



TOWN OF WHITESTOWN,
NEW YORK

MANAGEMENT'S
DISCUSSION AND
ANALYSIS

AND

BASIC FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

Town Board
Town of Whitestown, New York

Qualified and Unmodified 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 Whitestown, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Whitestown, New York's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, except for the effects, if any, of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Whitestown as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Each Major Fund, and the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Whitestown, as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified 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 Whitestown, 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 qualified and unmodified audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinions on Governmental Activities

Our audit did not include the substantiation of fixed assets. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support the fixed assets. Complete fixed asset records were not maintained by the Town which would affect the assets, net position, and the expenses for the governmental activities. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to these amounts were necessary.

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 Whitestown, 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.

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 Whitestown, 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 Whitestown, 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 and other required supplementary information on pages 4-15 and 43-51 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 Whitestown, New York's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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 and individual non-major fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 August 21, 2026, on our consideration of the Town of Whitestown, 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 Whitestown, 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 Whitestown, New York's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP

August 21, 2026

Rome, New York

**TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

The Town of Whitestown, New York's discussion and analysis of financial performance provides an overall review of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Town's financial performance as a whole. This section will explain the differences between the current and prior-year assets, liabilities, and changes in net position. This should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

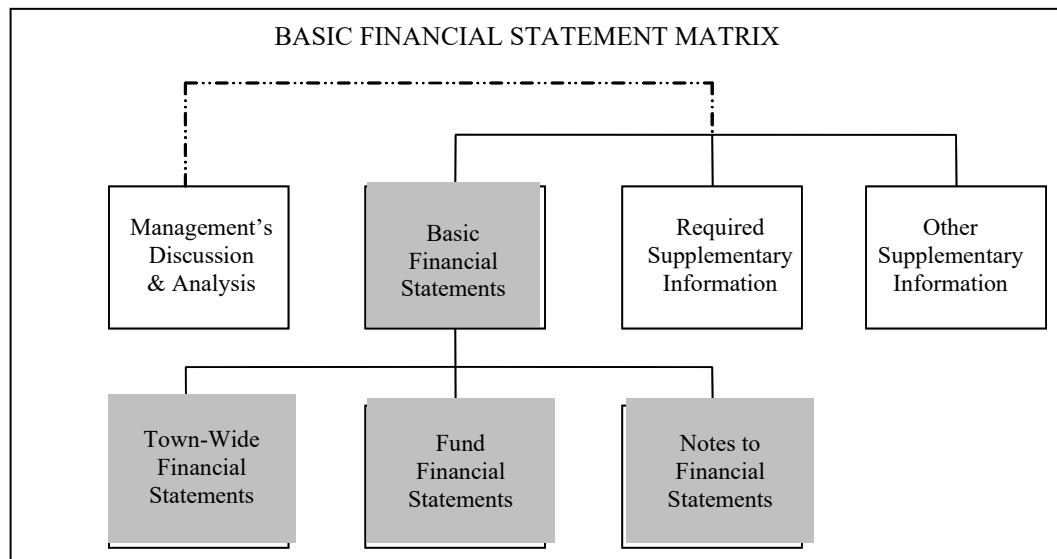
1. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2025 are as follows:

- The Town's total Net Position, as reflected in the Town-wide financial statements, increased by \$710,001. This increase is primarily the result of Sales Tax receipts exceeding budget expectations by \$734,032.
- The Town's expenses for the year, as reflected in the Town-wide financial statements, totaled \$13,881,366. This amount was directly offset by the following revenue sources: \$640,846 for charges for services, \$511,799 for operating grants, and \$4,702,029 for capital grants. General revenues of \$8,736,693 amount to 60% of total revenues.
- The General Whole Town Fund's total fund balance, as reflected in the fund financial statements on pages 18 and 20, increased by \$117,007 to a balance of \$2,679,584. This was primarily due to actual revenues exceeding the budget by \$279,304, over expended budgeted appropriations of \$39,872, and a 2025 appropriated fund balance of \$122,425, as shown on page 46.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts – Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information. The basic financial statements consist of Town-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. A graphic display of the relationship of these statements follows:



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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

A. Town-wide Financial Statements

The Town-wide financial statements are organized to provide an understanding of the fiscal performance of the Town as a whole in a manner similar to a private sector business. There are two Town-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements provide both an aggregate and long-term view of the Town's finances.

These statements utilize the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes the financial effects of events when they occur, without regard to the timing of cash flows related to the events.

The Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Town's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

The Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities presents information showing the change in net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net positions are recorded at the time the underlying financial event occurs. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will result in cash flow in future fiscal periods.

B. Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Town's funds, not the Town as a whole. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town also uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the Town are reported in the governmental funds and the fiduciary funds.

These statements utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the period that they become measurable and available. It recognizes expenditures in the period that they become measurable, funded through available resources, and payable within a current period.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the Town-wide financial statements. However, the governmental fund financial statements focus on shorter term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year for spending in future years. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's operations and the services it provides.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of Town-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the Town-wide financial statements. By doing so, you may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund 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 seven major individual governmental funds: General Whole Town, General Part Town, Highway Whole Town, Highway Part Town, Sewer, Water, and Capital funds, each of which is considered to be a major fund and is presented separately in the fund financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in its capacity as agent or trustee. All of the Town's fiduciary activities are reported in a Custodial Fund in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The fiduciary activities have been excluded from the Town's Town-wide financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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**TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

3. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

A. Net Position

The Town's total net position increased \$710,001 between fiscal years 2025 and 2024. A summary of the Town's Statements of Net Position at December 31, 2025 and 2024, are as follows:

	2025	2024	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Current and Other Assets	\$ 9,738,258	\$ 10,267,423	\$ (529,165)	(5.2%)
Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>21,426,654</u>	<u>19,103,367</u>	<u>2,323,287</u>	12.2%
Total Assets	<u>\$ 31,164,912</u>	<u>\$ 29,370,790</u>	<u>\$ 1,794,122</u>	6.1%
Deferred Outflows	<u>\$ 3,888,423</u>	<u>\$ 4,793,607</u>	<u>\$ (905,184)</u>	(18.9%)
Non-Current Liabilities	\$ 16,226,540	\$ 14,035,957	\$ 2,190,583	15.6%
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	1,917,752	1,672,453	245,299	14.7%
Other Liabilities	<u>1,039,807</u>	<u>2,060,139</u>	<u>(1,020,332)</u>	(49.5%)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 19,184,099</u>	<u>\$ 17,768,549</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,550</u>	8.0%
Deferred Inflows	<u>\$ 3,565,530</u>	<u>\$ 4,802,143</u>	<u>\$ (1,236,613)</u>	(25.8%)
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 18,874,593	\$ 18,206,738	\$ 667,855	3.7%
Restricted	724,972	695,439	29,533	4.2%
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(7,295,859)</u>	<u>(7,308,472)</u>	<u>12,613</u>	0.2%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 12,303,706</u>	<u>\$ 11,593,705</u>	<u>\$ 710,001</u>	6.1%

Current and other assets decreased by \$529,165, as compared to the prior year. This decrease was primarily the result of a decrease in cash of \$1,483,237 exceeding the increase in receivables of \$915,581. The increase in receivables is due to Capital Fund grant receivables' timing.

Capital assets increased by \$2,323,287, as compared to the prior year. This increase is primarily due to the capital outlay exceeding depreciation. During 2025, the Town began a reconstruction project for the Town's ice rink. At December 31, 2025, the construction in progress for the Ice Rink was \$2,607,691.

Non-current liabilities increased by \$2,190,583 as compared to the prior year. This increase is mainly the result of the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,730,311 for the Ice Rink reconstruction project.

Other Liabilities decreased \$1,020,332 mainly due to a decrease of \$982,540 for the recognition of previously unearned grant revenue.

The accounting standards require the recognition of the Town's proportionate share of Net Pension Assets/Liabilities and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources for the New York State Employees' Retirement System. The details of the above changes in the respective pension accounts are more fully described starting on page 34 of the financial statements.

The Net Position invested in capital assets is calculated by subtracting the amount of outstanding debt used for construction from the total cost of all asset acquisitions, net of accumulated depreciation. The total cost of these acquisitions includes expenditures to purchase land, construct and improve buildings, and purchase vehicles, equipment and furniture to support Town operations.

The Restricted Net Position represents funds being held for the equipment reserves, sidewalk reserve, and operation of the cemeteries.

The Unrestricted Net Deficit at December 31, 2025, is \$7,295,859 which represents the amount by which the Town's liabilities, excluding debt related to capital construction, exceeded the Town's assets other than capital assets. This amount is primarily due to the OPEB liability in the amount of \$13,808,950 as of December 31, 2025.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

B. Changes in Net Position

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities in a programmatic format in the accompanying financial statements. Nonproperty tax items primarily consist of New York State sales tax and franchise tax. A summary of this statement for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, is as follows.

Revenues	2025	2024	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Program Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$ 640,846	\$ 859,855	\$ (219,009)	(25.5%)
Operating Grants	511,799	267,823	243,976	91.1%
Capital Grants	4,702,029	538,960	4,163,069	772.4%
General Revenues				
Property Taxes and Other Items	3,855,124	3,856,833	(1,709)	0.0%
Other Real Property Tax Items	169,090	68,100	100,990	148.3%
Nonproperty Tax	3,923,726	3,628,181	295,545	8.1%
Use of Money and Property	227,191	65,757	161,434	245.5%
Licenses	7,488	6,940	548	7.9%
Fines	22,890	22,923	(33)	(0.1%)
Sale of Property	8,085	18,094	(10,009)	(55.3%)
Insurance Recoveries	30,925		30,925	100.0%
State Aid	475,507	347,560	127,947	36.8%
Miscellaneous	16,667	34,405	(17,738)	(51.6%)
Total Revenues	<u>14,591,367</u>	<u>9,715,431</u>	<u>4,875,936</u>	50.2%
Expenses				
General Government Support	2,690,286	2,586,473	103,813	4.0%
Public Safety	2,082,742	1,891,147	191,595	10.1%
Transportation	3,726,134	3,171,699	554,435	17.5%
Social Services	24,631	21,986	2,645	12.0%
Home and Community Services	4,154,108	618,207	3,535,901	572.0%
Culture and Recreation	1,151,063	842,876	308,187	36.6%
Debt Service - Interest	52,402	32,832	19,570	59.6%
Total Expenses	<u>13,881,366</u>	<u>9,165,220</u>	<u>4,716,146</u>	51.5%
Total Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 710,001</u>	<u>\$ 550,211</u>	<u>\$ 159,790</u>	

The Property Tax and Other Items revenues only had minor decrease, as budgeted.

Nonproperty taxes mainly consists of Sales Tax. The actual Sales Tax revenue increased \$309,690 or 8.1% from the prior year.

Charges for services decreased \$219,009 due to the temporary closure of the Community Center for the reconstruction of the Ice Rink.

Capital grants in the current year of \$4,702,029 were due to ongoing federal, State, and local grants received for the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Project and the federal American Rescue Program grant. The prior year amount of \$538,960 was also for the Sauquoit Creek. The increase in the current year was due to the transition to the next phase of the project involving the purchase of homes within the floodplain mitigation area with FEMA grant funds. In addition, the federal American Rescue Program grant was used in the amount of \$919,690 for the Ice Rink reconstruction project.

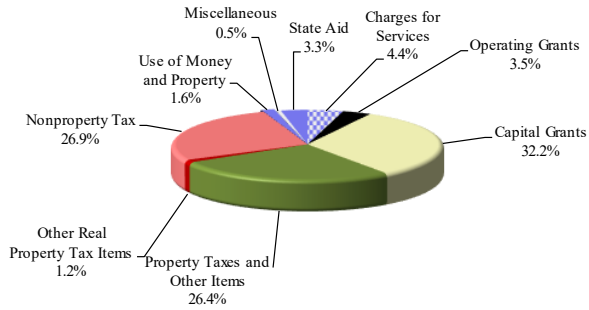
Home and Community Services expenses increased by \$3,535,901 due to the above mentioned floodplain mitigation project.

Transportation increased \$554,435 in the current year. These changes were primarily due to a harsh winter requiring personnel overtime and salt shortages resulting in increased prices.

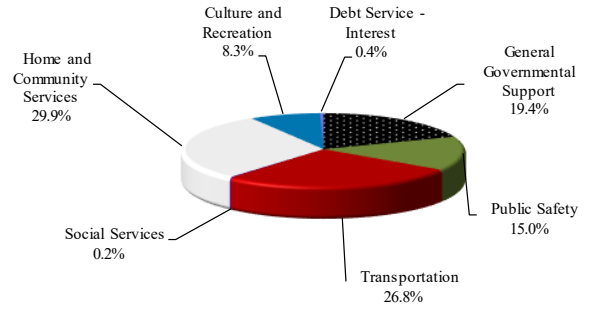
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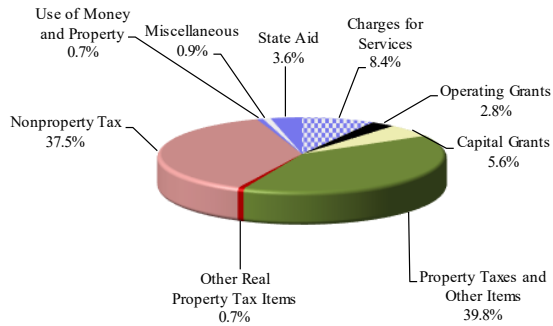
Revenues for the Year Ended December 31, 2025



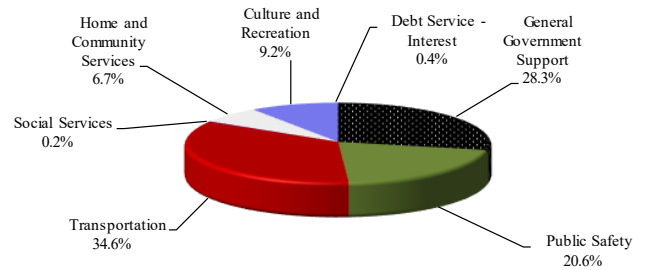
Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2025



Revenues for the Year Ended December 31, 2024



Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2024



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4. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUND BALANCES

At December 31, 2025, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$8,701,915, which is an increase of \$494,026 from the prior year. This increase is mainly due to excess revenues over expenditures in the General, Highway, and Capital funds for the year. A summary of the change in fund balance by fund is as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
General Whole Town			
Nonspendable	\$ 107,130	\$ 83,947	\$ 23,183
Restricted	28,589	28,113	476
Assigned	197,099	94,676	102,423
Unassigned	<u>2,346,766</u>	<u>2,355,841</u>	<u>(9,075)</u>
	<u>2,679,584</u>	<u>2,562,577</u>	<u>117,007</u>
General Part Town			
Nonspendable	72,704	67,128	5,576
Restricted	5,089	5,009	80
Assigned	<u>1,080,524</u>	<u>1,047,379</u>	<u>33,145</u>
	<u>1,158,317</u>	<u>1,119,516</u>	<u>38,801</u>
Highway Whole Town			
Nonspendable	39,624	34,758	4,866
Restricted	502,022	484,939	17,083
Assigned	<u>1,197,907</u>	<u>1,212,787</u>	<u>(14,880)</u>
	<u>1,739,553</u>	<u>1,732,484</u>	<u>7,069</u>
Highway Part Town			
Nonspendable	39,624	34,758	4,866
Assigned	<u>1,494,486</u>	<u>1,473,727</u>	<u>20,759</u>
	<u>1,534,110</u>	<u>1,508,485</u>	<u>25,625</u>
Sewer			
Assigned	<u>567,942</u>	<u>548,429</u>	<u>19,513</u>
Water			
Assigned	<u>895,363</u>	<u>809,169</u>	<u>86,194</u>
Capital			
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>(83,983)</u>	<u>(273,727)</u>	<u>189,744</u>
Non-Major			
Restricted	189,272	177,378	11,894
Assigned	<u>21,757</u>	<u>23,578</u>	<u>(1,821)</u>
	<u>211,029</u>	<u>200,956</u>	<u>10,073</u>
 Total Fund Balance	 <u>\$ 8,701,915</u>	 <u>\$ 8,207,889</u>	 <u>\$ 494,026</u>

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**TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

5. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

A. Budget

The Town's adopted budgets for the year ended December 31, 2025, for the following funds was \$8,628,270. The budgets were adopted and amended as follows:

	General Whole Town	General Part Town	Highway Whole Town	Highway Part Town	Sewer	Water
Change from Adopted Budget to Revised Budget						
Adopted Budget	\$ 3,514,248	\$ 1,694,534	\$ 1,593,083	\$ 1,606,177	\$ 91,490	\$ 128,738
Add: Prior Year's Encumbrances	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Original and Adopted Budget	<u>3,514,248</u>	<u>1,694,534</u>	<u>1,593,083</u>	<u>1,606,177</u>	<u>91,490</u>	<u>128,738</u>
Amendments:						
Clerk Software	24,250					
Hometown Heroes Program	2,750					
Miscellaneous	749					
ARPA Grant	919,690					
JAG Grant		234,680				
Latech Grant		42,194				
Vehicles and Equipment			327,102			
CHIPS Grant				15,116		
Miscellaneous					8,751	
Rome Connection Fee						6,000
Total Amendments	<u>947,439</u>	<u>276,874</u>	<u>327,102</u>	<u>15,116</u>	<u>8,751</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Final Budget	<u>\$ 4,461,687</u>	<u>\$ 1,971,408</u>	<u>\$ 1,920,185</u>	<u>\$ 1,621,293</u>	<u>\$ 100,241</u>	<u>\$ 134,738</u>

The majority of the funding for the above budgets consisted of \$3,475,792 in property taxes, \$3,189,694 in non-property taxes that include sales and franchise taxes, \$714,976 in State Aid, and \$919,690 in federal grants.

6. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

A. Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2025, the Town had invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and improvements and equipment. The net increase in capital assets is due to capital outlays exceeding depreciation recorded for the year ended December 31, 2025. A summary of the Town's capital assets, net of depreciation at December 31, 2025 and 2024, is as follows:

	2025	2024	Increase/ (Decrease)
Land	\$ 1,384,318	\$ 1,384,318	\$
Construction in Progress	7,474,227	4,667,526	2,806,701
Buildings	2,184,313	2,341,055	(156,742)
Land Improvements	5,129,757	5,323,333	(193,576)
Infrastructure	2,249,261	2,441,347	(192,086)
Equipment	<u>3,004,778</u>	<u>2,945,788</u>	<u>58,990</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 21,426,654</u>	<u>\$ 19,103,367</u>	<u>\$ 2,323,287</u>

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B. Debt Administration

At December 31, 2025, the Town had total outstanding long-term debt of \$2,065,311 and a short-term bond anticipation note of \$150,000. A summary of the outstanding long-term debt at December 31, 2025 and 2024, is as follows:

Description	Date of Original Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Interest Issue	Outstanding Amount		Increase
				2025	2024	(Decrease)
<u>Serial Bonds</u>						
General Fund-Whole Town						
Ice Rink Project	7/30/2025	12/15/2039	4.00	\$ 1,730,311	\$	\$ 1,730,311
Water						
WD#25 Improvements	12/27/2016	12/15/2043	4.22	335,000	350,000	(15,000)
Total Serial Bonds				<u>\$ 2,065,311</u>	<u>\$ 350,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,715,311</u>

7. ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

This component is a description of currently known facts, decisions or conditions that are expected to have a significant effect on financial position (net position) or results of operations (revenues, expenses and other changes in net position).

Population

According to the U.S. Census, the Town of Whitestown's population was 21,382 in 1970, but is estimated at 17,870 today. The population was 18,118 in 2020. Population loss reduces the Town's tax base and can hamper economic growth.

Economic Development

New developments in the Town of Whitestown, including home and business construction, has slowed down in recent years. The decrease in growth can be attributed to a shortage of vacant land and shovel-ready sites - the Town is running out of room to expand. Parts of the Town also do not have public water and sewer, impeding future growth.

The lack of new development is concerning because the Town's tax base will most likely remain stagnant as a result, despite variable costs continuing to increase. Consequently, the Town may be better served to focus on redevelopment and repurposing instead of new development.

The Town has also not had a Town-wide revaluation since the mid-1990s, mainly due to cost.

Sales Tax Revenue

The Town's FY25 sales tax revenue exceeded the budgeted amount, but sales tax revenue is showing signs of "leveling off." Inflation, high interest rates, high gas prices and high utility costs are also a challenge.

Conservatively budgeting sales tax revenue – the Town's second largest source of revenue behind the property tax levy – is imperative.

The Town strategically uses "excess" sales tax revenue to fund some vehicle/equipment purchases and capital projects/improvements. The use of excess sales tax revenue limits the need for borrowing (and payments with interest) and lessens the impact on the property tax levy.

Other Revenue

In FY25, NYS AIM funding remained consistent and NYS CHIPS funding increased slightly. Ice Rink/Community Center revenue declined significantly, but the decline was anticipated due to the rink being closed for major upgrades and renovations from March 2025-October 2025. Mortgage tax revenue – one of the Town's larger revenue sources – is stagnant.

Unless expenditures decrease, the property tax levy and fund balance must absorb more costs when other revenue sources do not grow year-to-year

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New York State Property Tax Cap

Since its inception in 2011, the Town Board has not overridden the "tax cap," a State law which limits the growth in property taxes to two-percent a year or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. Yet, the desire to not overburden taxpayers carries a price tag and may not be sustainable long-term. While the Town has "held the line" on property taxes, variable costs like wages and health insurance continue to increase, becoming more and more difficult to pay for. As a result, employees will most likely have to contribute a higher monetary amount for health insurance coverage for current plans to stay in place.

Additionally, the Town of Whitestown supports legislation that would only subject a Town's four major funds - General Whole and Part Town and Highway Whole and Part Town - to the "tax cap." Currently, special districts, including water, sewer and lighting districts, are all subject to the "tax cap." Complying with the "tax cap" makes it difficult for a town, like Whitestown, to raise the sufficient amount of funds needed to routinely repair, upgrade and maintain critical infrastructure.

Consolidation/Sharing of Services

The Town of Whitestown includes the villages of Oriskany, Whitesboro and Yorkville, and part of New York Mills. The Town-Outside-Village population is approximately 8,000, while roughly 11,000 live in the four villages.

Although the Town and villages share some services, much potential remains to work together in a greater fashion. For example, the Town and each village have the following: executive, legislative body, police department, highway department, court, code enforcement officer, attorney, planning board and zoning board of appeals. Each village also has a volunteer fire department, collectively containing more apparatus per one-thousand people than the much larger cities of Utica and Rome.

In 2015, a proposal to create a town-wide fire district was defeated by voters. More recently, in 2017, the Town proposed a town-wide code enforcement department, but the plan was rejected by all four villages. The villages of Oriskany and Whitesboro also rejected proposals to dissolve their village courts in 2018.

It will become increasingly difficult for the Town and villages to each afford and maintain their own separate services. If properly studied and implemented, consolidation can help sustain services and eliminate duplicative costs.

Consolidation should be more strongly explored and considered before it perhaps becomes a necessity within the next 20 years.

The Town of Whitestown and Village of Whitesboro are exploring a joint grant application for funding to study the feasibility of consolidating the Whitestown and Whitesboro police departments

Equipment/Vehicles

On June 27, 2023, the Town Board adopted a resolution to approve borrowing up to \$1,275,221 for the following*:

- Police Department – Police Vehicles (2)
- Codes Department – Vehicle
- Highway Department – Gradall, Loader, Ventrac Tractor, F-150, Plows (2)

*Some items were ultimately paid for with appropriated fund balance.

The roof on the Salt Shed at the Highway Department was replaced in late 2022 for a cost of \$125,000. Fund balance (General Whole Fund) was utilized.

In FY24, the Town Board formally committed \$919,690 in ARPA funding to fund significant capital improvements/upgrades at the Town Ice Rink. Work started in March 2025 and was completed in October 2025. The total project cost was approximately \$2.7 million. The balance was funded with the issuance of serial bonds in the amount of \$1,730,311.

In FY25, the Town purchased two leaf trucks for the Highway Department for a total cost of \$633,274. A portion of the total cost was offset by \$225,557 in state grant funding. The Town's share was covered using the Highway Equipment Reserve and Highway Whole Town Fund Balance.

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In late 2025, the Town issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to replace the Highway Garage roof. The Town Board plans on opening bids and awarding a contract in early 2026.

The parking lots at the Town Hall, Town Community Center, Town Court and Town Park on Gibson Road need to be resurfaced and the Town's sidewalk/trail system necessitates consistent maintenance. All are being prioritized by the Town Board and the Town Engineer is preparing bid specs for the parking lots.

The "tax cap" makes it difficult to address infrastructure needs without increasing property taxes.

Cemeteries

State law requires a town to assume responsibility for a cemetery within the town that can no longer sustain itself financially. In 2010, the Town acquired Glenside Cemetery in the Village of New York Mills and in 2017, the Town acquired Grandview Cemetery in the Village of Whitesboro. Town forces operate and maintain both.

In addition to Glenside Cemetery and Grandview Cemetery, there are about 20 other cemeteries in the Town of Whitestown. If others fold due to financial constraints, the burden of maintaining them will be borne by taxpayers.

The State law mentioned above is an unfunded mandate.

Major Projects

Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Program

Since its inception in 2016, the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Program - an on-going effort to determine and implement the improvements needed to alleviate historical flooding along the Sauquoit Creek in Whitestown - has evolved into the largest program of its kind in New York State. The program has five major components: Mitigation (Natural Approach); Adaptation (Residential Property Buyouts); Infrastructure Improvements (Bridges and Culverts); Floodplain Management (Smarter Development); and Debris Management (Routine Maintenance).

The mitigation component of the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Program involves the construction of several floodplain benches, areas of bank stabilization, channel widening and the creation of a public access trail along a 1-plus mile corridor of the lower Sauquoit Creek in Whitestown on Commercial Drive/NYS Route 5A. The work will continue to stabilize the lower Sauquoit Creek while connecting it to its original floodplain.

In September 2019, Mitigation Project 1 involving the construction of two floodplain benches at Dunham Manor Park in Whitestown, was completed. The construction of Mitigation Project 2 was completed in July 2022. Mitigation Project 2 included the construction of a floodplain bench in the Village of Whitesboro south of the CSX Railroad Crossing and installation of five additional culverts underneath the CSX Rail Line. The Town is currently in the planning stages for Mitigation Projects 3 and 4, which will include the construction of additional flood mitigation measures. At the end of Mitigation Project 4, Whitestown will have completed its original construction goal set in 2016 when it launched the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Program.

The adaptation component of the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Program involves the potential buy-out of nearly 200 residential properties in the Village of Whitesboro impacted by the 2019 Halloween Storm/Flood.

In September 2020, Whitestown secured at least \$20 million from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Floodplain Easement Program for the buy-out of eligible residential properties. Ultimately, the buy-out of an approved property owner is achieved by NRCS purchasing a floodplain easement and the structures (house) within the easement area and Whitestown, as project sponsor, purchasing the remaining fee title (land). The value of the property is based on the appraised fair market value as of the day before the 2019 Halloween Storm/Flood. At the end of the process, Whitestown becomes the property owner, subject to a floodplain easement held by the United States. The land within the floodplain easement must remain forever "green" in accordance with NRCS regulations.

Whitestown and NRCS entered into a Cooperative Agreement in July 2021. The Agreement allows NRCS to provide funding to Whitestown to solicit and hire appraisers and title companies.

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The selected appraisal firm began appraisals on October 14, 2021, and completed all appraisals in January 2022. All appraisals were approved by NRCS, invoiced to the Town and paid by the Town. The Town was then reimbursed by NRCS.

The selected title companies (two companies) began preparing preliminary title reports in January 2022. All preliminary title reports have been completed and approved by NRCS. NRCS will reimburse the Town, in full, for the cost of the preliminary title reports.

NRCS sent a Letter of Intent (LOI) to buyout applicants on April 15, 2022. The LOI notified applicants of their appraised value and asked that, within 30 days, they indicate if they were willing to accept the appraised value and continue in the program. A strong majority of applicants indicated they approved their appraised value and wanted to proceed.

Closings started in 2025 and more than 40 closings have been completed to date. The Town is closing on vacant properties first before proceeding to properties that are still occupied.

At time of closing, if a property owner is not current with County, Village and/or School taxes, the past due amounts will be deducted from the purchase offer and paid to the proper taxing authorities computed to the actual date of the closing, immediately after closing. If a property owner is current with tax payments, in addition to the appraised value of their property (offer), the property owner will receive a refund for taxes paid for the remainder of the fiscal years for the County (1/1 through 12/31), Village (6/1 through 5/31) and School District (7/1 through 6/30). NRCS funds cannot be used for tax refunds; the Town is using grant funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for tax refunds. The Town of Whitestown is also responsible for all taxes levied on properties from the date of closing until the Town Assessor determines the properties are tax exempt – which cannot legally occur until the following tax status date. This is a financial burden on the Town of Whitestown, especially if there is not enough grant funding for all tax refunds and tax payments.

The infrastructure improvements component of the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Program involves the replacement/upsizing of the Main Street Bridge, which is owned by Whitestown and located near the border of the Village of Whitesboro and Village of Yorkville, and Oriskany Boulevard (Route 69) Bridge over Sauquoit Creek in Whitesboro, which is owned by the New York State Department of Transportation. Such replacements, combined with current mitigation, adaptation and floodplain management efforts (i.e., "global approach"), will lead to the greatest reduction in flood stage during intense rainfall/flood events, minimizing damage to repetitive flood loss homes and businesses. More specifically, the replacement of the Main Street and Oriskany Boulevard (Route 69) Bridges will allow for water in the Sauquoit Creek to move more freely downstream and empty into the Mohawk River with less restriction and risk of "backing up." Construction on the new bridges is expected to start in late 2027 and be completed in summer 2029.

The Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Program is an impressive collaboration among all levels of government - federal, state and local - and cannot be accomplished without an "all hands-on deck" approach. It is an innovative, proactive and long-term attempt to prevent flooding, to the greatest extent possible, rather than a short-term fix.

Utica Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

The Town was awarded a \$1.4 million grant from the BRIDGE NY Program in 2017 to significantly rehabilitate the Utica Street Bridge in the Village of Oriskany, which was completed in October 2018. As part of the project, the bridge deck was replaced, structural deficiencies were repaired and a new waterline underneath the bridge was installed.

The project is expected to extend the life of the bridge by at least 30 years.

There was a 5 percent local share, amounting to approximately \$70,000 in Town funding.

Wyman Park Project

The Town continues to work closely with the Deputy Wyman Foundation, Inc. to complete Wyman Park, an extension of the Town Park on Gibson Road named in honor of fallen Oneida County Sheriff Deputy Kurt B. Wyman.

Both multi-use fields at the park are now being used for practices and games.

A \$200,000 DASNY "SAM" grant will fund the construction of a comfort station containing a concession, bathrooms and storage space and additional parking, but additional investment by the Town will be necessary.

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On May 18, 2022, the Town Board formally awarded a contract for the construction of the comfort station to Beebe Construction Services, Inc. for a cost not-to-exceed \$349,950. Construction started in June 2022, and was finished in 2023.

Outsourcing of Payroll

The Town outsourced payroll and related tasks to ADP in 2019. On November 17, 2021, the Town Board awarded a contract to Tyler for a core financial management solution, with hopes the solution will be fully implemented and operational for the start of Fiscal Year 2023. The Town Board has since terminated its contract with Tyler.

Debt Service

A significant portion of the Town's debt service will be falling off within the next 5-10 years, making it an opportune time to enact a more defined vehicle/equipment replacement program.

The Town has a BAN, which it has been renewing annually, while keeping debt levels consistent.

Fund Balance

The Town's General Whole Town, General Part Town, and Highway Part Town funds are strong, but the Highway Whole Town fund is not showing the same kind of growth, in part due to over expenditures by the Highway Department. Highway Whole Town fund balance dropped from about \$1.7 million in FY24 to about \$1.0 million at the end of FY25.

The Town Board intends to use excess sales tax revenue to potentially reduce the Town's tax levy and:

- * Pave/resurface the Community Center parking lot;
- * Fund continued upgrades at Glen Haven Park, Herthum Heights Park and Sunset Manor Park; and
- * Fund the replacement of the Highway Department's roof.

Since 2019, \$2,364,686 out of \$4,905,004 in excess sales tax revenue, or 48.21%, has been allocated to the DA fund compared to the Town's three other major funds (General Whole Town, General Part Town, and Highway Part Town).

8. CONTACTING THE TOWN

This financial report is designed to provide the Town's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the:

**Town Supervisor
Town of Whitestown
8539 Clark Mills Road
Whitesboro, NY 13492**

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2025

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,239,752
Restricted Cash	723,837
Accounts Receivable	245,008
Due From Other Governments	2,270,579
Prepaid Expenses	259,082
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>21,426,654</u>
Total Assets	<u>31,164,912</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred Outflow - Pensions	1,391,082
Deferred Outflow - OPEB	<u>2,497,341</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>3,888,423</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 35,053,335</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 289,859
Accrued Liabilities	172,301
Accrued Interest	3,464
Due To Other Governments	8,149
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	150,000
Unearned Revenue	416,034
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	1,917,752
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	
Bonds Payable	110,311
Compensated Absences Payable	123,545
OPEB	336,750
Due in More Than One Year	
Bonds Payable	1,955,000
Compensated Absences Payable	228,734
OPEB	<u>13,472,200</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>19,184,099</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred Inflow - Pensions	163,891
Deferred Inflow - OPEB	<u>3,401,639</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,565,530</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>22,749,629</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	18,874,593
Restricted	724,972
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(7,295,859)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>12,303,706</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	<u>\$ 35,053,335</u>

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
	Expenses				
Governmental Activities					
General Government Support	\$ 2,690,286	\$ 201,507	\$	\$ 84,683	\$ (2,404,096)
Public Safety	2,082,742	994	243,739		(1,838,009)
Transportation	3,726,134	202,677	253,695		(3,269,762)
Social Services	24,631	3,485	14,365		(6,781)
Home and Community Services	4,154,108			3,697,656	(456,452)
Culture and Recreation	1,151,063	232,183		919,690	810
Debt Service - Interest	52,402				(52,402)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 13,881,366	\$ 640,846	\$ 511,799	\$ 4,702,029	(8,026,692)
General Revenues					
Real Property Tax					3,855,124
Other Real Property Tax Items					169,090
Nonproperty Tax					3,923,726
Use of Money and Property					227,191
Licenses					7,488
Fines					22,890
Sale of Property					8,085
Insurance Recoveries					30,925
State Aid					475,507
Miscellaneous					16,667
Total General Revenues					8,736,693
Change in Net Position					710,001
Net Position, Beginning of Year					11,593,705
Net Position, End of Year					<u>\$ 12,303,706</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2025

	Governmental							Total	
	General Whole Town	General Part Town	Highway Whole Town	Highway Part Town	Sewer	Water	Capital	Non-major Governmental	Governmental Funds
Assets									
Current Assets									
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 1,516,606	\$ 906,029	\$ 809,636	\$ 957,778	\$ 569,538	\$ 895,363	\$ 559,965	\$ 24,837	\$ 6,239,752
Restricted Cash	28,589	5,089	502,022					188,137	723,837
Accounts Receivable	77,568	40,904	126,536						245,008
Due from Other Funds	666,835	173,685		78,762			888	1,135	921,305
Due from Other Governments	512,335	9,583	444,059	460,269			844,333		2,270,579
Prepaid Expenditures	107,130	72,704	39,624	39,624					259,082
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 2,909,063</u>	<u>\$ 1,207,994</u>	<u>\$ 1,921,877</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,433</u>	<u>\$ 569,538</u>	<u>\$ 895,363</u>	<u>\$ 1,405,186</u>	<u>\$ 214,109</u>	<u>\$ 10,659,563</u>
Liabilities and Fund Equity									
Current Liabilities									
Accounts Payable	\$ 91,630	\$ 8,060	\$ 133,379	\$ 2,323	\$ 634		\$ 50,753	\$ 3,080	\$ 289,859
Accrued Liabilities	129,700	17,155	25,446						172,301
Due to Other Funds		1,077	23,499		962		895,767		921,305
Due to Other Governments	8,149								8,149
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable							150,000		150,000
Unearned Revenues		23,385					392,649		416,034
Total Current Liabilities	<u>229,479</u>	<u>49,677</u>	<u>182,324</u>	<u>2,323</u>	<u>1,596</u>		<u>1,489,169</u>	<u>3,080</u>	<u>1,957,648</u>
Fund Equity									
Non-spendable	107,130	72,704	39,624	39,624					259,082
Restricted	28,589	5,089	502,022					189,272	724,972
Assigned	197,099	1,080,524	1,197,907	1,494,486	567,942	895,363		21,757	5,455,078
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>2,346,766</u>						<u>(83,983)</u>		<u>2,262,783</u>
Total Fund Equity (Deficit)	<u>2,679,584</u>	<u>1,158,317</u>	<u>1,739,553</u>	<u>1,534,110</u>	<u>567,942</u>	<u>895,363</u>	<u>(83,983)</u>	<u>211,029</u>	<u>8,701,915</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Revenue, and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 2,909,063</u>	<u>\$ 1,207,994</u>	<u>\$ 1,921,877</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,433</u>	<u>\$ 569,538</u>	<u>\$ 895,363</u>	<u>\$ 1,405,186</u>	<u>\$ 214,109</u>	<u>\$ 10,659,563</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND EQUITY TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2025

Governmental Fund Equity		\$ 8,701,915
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of Net Position are different due to the following:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Original Cost of Capital Assets	35,033,913	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(13,607,259)</u>	21,426,654
Accrued Interest		(3,464)
Proportionate share of long-term asset and liability associated with participation in state retirement system are not current financial resources or obligations and are not reported in the funds.		
Deferred Outflows - Pensions	1,391,082	
Net Pension Liability (Asset) - Proportionate Share	(1,917,752)	
Deferred Inflows - Pensions	<u>(163,891)</u>	(690,561)
Long-term liabilities and OPEB Liability, are not due and payable in the current-period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds Payable	(2,065,311)	
Compensated Absences Payable	(352,279)	
OPEB Liability	(13,808,950)	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	2,497,341	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	<u>(3,401,639)</u>	(17,130,838)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 12,303,706</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Governmental							Total	
	General Whole Town	General Part Town	Highway Whole Town	Highway Part Town	Sewer	Water	Capital	Non-major Governmental	Governmental Funds
Revenues									
Real Property Taxes	\$ 1,937,009	\$	\$ 1,253,492	\$	\$ 91,490	\$ 104,738	\$	\$ 468,395	\$ 3,855,124
Other Real Property Tax Items	169,090								169,090
Nonproperty Tax Items	877,174	1,364,567	408,341	1,273,644					3,923,726
Departmental Income	269,091	153,150		2,662					424,903
Service Revenue								14,365	14,365
Intergovernmental Charges			202,677						202,677
Use of Money and Property	82,030	7,680	35,854	25,222	10,755	17,181	6,457	4,942	190,121
Premium From Debt	37,070								37,070
Licenses and Permits	7,488	16,198		50					23,736
Fines and Forfeitures	22,890								22,890
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	971	30,925	5,270	1,844					39,010
Miscellaneous	12,415		1,263				2,293		15,971
State Aid	283,648	310,598	125,000	253,695			55,674		1,028,615
Federal Aid	919,690						3,724,379		4,644,069
Total Revenues	4,618,566	1,883,118	2,031,897	1,557,117	102,245	121,919	3,788,803	487,702	14,591,367
Expenditures									
General Government Support	1,841,383	6,188	138					5,313	1,853,022
Public Safety	52,519	1,101,198						441,767	1,595,484
Transportation	132,991		1,526,182	1,160,307				30,549	2,850,029
Social Services	24,631								24,631
Home and Community Services	55,265	88,084			81,344	6,000	3,728,195		3,958,888
Culture and Recreation	527,861	41,796					2,660,865		3,230,522
Employee Benefits	921,264	579,475	377,221	371,185	1,388				2,250,533
Debt Service - Principal		26,000	114,000			15,000			155,000
Debt Service - Interest	25,955	1,576	7,287			14,725			49,543
Total Expenditures	3,581,869	1,844,317	2,024,828	1,531,492	82,732	35,725	6,389,060	477,629	15,967,652
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	1,036,697	38,801	7,069	25,625	19,513	86,194	(2,600,257)	10,073	(1,376,285)
Other Financing Sources									
Interfund Transfers From							919,690		919,690
Interfund Transfers To	(919,690)								(919,690)
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt							1,730,311		1,730,311
Bond Anticipation Notes Redeemed from Appropriations							140,000		140,000
Total Other Financing Sources	(919,690)						2,790,001		1,870,311
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources	117,007	38,801	7,069	25,625	19,513	86,194	189,744	10,073	494,026
Fund Equity (Deficit), Beginning of Year	2,562,577	1,119,516	1,732,484	1,508,485	548,429	809,169	(273,727)	200,956	8,207,889
Fund Equity (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 2,679,584	\$ 1,158,317	\$ 1,739,553	\$ 1,534,110	\$ 567,942	\$ 895,363	\$ (83,983)	\$ 211,029	\$ 8,701,915

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds **\$ 494,026**

Capital Outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in Governmental Funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the Statement of Net Position and allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays in the period exceeds depreciation.

Capital Outlays	3,541,790	
Depreciation	<u>(1,218,503)</u>	2,323,287

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayments of bond principal is an expenditure in Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

Principal Payments on Long Term Debt	15,000	
Proceed from Serial Bonds	<u>(1,730,311)</u>	(1,715,311)

(Increases) Decreases in the proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide for or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues or expenditures in the governmental funds.

NYS Retirement Systems	149,257
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Certain expenses in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds.

OPEB Liability	(443,750)	
Compensated Absences	(94,649)	
Accrued Interest	<u>(2,859)</u>	<u>(541,258)</u>

Change in Net Positions Governmental Activities **\$ 710,001**

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2025

Assets

Unrestricted Cash	\$ 13,587
Restricted Cash	<u>8,629</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 22,216</u></u>

Liabilities

Bail Deposits	\$ 8,629
Court Liabilities	6,639
Other Liabilities	<u>6,948</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>22,216</u>

Net Position	<u>0</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 22,216</u></u>
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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Additions

Fines Collected for Other Governments	\$ 83,533
Fees Collected for Other Governments	1,822
Taxes Collected for Other Governments	<u>51,812,863</u>
Total Additions	<u>51,898,218</u>

Deductions

Fines Remitted to the State	83,533
Fees Distributed to Other Governments	1,822
Taxes Distributed to Other Governments	<u>51,812,863</u>
Total Deductions	<u>51,898,218</u>

Change in Net Position	0
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Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>0</u>
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Net Position, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>
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The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) for governments as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) which is the primary standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The financial statements have been prepared primarily from accounts maintained by the Town.

GASB is responsible for establishing U.S. GAAP for State and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies, established in U.S. GAAP and used by the Town, are discussed below.

Background

The Town of Whitestown, New York (the Town), was established in 1788 and operates under an elected Town Supervisor and four members of the Town Board. The Town Board is the elected legislative body. The Town Supervisor serves as the chief executive officer. The Town provides services of general government, public works, public safety, water, sewer, fire, lighting, cemetery, and community enrichment and economic development to its residents.

Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government which is the Town of Whitestown, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete as set forth in GASB.

The decision to include a potential component unit in the Town's reporting entity is based on several criteria set forth in GASB including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, no other organizations have been included or excluded from the reporting entity.

Financial Statements - Government-Wide

The Town's financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town's major funds). Maintenance of roads, public works, social services, recreation and culture, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental columns (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town's Net Position is reported in three parts: net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position. The Town first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants. All direct expenses incurred are charged to the corresponding function. Capital asset additions that cannot be identified to a specific function are allocated based on total expenses by program.

Employee benefits are reported as a separate function on the fund financial statements. These costs have been allocated for the government-wide financial statements based on the respective payroll for each function.

The net costs by function are normally covered by general revenues (property, non-property, or sales taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, State Aid, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The fund statements provide information about the Town's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

(a) *Major Funds:*

The emphasis in the fund financial statements is on the major governmental fund categories. Non-major funds are summarized into a single column. The non-major funds consist of Fire, Lighting, and Miscellaneous Special Revenue funds.

General Fund– This is the principal operating fund which is used to account for and report all operations not required to be recorded in other funds. This fund includes general whole-town and general part-town.

Special Revenue Funds – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. This fund is broken down into the following categories:

Highway - This fund is used to account for maintenance of the Town's streets and highways. This fund includes Highway Whole-Town and Highway Part-Town.

Sewer Fund - This fund is used to account for the Town's sewer operations in various districts.

Water Fund - This fund is used to account for the Town's water operations in various districts.

Non-Major Funds – These funds are used to account for and report the Town's fire protection, street lighting, and cemetery operations.

Capital Fund – This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of major capital facilities or equipment. The principal sources of financing are from the sale of bonds or issuance of bond anticipation notes and state aid.

(b) *Fiduciary Fund Types* – Fiduciary funds are used to account for and report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and therefore, are not available to support Town programs. The Town's fiduciary fund consists only of the Custodial Fund. This Fund accounts for the collection and distribution of taxes, fines, and fees for other governments. Since, by definition, these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, deferred compensation participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual – The governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Nonexchange transactions are transactions in which the Town gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. Nonexchange revenues are generally reported as nonoperating revenues. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Modified Accrual Basis – All governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and 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 of the current period. The Town has defined the period of availability to be six months.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Material revenues that are accrued include real property taxes, Federal and State 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 the fund liability is incurred except that:

- a. Expenditures for inventory-type items are recognized at the time of the disbursements.
- b. Principal and interest on long-term indebtedness is not recognized as an expenditure until due.
- c. Compensated absences are not recognized as an expenditure until due.
- d. Capital fund expenditures are recorded when paid.

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 the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities, and useful lives of long-lived assets.

Property Taxes

Taxes are collected by the receiver of taxes during the period January 1 to January 31 without penalty. Taxes are due by January 31. Late payments during the month of February must pay \$2.00 plus 1% of the amount due, in March the penalty changes to \$2.00 plus 1 1/2% of the amount due. After March 31, the unpaid amount is turned over to Oneida County. The County is responsible for collecting all taxes after April 1. The County pays the Town for the delinquent taxes and assumes enforcement responsibility for all taxes levied in the Town.

Capital Assets/Property, Plant, and Equipment

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$2,000 or more and a useful life of two years or more, are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Infrastructure assets are capitalized on a prospective basis. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-30 Years
Machinery and Equipment	3-15 Years
Improvements (land and Building)	10-30 Years
Infrastructure	10-30 Years

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. Estimated unbilled revenues are estimated at the end of each fiscal year. Sewer fund receivables are fully guaranteed by the General Fund of the Town. Therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established for these funds.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes 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 Town has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is for the pensions reported in the Town-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the Town's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the Town's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions not included in pension expense. The second item is related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB) reported on the Statement of Net Position and represents the effect of differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions during the year. These amounts are deferred and will be recognized in OPEB expense over the next several years.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Insurance

The Town insures against liability for most risks including, but not limited to, property damage and personal injury liability. Judgments and claims are recorded when it is probable that an asset has been impaired or availability has been incurred, and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated.

Retirement Plan

The Town provides retirement benefits for substantially all of its regular, full-time employees through contributions to the New York State Employees' Retirement System. The System is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system. The System offers a wide range of plans and benefits which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death, and disability.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Town provides post-employment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits for retired employees and their survivors. Collective bargaining agreements determine if Town employees are eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Town. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing postemployment benefits is shared between the Town and the retired employee. Other postemployment benefit costs are measured and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting.

Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as either loans, services provided, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charged the appropriate benefiting fund and reduced its related cost as reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated sick leave and vacation time.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts, and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation, or death, employees will contractually receive payments of unused accumulated sick leave at the pay rate at separation up to a maximum number of days specified in the contract.

Vacation eligibility and accumulation is specified in collective bargaining agreements and in individual employment contracts. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods. Employees are compensated for unused accumulated vacation leave through paid time off or cash payment upon retirement, termination, or death.

In the town-wide financial statements, the Town recognizes a liability for compensated absences, including vacation and sick leave, when employees have earned the right to the leave and it is more likely than not that the leave will be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash, or settled through other means. The liability is measured at the employee's rate of pay at the reporting date, including salary-related payments such as social security and Medicare taxes.

In the fund statements, a liability is reported only for payments due for unused compensated absences for those employees that have obligated themselves to separate from service with the Town by December 31st.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report 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 two items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the Town-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the Town's proportion of the collective net pension liability (ERS System) and difference during the measurement periods between the Town's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item is related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB) reported on the Statement of Net Position and represents the effect of differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions during the year. These amounts are deferred and will be recognized in OPEB expense over the next several years.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

State statutes require that collateral be pledged at 100 percent of all deposits not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance for demand deposits, time deposits, repurchase agreements, and certificates of deposit. Obligations of the United States Treasury and its agencies as well as obligations of New York State and its municipalities and Towns may be pledged. Investments are carried at market value.

The Town's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. New York State law governs the Town's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC 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 Districts.

Short-Term Debt

The Town may issue bond anticipation notes (BAN), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BAN's issued for capital purposes are converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

Equity classifications

(a) Government-wide Financial Statements

In the Government-wide statements there are three classes of net position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – Consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, constructions or improvements of those assets.

Restricted Net Position – Reports Net Position when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position – Reports all other Net Positions that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Town.

(b) Fund Statements

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Non-spendable

This category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This category consists of the balances in prepaid expenditure and inventory accounts.

Restricted Resources

Amounts constrained by specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance

Amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Town itself, by vote of the Town Board, the Town's highest level of decision-making authority. The Town Board must approve the establishment (or modification) of any fund balance commitment. At December 31, 2025, the Town did not have any committed fund balance.

Assigned fund balance

Amounts the Town intends to use for a specific purpose; intent for which must be expressed by the Town Board or Department management.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Unassigned fund balance

Amounts within the General Fund that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Town and amounts in other funds with negative fund balances.

Future Changes in Accounting Standards

- GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2026.
- GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2026.
- GASB Statement No. 105, *Subsequent Events*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2027.

The Town will evaluate the impact these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND TOWN-WIDE STATEMENTS

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the Town-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic resource management focus of the Statement of Activities, compared with the current financial resource management focus of the governmental funds.

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Compared to Net Positions of Governmental Activities

Total fund balances of the Town's governmental funds differ from "net positions" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balance Compared To Statement of Activities

Differences between the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of six broad categories. The amounts shown below represent:

A. Long-Term Revenue Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available," whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

B. Capital Related Differences

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

C. Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

D. Employee Benefit Allocation

Expenditures for employee benefits are not allocated to a specific function on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Equity based on the requirements of New York State. These costs have been allocated based on total salary for each function on the Statement of Activities.

E. Pension Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the Town's proportion of the collective net position, asset/liability and differences between the Town's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to pension expense.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND TOWN-WIDE STATEMENTS
(Continued)

F. OPEB Differences

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the Town's total OPEB liability and differences between the Town's contributions and OPEB expense.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

A. Budget Basis of Accounting

The budget is adopted annually on a basis consistent with U.S. GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

B. Budget Policies

- Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- No later than October 5, the Town Supervisor submits a tentative budget to the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The tentative budget includes proposed expenditures and the proposed means of financing them.
- Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- The budget is legally enacted through passage of legislative resolution no later than Thursday after election date. Certified copies are filed no later than November 20 with the tax roll coordinator (Oneida County) for the purpose of preparing the tax levy.
- The Town Supervisor is authorized to transfer certain budgeted amounts within departments and/or individual funds.

C. Legally Adopted Budgets

All of the Funds, except capital, have legally adopted budgets. The Funds' budgets are adopted on a departmental and object level of expenditure basis in which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations on a departmental and object of expenditure level.

Individual governmental fund comparisons of budget and actual data at the legal level of control established by the adopted budget (i.e., minimally at the department and object level) are not presented in this report for those funds with annual adopted budgets due to the excessive detail involved. However, a separate budgetary comparison report is available which contains this information.

3. ENCUMBRANCE ACCOUNTING

Encumbrance accounting, under which 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 the governmental funds. Encumbrances are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. Expenditures for such commitments are recorded in the period in which the liability is incurred.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

4. BUDGET LIMITATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) which may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted.

The following are supplemental appropriations that occurred during the year:

	General Whole Town	General Part Town	Highway Whole Town	Highway Part Town	Sewer	Water
Change from Adopted Budget to Revised Budget						
Adopted Budget	\$ 3,514,248	\$ 1,694,534	\$ 1,593,083	\$ 1,606,177	\$ 91,490	\$ 128,738
Add: Prior Year's Encumbrances	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Original and Adopted Budget	<u>3,514,248</u>	<u>1,694,534</u>	<u>1,593,083</u>	<u>1,606,177</u>	<u>91,490</u>	<u>128,738</u>
Amendments:						
Clerk Software	24,250					
Hometown Heroes Program	2,750					
Miscellaneous	749					
ARPA Grant	919,690					
JAG Grant		234,680				
Latech Grant		42,194				
Vehicles and Equipment			327,102			
CHIPS Grant				15,116		
Miscellaneous					8,751	
Rome Connection Fee						6,000
Total Amendments	<u>947,439</u>	<u>276,874</u>	<u>327,102</u>	<u>15,116</u>	<u>8,751</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Final Budget	<u>\$ 4,461,687</u>	<u>\$ 1,971,408</u>	<u>\$ 1,920,185</u>	<u>\$ 1,621,293</u>	<u>\$ 100,241</u>	<u>\$ 134,738</u>

5. DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

Assets

1. *Custodial Credit Risk*

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. While the Town does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the Town's investment policies, as discussed previously in these notes.

As of December 31, 2025, of the Town's bank balances of \$7,137,034 were not exposed to custodial credit risk because the deposits were fully covered by FDIC and collateral pledged by financial institutions in the Town's name.

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

- Restricted cash of \$28,589 in the General Whole Town Fund represents the Central Garage Equipment Reserve, Sidewalk Reserve, and Recreation Facility Equipment Reserve.
- Restricted cash of \$5,089 in the General Part Town Fund represents the Police Equipment Reserve.
- Restricted cash of \$502,022 in the Highway Whole Town Fund represents the Equipment Reserve.
- Restricted cash of \$188,137 in the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund represents amounts reserved to fund operations of the Town's cemeteries.
- Restricted cash of \$8,629 in the Fiduciary Fund represents amounts held by the Town Court for Bail and the NYS Department of Justice.

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5. DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

2. *Capital Assets*

Capital asset activity for the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2025 was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,384,318	\$	\$	\$ 1,384,318
Construction in Progress	<u>4,667,526</u>	<u>2,806,701</u>		<u>7,474,227</u>
Total	<u>6,051,844</u>	<u>2,806,701</u>		<u>8,858,545</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings	6,799,290			6,799,290
Land Improvements	5,807,273			5,807,273
Infrastructure	4,257,175	158,013		4,415,188
Equipment	<u>8,636,883</u>	<u>577,076</u>	<u>60,342</u>	<u>9,153,617</u>
Total	<u>25,500,621</u>	<u>735,089</u>	<u>60,342</u>	<u>26,175,368</u>
Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	4,458,235	156,742		4,614,977
Land Improvements	483,940	193,576		677,516
Infrastructure	1,815,828	350,099		2,165,927
Equipment	<u>5,691,095</u>	<u>518,086</u>	<u>60,342</u>	<u>6,148,839</u>
Total	<u>12,449,098</u>	<u>1,218,503</u>	<u>60,342</u>	<u>13,607,259</u>
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>13,051,523</u>	<u>(483,414)</u>		<u>12,568,109</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 19,103,367</u>	<u>\$ 2,323,287</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 21,426,654</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the functions/programs as follows:

Governmental Activities

General Government Support	\$ 121,850
Public Safety	182,775
Transportation	365,551
Recreation	243,701
Home and Community Services	<u>304,626</u>
	<u>\$ 1,218,503</u>

3. *Liabilities*

Short-term Debt - Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs)

Liabilities for bond anticipation notes (BANs) are generally accounted for in the capital projects funds and the enterprise fund. The notes or renewal thereof may not extend more than two years beyond the original date of issue unless a portion is redeemed within two years and within each 12-month period thereafter.

State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term obligations within five years after the original issue date. However, BANs 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.

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Changes in the Town's short-term outstanding debt for the year ended December 31, 2025 is as follows:

<u>Payable From/Description</u>	<u>Outstanding Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Outstanding Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities				
General - Part Town				
Equipment - 2023	\$ 40,000	\$	\$ 26,000	\$ 14,000
Highway - Whole Town				
Equipment - 2022	40,000		40,000	
Equipment - 2023	85,000		55,000	30,000
Equipment - 2024	60,000		19,000	41,000
Equipment - 2025		65,000		65,000
	<u>185,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>114,000</u>	<u>136,000</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 225,000</u>	<u>\$ 65,000</u>	<u>\$ 140,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

The following is a summary of the BAN's outstanding at December 31, 2025:

<u>Payable From/Description</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
General Part-Town					
Equipment - 2023	12/21	\$ 55,213	11/26	4.00%	\$ 14,000
Highway Whole-Town					
Equipment - 2023	11/23	\$ 169,787	11/26	4.00%	30,000
Equipment - 2024	11/24	\$ 60,000	11/26	4.00%	41,000
Equipment - 2025	11/25	\$ 65,000	11/26	4.00%	65,000
Total					<u>\$ 150,000</u>

Long Term Debt

The Town borrows funds on a long-term basis for the purpose of financing acquisitions of land and equipment and construction of buildings and improvements. This policy 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 for governmental funds are maintained separately and represent a reconciling item between the fund and Town-wide statements. Interest associated with long-term debt is recorded as an expenditure when such amounts are due.

Serial Bonds and Capital Notes - The Town borrows money in order 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 local government, are recorded in the governmental-wide Statement of Position. 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.

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Long-term liability balances and activity are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Change/ Issued</u>	<u>Change/ Paid</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities					
Serial Bonds Payable	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,730,311	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,065,311	\$ 110,311
Compensated Absences Payable	257,630	94,649		352,279	123,545
OPEB	<u>13,428,327</u>	<u>912,215</u>	<u>531,592</u>	<u>13,808,950</u>	<u>336,750</u>
Total Governmental	<u>\$ 14,035,957</u>	<u>\$ 2,737,175</u>	<u>\$ 546,592</u>	<u>\$ 16,226,540</u>	<u>\$ 570,606</u>

Details relating to general obligation (serial) bonds of the Town outstanding at December 31, 2025, are summarized as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
General Fund-Whole Town					
Ice Rink Project	7/30/2025	\$ 1,730,311	12/15/2039	4.00	\$ 1,730,311
Water					
WD#25 Improvements	12/27/2016	\$ 430,000	12/15/2043	4.22	<u>335,000</u>
			Total Serial Bonds		<u>\$ 2,065,311</u>

Future principal and interest payments due on serial bonds debt are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Serial Bonds</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2026	\$ 110,311	\$ 83,319
2027	110,000	78,888
2028	115,000	74,469
2029	120,000	69,850
2030	125,000	65,031
2031-2035	710,000	245,669
2036-2040	700,000	90,431
2041-2045	<u>75,000</u>	<u>6,531</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,065,311</u>	<u>\$ 714,188</u>

Interest costs for debt for the year ended December 31, 2025 were as follows:

Total interest for the year was as follows:

Interest Paid - Bonds	\$ 40,680
Interest Paid - Bond Anticipation Notes	8,863
Less: Interest Accrued in the Prior Year	(605)
Plus: Interest Accrued in the Current Year	<u>3,464</u>
Total Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 52,402</u>

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5. DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

Debt Limit

The constitution of the State of New York limits the amount of indebtedness which may be issued by the Town. The Town may issue indebtedness to the extent that the aggregate outstanding debt issued, which is subject to such limit, does not exceed 7% of the average full valuation of taxable real estate within such Town. At December 31, 2025, the total outstanding indebtedness of the Town aggregated \$2,215,311, of this amount; \$1,880,311 was subject to the constitutional debt limit and represented approximately 2.0% of its statutory debt limit.

Remedies Upon Default

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bonds, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the Town and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Bonds.

Amendments to the Federal Bankruptcy Act have the effect of facilitating recourse to the protection of a Federal Court by public bodies for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for any municipality in the State (including the Town) to file a petition with any United States District Court or Court of Bankruptcy under any provision of Federal law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness.

4. *Pension Plans*

(a) Plan Description & Benefits Provided

The Town participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) which are collectively referred to as New York State and Local Retirement System (the System). These are cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement systems. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. The Comptroller is an elected official determined in a direct statewide election and serves a four-year term. Thomas P. DiNapoli has served as Comptroller since February 7, 2007. In November, 2018, he was elected for a new term commencing January 1, 2019. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The Town also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

(b) Contributions

The System is noncontributory except for employees who joined the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 (ERS) or January 9, 2010 (PFRS) who generally contribute 3 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. Those who joined on or after April 1, 2012 contribute at a rate ranging from 3% to 6% based on their total annualized salary. Under the authority of the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31.

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Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required, and were as follows:

	For the Year Ended March 31,	ERS	PFRS
2026	\$	348,405	\$ 192,810
2025	\$	281,304	\$ 179,212
2024	\$	237,686	\$ 151,940

(c) *Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

At December 31, 2025, the Town reported a net liability (asset) of \$1,917,752 (ERS \$1,070,652 and PFRS \$847,100) for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability (asset) was measured as of March 31, 2025, and the total pension liability (asset) used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

At March 31, 2025 and 2024, the Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was 0.0062444% and 0.0065837% for ERS and 0.0139398% and 0.0148239% for PFRS, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Town recognized pension expense of \$385,982 (ERS \$209,919 and PFRS \$176,063). At December 31, 2025, the Town reported deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	ERS		PFRS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 265,743	\$ 12,535	\$ 282,158	
Change of Assumptions	44,901		127,202	
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pensions Plan Investments	84,000		32,560	
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	5,596	62,157	7,707	89,199
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	348,405		192,810	
Total	<u>\$ 748,645</u>	<u>\$ 74,692</u>	<u>\$ 642,437</u>	<u>\$ 89,199</u>

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended March 31,	ERS	PFRS
2026	\$ 167,858	\$ 191,348
2027	\$ 260,272	\$ 112,209
2028	\$ (102,021)	\$ (7,619)
2029	\$ (561)	\$ 46,476
2030	\$	\$ 18,014

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(d) *Actuarial Assumptions*

The total pension liability at March 31, 2025 was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2024, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2025. Significant actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2024 valuation were as follows:

Actuarial Cost Measure	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	
(Net of Investment Expense,	
including Inflation)	5.90%
Salary Scale	4.30% ERS/6.00% PFRS
Decrement Tables	April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2020
	System's Experience
Inflation Rate	2.90%

Annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2020 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2024 valuation are 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 in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net 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 weighting 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, 2025 are summarized below.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	25.00%	3.54%
International equity	14.00%	6.57%
Private equity	15.00%	7.25%
Real estate	12.00%	4.95%
Opportunistic/Absolute return strategies	3.00%	5.25%
Credit	4.00%	5.40%
Real assets	4.00%	5.55%
Fixed Income	22.00%	2.00%
Cash	1.00%	0.25%
	100.00%	

(e) *Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability (asset) was 5.9%. The projection 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 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 of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension asset/liability.

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(f) Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.9 percent, as well as what the Town'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 or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.9%)	Current Assumption (5.9%)	1% Increase (6.9%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Assets)			
ERS	\$ 3,098,602	\$ 1,070,652	\$ (622,687)
PFRS	1,786,146	847,100	72,052
Total	<u>\$ 4,884,748</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,752</u>	<u>\$ (550,635)</u>

(g) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERS financial report.

5. *Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)*

(a) Plan Description

The Town administers the Medical Plan (the Plan) as a single-employer defined benefit Other Postemployment Benefit plan. The Plan provides for continuation of medical insurance benefits for certain retirees and their spouses and can be amended by action of the Town subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. Generally, employees may retire with benefits when they reach the minimum age of 55 and have 10 to 20 years of service with the Town, depending on the bargaining unit.

The Plan does not issue a stand-alone publicly available financial report since there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan.

(b) Benefits Provided

The obligations of the Plan members, employers, and other entities are established by action of the Town pursuant to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The required contribution rates of the employer and the members vary depending on the applicable agreement. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Town's contributions to the Plan ranged from 0% to 30% of the required annual premiums. The retirees currently contribute enough money to the Plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you go basis. The costs of administering the Plan are paid by the Town.

(c) Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

	Total
Inactive employees currently receiving benefit payments	23
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	46
Total	<u>69</u>

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(d) *Total OPEB Liability*

The Town's total OPEB liability of \$13,808,950 was measured as of January 1, 2025, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2025.

(e) *Changes in the Total OPEB Liability*

Changes in the Town's total OPEB liability were as follows:

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	\$ 13,428,327
Changes recognized for the year:	
Service cost	464,789
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	447,426
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	(591,104)
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total OPEB liability	396,262
Benefit payments	<u>(336,750)</u>
Net changes	<u>380,623</u>
Balance, December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 13,808,950</u>

(f) *Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate*

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (3.08%)	Current Assumption (4.08%)	1% Increase (5.08%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 16,187,335	\$ 13,808,950	\$ 11,893,235

(g) *Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates*

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Assumption	1% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 11,655,320	\$ 13,808,950	\$ 16,580,493

Sensitivity analysis for healthcare cost inflation (trend) rate is illustrated as of end of year.

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5. DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

(h) OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$786,329. At December 31, 2025, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 465,224	\$ 483,676
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,689,538	2,917,963
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date (Expected employer contribution including implicit subsidy)	342,579	
Total	<u>\$ 2,497,341</u>	<u>\$ 3,401,639</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	Amount
2026	\$ 70,112
2027	(329,852)
2028	(496,854)
2029	(548,620)
2030	91,263
2031 and Thereafter	(32,926)

(i) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2025
Measurement Date	January 1, 2025
Reporting Date	December 31, 2025
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal - Level Percentage of Salary
Plan Type	Single Employer Defined Benefit Plan
Inflation rate	2.60%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	10.0% in 2026, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.04% in 2095.
Discount Rate	4.08% Source: Bond Buyer Weekly 20-Bond GO Index
Salary Scale	3.50%
Mortality - Actives	The Pub-2010 Mortality Table for employees, sex distinct, job category-specific, headcount weighted, and adjusted for mortality improvements with scale MP-2021 mortality improvement scale on a generational basis.
Mortality – Retirees	The Pub-2010 Mortality Table for healthy retirees, sex distinct, job category-specific, headcount weighted, and adjusted for mortality improvements with scale MP-2021 mortality improvement scale on a generational basis.

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(j) Changes to Assumptions and Other Inputs

The discount rate changed from 3.26% to 4.08%, which is a prescribed discount rate under GASB 75, and is based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

5. DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)

6. *Interfund Transactions*

Interfund receivables and payables at December 31, 2025, were as follows:

Fund Type	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivables	Payables	Revenues	Expenditures
General Whole Town	\$ 666,835	\$	\$	\$ 919,690
General Part Town	173,685	1,077		
Highway Whole Town		23,499		
Highway Part Town	78,762			
Sewer		962		
Capital	888	895,767	919,690	
Private Purpose Trust - Cemetery	1,135			
Total	<u>\$ 921,305</u>	<u>\$ 921,305</u>	<u>\$ 919,690</u>	<u>\$ 919,690</u>

All interfund receivables and payables are considered current. The purpose of the above receivables and payables was to provide cashflow for capital projects and temporary payroll transactions between funds.

The General Fund's transfer of \$919,690 was for the use of federal grant funds for the Ice Rink reconstruction project in the Capital Fund.

6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) *Litigation*

The Town has been named as a defendant in certain other actions. The main cases are in the discovery stages and, as a result, no liability can be estimated. The Town intends to defend itself vigorously in each of these cases. Accordingly, no loss contingency has been accrued.

(b) *Potential Grantor Liability*

The Town has received proceeds from various state grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that programs have been operated in accordance with grant agreements and any required refunds will be minimal. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant monies.

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7. FUND BALANCE

(a) The following is the disaggregation of the fund balance that is reported in summary on the Governmental Fund's Balance Sheet at December 31, 2025:

	General Whole Town	General Part Town	Highway Whole Town	Highway Part Town	Sewer	Water	Capital	Non-Major Governmental	Total
Nonspendable	\$ 107,130	\$ 72,704	\$ 39,624	\$ 39,624	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 259,082
Restricted									
Reserve for Central Garage Equipment	4,393								4,393
Reserve for Highway Equipment			502,022						502,022
Reserve for Police Equipment		5,089							5,089
Sidewalk Reserve	17,309								17,309
Reserve for Recreation Equipment	6,887								6,887
Operation of Cemeteries								189,272	189,272
Total Restricted	<u>28,589</u>	<u>5,089</u>	<u>502,022</u>					<u>189,272</u>	<u>724,972</u>
Assigned									
Public Safety		1,071,760							1,071,760
Transportation			1,135,699	1,435,453					2,571,152
Home and Community Services					567,942	885,363		21,757	1,475,062
Appropriated for Subsequent Year's Budget	197,099	8,764	62,208	59,033		10,000			337,104
Total Assigned	<u>197,099</u>	<u>1,080,524</u>	<u>1,197,907</u>	<u>1,494,486</u>	<u>567,942</u>	<u>895,363</u>		<u>21,757</u>	<u>5,455,078</u>
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>2,346,766</u>						(83,983)		<u>2,262,783</u>
Total Fund Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$ 2,679,584</u>	<u>\$ 1,158,317</u>	<u>\$ 1,739,553</u>	<u>\$ 1,534,110</u>	<u>\$ 567,942</u>	<u>\$ 895,363</u>	<u>\$ (83,983)</u>	<u>\$ 211,029</u>	<u>\$ 8,701,915</u>

(b) The following is a summary of the change in restricted reserve funds during the year ended December 31, 2025

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Ending Balance
General Fund			
Reserve for Central Garage Equipment	\$ 4,317	\$ 76	\$ 4,393
Reserve for Recreation Equipment	6,767	120	6,887
Sidewalk Reserve	17,029	280	17,309
	<u>28,113</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>28,589</u>
General Part Town Fund			
Reserve for Police Equipment	5,009	80	5,089
Highway Whole Town Fund			
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	484,939	17,083	502,022
Nonmajor- Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund			
Restricted for Operation of Cemeteries	177,378	11,894	189,272
Total	<u>\$ 695,439</u>	<u>\$ 29,533</u>	<u>\$ 724,972</u>

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8. UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION DEFICIT- GOVERNMENT WIDE

The Government-Wide Unrestricted Net Position had a deficit amount of \$7,295,859 at December 31, 2025. The deficit is primarily the result of the recognition of an unfunded OPEB liability as required by GASB Statement 75 of \$13,808,950 at December 31, 2025. Since New York State Laws provide no mechanism for funding the liability, the subsequent accruals are expected to increase the deficit in subsequent years.

9. FUND BALANCE DEFICIT- CAPITAL FUND

The Capital Fund had a fund balance deficit of \$83,983 at December 31, 2025. This deficit is mainly due to the issuance of a bond anticipation note for \$150,000 and expenditures in anticipation of future grant funding. As the BAN proceeds are expended, the deficit will increase to the amount of the BAN. The deficit will be funded when the BAN is either redeemed through appropriations or permanently financed with either grant revenue or appropriations.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOWN'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Measurement Date	1/1/2025	1/1/2024	1/1/2023	1/1/2022	1/1/2021	1/1/2020	1/1/2019	1/1/2018 *
Total OPEB Liability								
Service cost	\$ 464,789	\$ 419,634	\$ 685,536	\$ 682,430	\$ 440,527	\$ 301,555	\$ 516,548	\$ 482,568
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	447,426	453,653	347,520	321,673	341,911	393,497	424,015	413,675
Changes in Benefit Terms			(857,650)		(17,097)		(8,637)	
Change in assumptions and other inputs	(591,104)	924,505	(4,271,150)	1,005,857	1,461,695	2,341,442	(1,591,765)	666,169
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total OPEB liability	396,262				525,936		(1,595,019)	
Benefit payments	(336,750)	(289,662)	(336,871)	(295,872)	(304,413)	(284,511)	(232,871)	(195,404)
Net change in total OPEB Liability	380,623	1,508,130	(4,432,615)	1,714,088	2,448,559	2,751,983	(2,487,729)	1,367,008
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	13,428,327	11,920,197	16,352,812	14,638,724	12,190,165	9,438,182	11,925,911	10,558,903
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 13,808,950</u>	<u>\$ 13,428,327</u>	<u>\$ 11,920,197</u>	<u>\$ 16,352,812</u>	<u>\$ 14,638,724</u>	<u>\$ 12,190,165</u>	<u>\$ 9,438,182</u>	<u>\$ 11,925,911</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 2,480,532	\$ 2,276,632	\$ 2,096,177	\$ 2,297,315	\$ 2,764,087	\$ 2,533,841	\$ 2,075,359	\$ 2,372,772
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered payroll	556.69%	589.83%	568.66%	711.82%	529.60%	481.09%	454.77%	502.62%

* 10 years of historical information will not be available upon implementation. An additional year of historical information will be added each year subsequent to the year of implementation until 10 years of historical data is available.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

The Town does not currently maintain assets in an OPEB trust.

Actuarial Assumptions:

The actuarial methods and assumptions used to calculate the total OPEB liability are described in Note 5 to the financial statements.

Changes to Assumptions:

The discount rate changed from 3.26% to 4.08%, which is a prescribed discount rate under GASB 75, and is based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

ERS Pension Plan										
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0062444%	0.0065837%	0.0064976%	0.0065293%	0.0064954%	0.0066500%	0.0066056%	0.0070745%	0.0063652%	0.0065793%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (Asset)	\$ 1,070,652	\$ 969,381	\$ 1,393,346	\$ (533,740)	\$ 6,468	\$ 1,760,966	\$ 468,030	\$ 228,327	\$ 598,091	\$ 1,055,991
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,890,429	\$ 1,866,006	\$ 1,800,582	\$ 1,796,889	\$ 1,719,018	\$ 1,686,215	\$ 1,752,744	\$ 1,729,805	\$ 1,628,451	\$ 1,564,622
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (Asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	56.64%	51.95%	77.38%	29.70%	0.38%	104.43%	26.70%	13.20%	36.73%	67.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	93.08%	93.88%	90.78%	103.65%	99.95%	86.39%	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.70%

PFRS Pension Plan										
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0139398%	0.0148239%	0.0143162%	0.0164909%	0.0170439%	0.0176780%	0.0155157%	0.0133397%	0.0149416%	0.0124457%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 847,100	\$ 703,072	\$ 788,890	\$ 93,676	\$ 295,928	\$ 944,881	\$ 260,207	\$ 134,832	\$ 309,687	\$ 368,490
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 591,348	\$ 609,926	\$ 556,941	\$ 578,619	\$ 587,152	\$ 523,021	\$ 469,315	\$ 393,160	\$ 400,081	\$ 350,181
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	143.25%	115.27%	141.65%	16.19%	50.40%	180.66%	55.44%	34.29%	77.41%	105.23%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	87.53%	89.72%	87.43%	98.66%	95.79%	84.86%	95.09%	96.93%	93.50%	90.20%

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

ERS Pension Plan										
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 348,405	\$ 281,304	\$ 237,686	\$ 205,990	\$ 285,117	\$ 242,734	\$ 233,869	\$ 248,959	\$ 252,559	\$ 242,991
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>348,405</u>	<u>281,304</u>	<u>237,686</u>	<u>205,990</u>	<u>285,117</u>	<u>242,734</u>	<u>233,869</u>	<u>248,959</u>	<u>252,559</u>	<u>242,991</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Town's Covered-ERS Employee Payroll	\$ 2,152,830	\$ 1,890,429	\$ 1,866,006	\$ 1,800,582	\$ 1,796,889	\$ 1,719,018	\$ 1,686,215	\$ 1,752,744	\$ 1,729,805	\$ 1,628,451
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	16.18%	14.88%	12.74%	11.44%	15.87%	14.12%	13.87%	14.20%	14.60%	14.92%
PFRS Pension Plan										
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 192,810	\$ 179,212	\$ 151,940	\$ 142,807	\$ 152,849	\$ 128,053	\$ 108,547	\$ 98,493	\$ 88,614	\$ 90,073
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>192,810</u>	<u>179,212</u>	<u>151,940</u>	<u>142,807</u>	<u>152,849</u>	<u>128,053</u>	<u>108,547</u>	<u>98,493</u>	<u>88,614</u>	<u>90,073</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Town's Covered-PFRS Employee Payroll	\$ 601,593	\$ 591,348	\$ 609,926	\$ 556,941	\$ 578,619	\$ 587,152	\$ 523,021	\$ 469,315	\$ 393,160	\$ 400,081
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	32.05%	30.31%	24.91%	25.64%	26.42%	21.81%	20.75%	20.99%	22.54%	22.51%

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL WHOLE TOWN FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year's Actual	Variance with Amended Budget
Revenues				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 1,937,009	\$ 1,937,009	\$ 1,937,009	\$
Other Real Property Tax Items	89,063	89,063	169,090	80,027
Nonproperty Tax Items	518,983	518,983	877,174	358,191
Departmental Income	444,009	444,009	269,091	(174,918)
Use of Money and Property	111,120	111,120	82,030	(29,090)
Premium From Debt			37,070	37,070
Licenses and Permits	7,400	7,400	7,488	88
Fines and Forfeitures	21,000	21,000	22,890	1,890
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss			971	971
Miscellaneous	8,500	8,500	12,415	3,915
State Aid	282,488	282,488	283,648	1,160
Federal Aid		919,690	919,690	
Total Revenues	<u>3,419,572</u>	<u>4,339,262</u>	<u>4,618,566</u>	<u>279,304</u>
Expenditures				
General Government Support	1,812,873	1,798,363	1,841,383	(43,020)
Public Safety	44,000	52,519	52,519	
Transportation	147,183	132,991	132,991	
Social Services	28,808	24,631	24,631	
Home and Community Services	75,707	55,265	55,265	
Culture and Recreation	442,684	527,861	527,861	
Employee Benefits	911,354	898,728	921,264	(22,536)
Debt Service - Principal		25,955		25,955
Debt Service - Interest	<u>51,639</u>	<u>25,684</u>	<u>25,955</u>	<u>(271)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,514,248</u>	<u>3,541,997</u>	<u>3,581,869</u>	<u>(39,872)</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(94,676)</u>	<u>797,265</u>	<u>1,036,697</u>	<u>239,432</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Interfund Transfers To		(919,690)	(919,690)	
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>94,676</u>	<u>122,425</u>		<u>(122,425)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>94,676</u>	<u>(797,265)</u>	<u>(919,690)</u>	<u>(122,425)</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 117,007</u>	<u>\$ 117,007</u>

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL PART TOWN FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year's Actual	Variance with Amended Budget
Revenues				
Nonproperty Tax Items	\$ 1,364,567	\$ 1,364,567	\$ 1,364,567	\$
Departmental Income	42,500	42,500	153,150	110,650
Use of Money and Property	57,920	57,920	7,680	(50,240)
Licenses and Permits	17,000	17,000	16,198	(802)
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	22,375	22,375	30,925	8,550
State Aid	<u>182,488</u>	<u>459,362</u>	<u>310,598</u>	<u>(148,764)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,686,850</u>	<u>1,963,724</u>	<u>1,883,118</u>	<u>(80,606)</u>
Expenditures				
General Government Support		3,094	6,188	(3,094)
Public Safety	880,461	1,157,335	1,101,198	56,137
Home and Community Services	104,211	104,211	88,084	16,127
Culture and Recreation	37,000	41,796	41,796	
Employee Benefits	632,318	624,428	579,475	44,953
Debt Service - Principal	37,077	37,077	26,000	11,077
Debt Service - Interest	<u>3,467</u>	<u>3,467</u>	<u>1,576</u>	<u>1,891</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,694,534</u>	<u>1,971,408</u>	<u>1,844,317</u>	<u>127,091</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(7,684)</u>	<u>(7,684)</u>	<u>38,801</u>	<u>46,485</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>7,684</u>	<u>7,684</u>		<u>(7,684)</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 38,801</u>	<u>\$ 38,801</u>

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY WHOLE TOWN FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year's Actual	Variance with Amended Budget
Revenues				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 1,253,492	\$ 1,253,492	\$ 1,253,492	\$
Nonproperty Tax Items	32,500	32,500	408,341	375,841
Intergovernmental Charges	201,688	201,688	202,677	989
Use of Money and Property	22,500	35,854	35,854	
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	5,000	5,000	5,270	270
Miscellaneous			1,263	1,263
State Aid		125,000	125,000	
Total Revenues	<u>1,515,180</u>	<u>1,653,534</u>	<u>2,031,897</u>	<u>378,363</u>
Expenditures				
General Government Support			138	(138)
Transportation	1,105,185	1,420,286	1,526,182	(105,896)
Employee Benefits	366,331	378,612	377,221	1,391
Debt Service - Principal	111,000	114,000	114,000	
Debt Service - Interest	<u>10,567</u>	<u>7,287</u>	<u>7,287</u>	
Total Expenditures	<u>1,593,083</u>	<u>1,920,185</u>	<u>2,024,828</u>	<u>(104,643)</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(77,903)</u>	<u>(266,651)</u>	<u>7,069</u>	<u>273,720</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>77,903</u>	<u>266,651</u>		<u>(266,651)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>77,903</u>	<u>266,651</u>		<u>(266,651)</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 7,069</u>	<u>\$ 7,069</u>

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY PART TOWN FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Current Year's Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Amended Budget</u>
Revenues				
Nonproperty Tax Items	\$ 1,273,644	\$ 1,273,644	\$ 1,273,644	\$
Departmental Income			2,662	2,662
Intergovernmental Charges	1,000	1,000		(1,000)
Use of Money and Property	22,500	22,500	25,222	2,722
Licenses and Permits			50	50
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss			1,844	1,844
State Aid	<u>250,000</u>	<u>265,116</u>	<u>253,695</u>	<u>(11,421)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,547,144</u>	<u>1,562,260</u>	<u>1,557,117</u>	<u>(5,143)</u>
Expenditures				
Transportation	1,242,265	1,247,767	1,160,307	87,460
Employee Benefits	<u>363,912</u>	<u>373,526</u>	<u>371,185</u>	<u>2,341</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,606,177</u>	<u>1,621,293</u>	<u>1,531,492</u>	<u>89,801</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	(59,033)	(59,033)	25,625	84,658
Other Financing Sources				
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>59,033</u>	<u>59,033</u>		<u>(59,033)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>59,033</u>	<u>59,033</u>		<u>(59,033)</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 25,625</u>	<u>\$ 25,625</u>

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SEWER FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Current Year's Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Amended Budget</u>
Revenues				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 91,490	\$ 91,490	\$ 91,490	\$
Use of Money and Property	<u> </u>	<u>8,751</u>	<u>10,755</u>	<u>2,004</u>
Total Revenues	<u>91,490</u>	<u>100,241</u>	<u>102,245</u>	<u>2,004</u>
Expenditures				
Home and Community Services	91,490	91,490	81,344	10,146
Employee Benefits		1,388	1,388	
Debt Service - Interest	<u> </u>	<u>7,363</u>	<u> </u>	<u>7,363</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>91,490</u>	<u>100,241</u>	<u>82,732</u>	<u>17,509</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 19,513</u>	<u>\$ 19,513</u>

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - WATER FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Current Year's Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Amended Budget</u>
Revenues				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 104,738	\$ 104,738	\$ 104,738	\$
Use of Money and Property	<u>24,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>17,181</u>	<u>(12,819)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>128,738</u>	<u>134,738</u>	<u>121,919</u>	<u>(12,819)</u>
Expenditures				
Home and Community Services	99,013	105,013	6,000	99,013
Debt Service - Principal	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Debt Service - Interest	<u>14,725</u>	<u>14,725</u>	<u>14,725</u>	
Total Expenditures	<u>128,738</u>	<u>134,738</u>	<u>35,725</u>	<u>99,013</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 86,194</u>	<u>\$ 86,194</u>

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2025

	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Lighting</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
Assets				
Current Assets				
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 4,584	\$ 20,253	\$	\$ 24,837
Restricted Cash			188,137	188,137
Due from Other Funds			<u>1,135</u>	<u>1,135</u>
Total Current Assets	<u><u>\$ 4,584</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,253</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 189,272</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 214,109</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 3,080</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 3,080</u>
Fund Equity				
Restricted for Cemetery			189,272	189,272
Assigned	<u>4,584</u>	<u>17,173</u>	<u></u>	<u>21,757</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>4,584</u></u>	<u><u>17,173</u></u>	<u><u>189,272</u></u>	<u><u>211,029</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u><u>\$ 4,584</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,253</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 189,272</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 214,109</u></u>

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Lighting</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 441,767	\$ 26,628	\$	\$ 468,395
Service Revenue			14,365	14,365
Use of Money and Property	<u>1,499</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>2,842</u>	<u>4,942</u>
Total Revenues	<u>443,266</u>	<u>27,229</u>	<u>17,207</u>	<u>487,702</u>
Expenditures				
General Government Support			5,313	5,313
Public Safety	441,767			441,767
Transportation	<u></u>	<u>30,549</u>	<u></u>	<u>30,549</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>441,767</u>	<u>30,549</u>	<u>5,313</u>	<u>477,629</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	1,499	(3,320)	11,894	10,073
Fund Equity, Beginning of Year	<u>3,085</u>	<u>20,493</u>	<u>177,378</u>	<u>200,956</u>
Fund Equity, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 4,584</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,173</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 189,272</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 211,029</u></u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Town Board
Town of Whitestown, 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 Whitestown, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Town of Whitestown, New York's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 21, 2026. Our report includes a qualified opinion because our audit did not include the substantiation of fixed assets. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support the fixed assets.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2018-001 to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-001, 2019-001, 2018-002, 2018-006, and 2018-007 to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Whitestown, 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*.

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 Town'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 Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP

August 21, 2026
Rome, New York

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the
Uniform Guidance**

To the Town Board
Town of Whitestown, New York

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Town of Whitestown, New York's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Town of Whitestown, New York's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025. Town of Whitestown, New York's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Town of Whitestown, New York complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Town of Whitestown, New York and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Town of Whitestown, New York's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Town of Whitestown, New York's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Town of Whitestown, New York's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Whitestown, New York's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-001 to be significant deficiency.

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

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Town of Whitestown, New York's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Town of Whitestown, New York's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP

August 21, 2026

Rome, New York

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Number</u>	<u>Current Expenditures</u>	<u>Expenditures to Subrecipients</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
(Direct)				
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)				
Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Floodplain Easements (EWPP-FPE)		10.923	\$ <u>3,511,700</u>	\$ _____
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>				
(Direct)				
Economic Development Initiative, Community Project Funding, and Miscellaneous Grants		14.251	<u>68,159</u>	_____
<u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u>				
<u>Pass through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation</u>				
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	2071	66.458	84,155	
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	1746	66.458	<u>51,154</u>	_____
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			<u>135,309</u>	_____
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>				
<u>Pass through the NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services</u>				
<u>(PA-2-NY-4472 and PA-2-NY-4480)</u>				
Disaster Grants-Public Assistance	PW715	97.036	<u>9,211</u>	_____
<u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u>				
Direct				
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) OMB#1505-0271		21.019	<u>919,690</u>	_____
<u>Total Federal Financial Assistance</u>			\$ <u>4,644,069</u>	\$ _____

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to the Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Town of Whitestown, New York, an entity defined in Note I to The Town's financial statements under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of Whitestown, New York, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Town of Whitestown, New York.

Basis of Accounting

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The amounts reported as federal expenditures were obtained from the financial records detail, which is the source of the financial statements.

2. De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate

The Town of Whitestown, New York has not elected to use de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance. Under this method, a rate of 10 percent of modified total direct costs (MTDC) is applied to federal awards issued prior to October 1, 2024. For federal awards issued on or after October 1, 2024, the Town is permitted to apply a de-minimis indirect cost rate of 15 percent of MTDC, under updated federal regulations.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS UNIFORM GUIDANCE
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Summary of Auditor's Results

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Qualified for capital assets that could not be substantiated
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other significant deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Was there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major Federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other significant deficiencies over internal controls reported for major Federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR section 200.516 (a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u> Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) - Emergency Watershed Protection Program- Floodplain Easements (AL# 10.923) <u>U.S. Department of Treasury</u> COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (AL# 21.019)
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 1,000,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

(Continued)

I. FINDINGS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

No new findings. See status of prior years' findings and questioned costs.

II. FINDINGS—FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDITS

No new findings. See status of prior years' findings and questioned costs.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
STATUS OF PRIOR-YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

I. FINDINGS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2018-001 Fixed Assets

Condition: The Town has no formal inventory or capitalization policy. Our audit report has been qualified because we were unable to audit fixed assets.

Criteria: The Town's department heads must ensure that capital assets are protected from loss, that their value is maintained, and that they are used effectively. In addition, generally accepted accounting standards require that the cost of fixed assets be properly capitalized and depreciated. Generally fixed assets include land, building and improvements, equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure.

Status: Not corrected.

Response: The Town is exploring an inventory/asset program and developing a capitalization policy.

2018-002 Use of Purchase Orders

Condition: The purchasing function for the Town's operations is presently performed by each department. There is no formal approval process for initial purchases. Departments can make purchases, and then complete the vouchers after the fact. Any employee is able to purchase at a store where the Town has a charge account. Purchase Orders are not used. Department Heads are responsible for monitoring their own budgets and the Finance Department is not able to review budgets until after the purchases have been made.

Criteria: Proper budgetary controls require that purchase orders be utilized to ensure that available appropriations are present before procurement.

Status: For 2025, the Town has not implemented a purchase order system to encumber the budget prior to making purchases. The lack of a purchase order system has caused budget accounts, especially in the Highway Funds, to be overspent during the year.

Response: The Town Board is in the process of amending the Town's Procurement Policy to include the use of Purchase Orders. Currently, purchase orders are utilized at the discretion of the Finance Director.

2018-006 Journal Entry Approval

Condition: During our testing, we noted that there is currently no process for approving journal entries.

Criteria: Effective internal controls need to segregate custody, posting, and reconciliation of activity.

Status: Not corrected.

Response: A monthly report will be generated for the Town Supervisor to track journal entries.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
STATUS OF PRIOR-YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

I. FINDINGS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT (Continued)

2018-007 Computer Controls

Condition: During the course of our audit, we noted the following:

- Employees are not required to change their passwords periodically;
- Multiple users share the same password, instead of each user having their own unique password;
- There is no “lock-out” after multiple failed attempts of an incorrect password;
- There is no automatic time out after a period of inactivity;
- The server room is not protected by a locked door;
- There is no written Disaster Recovery Plan.

In addition, we noted that there are several users that have excessive rights in the accounting software that are not needed for them to perform their job duties.

Criteria: Effective internal controls need to ensure that computer controls and safeguards facilitate the segregation of duties and the integrity and safeguarding of all electronic data files.

Status: Not corrected.

Response: Mandatory training will be implemented in 2026. The Town Board will work with Arctic Wolf and Secure Network Solutions to correct all noted conditions.

2019-001 General Accounting Issues

Condition: As part of our audit procedures, we proposed several reclassifying entries in order to properly present various accounts. During our audit, we noted the following accounting issues:

- A. Grant accounting – During 2019, the Town had various grants for the Sauquoit Creek Channel & Floodplain Restoration Project that were not reconciled to the postings to the general ledger. This resulted in issues with cash, interfund activity, grant revenues, and grant expenditures not being properly accounted for.
- B. The software’s reporting capabilities appear to be limited. For example, the software is not capable of generating vendor change reports or individual general journal entries. The software is also not capable of exporting to a spreadsheet or csv file for additional analysis.

Criteria: Accounting tasks such as timely postings and monthly reconciliations play a key role in proving the accuracy of accounting data and information included in interim financial statements.

Status: Although there were improvements, there remains the following areas in need of improvement:

- A. During 2025, grant accounts were not reconciled to grant reporting and required significant audit adjustments.
- B. The Town’s software remained the same in 2025.

Response: The contract with Hilton & Powers CPA’s was not renewed. Significant progress has taken place and all financial reports are up to date thru April 30, 2026.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, NEW YORK
STATUS OF PRIOR-YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

I. FINDINGS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT (Continued)

II. FINDINGS—FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDITS

2021-001 Federal Uniform Guidance Policies and Procedures

Condition: The Town currently has effective procedural controls in place over the management of Federal awards as concluded through the testing of grant expenditures. However, key provisions of the Uniform Guidance rules regarding the documentation of internal controls over federal awards require that they be documented in writing in the Town’s policies and that management should evaluate and document the results of ongoing monitoring to identify internal control issues. The written internal controls should specifically address each of the applicable twelve (12) compliance requirements of the federal award programs.

Criteria: On December 26, 2014 the Office of Management and Budget’s Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, more commonly referred to as the “Uniform Guidance,” became effective for all federal awards, whether the funds are provided directly from a federal agency or passed-through another state or local agency.

Status: Not corrected.

Response: The Town Board will formally adopt the Federal Uniform Guidance Policies and Procedures as Town policy, as well as adopt monitoring procedures/procedural controls for federal awards.