>\$ 564,202</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ 2,297	\$ 25,022	\$ 689	9,356	\$ 84,297
Customer deposits	-	-	-	-	2,500
Due to employees' retirement system	173	27	80	80	1,598
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>25,049</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>9,436</b>	<b>88,395</b>

**FUND BALANCE**

Assigned	34,113	5,728	7,449	(7,951)	475,807
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>34,113</b>	<b>5,728</b>	<b>7,449</b>	<b>(7,951)</b>	<b>475,807</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 36,583</b>	<b>\$ 30,777</b>	<b>\$ 8,218</b>	<b>\$ 1,485</b>	<b>\$ 564,202</b>
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**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND – WATER DISTRICTS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – WATER FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Water District #1</u>	<u>Water District #2</u>	<u>Water District #3</u>	<u>Water District #4</u>	<u>Water District #5</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Real property taxes	\$ -	\$ 8,924	\$ 8,103	\$ 11,660	36,405
Departmental income	149,565	18,401	17,913	22,712	16,416
Intergovernmental charges	1,763	704	685	864	650
Sale of property and compensation for loss	-	-	-	350	-
Use of money and property	6,705	27	27	138	97
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>158,033</u>	<u>28,056</u>	<u>26,728</u>	<u>35,724</u>	<u>53,568</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Home and community services	146,385	13,755	13,360	15,349	16,415
Employee benefits	858	333	388	484	381
Debt service - principal	-	8,000	7,000	10,000	20,000
Debt service - interest	-	924	1,103	1,660	16,405
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>147,243</u>	<u>23,012</u>	<u>21,851</u>	<u>27,493</u>	<u>53,201</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	10,790	5,044	4,877	8,231	367
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Transfers out	(1,583)	(615)	(716)	(892)	(703)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>(1,583)</u>	<u>(615)</u>	<u>(716)</u>	<u>(892)</u>	<u>(703)</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	9,207	4,429	4,161	7,339	(336)
Fund balance - beginning of year	294,007	24,846	16,993	51,060	24,762
<b>Fund balance - end of year</b>	<u>\$ 303,214</u>	<u>\$ 29,275</u>	<u>\$ 21,154</u>	<u>\$ 58,399</u>	<u>\$ 24,426</u>

**TOWN OF BARRE, NEW YORK**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND – WATER DISTRICTS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – WATER FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Water District #6</u>	<u>Water District #7</u>	<u>Water District #8</u>	<u>Water District #9</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Real property taxes	\$ 46,704	\$ 14,459	\$ 25,428	\$ 25,935	\$ 177,618
Departmental income	15,801	83,292	5,372	6,093	335,565
Intergovernmental charges	596	249	187	532	6,230
Sale of property and compensation for loss	4,401	-	-	-	4,751
Use of money and property	105	27	60	6	7,192
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>67,607</u>	<u>98,027</u>	<u>31,047</u>	<u>32,566</u>	<u>531,356</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Home and community services	11,692	90,452	4,485	9,198	321,091
Employee benefits	341	54	159	159	3,157
Debt service - principal	23,000	7,000	10,000	14,000	99,000
Debt service - interest	23,594	7,424	15,427	11,935	78,472
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>58,627</u>	<u>104,930</u>	<u>30,071</u>	<u>35,292</u>	<u>501,720</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	8,980	(6,903)	976	(2,726)	29,636
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Transfers out	(641)	(100)	-	-	(5,250)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>(641)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,250)</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	8,339	(7,003)	976	(2,726)	24,386
Fund balance - beginning of year	25,774	12,731	6,473	(5,225)	451,421
<b>Fund balance - end of year</b>	<u>\$ 34,113</u>	<u>\$ 5,728</u>	<u>\$ 7,449</u>	<u>\$ (7,951)</u>	<u>\$ 475,807</u>



**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 Town Board  
Town of Barre  
Barre, New York

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Barre, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Town of Barre, New York's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Town of Barre, New York'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 Town of Barre, New York's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Barre, New York's internal control.

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. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Barre, New York'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*.

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## **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.

*Allied CPAs, P.C.*

Amherst, New York  
December 4, 2024