

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Town of Van Buren

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FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022
(Annual Audit for year ending June 30, 2021)

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STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0001

Dear Friends:

For three years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. In the last year, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing, and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, child care, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, I will be focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills, written in a cursive style.

Janet T. Mills
Governor



Roland Danny Martin

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

Dear Van Buren Neighbors,

In 2021, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to deliver big victories for the people of Maine. We passed a two-year state budget with overwhelming bipartisan support that will stabilize property taxes, keep free breakfast and lunch available to all students and protect our natural resources. We took steps to make healthcare more accessible, made much-needed investments in our infrastructure and allocated federal relief funds to help small businesses, fill workforce shortages and expand access to child care.

We are now in the Second Session of the 130th Legislature, and I am working to build on these successes while focusing on the areas where more is needed. That includes expanding access to affordable housing, combating the opioid epidemic and strengthening our workforce, among other issues.

I continue to serve as the House chair of the Transportation Committee where we address issues regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Maine Turnpike Authority, Highway Fund and more. Additionally, I serve as a member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee where we work on issues related to hunting and fishing policy and their impacts on our environment.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topics, I will continue to collaborate with all of my colleagues to make sure we are doing the best we can for the people of Van Buren and all Mainers.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation: Danny.Martin@legislature.maine.gov; (207) 231-1358.

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives, and I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danny", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Roland Danny Martin
State Representative

District 150: Frenchville, Grand Isle, Madawaska, St. Agatha and Van Buren, and Square Lake
(including Cross Lake, Madawaska Lake and Sinclair Townships)



Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

THE MAINE SENATE
130th Legislature

3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear residents of Van Buren,

Last winter, I was gathered with my colleagues at the Augusta Civic Center to be sworn into office. We weren't sure what to expect for the work ahead of us. A year later, I am proud of the work we have done to not just help Maine get back on track, but make progress that would be notable even in the best of times.

This past year, we wasted no time in getting to work for Maine people. I'm proud of what we got done in the legislature, including property tax relief, delivering 55 percent of funding for our schools, supporting Maine workers and small businesses, growing the Rainy Day Fund to \$492 million, and making progress reining in the cost of health care and prescription drugs.

Over the past year and a half, so many Mainers came together to do what is right to get us through this crisis. The legislative session just finished up in Augusta, and I'm proud of the work the legislature has done to harness our best ideas and work across party lines, geographical differences and more to ensure our state comes through this period of our history stronger than we entered it.

As always, I know there is a long road ahead and more work to do to make Maine a great place to live. I promise to continue that fight during the legislative session this year.

If you have other concerns or ideas for legislation, my door is open. Please feel free to call or email me anytime. You can also go to www.troyjackson.org to find out more about what I am working on in Augusta or to sign up for my newsletter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Jackson".

Troy Jackson
Senate District 1
Maine Senate President

TOWN OF VAN BUREN
ANNUAL REPORT OF MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Town Meeting Schedule

Polls for elections:

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

8:00AM – 8:00 PM

The polls for balloting on Elective Town Offices will be held at the Community Center on Champlain Street.

Meeting on Warrant Articles

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Action on the Warrant Articles will be conducted at the
M.S.A.D. #24 Auditorium

Town Council

John Beaulieu-2022
Chair



vacant -2023

Peter Madore-2022
Secretary



Anne-Marie Poitras-
2024



Paul Nadeau-2024



Boards and Committees

Budget Committee (Appointed)

Jennifer Bresett, Chair	2020
Peter Ashley	2019
Balazs Gerebin	2019
Dominic Lajoie	2019

Library Board of Trustees (no term)

John Hebert Jr., Chair
Leslie Beaulieu, Secretary
Paul Dubois
Nancy Ouellette
Matt Rossignol

Cemetery Committee

Eric Krajewski
Jim Ouellette
Michael Ouellette
Vernon Ouellette
Roger Searles

Planning Board

Jay LaJoie, Chair
Jason Grandmaison, Secretary
Percy Berube
Steve Doucette
Dayton Grandmaison

Board of Appeals

Theodore Smith, Chair
Peter Laplante, Secretary
Myles Ouellette
Derek Grivois
Edmund Saucier III

Civil Emergency Preparedness Director

Vernon Ouellette

Recreation Committee (no term)

John Hebert, Chair
Jaci Lapointe, Secretary
Jessica Cyr
Rick Dolan
James Lapointe
Theodore Smith
Paul Violette

MSAD #24 Board of Director

Nicholas Parent, Chair	2023
Leslie Beaulieu	2024
Christina Needham	2024
Paul Violette	2022
Peter Laplante	2023
Jimmy Don Madore	2023
Balazs "Bo" Gereben	2022
Jesse Cormier	2022

Commissioners of Van Buren Housing Authority

Steve Lapierre, Director	
Ronald J. Dumond, Chair	2025
Peter Ashley	2024
Donald Gagnon	2023
Daniel Lapointe	2023
David J Madore	2021
Joyce Martin	2022
Charles Plourde	2021

Van Buren Water District

Bill Schofield, Manager	
Robert Doucette, Chair	2023
Daniel Pelletier, Treasurer	2024
Jay LaJoie, Clerk	2022

Van Buren Light & Power Trustees

Bill Schofield, Manager	
Carl Morrow, Chair	2022
Ronald J. Dumond, Treasurer	2024
Patrick Vaillancourt, Clerk	2023

Staff Directory

Administration

Nancy Troeger	Town Manager	Luke Dyer	Deputy Town Manager
Jessica Cyr	Town Clerk, BMV & IFW Agent, Wastewater Clerk	Devin Parent	Assessors Agent, Code Enforcement Officer, IT
Heather Parent	Deputy Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Tax Clerk		

Library

Nancy Troeger	Library Director	Verna Ouellette	Librarian Assistant
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Recreation

Dean Gendreau	Director
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Public Works

Ricky Sirois	Director & Wastewater Operator	Eddie Saucier	Heavy Equipment
Alan Bouchard	Heavy Equipment Mechanic	Hollis Chambers	Recycling Manager
Nickolas Gagnon	Heavy Equipment	Jamie Rockwell	Wastewater Assistant
Ricky Rossignol	Heavy Equipment	Eric Brown	Floater

Fire Department

Brian Caron	Fire Chief	Marc LaJoie	Volunteer Firefighter
Michael Ouellette	Deputy Chief	Peter LaPlante	Volunteer Firefighter
Ryan Burgess	Assistant Chief	Chandler Madore	Volunteer Firefighter
Nickolas Gagnon	Assistant Chief	Peter Madore	Volunteer Firefighter
Brian Parent	Captain	Devin Parent	Volunteer Firefighter
Kyle Chasse	Captain	Jared Pinette	Volunteer Firefighter
Jimmy Willette	Captain	Eddie Saucier	Volunteer Firefighter
Forrest Bouchard	Lieutenant	Cory Searles	Volunteer Firefighter
Andy Gendreau	Lieutenant	Allen Soucy	Volunteer Firefighter
Derek Grivois	Lieutenant	Mason Soucy	Volunteer Firefighter
Scott Castonguay	Safety Officer	Garik Theriault	Volunteer Firefighter
Roger Searles	Safety Officer	Garey Thibeault	Volunteer Firefighter
Tyler Adams	Volunteer Firefighter	Kyle Whittle	Volunteer Firefighter
Shayne Ayotte	Volunteer Firefighter	Ashlie Wilson	Volunteer Firefighter
Isaac Blier	Volunteer Firefighter	Jacob Burgess	Junior Firefighter
Michael Clavette	Volunteer Firefighter	Avery Ouellette	Junior Firefighter
Dean Cormier	Volunteer Firefighter	Erik Rossignol	Junior Firefighter
Ken Dumond	Volunteer Firefighter		

Ambulance Department

Amy Dionne	Paramedic Crew Chief	Jonathan Cote	EMT
Andrew Gagnon	Paramedic	Jordan Doody	EMT
Amanda Skidgel	Paramedic	Morgan Grant	EMT
Glen Kleinert	Advanced EMT	Gloria Ouellette	EMT
Mickel Morrow	Advanced EMT	Andy Gendreau	Fire Fighter Driver
Jacob Theriault	Advanced EMT	Derek Grivois	Fire Fighter Driver
Ben Zetterman	Advanced EMT	Eddie Saucier	Fire Fighter Driver

To the citizen of Van Buren,

It is a great privilege to be addressing you all as the Chairman of the Town Council. Our little town has had some serious changes in the last year: we have just started to return to some normalcy in our lives from the ongoing pandemic, our Main Street has lost some buildings and businesses, and it has been a typically long winter with more than enough snow and cold for everyone (too much for some of us).

Even though we have seen our fair share of tough times and difficulties, our town still perseveres and continues to amaze me with its spirit of volunteerism. From our “winter-fest” and Main Street decorations to the meals on wheels program (which predates my childhood), to the food bank and the thrift store (just to name a few), our citizens consistently turn out to help one another. These are all prime examples how our community works together through volunteerism to make Van Buren a great place to live.

As we look to the future, let it not be with apprehension or dismay, but with genuine hope as we continue to improve our town. We have been working diligently to remove distressed and blighted buildings from our town, and to that end have increased the funding in our annual budget for this endeavor. It is our goal to remove or rehabilitate all the distressed buildings we can to beautify this community.

From new businesses breaking ground this summer and others expanding and branching out, we are striving to foster economic growth. Through grants and loans, we have assisted businesses in making needed improvements. The Van Buren sludge dewatering plant that has begun construction is just one example of the many projects that have been funded through the grant process, at fractional cost to the taxpayers of Van Buren through the efforts of our team.

I would be remis if I did not, in full voice, praise the employees that make our town run as smoothly as it does, day in and day out. From our town managers and department heads, the town office staff, to our highway, recycling, wastewater, ambulance, library, and fire department employees and volunteers, and my fellow councilors, I simply cannot thank you all enough. Your dedication and professionalism through this past year in dealing with the pandemic, on top of all your regular duties, speaks to the character of each and every one of you. As town councilors, with this team we have, we know that the work and services we provide this town are getting done, and getting done well.

There are several big projects on the horizon in our town, and I cannot wait to see these come to fruition. On behalf of our current Town Council, I look forward to working with all of you as we forge onward to improve Van Buren and foster its growth.

Respectfully,

John P Beaulieu

Chairman, Van Buren Town Council



Town of Van Buren
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Van Buren, Maine 04785

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*Gateway
To The
St. John Valley*

May 18, 2022

Dear Citizens of the Town of Van Buren,

This past year has been one of great change for our community and your government and also for me. I have enjoyed this past year working with Luke Dyer as the Deputy Town Manager and I am looking forward, as I hope you are, to working with and for him as he becomes the new Town Manager of Van Buren on July 1, 2022. We have welcomed onto our staff new employees in every department in the past twelve months and each of them is contributing to growing and improving our services as they work with and alongside all of our dedicated employees who have served you for many years.

Main Street changed rapidly over a few short weeks before Thanksgiving last year when the Gagnon Hardware Complex of buildings came down and were removed and it will continue to change as the park project progresses throughout the next year. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the change by attending the future planning meetings and volunteering to help on the project.

The Christmas Town celebration of 2021 marked the third year that a group of volunteers of all ages decorated and lit up Main Street for the holiday season and it was enjoyed by many people beyond the borders of our Town. The Revitalization of Main Street group is becoming a formal non-profit in the coming year and there are more project to come as they work to raise funds and continue the transformation of our Downtown. I want to THANK everyone who participated in this wonderful grassroots project which has not only revitalized our Town but our spirit! And a special Thank You to Peter Madore for the transformation of the Farmers Market into a beautiful and functional gazebo.

More changes will be occurring on *every* street in Town this next year, as dilapidated houses that have been tax-acquired will also be demolished and removed and other dangerous buildings under private ownership will soon be required to be repaired or demolished. Change is also happening as houses and land are sold and new people and businesses move to our community, a trend that is likely to continue. Let us welcome our new citizens and neighbors as they, too are making changes and improvements and investing in our community.

Thank you for your support for these past five years.

Nancy Troeger



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It has been challenging and informative year working as the Deputy Town Manager for the town. However, sitting in the wheelhouse of the municipality, the bookkeeper's chair, it has given me a front row seat to the inner workings of the financial and structural workings of Van Buren.

Many new employees have come onboard in the past year helping ensure each department is being managed efficiently and effectively. Each was interviewed among several potential candidates with the best of them choosing to take on the challenge of working for a municipal government. Having worked for the Town of Van Buren for the past 17 years, I don't believe we have had a stronger, more dedicated, workforce. The Town is lucky to have them, and I am proud to work with them to ensure that the goals they have set for their departments are accomplished.

In addition to filling the staffing shortages we suffered during the past few years I have worked intensively on the financial shortfalls of our Ambulance Department. In the past six months, with the approval of the Town Council, I have moved our ambulance billing business over to a new reputable company who provides service throughout New England. This company delivers specialized professional service that ensures we are collecting as much revenue as possible through our run billing system. Not unlike other ambulance services throughout the state, revenue shortfalls have plagued our service for several years. I am very confident that working with our new billing company will provide a dramatic increase in previously lost or uncaptured revenues.

In the coming year my focus will be directly geared towards cleaning up our neighborhoods, demolishing blighted properties, taking control of tax acquired properties (and selling them for their actual value) and rehabilitating our once thriving Main Street. This is not a one-person endeavor; it will take the work and enthusiasm of an entire village to come to fruition. Please consider joining the committees being formed to plan our 'pocket park' in the old Gagnon's Hardware site, attend the many upcoming public forums and discussions of our 'Rehabilitate Main Street' projects as well as other community events. Please be a part of the solution.

I look forward to this coming year and hope for your continued support in accomplishing our many goals.

Respectfully,

Luke R Dyer, Deputy Manager



Town of Van Buren

Assessor's Office

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Inhabitants of Van Buren,

Tax assessment goals for the coming year:

1. Identify and assess property within the Town of Van Buren and ensure the fairness and equity of all real and personal property values
2. Thoughtfully interpret and comply with statutory laws as mandated by the State of Maine
3. Update and maintain accurate maps used to provide geographic data analysis
4. Process all recorded legal documents in a timely manner to reflect accurate records of property ownership
5. Provide the public with quality and responsive services

All property is assessed based on its condition on April 1st. If you purchase or sell property after April 1st, the owner of the property on April 1st will receive the tax bill per state law.

I would like to remind everyone that may be eligible for property tax exemptions to submit the required application to the assessors office no later than April 1 of the tax year. All applications are available at the town office or on our website. Email or call if assistance is needed when filling out applications.

Current available property tax exemptions:

Homestead Exemption - This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least 12 months and make the property they occupy on April 1 their permanent residence. Property owners would receive an exemption of \$25,000.

Veteran Exemption - A veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for \$6,000.

Paraplegic Veteran - A veteran who received a federal grant for a specially adapted housing unit may receive \$50,000.

Blind Exemption - An individual who is determined to be legally blind receives \$4,000.

BETE (Business Equipment Tax Exemption) - The BETE program is a 100% property tax exemption program for eligible property that would have been first subject to tax in Maine on or after 4/1/08.

The following statements and documents are the responsibility of the Board of Assessors. It is the Board of Assessors responsibility to ensure that all documents are both complete and accurate, to the best of their knowledge.

In our opinion, the subsequent documents presented below, fairly represent, in all material respects, the total assessment for the Town of Van Buren, and the results are in conformity with the assessment principles accepted by the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

Devin Parent, CMA
Assessors' Agent

ASSESSORS' NOTICE

To resident owners, all Inhabitants of the Town of Van Buren, Maine, and all Administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc. of all estates taxable in said Town, such persons are hereby notified to: MAKE AND BRING IN TO THE ASSESSORS [A] TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF THEIR ESTATE, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation of which they are possessed on the FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 2022, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all property inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation, and value of ALL property liable to be taxed.

FAILURE TO NOTIFY

And any resident owner who neglects to comply with this notice is hereby barred of the right to make application to the Assessors of the County Commissioners for any abatement of taxes, unless a list is provided, accompanied with satisfaction, as to why the list was unable to be offered at the time appointed.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Do you have a homestead exemption?

Homestead Exemption. This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months and make the property they occupy on April first their permanent residence. Property owners would receive an exemption of \$25,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2022, the applicant will not be considered for a 2022 homestead exemption.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Are you a veteran?

Veteran Exemption. A veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for \$6,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2022, the applicant will not be considered for a 2022 veteran's exemption.

BLIND EXEMPTION

Are you legally blind?

Blind Exemption. An individual who is determined to be legally blind receives \$4,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2022, the applicant will not be considered for a 2022 blind exemption.

BETE EXEMPTION

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES!!!

Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE). Partial exemptions must be adjusted by the municipality's certified assessment ratio. All of the above exemptions require completion of an application to the local town office where the property is located. Exemption claims may require additional information to support the claim for exemption and must be delivered to the Assessor's office no later than April 1. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with a true and perfect list of personal property. The application MUST be submitted every year by April 1 in order to qualify for any given year. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2022, the applicant will not be considered for a 2022 BETE exemption*. RETAIL, SERVICES, & SALES DO NOT QUALIFY FOR BETE¹*. For more information, please contact the Town Office.

PERSONS DOOMED

Any persons or entity neglecting to comply with this notice is hereby barred of the right to make application to the Assessors of the County Commissioners for any abatement of taxes, unless a list is provided, accompanied with satisfaction, as to why the list was unable to be offered at the time appointed.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The following is a statement of the *inventory and valuation* of the taxable property, *both real and personal estates*, found in the Town of Van Buren on April, 2022.

* Deadline is automatically extended to May 1st of the same year; further time may be granted upon written request to the Assessor.

¹ Retail operations may qualify for BETR. Please contact Maine Revenue Services for more information.

Clerk's Office

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:00 pm

The clerk's office serves and supports Van Buren residents, Town Council and municipal staff through a variety of activities. We record and index all vital records, which include birth, marriage, and death. The clerk's office also issues various town licenses and permits such as liquor licenses, special amusement permits for music, dancing and entertainment, as well as dog, hunting/fishing licenses and boat, ATV and snowmobile

registrations. In addition, the Town Clerk ensures the integrity of voting in local and state elections by making certain all Maine statutes are complied with. The office also retains and makes available to the public all town ordinances and policies.

Vital Statistic Events

	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Birth	19	17	19	13
Marriage	9	6	6	7
Death	37	37	38	47

* ending April 30

Certified Copies Issued

	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22*
Birth	140	152	109	59
Marriage	27	27	30	28
Death	145	141	204	175
Burial Permit	32	38	44	32

* ending March 31

Certified copies of birth, marriage and death certificates are available at a cost of \$15.00 (additional copies are \$6.00 each).

Non-certified copies are \$10 each.

Marriage licenses can be issued on the same day as filing the intentions. *NOTE:* persons previously married must present the record of divorce or annulment decree or a certified copy (with raised seal of issuing office) of the death certificate (unless on file with Van Buren). The license fee is \$40.00/couple.

Motor Vehicle Report

	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22*
Van Buren	2033	1804	2106	1445
Rapid Renewals	53	152	176	95
T17 R3	41	33	39	28
Transactions	2127	1989	1810	1568

* ending April 30

A summary of registered voters as of December 31, 2021

Democratic Party	-	678
Republican Party	-	239
Green Independent	-	53
Libertarian	-	1
Unenrolled	-	407

Total voters 1,378

IFW Registrations & Licensing

	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
Boat	104	70	75	18
Milfoil	25	10	2	1
ATV	242	189	226	83
Snowmobile	105	100	75	74
Hunting/Fishing	91	69	69	58

* ending April 30

Dog Licensing

All dogs age 6 months or older must be licensed by December 31st each year. Registrations begin each year on October 15. In order for us to license your dog, we need **(1) rabies certificate** and **(2) neutered or spayed certificate**. (M.R.S.A. Title 7 Part 9 Chapter 721 §3923-A)

The fees are \$6.00 for Neuter/Spayed dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs.

A late fee of \$25 will be applied beginning February 1st.

	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY* 21-22
Neuter/Spayed	229	220	135	215
Unaltered	61	38	18	43
Kennels	1	1	0	0
Totals	291	259	146	

* ending April 30

Available On-Line Services:

- Rapid Renewal – motor vehicle registrations
- ATV, snowmobile, & boat registrations
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Sewer and tax payments

www.vanburenmaine.com



Jessica L Cyr

Jessica L. Cyr, Town Clerk, BMV & IFW Agent, Wastewater Collector

Heather L Parent

Heather L. Parent, Deputy Clerk, Registrar of Voters & Deputy Tax Collector



Brian R Caron, Fire Chief
Van Buren Fire Department
51 Main Street, Suite 101
Van Buren Maine 04785



To: Residents of Van Buren

The Van Buren Fire fighters have been busy getting back to our regular training schedule and meetings now that Covid is hopefully behind us for the most part.

2021 was a busy year closing out the year with 69 calls, 17 trainings, and 12 regular safety meetings. We continue to train tirelessly in aspects of firefighting and rescue's, (off road- ATV- Snow rescue, ice & cold-water rescue). With most of you knowing of the recent fund-raising efforts made we were able to purchase a new enclosed off-road rescue "Snowbulance" that doubles up as a summertime off road rescue Boggan. This was funded by generous donations and the firefighter's association.

Also funded by the VBFF Assoc. was a new 10-man Rescue Raft with motor and trailer, a \$6000.00 project with no cost to the taxpayers. We cannot thank everyone who supports our fund raisers, Chicken BBQ's, Raffles etc.... all these equipment upgrades and purchases are vital pieces that keeps us as first responders safe and efficient in what we enjoy doing, saving lives, and protecting property.

We were also blessed with a FEMA grant of \$158,000.00 for the purchase of 17 new SCBA Air Packs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) & 13 sets of New Structure firefighting gear. With only a 5% match. We were able to replace our 16 year old air packs that no longer met NFPA standards and the gear replaced, the last of the old gear that was ALL 20 plus years old and again no longer meeting NFPA standards.

We continue to be blessed, recently receiving the Spirit of America Award, Honoring us for the outstanding community involvement and volunteerism.

Thank You to all who continue to support the FD!
Best Regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Caron".

Chief, Brian Caron



**Town of Van Buren
Highway Department
375 Main Street
Van Buren, Maine 04785**



As I write this letter, let's hope winter of 2021-2022 is finally behind us. It was a challenging winter season training a new crew, but with the dedication of these men, we got the job done. The crew responded to over 50 call outs for plowing and treating icy roads with a good majority of the call outs being on weekends. I want to thank my crew for their dedication and all their hard work.

With overwhelming voter approval, the Highway Department was able to purchase a 2017 Western Star plow truck. This truck will replace a 2004 International truck that has been having electrical and mechanical issues.

In June of 2021, the voters also approved the purchase of a new 2023 Western Star plow truck. We are hoping the truck will go into production in early August and we can take delivery before the snow arrives. This truck will replace an aging 2003 Sterling plow truck.

I want to remind residents of the State of Maine Motor Vehicle Statute, *Title 29-A §2396*, "A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally."

The following is a partial list of services provided to the residents of Van Buren:

- Respond to a wide variety of questions, complaints and suggestions (street damage, drain problems, downed trees, etc.)
- Maintain roadways, curbs and sidewalks
- Maintain and/or replace culverts and catch basins
- Install and maintain roadway signage and road markings
- Sweep/clean town streets and sidewalks
- Patch potholes
- Mow town owned lawns
- Line stripping
- Brush removal
- Snow plowing and snow removal from roads, sidewalks and town parking lots

Sincerely,

Rick Sirois

Rick Sirois
Public Works Director

**Town of Van Buren
Recycling Center & Transfer Station
Van Buren, Maine 04785
(207) 868-5875 Fax (207) 868-2222
vbwastewater@live.com**

As many are aware we have a new recycling attendant. We welcome Hollis Chambers and thank Joey Dumond for many years of his service to this community.

Recyclables Breakdown by Category

2019 Tonnage	
Newspaper	17.59
Plastics	4.69
Cardboard	82.33

2020 Tonnage	
Newspaper	15.08
Plastics	4.04
Cardboard	106.46

2021 Tonnage	
Newspaper	21.99
Plastics	7.16
Cardboard	116.64

In 2021, Van Buren sent 593 tons of waste to the Northwest Regional Service Commission Landfill formally CONGERNO.

Some items that can be recycled are:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- No.2 plastics
- Milk Containers
- Detergent Containers
- Television sets
- Computers

Please speak to the recycling attendant if you have any questions on what can or cannot be recycled.

Respectfully,

Rick Sirois

Rick Sirois
Public Works Director



Van Buren Recreation Department
114 Champlain Street
Van Buren, Maine 04785
207-868-3395
Director: Dean Gendreau



To the Residents of Van Buren, I would like to thank you for allowing me to join your community as the Recreation Director.

Since beginning in November of 2021, I have been assisted by various community members and recreation participants in assembling the skating rink and running the grades 1 and 6 basketball program.

With summer quickly approaching, the Recreation Department is planning activities such as a six-week summer day camp, baseball, and tennis. For adult residents, we will offer co-ed softball and pickleball.

I would like to thank the Recreation Committee for their continued support and efforts in the development and overseeing of an exciting recreation experience.

The Van Buren Recreation Department is looking forward to the upcoming new and fun seasons.

Yours in Recreation

Dean Gendreau

Van Buren Recreation Director

Abel J. Morneault Memorial Library
153 Main Street
Van Buren, Maine 04785
(207)868-5076

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Winter/Summer Hours of Operation

Sunday and Monday -----CLOSED

Tuesday thru Thursday -----10AM to 5PM/6PM

Friday -----10AM to 5PM

Saturday -----11AM to 2PM

The library opened its doors to full-service for the public in the spring of 2021 and masks are not currently required. In response to COVID, and using ARPA funds provided by the Maine State Library, a medical-grade HEPA-14 air filtration system was purchased to filter and remove viruses, bacteria, and other allergens and pollutants from the air on an hourly basis.

Other upgrades to the library in the past year include a heat pump purchased with 75% funding from Efficiency Maine which will help to reduce the cost of heating the main library during the spring and fall and provide cooling and air circulation during the summer months. New LED light bulbs will be installed in the coming months with another incentive program offered by Efficiency Maine. Two new public access computers were added in July of 2021. In addition to having large touchscreens and the capability to print, they can access our upgraded fiber optic internet connection which can reach speeds up to 1GB. A new wireless router was added which increased the Wi-Fi capacity and speed. Access to our child-safe Wi-Fi internet is still available 24/7 inside and outside the library.

The library continues to provide books and other print materials for free and we welcome your requests and suggestions. We subscribe to the Maine Download library which has hundreds of audio and eBooks that can be downloaded on your tablet, phone or other electronic device. Don't know about this service? Please call and Verna or I will help you download the app and start accessing digital books.

Our library has always provided research and reference help and assistance with accessing government services and programs; including helping people with State tax refunds, travelers with the Arrive Canada app, and anyone who needed help scheduling COVID vaccination appointments. If you have a question you don't have the answer to or need help with technology or the internet, the library is here to help you.

I have enjoyed working with you at the library on a part-time basis since August 2021 and look forward to returning to the library on a full-time basis in July 2022.

Sincerely, Nancy Troeger



Groundwork for the new sludge drying bed started late last fall with Trombley Construction of Presque Isle having the lowest winning bid. We are anticipating a final completion date of early October 2022. Once the drying beds are completed, we will no longer be land applying our sludge. There will be a learning curve with this new process, but I anticipate very little issues. This project allowed us to purchase a Kubota tractor and a dump trailer to help in the removal and disposal process of the drying bed.

The Wastewater treatment plant purchased a new 2021 Dodge 5500 truck. The truck will be used to haul the dried sludge to a landfill and for daily maintenance work.

Sewer lines and sewer pump stations are designed to handle water, human waste and toilet paper only. Examples of what should not be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- Baby wipes, toilet wipes, towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind
- Medicine in pill or liquid form
- Feminine hygiene products
- Grease of any kind
- Pesticides
- Paint and paint removers
- Motor oils, anti-freeze, gas and heating oil or any explosive material

While most people don't want to think about the work of a wastewater treatment facility, we all rely on it every single day for our personal well-being and the health of our environment.

If you have any comments or questions please contact us at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Respectfully,

Rick Sirois

Rick Sirois
Public Works Director

TOWN OF VAN BUREN

Annual Wastewater Rate Schedule

Residential:

R1:	\$324.29	Residential/Apartment (each unit)
R2:	\$614.18	with Business
R3:	\$810.73	with High Usage Business

Commercial:

C1:	\$614.18	Commercial No Public Facility
C2:	\$810.73	Commercial Public Facility/High Usage
C3:	\$1,135.00	Restaurants/Bars
C4:	\$4,053.59	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing < or=50 + *
C5:	\$5,404.78	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing > 50 + *

Industrial:

I1:	\$1,302.05	Any < or = 25 employees
I2:	\$2,702.39	Any < or = 50 employees
I3:	\$5,404.78	Any > 50 employees

*= \$95.00 per bed

Government:

G1:	\$1,572.31	Govt < or = 10 employees/customers + **
G2:	\$4,053.59	Govt < or = 25 employees/customers + **
G3:	\$5,404.78	Govt < or = 50 employees/customers + **
G4:	\$8,107.18	Govt < or = 100 employees/customers + **
G5:	\$11,497.45	Govt > 100 employees/customers + **

Civic:

V1:	\$324.29	Religious
V2:	\$810.73	Organizations

**= \$95.00 per jail/holding cell

Town Council has the final decision on setting, amending, adjusting and abating any and all fees listed or not listed, as needed. The following definitions should be used to determine which classification all customers would fall within. If the Council feels a customer does not fall within any listed classification, they may determine a rate for that particular customer. This rate schedule supersedes all previous schedules and should be reviewed and if applicable adjusted annually.

Rate Classification Definitions

R1 – Single family home, each duplex or apartment unit attached or non-attached at the same location are a combined total.

R2 – Same as R1 with a business operated out of the same location attached or non-attached.

R3 – Residential unit with a business such as a child daycare facility, beauty salon, green house or any other business considered high water usage.

C1 – A commercial entity without any public facilities available and is used by employees only; facilities such as a service office or retail.

C2 – A commercial entity with public facilities available for use on a minimal basis or a commercial entity with no public facilities available but has high usage; facilities such as service stations, car washes, funereal homes, and any other facilities meeting the above criteria.

C3 – Same as C2 but have been identified as unique commercial entities with public facilities available with major high usage; facilities such as restaurants and bars)

C4 – Hospitals, boarding homes, nursing homes have been designated as a unique commercial entity with less than or equal to 50 employees/customers or combination thereof.

C5 – Same as C4 with more than 50 employees/customers or combination thereof.

I1 – An industrial entity with less than or equal to 25 employees.

I2 – Same as I1 but with less than or equal to 50 employees.

I3 – Same as I1 but with more than 50 employees.

G1 - A federal, state or local government entity with less than or equal to 10 employees or customers housed on a regular basis within that facility.

G2- A federal, state or local government entity with less than or equal to 25 employees or customers housed on a regular basis within that facility.

G2 – Same as G1 but with less than or equal to 50 employees/customers.

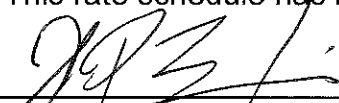
G3 - Same as G1 but with less than or equal to 100 employees/customers.

G4 - Same as G1 but with more than 100 employees/customers.

V1 – Religious organizations such as churches or rectories.

V2 – Organizations include profit or non-profit clubs or civic organizations.

This rate schedule has been approved this 19th day of April, 2022 by the following:



John Beaulieu, Chairman




Nancy Troeger, Town Manager




Paul Nadeau, Secretary



Witness



Peter Madore



Anne-Marie Poitras

Delinquent Wastewater Listing as of 05/15/2022

*** amounts include principal, interest & costs***

Acct #	Customer	2016 to 2017	2017 to 2018	2018 to 2019	2019 to 2020	2020-2021
316	Bellamy, Mitchell (107 Rossignol Dr)					\$ 380.11
165	Berry, Brianna (568 Main St)					\$ 387.44
81	Brisette, Amy (150 Poplar St)					\$ 229.51
100	Chabre, Heath (201 Lynne St)					\$ 371.76
763	Chasse, Gerald J (107 Cleveland Ave)					\$ 372.78
109	Chasse, Gerald J (109 Garfield Ave)					\$ 372.78
107	Chasse, Gerald J (109 Montcalm Ave)					\$ 372.78
108	Chasse, Gerald J (110 Ferry St)					\$ 691.92
105	Chasse, Gerald J (112 Center St)					\$ 372.78
106	Chasse, Gerald J (176 State St)					\$ 691.92
103	Chasse, Gerald J (241 Main St)					\$ 372.78
633	Coventry, Michael (114 Cyr Ave)					\$ 386.85
217	Doucette, Kenneth Jr (103 Upland Rd)					\$ 394.77
730	Fagundes, Dolores (113 Cote St)					\$ 372.78
388	Forrest, Christine (110 Roosevelt Ave)					\$ 176.49
53	Gagnon, George (547 Main St)					\$ 394.77
209	Gagnon, Hector (114 Center St)			\$ 426.65	\$ 402.29	\$ 380.11
522	Hartwich, Bruno (133 Wilson St)					\$ 149.01
795	Ieronimo, Jasper (136 Main St)					\$ 387.44
741	Ieronimo, Jasper (62 Main St)			\$ 1,453.64	\$ 1,370.87	\$ 1,303.70
301	Ieronimo Holding (66 Main St)					\$ 1,185.31
347	Jambard, Rita (157 Champlain St)					\$ 380.11
634	Kennedy, Heidi (103 Notre Dame St)					\$ 402.29
449	Levesque, Jessica (115 Watermill Rd)	\$ 452.46	\$ 885.00	\$ 426.65	\$ 402.29	\$ 380.11
393	Lilly Darin (118 Harrison St)					\$ 369.53
496	Martin, Fernand (159 High St)				\$ 395.27	\$ 387.44
519	Michaud, Brenda (139 Violette St)					\$ 394.77
552	Michaud, Lillian (131 Park St)					\$ 285.51
41	Michaud, Wade (60 Main St)					\$ 380.11
464	Mode, Cody (456 Main St)					\$ 380.11
596	Ouellet, Donalda (118 St Bruno St)					\$ 699.25
589	Ouellet, Donalda (150 McKinley St)					\$ 380.11
590	Ouellet, Donalda (317 Main St)					\$ 370.85
656	Parker, Pauline (396 Main St)					\$ 245.97
684	Pitre, Sandra (181 State St)					\$ 275.42
591	Rockhold, Daniel (127 Fulton St)			\$ 433.55	\$ 402.29	\$ 387.44
267	Searles, Rose Marie (314 Main St)					\$ 979.79
128	St Pierre, Jacques (113 McBride St)					\$ 380.11
125	Therault, Carrie (160 St Bruno St)				\$ 402.29	\$ 380.11
142	True, Vincent (348 Main St)	\$ 1,373.02	\$ 1,815.39	\$ 433.55	\$ 402.29	\$ 387.44
702	Van Buren Hydroponics, LLC (58 Main St)					\$ 394.77
130	Willette, Pamela (149 Champlain St)					
Total		\$ 1,825.48	\$ 2,700.39	\$ 3,174.04	\$ 3,777.59	\$ 17,989.03



Van Buren Ambulance Service
51 Main Street, Suite 101
Van Buren, Maine 04785

Phone: (207) 868-2251

Fax: (207) 868-2222



Van Buren Ambulance Service responded to 618 calls for service for the calendar year ending December 2021. This represents a minimal decrease in call volume from the previous year. Our transport totals are below:

Van Buren	568
Hamlin	29
Cyr Plantation	14
Madawaska (Mutual Aid)	9

Currently, Van Buren Ambulance employs four full-time and ten part-time members. Current providers/drivers are as follows:

Amy Dionne, Paramedic Crew Chief	Benjamin Zetterman, Advanced EMT
Amanda Skidgel, Paramedic	Glen Kleinert, Advanced EMT
Gloria Ouellette, EMT	Jacob Theriault, Advanced EMT
Jon Cote, EMT	Andrew 'AJ' Gagnon, Paramedic
Mikel Morrow, Advanced EMT	Morgan Grant, EMT
Jordan Doody, EMT	Edmund 'Eddie' Saucier, Fire Fighter Driver
Derek Grivois, Fire Fighter Driver	Andy Gendreau, Fire Fighter Driver

The Van Buren Ambulance Service is a dedicated team of professional providers who have worked tireless hours to ensure that the citizens of our community have the immediate medical care needed when called upon. Post-Covid easement of restrictions has given the crew the ability to return to 'in person' trainings and protocol updates critical to providing the most up to date care available.

Paramedic Amy Dionne has been promoted to Crew Chief for the service. She is responsible for the day to day operations of the ambulance as well as training our providers. She will be leading our service with several years of experience as a paramedic and instructor.

As always, we want to thank the citizens of the Town of Van Buren and our contract communities for their unwavering support of our team.

Respectfully,

Luke R Dyer, Financial Director



Proven Expertise & Integrity

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Town Council
Town of Van Buren
Van Buren, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Van Buren, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Van Buren, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Van Buren, Maine as of June 30, 2021 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension and OPEB related information on pages 4 through 12 and 69 through 76 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Van Buren, Maine's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the capital asset schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing

and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the capital asset schedules 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 March 25, 2022, on our consideration of the Town of Van Buren, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Van Buren, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Buxton, Maine
March 25, 2022

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 845,853	\$ 845,853	\$ 845,853	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	1,473,379	1,473,379	1,473,379	-
Excise Taxes	355,935	355,935	404,712	48,777
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	289,484	289,484	354,933	65,449
Homestead Reimbursement	213,814	213,814	247,062	33,248
Other	59,037	59,037	58,755	(282)
Charges for Services				
General government	12,940	12,940	17,406	4,466
Public safety	46,135	46,135	46,873	738
Public works	253,024	253,024	237,101	(15,923)
Recreation and culture	2,600	2,600	8,309	5,709
Library	1,450	1,450	463	(987)
Interest Income	6,500	6,500	3,330	(3,170)
Interest on Taxes/Lien Costs	27,000	27,000	27,272	272
Miscellaneous Revenues	8,600	8,895	8,424	(471)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>3,595,751</u>	<u>3,596,046</u>	<u>3,733,872</u>	<u>137,826</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	677,781	677,781	664,818	12,963
Public Safety	536,559	541,681	415,548	126,133
Public Works	514,878	514,878	471,483	43,395
Education	543,479	543,479	543,479	-
County Tax	93,413	93,413	93,413	-
Recreation and Culture	57,686	57,686	51,317	6,369
Health and Welfare	12,135	12,135	7,121	5,014
Economic and Community Development	12,000	12,000	9,318	2,682
Library	52,598	52,598	39,646	12,952
Unclassified	41,975	41,975	24,424	17,551
Debt service	73,394	73,394	73,394	-
Transfers to Other Funds	130,000	130,000	130,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>2,745,898</u>	<u>2,751,020</u>	<u>2,523,961</u>	<u>227,059</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 849,853</u>	<u>\$ 845,026</u>	<u>\$ 1,209,911</u>	<u>\$ 364,885</u>
Utilization of Assigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ (4,000)</u>	<u>\$ 827</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (827)</u>

See accompanying independent auditor report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
General government	\$ 677,781	\$ -	\$ 677,781	\$ 664,818	\$ 12,963
	<u>677,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>677,781</u>	<u>664,818</u>	<u>12,963</u>
Public Safety -					
Animal control	-	5,122	5,122	36	5,086
Police department	235,296	-	235,296	115,511	119,785
Fire department	93,603	-	93,603	92,705	898
Fire extinguisher	700	-	700	809	(109)
Hydrant rentals	171,960	-	171,960	171,960	-
Street lights	35,000	-	35,000	34,527	473
	<u>536,559</u>	<u>5,122</u>	<u>541,681</u>	<u>415,548</u>	<u>126,133</u>
Public Works -					
Highway department	323,071	-	323,071	311,466	11,605
Recycling center	191,807	-	191,807	160,017	31,790
	<u>514,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>514,878</u>	<u>471,483</u>	<u>43,395</u>
Education	<u>543,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>543,479</u>	<u>543,479</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax	<u>93,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,413</u>	<u>93,413</u>	<u>-</u>

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Recreation and Culture -					
Recreation department	57,686	-	57,686	51,317	6,369
	57,686	-	57,686	51,317	6,369
Health and Welfare -					
General assistance	6,000	-	6,000	2,987	3,013
Food pantry	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Catholic Charities	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
ACAP	435	-	435	434	1
AAA on Aging	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
	12,135	-	12,135	7,121	5,014
Economic and Community Development -					
Economic development	12,000	-	12,000	9,318	2,682
	12,000	-	12,000	9,318	2,682
Library	52,598	-	52,598	39,646	12,952

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
Recognition night	2,500	-	2,500	2,611	(111)
Memorial Day	600	-	600	600	-
NMDC	3,090	-	3,090	3,090	-
Boat landing	500	-	500	-	500
Maine Acadian Heritage Council	200	-	200	200	-
Van Buren Summerfest	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
American Red Cross	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery	100	-	100	100	-
Leave accrual reserve	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000
TV Station and IT	6,500	-	6,500	6,500	-
Miscellaneous	5,000	-	5,000	4,523	477
Special funds	800	-	800	800	-
Overlay	13,685	-	13,685	-	13,685
	<u>41,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,975</u>	<u>24,424</u>	<u>17,551</u>
Debt Service					
Principal	58,672	-	58,672	58,672	-
Interest	14,722	-	14,722	14,722	-
	<u>73,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,394</u>	<u>73,394</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Capital projects funds	130,000	-	130,000	130,000	-
	<u>130,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Departmental Operations	<u>\$ 2,745,898</u>	<u>\$ 5,122</u>	<u>\$ 2,751,020</u>	<u>\$ 2,523,961</u>	<u>\$ 227,059</u>

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 73,842	\$ -	\$ 124,455	\$ 198,297
Investments	-	-	54,498	54,498
Due from other funds	7,126	332,669	7,699	347,494
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 80,968</u>	<u>\$ 332,669</u>	<u>\$ 186,652</u>	<u>\$ 600,289</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 269,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269,963
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>269,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,963</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	70,514	-	186,652	257,166
Committed	-	332,669	-	332,669
Assigned	4,077	-	-	4,077
Unassigned	(263,586)	-	-	(263,586)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	<u>(188,995)</u>	<u>332,669</u>	<u>186,652</u>	<u>330,326</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 80,968</u>	<u>\$ 332,669</u>	<u>\$ 186,652</u>	<u>\$ 600,289</u>

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 59,383	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,383
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	30	-	4,486	4,516
Other	272,389	5,334	11,578	289,301
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>331,802</u>	<u>5,334</u>	<u>16,064</u>	<u>353,200</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	19,535	125,982	-	145,517
Other	99,969	-	1,602	101,571
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>119,504</u>	<u>125,982</u>	<u>1,602</u>	<u>247,088</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>212,298</u>	<u>(120,648)</u>	<u>14,462</u>	<u>106,112</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	130,000	-	130,000
Transfers (out)	(507,413)	-	-	(507,413)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(507,413)</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(377,413)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	(295,115)	9,352	14,462	(271,301)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JULY 1, RESTATED	<u>106,120</u>	<u>323,317</u>	<u>172,190</u>	<u>601,627</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JUNE 30	<u>\$ (188,995)</u>	<u>\$ 332,669</u>	<u>\$ 186,652</u>	<u>\$ 330,326</u>

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Rehabilitation Escrow	Downtown TIF	Snowmobile Club	PSCDBG 18PI Grant	Police Camera
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,383	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	30	-	-	-
Other	-	22,500	-	249,882	-
TOTAL REVENUES	-	22,530	59,383	249,882	-
EXPENDITURES					
Capital outlay	-	-	-	19,535	-
Other	-	31,765	59,383	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	31,765	59,383	19,535	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	(9,235)	-	230,347	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	(507,413)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	(507,413)	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	-	(9,235)	-	(277,066)	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JULY 1, RESTATED	897	76,700	3,180	18,372	217
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JUNE 30	\$ 897	\$ 67,465	\$ 3,180	\$ (258,694)	\$ 217

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Recreation Grant	Police Grant	Acadian Village Grant	2020 Scrambled	2020 VBRP	Total
REVENUES						
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,383
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	\$ -	30
Other	-	-	-	7	-	272,389
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	-	7	-	331,802
EXPENDITURES						
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	19,535
Other	5,011	-	-	-	3,810	99,969
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,011	-	-	-	3,810	119,504
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(5,011)	-	-	7	(3,810)	212,298
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	(507,413)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-	-	(507,413)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	(5,011)	-	-	7	(3,810)	(295,115)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JULY 1, RESTATED	3,929	10	2,815	-	-	106,120
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JUNE 30	\$ (1,082)	\$ 10	\$ 2,815	\$ 7	\$ (3,810)	\$ (188,995)

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Delinquent Real Estate Tax Listing as of May 15, 2022

*** Amounts Include Principal, Interest & Costs ***

Acct #	Customer	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
49	Allen, Alicia & Justin						\$ 1,178.87
1339	Barber, Christopher						\$ 930.73
4	Basenterprises	\$ 1,375.49	\$ 676.49	\$ 596.71			
573	Basenterprises			\$ 1,328.78	\$ 1,230.67	\$ 1,081.76	
71	Beaulieu, Joseph Reed						\$ 427.25
329	Beaulieu, Joseph Reed						\$ 1,930.52
545	Bellamy, Judy, John & Mitchell	\$ 552.71	\$ 1,163.97	\$ 1,163.92	\$ 341.85	\$ 331.00	\$ 256.78
293	Berry, Brianna M						\$ 539.93
124	Bourgoin, Rodney J. & Gaetane M.						\$ 259.21
125	Bourgoin, Rodney J. & Gaetane M.						\$ 787.19
196	Chabre, Heath						\$ 2,112.23
201	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 848.58
202	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 1,647.37
205	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 110.66
207	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 1,279.63
208	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 938.68
210	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 110.66
212	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 958.17
215	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 1,189.52
861	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 378.55
1297	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann						\$ 1,710.70
278	Cyr, Charles R						\$ 868.68
279	Cyr, David M						\$ 504.06
322	Daigle, John						\$ 170.44
379	Doucette, Kenneth R JR						\$ 1,132.36
1238	Fagundes, Dolores A						\$ 1,827.59
871	Farley, Richard & Wood-Emmert, Nicole					\$ 560.14	\$ 697.59
665	Forrest, Christine A						\$ 270.27
374	Gagnon, Hector						\$ 161.80
97	Ieronimo Holdings, LLC						\$ 1,625.40
1256	Ieronimo, Jasper			\$ 2,022.84	\$ 2,164.37	\$ 2,058.13	
1348	Ieronimo, Jasper						\$ 1,406.28
585	Jambard, Rita						\$ 286.00
1062	Kennedy, Heidi M.			\$ 179.35	\$ 118.74	\$ 113.14	\$ 159.36
1070	Kennedy, Heidi M.			\$ 2,219.36	\$ 1,398.99	\$ 1,321.23	\$ 573.38
630	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina						\$ 191.03
255	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina						\$ 183.72
256	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina						\$ 181.27
387	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina						\$ 334.71
1023	Lausier, Marcel						\$ 471.09
764	Levesque, Jessica		\$ 1,208.22	\$ 1,208.69	\$ 1,086.64	\$ 1,033.81	\$ 963.03
777	Levesque, Wayne						\$ 471.09
682	Lilly, Darin						\$ 1,310.15
859	Martin, Fernand & Marsha I						\$ 212.10
907	Mattoon, William						\$ 647.09
89	Michaud, Wade					\$ 557.73	\$ 463.78
794	Mode, Cody						\$ 500.32
967	Morin, John P & Jheri E						\$ 584.46
768	Nicholson, Timothy G						\$ 337.79
491	Nothern Financial Home Mortgage Corp						\$ 1,082.38
1025	Ouellet, Donald S					\$ 1,464.57	\$ 1,255.28
1021	Ouellet, Donald S					\$ 1,189.28	\$ 1,257.75
1029	Ouellet, Donald S						\$ 1,189.52
1143	Pennington, Tanya A.				\$ 90.03	\$ 220.88	\$ 234.87
1167	Pitre, Sandra				\$ 15.07	\$ 1,594.13	\$ 1,693.65
1022	Rockhold, Daniel			\$ 897.33	\$ 1,042.04	\$ 984.39	\$ 984.96
1186	Schultz, Jacqueline						\$ 390.73
1262	Sirois, Gregory L.						\$ 624.53
234	Soucy, Chelsea L. & Soucy, Sheila M.						\$ 413.02
233	St. Pierre, Jacques						\$ 941.12
1313	St. Pierre, Jacques & Hatch, Tammy						\$ 526.76
1578	Taferner, Anne P & Taferner, Maria A						\$ 393.16
229	Therriault, Carrie				\$ 77.89	\$ 985.24	\$ 1,133.51
230	Therriault, Carrie					\$ 110.70	\$ 147.19
252	True, Vincent					\$ 1,056.49	\$ 563.63
1200	Van Buren Hydroponics, LLC				\$ 199.61	\$ 969.04	\$ 130.14
TOTALS:		\$1,928.20	\$3,048.68	\$ 9,616.98	\$ 7,765.90	\$ 15,631.66	\$ 47,092.27

Delinquent Personal Property Tax Listing as of May 15, 2022

*** Amounts Include Principal, Interest & Costs ***

Acct #	Customer	2009 & 2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
109	Bechard's Diner							\$ 493.32	\$ 441.97	\$ 446.97	\$ 411.35		
204	Chasse, Gerald J											\$ 93.92	\$ 46.27
316	Context Media LLC											\$ 8.58	\$ 5.87
184	Cormier's Autobody				\$ 38.34	\$ 41.44	\$ 36.06	\$ 41.65	\$ 39.50				
49	Edna's Floral Arrangement											\$ 71.19	
224	Fern's Tool Rental							\$ 91.73					
255	Frog Hollow									\$ 671.86			
72	Keegan Variety, LLC											\$ 29.66	\$ 84.17
244	Medeiros, Michael & Barbara (Rental)								\$ 41.34				
310	Motion Industries, Inc.												\$ 12.74
231	Nitco											\$ 1,039.94	\$ 1,581.22
186	Ouellett, Joseph Jr.					\$ 139.33							
219	Ouellette Heating and Air Conditioning											\$ 22.48	\$ 16.90
121	Realty Resources Management											\$ 261.47	\$ 196.60
150	Rioux C & D Management, Inc.	\$ 14,495.83	\$ 6,932.50	\$ 4,833.74	\$ 1,610.02			\$ 94.24	\$ 92.38	\$ 93.42	\$ 85.97		
110	Rita Michaud (Rentals)							\$ 180.03	\$ 175.21	\$ 177.18	\$ 163.07	\$ 153.88	
152	RM Lawncare										\$ 642.00	\$ 605.82	\$ 455.54
153	Robin's Restaurant										\$ 433.76		
208	Rose Marie Searles (Rental)							\$ 15.73	\$ 15.37	\$ 15.55	\$ 14.31	\$ 13.50	\$ 10.16
203	RPJ Valley Apartments (Rental)				\$ 7.75	\$ 8.17	\$ 6.96	\$ 8.21	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.09	\$ 7.45	\$ 7.02	
189	Signs & Graphics					\$ 693.99							
222	SRD Rentals									\$ 197.47	\$ 181.14	\$ 170.32	
186	Talk of the Town					\$ 133.45	\$ 121.57						
206	Terry Helms (Rental)							\$ 8.21	\$ 8.00				
104	TMC of Maine, LLC											\$ 16.20	\$ 12.18
226	T-Quip Sales & Rentals (Deleted)				\$ 5,781.27	\$ 5,592.09							
201	Valley Carpentry LLC				\$ 544.94	\$ 536.26	\$ 427.06	\$ 454.79	\$ 401.62	\$ 406.17	\$ 373.81		
15	Van Buren Hotel & Yacht Club				\$ 339.67	\$ 397.43	\$ 341.03						
182	Wayne's Body Shop												\$ 115.63
TOTAL		\$14,495.83	\$6,932.50	\$4,833.74	\$8,321.99	\$7,542.16	\$ 932.68	\$1,387.91	\$ 1,223.39	\$ 2,016.71	\$ 2,312.86	\$ 2,493.98	\$ 2,537.28

General Government Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0001 Taxes	1,485,865	1,473,381	1,459,998	1,388,530	1,442,237
0002 Supplemental		266	0	6768	
0050 Plumbing Permits	271	0	0	812	
0055 Planning Board Ad	0	0	0	182	
0075 BETE Reimbursement	28,767	18,833	18,500	18,500	17,516
0100 Town Clerk Research	0	0	0	15	
0104 Fines/Building Permits	0	0			
0105 CEO Permits	525	875	500	420	500
0106 CEO Misc. Rev	0	14			
0110 Town Clerk Fee	4,562	4,698	4,500	4,500	4,500
0115 Tree Growth	176	760	760	11,381	11,524
0120 Permit - Garage Sales	175	315	200	200	200
0125 Veterans Exempt	3,133	3,243	3,243	3,243	3,243
0135 State Revenue Sharing	273,650	354,933	334,041	378,913	443,137
0140 Motor Vehicle Reg Fees	7,585	10,900	8,000	8,414	8,000
0150 Lien Costs	9,237	11,916	10,000	10,000	10,000
0175 Fax Services	66	64	100	72	100
0180 Photocopy Service	12	22	25	25	25
0185 Assessor Copies	0	0			
0190 Delinquent Tax Interest	13,980	22,749	14,000	14,205	14,000
0210 Rental Income	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400
0220 Land Sale	9,048	0			
0310 Vehicle Excise	925,875	403,779	353,000	323,360	353,000
0315 Boat Excise	1,316	1,321	1,500	1,500	1,500
0400 Unemployment Comp	0	0			
0425 Surplus Sale	0	0			
0550 NSF Fees	35	20	0	70	
0610 Snowmobile	721	808	0	860	
1000 GG Misc. Rev	122	0			
1100 Payroll Reimb	33,660	33,054	18,185	18,185	18,185
1105 Interest Surplus	9560	3,194	4,000	1,322	1,400
1110 Interest Check	244	136	50	93	50
1111 Interest CIP	0	0	50	50	50
1120 Homestead Exempt	445,383	247,062	247,000	165,212	168,619
1200 Over/Short	(13)	0			
1300 Surplus Undesignated		0			
1400 Carry Forward	0	0			
General Government Revenues	\$2,665,323	\$2,600,743	\$2,486,052	\$ 2,365,232	\$2,506,186

Police Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0840 Police Reports	15	30	0		
0845 Police Witness	350	200			
Police Dept Revenues	\$365	\$230	\$-	\$-	\$-

Fire Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0155 Fire Protection - Cyr	15,123	15,669	15,213	15,213	15,213
0400 Fire Protection - County	9,391	9,626	9,891	9,891	9,891
1000 FD-Misc. Rev	699	12	0		
1010 Fire Protection - Hamlin	42,051	21,336	21,336	22,635	23,314
Fire Dept Revenues	\$67,264	\$46,643	\$46,440	\$47,739	\$48,418

Highway Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0165 Plowing	16,917	17,255	17,946	17,600	17,946
0325 Local Road URIP	30,520	28,568	30,000	30,000	30,000
0330 Misc.		0			
Highway Dept Revenues	\$47,437	\$45,823	\$47,946	\$47,600	\$47,946

Recycling Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0290 Solid Waste Private Haul	96,974	61,474		0	0
0305 Recycling Sales	5,676	17,637	10,000	10,000	10,000
0320 Landfill Fee	105,807	110,072	165,000	165,000	165,000
0410 Recycle County	2,064	2,100	2,135	2,135	2,135
1200 Recycle Over/Short	35	0			
Recycling Revenues	\$198,944	\$191,283	\$177,135	\$177,135	\$177,135

Recreation Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0615 Concessions	1,440	1,770	1,000	500	1,000
0620 Skating Fee	408	739	600	280	500
1000 Rec Misc. Revenue	500	5800	500	500	500
Recreation Dept Revenues	\$2,348	\$8,309	\$2,100	\$1,280	\$2,100

Library Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0710 Library Hamlin	0	350	350	350	350
0711 Library Cyr	100	100	100	100	100
Library Trust	1,000	12			
Library Dept Revenues	\$1,100	\$462	\$450	\$450	\$450

Misc. & Unclassified Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0010 General Assistance Reimb	1481	2,057	4,200	1,710	4,200
MISC & Unclass Revenues	\$1,481	\$2,057	\$4,200	\$1,710	\$4,200

	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	\$2,984,262	\$2,895,550	\$3,146,423	\$3,027,906	\$3,177,923
** FY2021-2022 & FY2022-2023 Includes Ambulance					

Wastewater Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0100 Anticipated WW Rev	384,436	378,220	406,497	406,497	406,776
0220 Land Sale	0				
0331 WW FEMA Reimb	0				
0550 NSF Fees	0				
0600 Certified Mail	0				
1000 WW Interest	3,504	1,760	1,600	2,000	2,000
1100 WW Lien Cost	6,655	4,964	5,114	6,500	6,500
1101 WW Misc. Rev	0				
1105 Interest Surplus	0				
1110 Checking Interest	0				
1111 Interest CIP	3,228	1,233	750	1,000	1,000
1400 Sewer Line Misc.	0				
Wastewater Revenues	\$397,823	\$386,177	\$413,961	\$415,997	\$416,276

Ambulance Department Estimated Revenues

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 as of 6/30/21	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 as of 5/30/22	2022-2023 Projected
0150 Grand Isle Contract	15,260	15,900		0	0
0151 Cyr Plantation Contract	2,220	2,200	1,900	4,680	4,992
0152 Hamlin Contract	7,347	7,347	7,700	9,960	10,624
0200 Run Billings	502,949	453,116	572,201	475,000	475,000
0225 Amb Education Rev	0	0		0	0
0401 County Contract	3,550	4,000	4,500	4,120	7,872
1105 Interest Surplus	0	0			
1109 Misc. Rev	0	2250	0		
1110 Checking Interest	0	0			
1111 Int CIP	1	850		0	0
1112 Contractual Adjustments	(95,380)	(53,665)		(95,000)	(95,000)
1113 Write Offs	(19,136)	(834)		(12,000)	(12,000)
Ambulance Revenues	\$416,811	\$431,164	\$586,301	\$386,760	\$391,488

General Government Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED
0001 Town Council	4,000	4,000	4,000
0002 Town Manager	66,300	68,640	72,100
0005 Director Pay	40,983	41,600	43,680
0007 Clerk/Wastewater	36,065	36,605	38,435
0008 Deputy Tax Collector	28,065	28,485	29,910
0011 Town Clerk	3,250	3,500	3,500
0013 Assessor	43,424	43,246	46,280
0023 Janitor/Maintenance	6,340	6,000	4,000
0025 Safety Risk	750	750	750
0051 Town Council Exp	500	500	500
0052 Town Manager Exp	4,500	4,500	4,500
0054 Staff Exp	3,000	3,000	3,000
0055 Clerk Exp	750	750	750
0057 Election Exp	2,000	2,000	2,000
0084 Janitor Supplies	1,100	800	800
0101 Building Exp	2,500	2,500	2,500
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	5,000	5,000	5,000
0122 HW/SW Maintenance	14,430	19,108	18,000
0124 Security Contract	750	750	750
0240 CEO/LPI Pay	7,775	10,813	8,290
0251 Office Supplies	6,000	6,000	6,000
0252 Print & Publications	1,000	1,000	1,000
0254 Postage	5,500	5,500	5,500
0258 Office Equipment	500	500	500
1023 Lien Costs	5,500	5,500	5,500
1201 Legal Services	5,000	2,000	3,500
1204 Audit	7,700	8,000	8,000
1205 Dispatch	11,500	9,000	9,000
1277 GG MMBB Payment	51,646	51,642	50,536
1302 Telephone	6,500	7,100	5,400
1304 Cell Phone	2,500	1,950	1,000
1306 Electricity	11,000	11,000	9,000
1308 Heat	33,000	33,000	33,000
1310 Heat System Maintenance	1,800	1,800	1,800
1320 Water	3,350	3,350	3,350
1330 Property/Pub Ins	58,000	65,000	72,000
1340 Medical Insurance	107,100	113,520	120,000
1350 Unemployment Comp	8,900	6,200	6,200
1360 Workers Comp	56,500	56,500	47,200
1370 Medicare/Social Security	4,020	3,683	3,818
1380 M.S.R.S.	74,428	54,729	63,200
1381 Maine Retiree Life Premium	500	800	800
1395 Capital Improvement Account	75,000	75,000	75,000
General Government Expenses	\$ 808,426	\$ 805,321	\$ 820,049

Police Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED
0004 Chief Pay	57,594	7,380	7,749
0007 FT Staff Pay	97,175		
0008 PT Staff Pay	34,472		
0026 Overtime	13,000		
0028 Standby Pay	6,000		
0054 Staff Exp	2,500		
0140 Drug Testing/Lab	1,500		
0061 Equipment/Purchase/Maintenance	600		
0062 Vehicle Purchase/Maintenance	11,000		
0063 Duty Gear	2,500		
0069 Prisoner Exp	1,200		
0079 Books/Periodicals	400		
0102 Physicals	350		
0103 Phys Incent	500		
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	300		
1370 Medicare/Social Security	6,205	107	112
Police Dept Expenses	\$ 235,296	\$ 7,487	\$ 7,861

Fire Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED
0004 Chief Pay	17,160	17,418	18,289
0016 Officer Incentive Pay	13,430	13,430	13,430
0022 Volunteer Pay	32,500	32,500	32,500
0054 Staff Training	2,000	2,000	2,000
0061 Equipment/Purchase/Maintenance	7,500	7,500	8,500
0062 Vehicle Purchase/Maintenance	7,000	7,000	7,000
0063 Duty Gear	3,500	3,500	2,500
0064 Rescue	2,000	2,000	2,000
0101 Building Exp	1,500	1,500	1,500
0102 Physicals	1,500	1,500	1,500
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	800	800	800
1370 Medicare/Social Security	4,713	4,850	4,913
Fire Dept Expenses	\$ 93,603	\$ 93,998	\$ 94,932

Highway Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	26,308	29,016	30,467
0007 FT Staff Pay	139,561	167,076	175,430
0010 Seasonal Staff	8,500	8,500	8,500
0026 Overtime	12,000	15,000	15,000
0028 Standby Pay	5,000	6,000	6,000
0054 Staff Exp	2,000	1,000	1,000
0062 Vehicle Purchase/Maintenance	77,000	85,000	85,000
0063 Duty Gear	1,600	1,800	1,800
0066 Tools	1,500	1,500	1,500
0067 Cold/Hot Patch	4,000	4,000	4,000
0070 Signs/Paint	1,500	1,500	1,500
0072 Salt/Chloride	35,000	35,000	40,000
0101 Building Exp	5,000	2,000	2,000
0102 Physicals	300	400	400
0134 Manhole Cleaning	500	500	500
1370 Medicare/Social Security	3,302	3,271	3,636
Highway Dept Expenses	\$ 323,071	\$ 361,563	\$ 376,732

Recycling Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	5,847	6,448	6,770
0006 Recycling Manager	32,600	36,046	37,848
0008 PT Staff Pay	16,225	9,011	9,462
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	400
0061 Equipment/Purchase/Maintenance	3,000	3,000	2,500
0062 Vehicle Purchase/Maintenance	1,000	1,000	2,500
0063 Duty Gear	400	400	400
0101 Building Expense	3,000	3,000	3,000
0120 Solid Waste Hauler	50,000	25,000	25,000
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	70,000	35,000	35,000
0251 Supplies	750	750	750
1275 Universal Waste	500	500	400
1302 Telephone	250	650	650
1306 Electricity	600	600	600
1308 Heat/Maintenance	800	1,200	1,200
1276 Recycle MMBB	23,786	21,488	22,206
1340 Medical Insurance		10,320	10,430
1360 Workers Comp	2,500	3,000	3,000
1370 Medicare/Social Security	1,798	747	784
1380 Maine State Retirement			5,570
Recycling Dept Expenses	\$ 213,556	\$ 158,660	\$ 168,470

Recreation Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	33,056	33,552	44,720
0010 Seasonal Staff	13,000	13,000	15,000
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500
0075 Rec/Sports	4,300	4,300	4,300
0076 Concession	1,500	1,000	1,000
0101 Building Exp	1,500	2,000	2,500
0104 Transportation	2,500	2,500	2,500
1370 Medicare/Social Security	1,330	1,485	1,795
Recreation Dept Expenses	\$ 57,686	\$ 58,337	\$ 72,315

Library Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	28,882	29,315	37,765
0008 PT Staff Pay	16,075	16,204	18,200
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500
0079 Books/Periodicals	4,000	4,000	5,000
0101 Building Exp	1,500	1,500	1,500
1370 Medicare/Social Security	1,641	1,664	1,940
Library Dept Exp	\$ 52,598	\$ 53,183	\$ 64,905

Economic Development Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	10,000	10,000	20,000
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500
0142 Downtown	500	500	500
1204 Audit	1,000	1,000	1,000
Economic Development Expenses	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 22,000

Miscellaneous Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed
0143 Employee Recognition	2,500	3,000	3,000
0148 Special Fund	800	800	800
1207 Hydrant Payment	171,960	171,960	171,960
1208 Street Light	35,000	36,000	18,000
1226 Resurfacing/Repair	55,000	100,000	100,000
1228 General Assistance	6,000	6,000	6,000
1236 Fire Extinguisher	700	700	700
1252 Memorial Day	600	600	600
1254 NMDC	3,090	3,120	3,120
1257 Building Demolition	4,000	20,000	25,000
1258 Boat Landing	500	500	500
1260 ME Heritage	200	200	200
1261 Summerfest	4,000	5,000	5,000
1262 TV Station/IT	6,500	6,000	6,500
1263 Red Cross	2,000	2,000	2,000
1264 ME Vet Cemetery	100	100	100
1266 A.C.A.P	435	435	750
1267 Catholic Charities	2,000	2,000	2,000
1269 Food Pantry	2,500	2,500	2,500
1270 Agency Aging	1,200	1,200	1,200
1280 Misc. Exp	1,000	1,000	1,000
1396 Leave Accrual Reserve	3,000	10,000	10,000
MISC & UNCLA Exp	\$ 303,085	\$ 373,115	\$ 360,930

MSAD #24 & County Tax Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET
1230 MSAD #24 Education	537,204	532,848	490,917
Adult Ed Reim (5 yrs.)	6,275	6,275	0
MSAD #24	\$ 543,479	\$ 539,123	\$ 490,917

1232 County Taxes	93,413	97,335	112,650
County Taxes	\$ 93,413	\$ 97,335	\$ 112,650

	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 PROPOSED
TOWN GOVERNMENT TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,683,493	\$ 3,146,423	\$ 3,177,923 **
**FY2021-2022 & FY2022-2023 Includes Ambulance			

Wastewater Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	26,307	29,016	30,467
0007 FT Staff Pay	35,398	36,046	37,848
0008 PT Staff Pay		9,011	9,462
0009 Reimb To GG	18,054	18,185	19,095
0026 Overtime	2,000	2,000	2,000
0054 Staff Exp	700	700	700
0028 Standby	3,000	0	0
0061 Equipment/Purchase/Maintenance	5,000	5,000	5,000
0062 Vehicle Purchase/Maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,000
0063 Duty Gear	800	800	800
0101 Building Expenses	5,000	3,000	2,000
0102 Physicals	150	150	150
0105 Lab Supplies	9,500	8,500	8,500
0106 Poly/Lime/Hypo	11,000	11,000	11,000
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	2,250	2,250	2,250
0122 HW/SW Maintenance	300	300	300
0251 Office Supplies	200	200	200
0252 Print & Publications	400	400	400
0254 Postage	2,500	2,500	2,500
1010 Sewer Line	10,000	10,000	10,000
1020 Sludge Maintenance	2,500	2,500	2,500
1023 Lien Costs	3,000	3,000	3,000
1201 Legal Services	1,000	1,000	1,000
1204 Audit	1,400	1,400	1,400
1278 WW MMBB Payment	51,902	50,405	51,620
1279 USDA Loan Repayment	32,895	32,895	32,895
1302 Telephone	900	1,236	200
1304 Cell Phone	1,740	1,740	900
1306 Electricity	55,000	55,000	55,000
1308 Heat	10,000	10,000	10,000
1310 Heat System Maintenance	3,000	1,500	1,500
1312 Diesel/Propane	1,000	1,000	1,000
1320 Water	1,100	1,100	1,100
1330 Property/Pub Ins	6,050	7,000	8,050
1340 Medical Insurance	21,360	20,640	20,860
1350 Unemployment Comp	1,450	1,450	1,450
1360 Workers Comp	5,500	7,135	4,785
1370 Medicare/Social Security	895	1,066	1,128
1380 M.S.R.S.	6,232	7,836	8,217
1395 Cap Equip Reserve	50,000	60,000	60,000
4105 Abatements	5,000	5,000	5,000
Wastewater Dept Expenses	\$ 396,483	\$ 413,961	\$ 416,277

Ambulance Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	57,855	57,855	32,500
0007 FT Staff Pay	130,000	177,792	161,968
0008 PT Staff Pay	70,000	26,992	65,100
0009 Reimb To GG	15,000		
0012 Billing Clerk	17,000	17,000	20,000
0026 Overtime	65,000	41,256	48,589
0028 Standby Pay	1,000	29,120	
0029 Meal Reimbursement	500	500	200
0054 Staff Exp	2,500	2,500	2,500
0061 Equipment/Purchase/Maintenance	5,000	5,000	7,500
0062 Vehicle Purchase/Maintenance	15,000	15,000	15,000
0063 Duty Gear	25,000	25,000	7,500
0068 Medical Supplies			20,000
0077 Patient Transfer			20,000
0078 Rent Exp	7,800		8,400
0082 Laundry	750	1,200	1,200
0085 Misc. Exp	1,000	1,000	1,000
0101 Building Exp	1,000	1,000	1,000
0102 Physicals	200	200	200
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	1,800	1,800	2,000
0122 HW/SW Maintenance	200	200	200
0252 Print & Publications			
0254 Postage			
1201 Legal Services	600	600	600
1204 Audit	1,100	1,100	1,100
1205 Dispatch	9,000	9,000	9,000
1302 Telephone	2,500	2,500	2,500
1304 Cell Phone	625	625	660
1306 Electricity	700	700	500
1308 Heat	5,000	5,000	7,500
1310 Heat System Maintenance	250	250	250
1320 Water	400	400	400
1330 Property/Pub Ins	10,000	10,000	10,000
1340 Medical Insurance	51,600	51,600	42,000
1350 Unemployment Comp	4,000	4,000	4,000
1360 Workers Comp	45,000	45,000	34,000
1370 Medicare/Social Security	2,065	2,065	8,795
1380 M.S.R.S.	25,046	25,046	25,000
1390 Ins Deduct			
1395 Cap Equip Reserve	25,000	25,000	25,000
Ambulance Dept Expenses	\$ 599,491	\$ 586,301	\$ 586,162

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE
June 14-15, 2022**

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK, SS. VAN BUREN, MAINE

TO: Luke Dyer, a constable of the Town of Van Buren, in the County of Aroostook, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Voters of the Town of Van Buren in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Community Center at 130 Champlain Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, A.D., 2022 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on Articles 1-2.

And to notify and warn said Voters to assemble at the M.S.A.D. #24 High School Auditorium in said Town on Wednesday, the 15th day of June, A.D. 2022 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the Articles 3 - 36 to-wit:

TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

~~~TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.~~~

The polls for balloting on Elective Town Offices will be open at the Community Center at 130 Champlain Street at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.

Per CDC guidelines, face mask & social distancing is **encouraged** unless you are fully vaccinated.

~~~WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022, 7:00 P.M.~~~

All other business under this Warrant will be conducted upon the opening of the Business Meeting, to be held at the M.S.A.D. #24 High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022 - 8:00 AM

ARTICLE 1

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

- Two positions for Town Council for a term of three years
- One position for Town Councilor for a term of one year
- One position for Van Buren Water District Trustee for a term of three years
- One position for Van Buren Light & Power District Trustee for a term of three years
- Two Directors of M.S.A.D. #24 for a term of three years
- One Director of M.S.A.D. #24 for a term of two years

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 15, 2022 - 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 3

Elect a moderator if one has not already been elected.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to appoint all other necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

Council Recommends: YES

Budget Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 5

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **General Government**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 805,321

\$ 820,049

\$ 820,049

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Police Department**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$7,487

\$7,861

\$7,861

ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Fire Department**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 93,998

\$94,932

\$94,932

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Highway Department**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 361,563

\$ 376,732

\$ 376,732

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Recycling Center**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 158,660

\$ 168,470

\$ 168,470

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Recreation Department**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 58,337

\$ 72,315

\$ 72,315

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Abel J. Morneault Memorial Library**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 53,183

\$ 64,905

\$ 64,905

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Economic Development**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 12,000

\$ 22,000

\$ 22,000

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Miscellaneous & Unclassified Accounts**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

\$ 373,115

Council Recommends

\$ 360,930

Budget Recommends

\$ 360,930

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **MSAD #24**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

\$ 539,123

Council Recommends

\$ 490,917

Budget Recommends

\$ 490,917

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **County Taxes**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

\$ 97,335

Council Recommends

\$ 112,650

Budget Recommends

\$ 112,650

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for **Wastewater Department**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

\$ 413,961

Council Recommends

\$ 416,276

Budget Recommends

\$ 416,276

ARTICLE 17

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for **Ambulance Department**.

2021/2022 Appropriations

\$ 586,301

Council Recommends

\$ 586,162

Budget Recommends

\$ 586,162

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Council to use Overlay for Abatements.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to accept any and all funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature and to use the revenues to reduce the 2022/2023 Tax Commitment:

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

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ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will accept prepayment of taxes prior to the date of commitment to Tax Collector.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

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ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town to pay three (3%) percent on any overpayment of taxes. Payable from the date of such overpayment through the date on which a refund shall be issued. (Three percent is the minimum amount of interest permitted by Statute.)

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

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ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to bring writs of entry of recovery of such parcels of land as have been acquired by the Town by reason of non-payment of taxes/liens for which the time of redemption has expired.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

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ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes for the year 2022/2023 shall be due and payable and to see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to interest on unpaid taxes.

RECOMMENDATION is that taxes shall be due and payable upon presentation of tax bills. Interest at the rate of 4% per annum shall accrue on all taxes not paid within 60 days after the date of the first billing and also with respect to all taxes not paid within 60 days after January 1st.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

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ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to dispose of Town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and to apply the proceeds from any such sales towards the Departmental Revenues.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council, on behalf of the Town, to sell or lease or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes/liens thereon, such sale or lease to be on such terms as they may deem advisable. This includes the authorization to the Town Council to issue Quitclaim Deeds without Covenants in connection with the sale of any such property.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town vote to accept grant funds from such Community Development Block Grant Applications, Rural Development Applications, Federal Emergency Management Agency Applications, and Department of Environmental Protection Applications as may be submitted and approved by the different departments, and to accept grant funds from such other and further agencies or entities for which the submittal of grant applications has been approved by the municipal officers of this Town. If so approved, the municipal officers shall be authorized to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program(s). Type of grants, but not limited to, are: Public Infrastructure, Housing Assistance, Planning, Emergency Needs, Business Assistance, Development, Economic Development, Rural Development, FEMA and DEP.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Town Council to use Surplus Funds to match Federal Emergency Management Funds (FEMA) and State of Maine Funds for damages caused by future natural disasters if needed.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Voters of the Town will authorize the Town Council to pay for or finance the previously approved purchase of a 2022 Western Star 4700 single axle truck and plow (Article 28 – June 9th, 2021 Town Meeting) using a combination of moneys already received from Recovery Act Funding and Maine State Revenue Sharing up to the total purchase price of \$188,577.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Town Council to use 2020/2021 unspent appropriations from all Departments to cover the FY 2020/2021 Ambulance Department losses.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department up to \$9250 from the General Government Capital Improvement fund as a 5% match to a 2022 FEMA grant for a Brush Attack Truck.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize General Government up to \$350,000 to purchase the property located at 320 Main Street (Northern Aroostook Alternatives) with up to \$200,000 in revolved funds from the Revolving Loan Fund and up to \$150,000 from the Rehabilitation, Acquisition and Demolition Fund.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Department \$20,200 from the General Government Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of replacement plow and wing for the 2017 Western Star.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Town to apply payment of taxes as follows: any outstanding liens to be satisfied first, then any interest and fees, then personal property taxes, and then real estate taxes, as applicable. The authorization will be valid until rescinded by the Voters.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to transfer the 2022 MDOT snowmobile license refund to the Gateway Snowmobile Club.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to exceed the **Property Tax Levy Limit**. (Written ballot required.)


Council Recommends: No

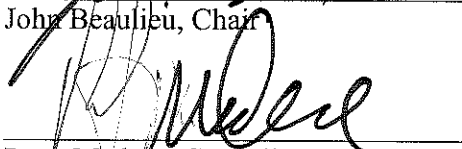
Budget Recommends: No


ARTICLE 36

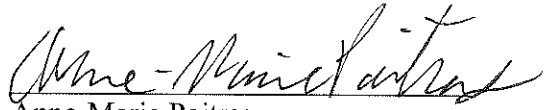
Adjournment

Approved and signed on this the 31st day of May, 2022.


John Beaulieu, Chair


Peter Madore, Councilor


Paul Nadeau, Secretary


Anne-Marie Poitras