

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Town of Van Buren

INCORPORATED IN 1881



FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021
(Annual Audit for year ending June 30, 2020)

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

Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office as Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a deadly pandemic. But that is our reality, and it is my responsibility to guide our state through this time, to keep Maine people safe and healthy, and to put our economy on a path to recovery.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, and leaving millions of people unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of hundreds of people and sickened many more. Since the arrival of the first vaccines in December 2020, we have been working to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly and efficiently as possible.

While our spirits are lifted and we share in a collective sense of relief, particularly for frontline health care workers who are exhausted and have been working around the clock to save lives, it will take months to administer the vaccine to all Maine people and we must keep our guard up. In the coming months, I look forward to working with you in fully opening our schools and businesses across the state. We will hasten our state's recovery if we wear our masks, watch our distance, avoid gatherings, and wash our hands.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to gradually and safely restart Maine's economy. We also formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge to be a stronger, better state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Thank you to the people of Maine who have demonstrated patience, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time.

Please take care,

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

P.S. For the latest information and guidance on Maine's response to COVID-19, as well as resources for assistance during this time, please visit www.maine.gov/covid19/.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Roland Danny Martin

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Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Van Buren in the 130th Legislature. It is an honor to represent our community in Augusta.

This new legislative session looks very different from any other because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. We were sworn in at the Augusta Civic Center, and much of our early work has taken place remotely, with both legislators and the public participating virtually. We are determined to continue our work for the people of Maine in spite of the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

Our major work in the upcoming session will be the creation of a two-year balanced budget. My goals in helping to craft this document are to keep services intact for people who need them most, without placing an undue burden on taxpayers.

Another critical area of work will be to get Maine's economy back on its feet as things return to normal. Important steps in this direction will include making sure our workforce is properly trained for the new economy, improving access to broadband, and improving our roads and bridges. We will also need to address the serious shortcomings in our unemployment insurance system that were brought to light by the current situation.

In addition to our COVID-19 efforts, we will be looking at ways to deal with other long-standing problems, such as the ongoing opioid crisis, taking steps to address climate change, and making healthcare more affordable and more accessible.

I am proud to serve as House chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, where we will consider bills that address road and bridge construction, safety, and maintenance in addition to other vehicle-related issues. I am also proud to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife where I will continue to protect and preserve our environment as well as our rich history of outdoor recreation.

Input from the people of Van Buren is invaluable and will help strengthen the partnership between town and state government. I fully welcome your questions and feedback. Please contact me by phone at (207) 543-2160 or by email at Danny.Martin@legislature.maine.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny", with a horizontal line underneath.

Roland Danny Martin
State Representative



Troy D. Jackson
President of the Senate

THE MAINE SENATE
130th Legislature

3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

April 26, 2021

Dear residents of Van Buren,

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve again as your State Senator. I am honored to represent your community and to be re-elected by my peers to serve as President of the Maine Senate — the first person from Aroostook County to serve in this position for two consecutive terms.

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic brought unexpected challenges to Mainers all across our state last year. In March of last year, all four legislative leaders came together and agreed to temporarily adjourn the legislature after passing measures to support small businesses, Maine workers and the health and well-being of our people during this crisis. It was a tough decision, but we recognized the leadership the moment required.

During these trying times, so many Mainers came together to do what is right to get us through this crisis. As we continue our work in the 130th Legislature, we need 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

TOWN OF VAN BUREN
ANNUAL REPORT OF MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Town Meeting Schedule

Polls for elections:

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

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 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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

Town Council

Joey Ouellette-2023
Chair



Peter Madore-2022
Secretary



John Beaulieu-2022



Maurice Corbin-2021



Paul Nadeau-2021



Boards and Committees

Budget Committee (Appointed)

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

Revolving Loan/Micro Loan Fund Board

Paul Nadeau, Chair
Debby Cyr
Gary Levesque
Anthony Martin

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
Dayton Grandmaison, Secretary
Percy Berube
Steve Doucette
Jason Grandmaison

Board of Appeals

Theodore Smith, Chair
Peter Laplante, Secretary
Paul Nadeau
Vern Ouellette

Civil Emergency Preparedness Director

Vernon Ouellette

Recreation Committee (no term)

John Hebert, Chair
Jaci Lapointe, Secretary
Michelle Ayotte
Leslie Beaulieu
Jessica Cyr
Rick Dolan
James Lapointe
Jaclyn Morales
Theodore Smith
Paul Violette

MSAD #24 Board of Director

Nicholas Parent, Chair	2023
Leslie Beaulieu	2021
Balazs "Bo" Gereben	2022
Sally Groene	2022
Peter Laplante	2023
Christina Needham	2021
Becky Ouellette	2022
Rebecca Smith	2023
Sherry Theriault	2021

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	2020
Daniel Pelletier, Treasurer	2021
Jay LaJoie, Clerk	2022

Van Buren Light & Power Trustees

Bill Schofield, Manager	
Carl Morrow, Chair	2022
Ronald J. Dumond, Treasurer	2021
Patrick Vaillancourt, Clerk	2020

Staff Directory

Administration

Nancy Troeger	Town Manager	Luke Dyer	Deputy Town Manager
Jessica Cyr	Town Clerk, BMV & IFW Agent, Wastewater Clerk	Michael Ouellette	Bookkeeper
Heather Parent	Deputy Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Tax Clerk	Anthony Martin	Assessors Agent, Code Enforcement Officer, Economic Development

Library

Justin Martin	Library Director	Verna Ouellette	Librarian Assistant
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Recreation Department

Tosha Martin	Director	Isaiah Doucette	Part-time
Brooke Caron	Part-time	Luc Perreault	Part-time

Public Works

Ricky Sirois	Director & Wastewater Operator	Ricky Rossignol	Heavy Equipment
Nickolas Gagnon	Heavy Equipment	Joey Dumond	Recycling Manager
Jason Ouellette	Heavy Equipment Mechanic	James Lapointe	Wastewater Assistant
John Ouellette	Heavy Equipment	Eddie Saucier	Heavy Equipment

Fire Department

Brian Caron	Fire Chief	Avram Burg	Volunteer Firefighter
Michael Ouellette	Deputy Chief	Michael Clavette	Volunteer Firefighter
Nickolas Gagnon	Assistant Chief	Andy Gendreau	Volunteer Firefighter
Brian Parent	Assistant Chief	Peter LaPlante	Volunteer Firefighter
Tyler Adams	Captain	Peter Madore	Volunteer Firefighter
Ryan Burgess	Captain	Devin Parent	Volunteer Firefighter
Kyle Chasse	Captain	Jarod Pinette	Volunteer Firefighter
Derek Grivois	Lieutenant	Cory Searles	Volunteer Firefighter
Marc LaJoie	Lieutenant	Allen Soucy	Volunteer Firefighter
Jimmy Willette	Lieutenant	Garey Thibeault	Volunteer Firefighter
Scott Castonguay	Safety Officer	Kyle Whittle	Volunteer Firefighter
Roger Searles	Safety Officer	Ashlie Wilson	Volunteer Firefighter
Nicholas Ayotte	Volunteer Firefighter	Jacob Burgess	Junior Firefighter
Shayne Ayotte	Volunteer Firefighter	Dominik Boutot	Junior Firefighter
Isaac Blier	Volunteer Firefighter	Erik Rossignol	Junior Firefighter
Forrest Bouchard	Volunteer Firefighter		

Ambulance Department

Ben Zetterman	Director, Advanced EMT	Madison Grant	EMT
Amy Dionne	Paramedic	Morgan Grant	EMT
Andrew Gagnon	Paramedic	Gloria Ouellette	EMT
Amanda Skidgel	Paramedic	Jeremy Stover	EMT
Lucas Grant	Advanced EMT	Jacob Theriault	EMT
Mickel Morrow	Advanced EMT	Derek Grivois	Driver
Jonathan Cote	EMT		



Town of Van Buren

Assessor's Office

51 Main Street, Suite 101

Van Buren, ME 04785

Phone: (207) 868-2886 Fax: (207) 868-2222

vbtownassessor@gmail.com - vanburenmaine.com

Inhabitants of Van Buren,

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.

As always, if you have any questions regarding your valuation, please contact the Town Office.

Sincerely,

Anthony Martin, 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, 2020**, 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, 2020, the applicant will not be considered for a 2020 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, 2020, the applicant will not be considered for a 2020 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, 2020, the applicant will not be considered for a 2020 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, 2020, the applicant will not be considered for a 2020 BETE exemption*. **RETAIL, SERVICES, & SALES DO NOT QUALIFY FOR BETE¹***. For more information, please contact the Town Office.

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

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, 2020.

Dear Citizens of Van Buren,

I don't think that any of us could have predicted challenges we have faced this past year and continue to face at times daily, but we all know that the Town of Van Buren comes together to support each other during tough times and indeed, we have.

This past year has been shaped by leading through major global, national, state, local and economic emergencies and though it all, Staff department heads, Councilors and Town Managers have continued to support our community and implement policy priorities to their very best.

We were able to maintain most of our services to our citizens. This year the town of Van Buren lost a great service, the Van Buren Police Department. Staffing shortage resulted in dissolving our Police Department. A recent survey by the National Police Foundation found 86% of departments reported a staffing shortage. In time, we hope to fulfil this sector in local Government, but for now we have coverage from our Aroostook County Sheriff's Department and Maine State Police.

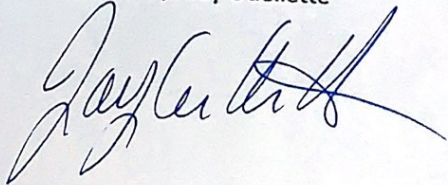
Would like to say thank you to our community for continued support. Would like to also say thank you to our local businesses and volunteer clubs for all your hard work and dedication to help build this community for its future growth and development.

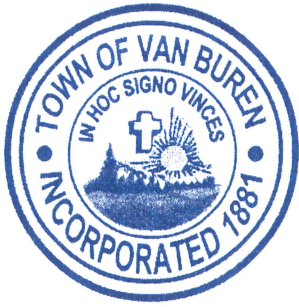
The dedication and hard work from **ALL STAFF** have been evident throughout my time here, I have seen experience and undeniable passion. Thank you ALL for all you do!

I personally want to say THANK YOU to my fellow Councilors; Peter Madore, Paul Nadeau, John Beaulieu and Maurice Corbin for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Chairman, Joey Ouellette

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joey Ouellette", with a stylized, flowing script.



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**Gateway
To The
St. John Valley**

May 27th, 2021

Dear Citizens of Van Buren,

On June 30th, 2021, I will have completed my fourth year as Town Manager of Van Buren. When I accepted the request to take on this responsibility in May of 2017, I did so to help our community move forward and find stability at a time when we were experiencing many economic challenges, especially on downtown Main Street. On July 1st, I will still be Town Manager of Van Buren, but I will be working on a part-time basis and my focus will be on economic development activities and supporting Luke Dyer, newly appointed as the Deputy Town Manager of Van Buren, in the management of Town operations, which includes overseeing departments, employees and budgets. Luke will also be serving as our new bookkeeper, taking over the job that Mike Ouellette has been doing extraordinarily for our Community for the past seven years. Our Town finances and records have been in very good hands and they will continue to be for many years to come.

This past year has affected each of us differently, sometimes in profound and complex ways, as we experienced for the first time in our lives a viral pandemic. As your local government, we tried to adapt our services to accommodate the Governor's Executive Orders and the CDC rules and recommendations to keep you, the public, and our employees safe. We have learned so much during this time and we will continue to learn and adapt as we move towards what we all think of as normal life. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work towards providing the best services we can in a safe, effective and efficient manner.

Every day brings new challenges, changes and people to our community. The Van Buren of today is very different from the Van Buren of the past. None of us can predict what it will be like next year, but we can all be a part of moving Van Buren toward the place we would like it to become. If you have not volunteered to join a committee, run for an office, or take part in a community building activity in the past year, please think about doing so this year.

To all Town employees, elected officials, and citizens serving on committees and boards, Thank you for your dedication and hard work this past year. Your efforts may not always be recognized or appreciated, so, let me correct that by telling you that your contributions have been invaluable to me and I am deeply grateful for your support and guidance this past year.

Respectfully,

Clerk's Office

Monday to Friday
8 am to 4:30 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

	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Birth	20	19	17	8
Marriage	7	9	6	1
Death	39	37	37	10

* ending April 30

Certified Copies Issued

	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Birth	103	140	152	76
Marriage	16	27	27	23
Death	131	145	141	132
Burial Permit	38	32	38	29

* 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 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Van Buren	2105	2033	1804	1635
Rapid Renewals	46	53	152	146
T17 R3	48	41	33	29
Transactions	2199	2127	1989	1810

* ending April 30

A summary of registered voters as of December 31, 2019

Democratic Party	-	696
Republican Party	-	233
Green Independent	-	48
Libertarian	-	0
Unenrolled	-	400

Total voters 1,348

IFW Registrations & Licensing

	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Boat	121	104	70	34
Milfoil	26	25	10	0
ATV	219	242	189	84
Snowmobile	96	105	100	75
Hunting/Fishing	128	91	69	55

* 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 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Neuter/Spayed	224	229	220	128
Unaltered	35	61	38	18
Kennels	1	1	1	0
Totals	260	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

Michael J Ouellette

Michael J. Ouellette, Bookkeeper



Van Buren Police Department
51 Main Street Suite 101
Van Buren Maine 04785-1093



On behalf of the Van Buren Police Department, I respectfully submit this year's annual report to the citizens of Van Buren. First, I would like to thank all the dedicated officers who worked excessively long hours in the first 6 months of the past fiscal year to ensure that our citizens were protected by members of the Van Buren Police. I especially would like to thank full-time officer Chandler Madore and part-time officers Keith Ouellette (Caribou PD), Sam Fuller (Presque Isle PD), Erick Bechtell and Jon Stewart who worked tirelessly to help us stay in service during an unprecedented patrol officer shortage.

In early December 2020, it became clear that our supply of officers had run dry. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Maine Criminal Justice Academy had closed its doors causing a shortfall of trained officers throughout the State of Maine and beyond. Small departments around the state were hardest hit causing coverage issues with no immediate or identifiable solutions. As a result of our roster dropping down to only one full-time officer, it was with deep regret that we closed the doors of the Van Buren Police Department after having served the community since 1886.

Currently, the Town of Van Buren is receiving police coverage from the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police. They have been consistently patrolling and responding to calls throughout the community. Several of these officers are former Van Buren Police officers now working for other agencies who are very familiar with our neighborhoods. An office space has been provided to both agencies at the former Van Buren Police Department where patrol vehicles are often present.

On a personal note, it has been a privilege and honor to serve the Town of Van Buren as the Patrol Sergeant for the last 16 years of my 31 year law enforcement career. I have worked with some of the finest police officers to have taken on the duty to serve. Several still serving Officers, Deputies, Troopers and Agents started their career working for the Van Buren Police under the tutelage of Chief Michael Bresett and myself. In February of 2021 I was declared officially retired from law enforcement by the Town Council so that I could take on other responsibilities within town government.

As always, we continue to encourage the community to reach out to law enforcement when they observe questionable or suspicious activities in their neighborhood. The community is yours; please get involved in keeping it safe from those who aim to disrupt the peace. Again, thank you for your humbling support.

Sincerely,

Luke R Dyer, Sergeant (Retired)
Van Buren Police



VAN BUREN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief, Brian Caron

Van Buren Fire Department Annual Report 2020/2021



This year like everyone was a very trying year with covid 19 restricting contact and social distancing, which in turn made it difficult to continue regular monthly meetings, trainings, and fund-raising functions. With all the restrictions it made it tough to stay on top of all the required trainings and making it exceedingly difficult to stay as a team proved for some trying times for everyone to include not being able to visit the sick and the biggest challenge set for us was not being able to Honor loved ones that passed in a traditional manor.

This year our report is not about our successes or failures rather more about our dedicated volunteers who give countless hours to help each other and the community. Most recently we lost our biggest fan, supporter, volunteer, and most of all our BEST pump operator. Katrina served this community for over 30 years as a dedicated volunteer to the fire department. She was an incredibly talented person that could fix just about anything around the station. Katrina faced many challenges as a firefighter without any fear, her biggest challenge was her last one with a battle with cancer. She fought a long hard courageous battle, one that she could not overcome and to the very last day she was talking about the fire department. (making plans to get things done around the station)

She passed on March 20, 2021 her services will be held July 10 and memorial donations may be made to the "Van Buren Fire Fighters assoc." for an antique fire truck museum in Kat's Honor.

Brian Caron, Fire Chief



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



With the winter season behind us, 2020-2021 turned out to be challenging. When the snow arrived in early November, the ground wasn't frozen and it created some muddy situations. With winter being so mild and the amount of rain we received, this made for some icy roads. The crew responded to over 40 call outs for plowing and treating icy roads. I want to thank my crew for their dedication and all their hard work.

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."

Last summer, St. Mary's Brook Road got some much needed attention; ditches were cleaned and a few culverts were replaced. With a grant from Efficiency Maine, we were able to replace all the old lighting in the garage to new energy saving LED'S. Lastly, we were able to complete the new office/breakroom. .

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**

Van Buren's recycling rate increased slightly from 16.31% in 2019 to 16.63% in 2020.

Recyclables Breakdown by Category

2018 Tonnage		2019 Tonnage		2020 Tonnage	
Newspaper	14.62	Newspaper	17.59	Newspaper	15.08
Plastics	4.51	Plastics	4.69	Plastics	4.04
Cardboard	121.96	Cardboard	82.33	Cardboard	106.46

In 2019, Van Buren sent 960.5 tons of waste to the Northwest Regional Service Commission Landfill formally CONGERNO. In the previous year, we sent 937.8 tons.

After 15 years of service, Joey Dumond will be retiring on May 1st. We want to thank Joey for his dedication and years of service at the Van Buren Recycling Center.

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

51 Main St, Suite 101

Van Buren, ME 04785

207-868-2886

Director: Tosha Martin,

Certified Youth Sports Administrator



The past year has been very different for the Van Buren Recreation Department. Due to COVID-19 restrictions our summer program was limited to the amount of children we could have throughout the day and we were unable to go on any field trips this past summer. Our staff worked hard to ensure the children still had an enjoyable summer. All programs were held at the Van Buren School and the children and staff participated in the Summer Lunch Program.

49 children registered to participate in an abbreviated, 4 week soccer program. The program was offered from August 31st to September 24th, after school, for children in Pre-K to sixth grade. This program is designed to teach children game play and introduce them to the basic skills of the sport. These skills are reiterated and built upon in all age groups. We were able to put together a 4th through 6th grade travel team this season. This team did very well together and they will be an exciting group of kids to watch as they move forward throughout the years.

The skating rink was open for 46 days this winter, as usual, Maine's winter weather often has other plans, but overall it was a great season. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the outdoors. Unfortunately, the skating rink was the only winter activity that we were able to have. We are looking forward to next winter and being able to offer basketball programs for grade school kids, as well as adult programs in the evenings.

The department is looking forward to the upcoming seasons and activities. None of these would be possible without the support of our amazing community.

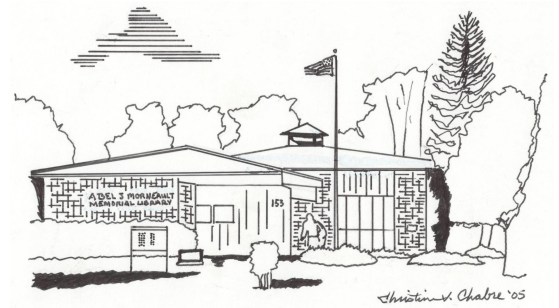
Thank you for your continued support.

Tosha Martin

Van Buren Recreation Director

Certified Youth Sports Administrator

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Hours of Operation

Sunday and Monday -----CLOSED
Tuesday thru Thursday -----10AM to 6PM
Friday -----10AM to 5PM
Saturday -----11AM to 2PM

We would like to thank every patron for their continued support of your local library through the rough times of the past year.

Even though our services were limited by the quarantine, we still continued to do our best to provide for the community. It also gave us an introspective into some of the other things that a library can provide beyond books, and what a library can be.

In the past year we have:

- ◆ Connected people with covid screening and testing
- ◆ Ensured over 80 residents receive their PTFC tax credit
- ◆ Helped 30 people connect with their past through genealogy
- ◆ Connected people with high-speed wifi for school and work
- ◆ Donated hundreds of books to:
 - People Helping People
 - Catholic Charities of Maine
 - The Cubby
 - Operation Paperback
 - Borderview
 - And more

With our door now open to the public, it's even easier to stop by and get help with

- ◆ Printing
- ◆ Scanning
- ◆ Getting online
- ◆ Using an electronic device
- ◆ Finding just the right book or movie
- ◆ Access Ancestry.com and find a long lost relative
- ◆ So much more!!!

Thank you to everyone that has supported our library with your patronage, it is truly appreciated and it helps us proud to serve our community



With average daily flows of 230,000 gallons per day, the Wastewater Department had a normal productive year. We treated and land applied 260,000 gallons of limed stabilized sludge.

Last fall, we completed the last two pump stations that needed upgrading. All pump stations now have submersible pumps and new controls.

We are working on the 90% design stage for the new sludge drying beds. We hope to be out on bids this July and start construction in early fall.

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:	\$319.50	Residential/Apartment (each unit)
R2:	\$605.10	with Business
R3:	\$798.75	with High Usage Business

Commercial:

C1:	\$605.10	Commercial No Public Facility
C2:	\$798.75	Commercial Public Facility/High Usage
C3:	\$1,118.23	Restaurants/Bars
C4:	\$3,993.68	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing < or=50 + *
C5:	\$5,324.91	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing > 50 + *

Industrial:

I1:	\$1,282.81	Any < or = 25 employees
I2:	\$2,662.45	Any < or = 50 employees
I3:	\$5,324.91	Any > 50 employees

*= \$95.00 per bed

Government:

G1:	\$1,549.07	Govt < or = 10 employees/customers + **
G2:	\$3,993.68	Govt < or = 25 employees/customers + **
G3:	\$5,324.91	Govt < or = 50 employees/customers + **
G4:	\$7,987.37	Govt < or = 100 employees/customers + **
G5:	\$11,327.54	Govt > 100 employees/customers + **

Civic:

V1:	\$319.50	Religious
V2:	\$798.75	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.

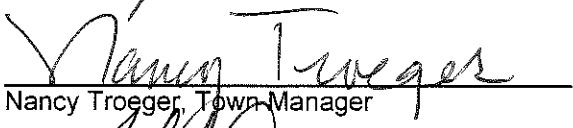
G4 - Same as G1 but with more than 100 employees/customers.

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 18 day of May, 2021 by the following:

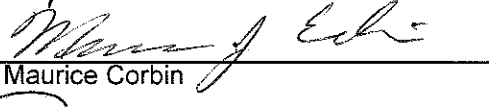

Joey Ouellette, Chairman


Nancy Troeger, Town Manager


Peter Madore, Secretary


Witness


John Beaulieu


Maurice Corbin


Paul Nadeau

Delinquent Wastewater Listing as of 05/15/2021

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

Acct #	Customer	2015-2016	2016 to 2017	2017 to 2018	2018 to 2019	2019 to 2020
20	Bard, Sandra (115 Jackson St)					\$ 204.22
49	Bouchard, Patricia A (133 Morse St)					\$ 395.07
55	Bouchard, Patricia A (126 McKinley St)					\$ 395.07
100	Chabre, Heath (201 Lynne St)					\$ 282.17
103	Chasse, Gerald J (241 Main St)					\$ 381.47
105	Chasse, Gerald J (112 Center St)					\$ 381.47
106	Chasse, Gerald J (176 State St)					\$ 695.34
107	Chasse, Gerald J (109 Montcalm Ave)					\$ 381.47
108	Chasse, Gerald J (110 Ferry St)					\$ 695.34
109	Chasse, Gerald J (109 Garfield Ave)					\$ 381.47
114	Chasse, Gerald J (103 Cyr Ave)					\$ 381.47
763	Chasse, Gerald J (107 Cleveland Ave)					\$ 381.47
124	Clingan, Daniel (108 Lincoln St)					\$ 388.21
271	Coats, Bridget (497 Main St)				\$ 406.19	\$ 381.47
857	Dickson, Gregory (119 Berry Ave)					\$ 381.47
217	Doucette, Kenneth Jr (103 Upland Rd)					\$ 395.07
730	Fagundes, Dolores (113 Cote St)					\$ 223.56
209	Gagnon, Hector (114 Center St)				\$ 406.19	\$ 381.47
314	Goodridge, Darrell D (120 Pine St)					\$ 381.47
741	Ieronimo, Jasper (62 Main St)				\$ 1,373.98	\$ 1,289.79
634	Kennedy, Heidi (103 Notre Dame St)			\$ 412.39	\$ 406.19	\$ 381.47
403	Lapointe, Kevin (119 Park St)					\$ 387.97
559	Largena, Jaythan (116 Washington St)					\$ 381.47
115	Lavallee, Linda (370 Main St)					\$ 126.27
580	Learnard, Ricky (283 Main St)					\$ 360.55
449	Levesque, Jessica (115 Watermill Rd)		\$ 432.30	\$ 412.39	\$ 406.19	\$ 381.47
460	Levesque, Linda (117 Church St)					\$ 287.62
393	Lilly Darin (118 Harrison St)					\$ 708.94
495	Martin, Fernand (143 High St)					\$ 388.27
496	Martin, Fernand (159 High St)					\$ 388.27
552	Michaud, Lillian (131 Park St)					\$ 388.27
536	Michaud, Rita (326 Main St)				\$ 419.89	\$ 388.27
464	Mode, Cody (456 Main St)				\$ 406.19	\$ 381.47
586	Ouellet, Donald (123 Fulton St)				\$ 406.19	\$ 381.47
590	Ouellet, Donald (317 Main St)					\$ 381.47
607	Ouellette, Gary (156 State St)					\$ 388.21
587	Ouellette, Gene (192 Lynne St)					\$ 381.47
656	Parker, Pauline (396 Main St)					\$ 152.48
591	Rockhold, Daniel (127 Fulton St)				\$ 413.09	\$ 381.47
128	St Pierre, Jacques (113 McBride St)					\$ 381.47
366	Saucier, Michael (119 Monroe St)					\$ 83.54
738	Searles, Roger (156 Hillside St)					\$ 381.47
739	Searles, Rose (111 Coolidge St)					\$ 695.34
129	Saucier, Chelsea (104 Berry Ave)					\$ 388.27
125	Therault, Carrie (160 St Bruno St)					\$ 381.47
511	TMC of Maine, LLC (567 Main St)					\$ 1,016.02
845	TMC of Maine, LLC (107 Pine St)					\$ 388.27
539	Town of Van Buren (118 Tyler St)			\$ 1,045.96	\$ 989.24	\$ 941.78
2	Town of Van Buren (137 High St)	\$ 394.45	\$ 425.63	\$ 344.97		
60	Town of Van Buren (88 Main St)			\$ 1,849.09	\$ 2,047.75	\$ 1,883.57
113	Town of Van Buren (123 Tyler St)			\$ 412.39	\$ 399.29	\$ 313.93
187	Town of Van Buren (504 Main St)	\$ 444.45	\$ 425.63	\$ 344.97		
233	Town of Van Buren (115 Bridge St)			\$ 412.39	\$ 399.29	\$ 313.93
235	Town of Van Buren (96 Main St)			\$ 412.39	\$ 399.29	\$ 313.93
299	Town of Van Buren (94 Main St)	\$ 781.82	\$ 751.98	\$ 653.35		
300	Town of Van Buren (113 St. Francis St)			\$ 375.86	\$ 412.89	\$ 313.93
334	Town of Van Buren (108 Pine St)			\$ 369.19	\$ 406.09	\$ 313.93
431	Town of Van Buren (124 Birch St)		\$ 438.97	\$ 412.26	\$ 329.75	
446	Town of Van Buren (152 Main St)	\$ 444.29	\$ 425.63	\$ 344.97		
540	Town of Van Buren (46 Main St)					\$ 313.93
142	True, Vincent (348 Main St)					\$ 381.47
546	Town of Van Buren (148 Main St)		\$ 1,584.58	\$ 2,654.22	\$ 2,473.10	
702	Van Buren Hydroponics, LLC (58 Main St)		\$ 1,382.97	\$ 1,718.89	\$ 413.09	\$ 381.47
130	Willette, Pamela (149 Champlain St)					\$ 395.07
Total		\$ 2,065.01	\$ 5,867.69	\$ 12,175.68	\$ 12,913.88	\$ 25,378.21



Van Buren Ambulance Service
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To the citizens of Van Buren:

Van Buren Ambulance Service had 622 calls for service for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020. This number is approximately 49 calls to service less than the 2019 calendar year. As this year progresses, the service has noticed a significant decline in call volume. This decline is primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2019 transport totals are as follows:

Cyr Plantation	8
Grand Isle	52
Hamlin	15
Van Buren	533
Transfers (local and long-distance)	44

Currently, Van Buren Ambulance employs four full-time and eight part-time staff. Current members of the team are as follows:

Benjamin Zetterman, Advanced EMT	Amy Dionne, Paramedic
Amanda Skidgel, Paramedic	Mike Morrow, Advanced EMT
Gloria Ouellette, EMT	Jake Theriault, EMT
Lucas Grant, Advanced EMT	Andrew "AJ" Gagnon, Paramedic
Jon Cote, EMT	Derek Grivois, Fire Fighter Driver

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Van Buren Ambulance. Their service and dedication to the citizens and communities that we serve goes above and beyond the call of duty!

The staff of Van Buren Ambulance Service and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens and town officials of Van Buren, Cyr Plantation, Hamlin, and Van Buren Cove for their continued support and dedication to the service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Zetterman, Advanced EMT
Ambulance Director/Service Chief



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, 2020 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, 2020 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 73 through 80 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 April 9, 2021, 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.

RHR Smith & Company

Buxton, Maine
April 9, 2021

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1, Restated	\$ 729,516	\$ 729,516	\$ 729,516	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	1,475,459	1,475,459	1,486,136	10,677
Excise Taxes	353,395	353,395	329,191	(24,204)
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	244,436	244,436	273,650	29,214
Homestead Reimbursement	189,307	189,307	247,062	57,755
Local Road Assistance	31,508	31,508	30,520	(988)
Other	53,252	53,252	52,217	(1,035)
Charges for Services	325,655	325,655	296,031	(29,624)
Interest Income	6,300	6,300	9,804	3,504
Interest on Taxes/Lien Costs	24,000	24,000	23,216	(784)
Miscellaneous Revenues	4,750	11,750	17,168	5,418
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>3,437,578</u>	<u>3,444,578</u>	<u>3,494,511</u>	<u>49,933</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	757,745	682,245	692,145	(9,900)
Public Safety	539,240	551,740	517,277	34,463
Public Works	582,176	527,176	519,293	7,883
Education	560,673	560,673	560,673	-
County Tax	84,796	84,796	84,796	-
Recreation and Culture	59,334	59,334	48,468	10,866
Health and Welfare	12,135	12,135	10,585	1,550
Economic and Community Development	12,000	12,000	10,597	1,403
Library	51,920	51,920	44,036	7,884
Unclassified	48,043	45,879	28,124	17,755
Transfers to Other Funds	-	132,664	132,664	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>2,708,062</u>	<u>2,720,562</u>	<u>2,648,658</u>	<u>71,904</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 729,516</u>	<u>\$ 724,016</u>	<u>\$ 845,853</u>	<u>\$ 121,837</u>
Utilization of Assigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (5,500)</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
General government	\$ 757,745	\$ (75,500)	\$ 682,245	\$ 692,145	\$ (9,900)
	757,745	(75,500)	682,245	692,145	(9,900)
Public Safety -					
Animal control	-	-	-	173	(173)
Police department	235,465	-	235,465	205,073	30,392
Fire department	92,115	7,000	99,115	95,156	3,959
Fire extinguisher	700	-	700	418	282
Hydrant rentals	171,960	-	171,960	171,960	-
Street lights	39,000	5,500	44,500	44,497	3
	539,240	12,500	551,740	517,277	34,463
Public Works -					
Highway department	310,477	-	310,477	318,246	(7,769)
Road resurface	55,000	(55,000)	-	-	-
Recycling center	216,699	-	216,699	201,047	15,652
	582,176	(55,000)	527,176	519,293	7,883
Education	560,673	-	560,673	560,673	-
County Tax	84,796	-	84,796	84,796	-

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Recreation and Culture -					
Recreation department	59,334	-	59,334	48,468	10,866
	59,334	-	59,334	48,468	10,866
Health and Welfare -					
General assistance	6,000	-	6,000	4,450	1,550
Food pantry	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Catholic Charities	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
ACAP	435	-	435	435	-
AAA on Aging	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
	12,135	-	12,135	10,585	1,550
Economic and Community Development -					
Economic development	12,000	-	12,000	10,597	1,403
	12,000	-	12,000	10,597	1,403
Library	51,920	-	51,920	44,036	7,884

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
Recognition night	2,500	-	2,500	1,750	750
Van Buren Cove lease	425	-	425	-	425
Memorial Day	600	-	600	600	-
NMDC	3,110	-	3,110	3,110	-
Boat landing	500	-	500	-	500
Maine Acadian Heritage Council	200	-	200	200	-
Van Buren Summerfest	4,000	-	4,000	4,250	(250)
American Red Cross	2,200	-	2,200	2,200	-
Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery	100	-	100	100	-
Leave accrual reserve	2,164	(2,164)	-	-	-
TV Station and IT	6,500	-	6,500	6,500	-
Miscellaneous	1,000	-	1,000	1,020	(20)
Special funds	800	-	800	800	-
Medicare/Social Security	-	-	-	66	(66)
Overlay	23,944	-	23,944	7,528	16,416
	48,043	(2,164)	45,879	28,124	17,755
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Capital projects funds	-	132,664	132,664	132,664	-
	-	132,664	132,664	132,664	-
Total Departmental Operations	\$ 2,708,062	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,720,562	\$ 2,648,658	\$ 71,904

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 59,994	\$ -	\$ 115,237	\$ 175,231
Investments	-	-	49,653	49,653
Due from other governments	-	5,334	-	5,334
Due from other funds	46,126	317,983	7,300	371,409
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 106,120</u>	<u>\$ 323,317</u>	<u>\$ 172,190</u>	<u>\$ 601,627</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	98,114	-	172,190	270,304
Committed	-	323,317	-	323,317
Assigned	8,006	-	-	8,006
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>106,120</u>	<u>323,317</u>	<u>172,190</u>	<u>601,627</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 106,120</u>	<u>\$ 323,317</u>	<u>\$ 172,190</u>	<u>\$ 601,627</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, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 235,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 235,851
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	53	-	917	970
Other	28,750	11,734	6,461	46,945
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>264,654</u>	<u>11,734</u>	<u>7,378</u>	<u>283,766</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	56,452	230,774	-	287,226
Other	20,568	4,944	1,473	26,985
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>77,020</u>	<u>235,718</u>	<u>1,473</u>	<u>314,211</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>187,634</u>	<u>(223,984)</u>	<u>5,905</u>	<u>(30,445)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	132,664	-	132,664
Transfers (out)	(159,697)	-	-	(159,697)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(159,697)</u>	<u>132,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,033)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	27,937	(91,320)	5,905	(57,478)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	<u>78,183</u>	<u>414,637</u>	<u>166,285</u>	<u>659,105</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 106,120</u>	<u>\$ 323,317</u>	<u>\$ 172,190</u>	<u>\$ 601,627</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, 2020

	Rehabilitation Escrow	Downtown TIF	Snowmobile Club	Police Camera	Micro Enterprise Grant
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,782	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	53	-	-	-
Other	-	27,500	-	-	1,100
TOTAL REVENUES	-	27,553	57,782	-	1,100
EXPENDITURES					
Capital outlay	-	-	56,452	-	-
Other	-	15,138	1,330	-	1,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	15,138	57,782	-	1,100
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	12,415	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	12,415	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	897	64,285	3,180	217	-
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 897	\$ 76,700	\$ 3,180	\$ 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, 2020

	Recreation Grant	Police Grant	PSCDBG 18PI Grant	Acadian Village Grant	Total
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178,069	\$ -	\$ 235,851
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	53
Other	150	-	-	-	28,750
TOTAL REVENUES	150	-	178,069	-	264,654
EXPENDITURES					
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	56,452
Other	3,000	-	-	-	20,568
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,000	-	-	-	77,020
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(2,850)	-	178,069	-	187,634
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	(159,697)	-	(159,697)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	(159,697)	-	(159,697)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(2,850)	-	18,372	-	27,937
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	6,779	10	-	2,815	78,183
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 3,929	\$ 10	\$ 18,372	\$ 2,815	\$ 106,120

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Delinquent Real Estate Tax Listing as of May 15, 2021

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

Acct #	Customer	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
49	Allen, Alicia & Justin					\$ 810.05
1339	Barber, Christopher					\$ 1,133.05
71	Beaulieu, Joseph Reed					\$ 222.75
329	Beaulieu, Joseph Reed					\$ 674.92
545	Bellamy, Judy, John & Mitchell	\$ 528.94	\$ 1,108.77	\$ 1,105.11	\$ 326.47	\$ 308.28
124	Bourgoin, Rodney J. & Gaetane M.					\$ 226.08
125	Bourgoin, Rodney J. & Gaetane M.					\$ 624.25
166	Caron, Louis Jr & Shirley					\$ 1,114.95
167	Caron, Louis Jr & Shirley					\$ 134.77
168	Caron, Louis Jr & Shirley					\$ 353.94
196	Chabre, Heath					\$ 1,876.76
201	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 783.15
202	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 1,726.80
205	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 76.83
207	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 1,148.44
208	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 853.15
210	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 76.93
211	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 1,209.31
212	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 819.68
215	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 1,096.68
861	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 229.13
1297	Chasse, Gerald & Mary Ann					\$ 1,519.81
459	Coats, Bridget				\$ 803.41	\$ 807.50
279	Cyr, David M					\$ 232.48
283	Cyr, Gary K					\$ 1,151.47
305	Cyr, Gary K					\$ 530.49
490	Dickson, Gregory					\$ 850.11
379	Doucette, Kenneth R JR					\$ 714.76
1238	Fagundes, Dolores A					\$ 1,346.05
871	Farley, Richard & Wood-Emmert, Nicole				\$ 504.68	\$ 743.58
964	Gagnon, Charles & Sharon			\$ 236.89	\$ 481.86	\$ 454.39
965	Gagnon, Charles & Sharon				\$ 1,747.92	\$ 2,046.42
514	Gagnon, Wayne				\$ 85.92	\$ 427.00
1062	Kennedy, Heidi M.			\$ 173.35	\$ 116.02	\$ 110.42
1070	Kennedy, Heidi M.			\$ 2,103.93	\$ 1,323.61	\$ 1,245.85
630	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina					\$ 143.91
696	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina					\$ 4,055.40
387	Lapointe, Kevin & Tina					\$ 302.19
1194	Largena, Laythen					\$ 241.15
209	Lavallee, Linda					\$ 443.55
764	Levesque, Jessica		\$ 1,150.77	\$ 1,147.47	\$ 1,028.99	\$ 968.83
921	Lewis, Dusty L.				\$ 1,744.43	\$ 1,872.91
682	Lilly, Darin					\$ 1,031.33
597	Lyons, Manley					\$ 1,112.72
858	Martin, Fernand & Marsha I				\$ 89.00	\$ 442.22
859	Martin, Fernand & Marsha I					\$ 61.71
1296	Michaud, Rita & Clavette, Renald					\$ 1,286.22
89	Michaud, Wade					\$ 521.37
794	Mode, Cody				\$ 766.76	\$ 722.27
967	Morin, John P & Jheri E					\$ 368.86
975	Morrow, Peter J.					\$ 1,577.65
976	Morrow, Peter J.					\$ 733.64
1013	Northern Aroostook Associates					\$ 14,394.40
491	Nothorn Financial Home Mortgage Corp					\$ 1,111.90
1427	O'Hare, Francis					\$ 996.23

Acct #	Customer	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1016	O'Hare, Francis					\$ 232.18
1025	Ouellet, Donalda					\$ 1,373.68
1020	Ouellet, Donalda					\$ 1,720.71
1021	Ouellet, Donalda					\$ 1,114.95
1045	Ouellette, Gary S.					\$ 610.45
1030	Ouellette, Gene C. & Millie A.					\$ 1,769.41
909	Pelletier, Travis					\$ 2,566.31
1143	Pennington, Tanya A.				\$ 85.12	\$ 204.78
1167	Pitre, Sandra				\$ 492.23	\$ 1,495.45
120	Rioux, Guildo & Johnna				\$ 77.67	\$ 372.20
1431	Rioux, Guildo & Johnna				\$ 241.45	\$ 2,670.44
1189	Rioux, Guildo					\$ 1,221.88
1022	Rockhold, Daniel			\$ 839.03	\$ 986.91	\$ 929.27
1186	Schultz, Jacqueline					\$ 996.33
1252	Searles, Roger					\$ 58.61
1341	Searles, Roger E					\$ 64.69
1509	Searles, Roger E					\$ 49.48
1543	Searles, Roger. E					\$ 156.02
450	Searles, Rose Marie					\$ 1,383.10
1254	Searles, Rose Marie					\$ 845.81
1564	Searles, Rose Marie					\$ 152.97
1262	Sirois, Gregory L.					\$ 1,109.67
234	Soucy, Chelsea L. & Soucy, Sheila M.					\$ 796.14
228	SRD Rentals C/O Aroostook Hospitality Inn					\$ 6,646.20
233	St. Pierre, Jacques					\$ 591.01
1313	St. Pierre, Jacques & Hatch, Tammy					\$ 435.17
229	Therault, Carrie				\$ 73.44	\$ 923.17
230	Therault, Carrie					\$ 101.30
1337	Thibodeau, Gisele					\$ 78.59
878	TMC of Maine, LLC					\$ 1,198.08
330	Town of Van Buren (504 Main Street)	\$ 986.23	\$ 982.45	\$ 903.53		
914	Town of Van Buren (326 Main Street)				\$ 597.34	\$ 927.02
516	Town of Van Buren (94 Main Street)	\$ 5,372.72	\$ 5,259.35	\$ 5,216.44		
401	Town of Van Buren (115 Bridge St)			\$ 981.58	\$ 860.64	\$ 742.74
398	Town of Van Buren (96 Main Street)			\$ 2,245.11	\$ 1,815.70	\$ 1,640.73
744	Town of Van Buren (124 Birch Ave)			\$ 1,123.02	\$ 925.92	
760	Town of Van Buren (152 Main Street)	\$ 2,253.36	\$ 2,217.92	\$ 2,149.40		
915	Town of Van Buren (107 St. John Ave)	\$ 249.04	\$ 264.19	\$ 165.89		
934	Town of Van Buren (St. John Avenue)			\$ 144.48	\$ 113.87	\$ 21.32
935	Town of Van Buren (46 Main Street)			\$ 1,167.99	\$ 858.49	\$ 721.44
1033	Town of Van Buren (82 Main Street)		\$ 482.28	\$ 466.55	\$ 135.98	
1256	Town of Van Buren (62 Main Street)			\$ 1,906.44	\$ 2,045.56	\$ 1,924.65
114	Town of Van Buren (88 Main Street)				\$ 6,534.00	\$ 6,051.52
203	Town of Van Buren (123 Tyler Street)			\$ 1,203.93	\$ 1,067.85	\$ 937.56
440	Town of Van Buren (72 Main Street)					\$ 2,803.55
917	Town of Van Buren (118 Tyler Street)					\$ 408.22
968	Town of Van Buren (Off RR1)				\$ 655.82	\$ 637.03
257	Tracy, Susan					\$ 95.21
252	True, Vincent					\$ 990.14
1200	Van Buren Hydroponics, LLC				\$ 853.03	\$ 907.95
1402	Violette, Donald R.					\$ 1,315.85
TOTALS:		\$ 9,390.29	\$ 11,465.73	\$ 23,280.14	\$ 27,440.09	\$ 112,061.67

Delinquent Personal Property Tax Listing as of May 15, 2021

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

Acct #	Customer	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
109	Bechard's Diner								\$ 470.67	\$ 419.47	\$ 422.99	\$ 388.00	
204	Chasse, Gerald J												\$ 88.27
316	Context Media LLC												\$ 8.06
184	Cormier's Autobody					\$ 36.79	\$ 39.70	\$ 34.48	\$ 39.75	\$ 37.49			
259	Eastern Maine Railway Company												\$ 182.04
49	Edna's Floral Arrangement												\$ 66.91
224	Fern's Tool Rental								\$ 87.51				
255	Frog Hollow										\$ 635.83		
206	Helms, Terry (Rental)								\$ 7.83	\$ 7.58			
72	Keegan Variety, LLC												\$ 27.73
100	Marion Drive Apartments, Inc.												\$ 15.14
101	Marion Drive Apartments, Inc.												\$ 160.27
244	Medeiros, Michael & Barbara (Rental)									\$ 39.24			
110	Michaud, Rita (Rentals)								\$ 171.76	\$ 166.29	\$ 167.68	\$ 153.81	\$ 144.62
231	Nitco												\$ 976.71
219	Ouellette Heating and Air Conditioning												\$ 21.13
121	Realty Resources Management												\$ 245.75
150	Rioux C & D Management, Inc.	\$ 7,356.56	\$ 6,623.49	\$ 6,673.44	\$ 4,646.10	\$ 1,544.99			\$ 89.92	\$ 87.68	\$ 88.41	\$ 81.09	
152	RM Lawncare											\$ 605.57	\$ 569.38
153	Robin's Restaurant											\$ 409.14	
203	RPJ Valley Apartments (Rental)					\$ 7.43	\$ 7.83	\$ 6.66	\$ 7.83	\$ 7.58	\$ 7.65	\$ 7.03	\$ 6.60
189	Signs & Graphics						\$ 664.67						
222	SRD Rentals										\$ 197.47	\$ 181.14	\$ 170.32
186	Talk of the Town						\$ 133.45	\$ 116.22					
104	TMC of Maine, LLC												\$ 15.22
226	T-Quip Sales & Rentals (Deleted)					\$ 5,547.77	\$ 5,355.78						
201	Valley Carpentry LLC					\$ 522.92	\$ 513.60	\$ 408.26	\$ 433.91	\$ 381.17	\$ 384.39	\$ 352.60	
15	Van Buren Hotel & Yacht Club					\$ 325.95	\$ 380.64	\$ 326.01					
TOTAL		\$7,356.56	\$6,623.49	\$6,673.44	\$4,646.10	\$7,985.85	\$7,095.67	\$ 891.63	\$1,309.18	\$ 1,146.50	\$ 1,904.42	\$ 2,178.38	\$ 2,698.15

2021-2022 Estimated General Government Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0001 Taxes	1,496,986	1,213,599	1,459,695	1,459,998
0002 Supplemental	110	271	0	
0050 Plumbing Permits	0	0	0	
0055 Planning Board Ad	0	0	0	
0075 BETE Reimb	32,242	28,767	18,904	18,500
0100 Town Clerk Research	0	0	0	
0104 Fines/Bldg Permits	0	0	0	
0105 CEO Permits	433	525	500	500
0106 CEO Misc Rev	0	0	0	
0110 Town Clerk Fee	4,834	4,485	5,000	4,500
0115 Tree Growth	1,100	176	1,000	760
0120 Permit - Garage Sales	105	175	150	200
0125 Vets Exempt	3,020	3,133	3,133	3,243
0135 State Rev Sharing	166,330	244,495	289,484	334,041
0140 MV Reg Fees	6,449	7,182	7,000	8,000
0150 Lien Costs	11,248	9,236	12,000	10,000
0175 Fax Services	177	66	150	100
0180 Photocopy Service	70	12	75	25
0185 Assessor Copies	0	0	0	
0190 Delinq Tax Interest	15,552	13,635	15,000	14,000
0210 Rental Income	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400
0220 Land Sale	250	9,048	0	
0310 Vehicle Excise	352,669	316,993	353,000	353,000
0315 Boat Excise	1,924	1,028	2,000	1,500
0400 Unemp Comp	0	0	0	
0425 Surplus Sale	0	0	0	
0550 NSF Fees	140	35	100	
0610 Snowmobile	695	721	0	
1000 GG Misc Rev	84	80	100	
1100 Payroll Reimb	33,000	33,660	33,000	18,185
1105 Interest Surplus	7,614	0	7,000	4,000
1110 Interest Check	153	158	300	50
1111 Interest CIP	871	0	200	50
1120 Homestead Exempt	175,564	198,321	213,813	247,000
1200 Over/Short	20	(13)	0	
1300 Surplus Undesignated			0	
1400 Carry Forward	0	0	0	
Gen Gov Rev	2,320,040	2,094,188	2,430,004	2,486,052

2021-2022 Estimated Police Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0840 Police Rpts	10	15	15	
0845 Police Witness	55	350	300	
Police Dept Rev	65	365	315	0

2021-2022 Estimated Fire Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0155 Fire Protection - Cyr	14,770	15,123	15,123	15,213
0400 Fire Protection - Cty	9,162	9,391	9,361	9,891
1000 FD-Misc Rev	165	0	0	
1010 Fire Protection - Ham	20,715	21,336	21,336	21,336
Fire Dept Rev	44,812	45,850	45,820	46,440

2021-2022 Estimated Highway Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0165 Plowing	16,585	16,917	17,424	17,946
0325 Local Road URIP	29,764	30,520	31,500	30,000
0330 Misc	2,000		0	
Highway Dept Rev	48,349	47,437	48,924	47,946

2021-2022 Estimated Recycling Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0290 SW Private Haul	97,002	89,252	90,000	0
0305 Recycling Sales	13,075	5,676	7,000	10,000
0320 Landfill Fee	95,240	101,952	105,000	165,000
0410 Recycle Cty	2,033	2,064	2,100	2,135
1200 Recycle Over/Short	0	0	0	
Recycling Rev	207,350	198,944	204,100	177,135

2021-2022 Estimated Recreation Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0615 Concessions	1,310	1,440	1,500	1,000
0620 Skating Fee	638	408	600	600
1000 Rec Misc Revenue	4,109	500	500	500
Rec Dept Rev	6,057	2,348	2,600	2,100

2021-2022 Estimated Library Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0710 Library Hamlin	350	0	350	350
0711 Library Cyr	100	100	100	100
Library Trust	0	1,000	1,000	
Library Dept Rev	450	1,100	1,450	450

2021-2022 Estimated Misc. & Unclassified Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0010 GA Reimb	2,974	717	3,000	4,200
MISC & Unclass Rev	2,974	717	3,000	4,200

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Total Town Revenues	2,630,097	2,390,949	2,736,213	3,146,423
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** FY2021-2022 Includes Ambulance

2021-2022 Estimated Wastewater Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0100 Ant. WW Rev	385,536	384,436	375,261	406,497
0220 Land Sale	250	0		
0331 WW FEMA Reimb	0	0		
0550 NSF Fees	0	0		
0600 Certified Mail	0	0		
1000 WW Int	2,159	3,504	3,000	2,000
1100 WW Lien Cost	5,204	6,639	6,500	6,500
1101 WW Misc Rev	0	0		
1105 Interest Surplus	0	0		
1110 Checking Interest	0	0		
1111 Interest CIP	1,863	1,800	1,800	1,000
1400 Sewer Line Misc	0	0		
Wastewater Rev	395,012	396,379	386,561	415,997

2021-2022 Estimated Ambulance Department Revenues

ACCOUNT	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-2020 on 6/23/2020	2021-2022 Projected	2021-2022 Projected
0150 Grand Isle Contract	15,260	15,489	15,900	0
0151 Cyr Plan Contract	2,418	2,220	1,900	1,900
0152 Hamlin Contract	7,348	7,347	7,700	7,700
0200 Run Billings	503,719	429,557	600,000	475,000
0225 Amb Edu Rev	0	0	0	0
0401 County Contract	3,480	3,550	4,000	4,500
1105 Interest Surplus	0	0	0	
1109 Misc Rev	0	0	0	
1110 Checking Interest	0	0	0	
1111 Int CIP	1,675	1,600	750	0
1112 Contractual Adj	(113,551)	(83,916)	(100,000)	-95,000
1113 Write Offs	(13,658)	(19,136)	(20,000)	-12,000
Ambulance Rev	406,691	356,711	510,250	382,100

General Government Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 BUDGET	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET
0001 Twn Council	4,000	4,000	4,000
0002 Town Manager	66,300	66,300	68,640
0005 Director Pay	40,377	40,983	41,600
0007 Clerk/Wastewater	35,532	36,065	36,605
0008 Deputy Tx Collector	27,650	28,065	28,485
0011 Town Clerk	3,000	3,250	3,500
0013 Assessor	42,782	43,424	43,246
0023 Janitor/Maint	6,240	6,340	6,000
0025 Safety Risk	750	750	750
0051 Town Council Exp	1,000	500	500
0052 Town Mgr 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	1,100	800
0101 Bldg Exp	2,500	2,500	2,500
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	5,000	5,000	5,000
0122 HW/SW Maint	15,610	14,430	19,108
0124 Security Contract	750	750	750
0240 CEO/LPI Pay	7,660	7,775	10,813
0251 Office Supplies	5,750	6,000	6,000
0252 Print & Publ	1,500	1,000	1,000
0254 Postage	5,500	5,500	5,500
0258 Office Equip	500	500	500
1023 Lien Costs	5,500	5,500	5,500
1201 Legal Services	2,000	5,000	2,000
1204 Audit	7,500	7,700	8,000
1205 Dispatch	10,608	11,500	9,000
1277 GG MMBB Pmt	51,656	51,646	51,642
1302 Telephone	6,500	6,500	7,100
1304 Cell Phone	2,550	2,500	1,950
1306 Electricity	11,500	11,000	11,000
1308 Heat	33,600	33,000	33,000
1310 Heat Sys Maint	1,800	1,800	1,800
1320 Water	3,350	3,350	3,350
1330 Property/Pub Ins	57,260	58,000	65,000
1340 Medical Ins	95,000	107,100	113,520
1350 Unemp Comp	8,728	8,900	6,200
1360 Workers Comp	26,943	56,500	56,500
1370 Medicare / SS	4,120	4,020	3,683
1380 M.S.R.S.	69,029	74,428	54,729
1381 Maine Retiree Life Premium	650	500	800
1395 Capital Improvement Account	75,500	75,000	75,000
Gen Gov Exp	757,545	808,426	805,321

Police Department Expense

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 BUDGET	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET
0004 Chief Pay	57,594	57,594	7,380
0007 FT Staff Pay	109,185	97,175	
0008 PT Staff Pay	27,015	34,472	
0026 Overtime	9,000	13,000	
0028 Standby Pay	6,000	6,000	
0054 Staff Exp	2,500	2,500	
Drug Testing/Lab	2,500	1,500	
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	600	600	
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	11,000	11,000	
0063 Duty Gear	2,500	2,500	
0069 Prisoner Exp	1,200	1,200	
0079 Books/Periodicals	300	400	
0102 Physicals	350	350	
0103 Phys Incent	500	500	
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	250	300	
1370 Medicare / SS	4,971	6,205	107
Police Dept Exp	235,465	235,296	7,487

Fire Department Expense

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 BUDGET	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET
0004 Chief Pay	15,672	17,160	17,418
0016 Off Incent Pay	13,430	13,430	13,430
0022 Volunteer Pay	32,500	32,500	32,500
0054 Staff Train	2,000	2,000	2,000
0061 Equip/Pur	7,500	7,500	7,500
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	7,000	7,000	7,000
0063 Duty Gear	3,500	3,500	3,500
0064 Rescue	2,000	2,000	2,000
0101 Bldg Exp	1,500	1,500	1,500
0102 Physicals	1,500	1,500	1,500
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	800	800	800
1370 Medicare / SS	4,713	4,713	4,850
Fire Dept Exp	92,115	93,603	93,998

Highway Dept Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	25,918	26,308	29,016
0007 FT Staff Pay	137,498	139,561	167,076
0010 Seasonal Staff	7,500	8,500	8,500
0026 Overtime	10,000	12,000	15,000
0028 Standby Pay	5,000	5,000	6,000
0054 Staff Exp	2,000	2,000	1,000
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	70,000	77,000	85,000
0063 Duty Gear	1,600	1,600	1,800
0066 Tools	1,500	1,500	1,500
0067 Cold/Hot	4,000	4,000	4,000
0070 Signs/Paint	1,500	1,500	1,500
0072 Salt/Chloride	35,000	35,000	35,000
0101 Bldg Exp	5,000	5,000	2,000
0102 Physicals	300	300	400
0134 Manhole Cleaning	500	500	500
1370 Medicare / SS	3,161	3,302	3,271
Highway Dept Exp	310,477	323,071	361,563

Proposed Town Budget - Recycling Dept Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	5,760	5,847	6,448
0006 Recycling Manager	34,261	32,600	36,046
0008 PT Staff Pay	15,418	16,225	9,011
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	3,000	3,000	3,000
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	1,000	1,000	1,000
0063 Duty Gear	400	400	400
0101 Building Expense	5,000	3,000	3,000
0120 SW Hauler	50,000	50,000	25,000
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	70,000	70,000	35,000
0251 Supplies	750	750	750
1275 Univ Waste	500	500	500
1302 Telephone	500	250	650
1306 Electricity	500	600	600
1308 Heat/Maintenance	1,600	800	1,200
1276 Recycl MMBB	23,815	23,786	21,488
1340 Medical Insurance			10,320
1360 Workers Comp	1,935	2,500	3,000
1370 Medicare / SS	1,760	1,798	747
1380 Maine State Retirement			5,370
Recycling Exp	216,699	213,556	158,660

Proposed Town Budget - Recreation Dept Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	32,567	33,056	33,552
0010 Seasonal Staff	13,000	13,000	13,000
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500
0075 Rec/Sports	4,300	4,300	4,300
0076 Concession	1,500	1,500	1,000
0085 Miscellaneous Expenses			
Transportation			
0101 Bldg Exp	3,500	1,500	2,000
0104 Transportation	2,500	2,500	2,500
1370 Medicare / SS	1,467	1,330	1,485
Rec Dept Exp	59,334	57,686	58,337

Library Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	28,456	28,882	29,315
0008 PT Staff Pay	15,840	16,075	16,204
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500
0079 Books/Periodicals	4,000	4,000	4,000
0101 Bldg Exp	1,500	1,500	1,500
1370 Medicare / SS	1,624	1,641	1,664
Library Dept Exp	51,920	52,598	53,183

Economic Development Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	10,000	10,000	10,000
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500
0142 Downtown	500	500	500
1204 Audit	1,000	1,000	1,000
Eco Development Exp	12,000	12,000	12,000

Miscellaneous Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0143 Emp Recog	2,500	2,500	3,000
0148 Special Fund	800	800	800
1207 Hydrant Pmts	171,960	171,960	171,960
1208 Street Light	39,000	35,000	36,000
1226 Resurf/Repair	55,000	55,000	100,000
1228 Gen Assist	6,000	6,000	6,000
1236 Fire Exting	700	700	700
1252 Memorial Day	600	600	600
1254 NMDC	3,110	3,090	3,120
1257 Building Demolition		4,000	20,000
1258 Boat Landing	500	500	500
1260 ME Heritage	200	200	200
1261 Summerfest	4,000	4,000	5,000
TV Station/IT	6,500	6,500	6,000
1263 Red Cross	2,200	2,000	2,000
1264 ME Vet Cemetery	100	100	100
1266 A.C.A.P	435	435	435
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 Lv Accrual Reserve	2,164	3,000	10,000
MISC & UNCLA Exp	302,469	303,085	373,115

MSAD#24 & County Tax Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
1230 MSAD #24 Educ	554,398	537,204	532,848
Adult Ed Reim (5 yrs)	6,275	6,275	6,275
MSAD#24	560,673	543,479	539,123

1232 County Taxes	84,796	93,413	97,335
County Taxes	84,796	93,413	97,335

4105 Abatements

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Town Gov Total Expenses

2,683,493	2,736,213	3,146,423
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**FY2021-2022 Total includes Ambulance

2019-2020 Proposed Wastewater Dept

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	25,918	26,307	29,016
0007 FT Staff Pay	34,875	35,398	36,046
0008 PT Staff Pay			9,011
0009 Reimb To GG	18,054	18,054	18,185
0026 Overtime	2,000	2,000	2,000
0054 Staff Exp	700	700	700
0028 Standby	3,000	3,000	0
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	5,000	5,000	5,000
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	2,000	2,000	2,000
0101 Building Expenses	5,000	5,000	3,000
0063 Duty Gear	800	800	800
0102 Physicals	150	150	150
0105 Lab Supplies	5,500	9,500	8,500
0106 Poly/Line/Hypo	11,000	11,000	11,000
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	2,250	2,250	2,250
0122 HW/SW Maint	300	300	300
0251 Office Supplies	200	200	200
0252 Print & Publ	400	400	400
0254 Postage	2,500	2,500	2,500
1010 Sewer Line	10,000	10,000	10,000
1020 Sludge Maint	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	1,200	1,400	1,400
1278 WW MMBB Pmt	50,421	51,902	50,405
1279 USDA Loan Repayment	32,895	32,895	32,895
1302 Telephone	900	900	1,236
1304 Cell Phone	900	1,740	1,740
1306 Electricity	55,000	55,000	55,000
1308 Heat	10,000	10,000	10,000
1310 Heat Sys Maint	3,000	3,000	1,500
1312 Diesel/Propane	1,000	1,000	1,000
1320 Water	1,100	1,100	1,100
1330 Property/Pub Ins	4,662	6,050	7,000
1340 Medical Ins	19,621	21,360	20,640
1350 Unemp Comp	1,414	1,450	1,450
1360 Workers Comp	5,415	5,500	7,135
1370 Medicare / SS	885	895	1,066
1380 M.S.R.S.	6,079	6,232	7,836
1395 Cap Equip Reserve	100,000	50,000	60,000
4105 Abatements	5,000	5,000	5,000
Wastewater Exp	435,639	396,483	413,961

Ambulance Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Final	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 Proposed
0005 Director Pay	62,887	57,855.00	57,855
0007 FT Staff Pay	163,862	130,000.00	177,792
0008 PT Staff Pay	56,160	70,000.00	26,992
0009 Reimb To GG	15,606	15,000.00	0
0012 Billing Clerk	16,800	17,000.00	17,000
0026 Overtime	49,158	65,000.00	41,256
0028 Standby Pay	1,000	1,000.00	29,120
0029 Meal Reimb	200	500.00	500
0054 Staff Exp	2,500	2,500.00	2,500
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	3,500	5,000.00	5,000
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	17,000	15,000.00	15,000
0063 Duty Gear	20,000	25,000.00	25,000
0077 Patient Transfer			
0078 Rent Expence	7,800	7,800.00	
0082 Laundry	750	750.00	1,200
0085 Misc Exp	1,000	1,000.00	1,000
0101 Bldg Exp	1,000	1,000.00	1,000
0102 Physicals	200	200.00	200
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	1,750	1,800.00	1,800
0122 HW/SW Maint	200	200.00	200
1201 Legal Services	600	600.00	600
1204 Audit	1,000	1,100.00	1,100
1205 Dispatch	11,010	11,500.00	9,000
1302 Telephone	1,800	2,000.00	2,500
1304 Cell Phone	1,335	750.00	625
1306 Electricity	1,200	1,200.00	700
1308 Heat	6,000	5,000.00	5,000
1310 Heat Sys Maint	200	250.00	250
1320 Water	350	350.00	400
1330 Property/Pub Ins	9,200	9,500.00	10,000
1340 Medical Ins	59,600	40,000.00	51,600
1350 Unemp Comp	2,151	4,000.00	4,000
1360 Workers Comp	25,870	45,000.00	45,000
1370 Medicare / SS	8,190	6,655.00	2,065
1380 M.S.R.S.	27,591	23,825.00	25,046
1395 Cap Equip Reserve	21,000	25,000.00	25,000
Ambulance Expenses	598,470	593,335.00	586,301

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE
June 8-9, 2021**

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 8th day of June, A.D., 2021 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 Gymnasium in said Town on Wednesday, the 9th day of June, A.D. 2021 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 8, 2021, 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 9, 2021, 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 Gymnasium, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Per CDC & DOE guidelines, facemasks are **required** in the school.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021 - 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 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
- Three 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
- One Director of M.S.A.D. #24 for a term of one year

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 9, 2021 - 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**.

2020/2021 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 808,426

\$805,321

\$805,321

ARTICLE 6

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

2020/2021 Appropriations

Council Recommends

Budget Recommends

\$ 235,296

\$7,487

\$7,487

ARTICLE 7

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 93,603	\$93,998	\$93,998

ARTICLE 8

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 323,071	\$361,563	\$361,563

ARTICLE 9

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 213,556	\$158,660	\$158,660

ARTICLE 10

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 57,686	\$58,337	\$58,337

ARTICLE 11

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 52,598	\$53,183	\$53,183

ARTICLE 12

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000

ARTICLE 13

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 303,085	\$373,115	\$373,115

ARTICLE 14

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 543,479	\$539,123	\$539,123

ARTICLE 15

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 93,413	\$97,335	\$97,335

ARTICLE 16

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 396,483	\$413,961	\$413,961

ARTICLE 17

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

<u>2020/2021 Appropriations</u>	<u>Council Recommends</u>	<u>Budget Recommends</u>
\$ 593,335	\$ 586,301	\$ 586,301

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 2020/2021 Tax Commitment:

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

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

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

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

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes for the year 2020/2021 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 7% 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

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 Anticipated 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 Town will vote to authorize the Highway Department purchase a 2022 Western Star 4700 single axle truck chassis, a 10' stainless steel combination side dump/spreader body, and an 11' plow and wing unit for a total cost of \$178,190. Funds or financing to pay for the truck upon delivery predicted for May 2022 to be determined in a future Special Town Meeting, pending the distribution of Recovery Act Funding and other State Revenues not yet determined.

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 Ambulance Department surplus funds to cover the FY 2019//2020 expenses that exceeded revenues: \$168,957

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department up to \$11,500 from the General Government Capital Improvement fund to purchase of 10 SCBA bottles and 5 sets of boots.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommend: Yes

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department up to \$9400 from the General Government Capital Improvement fund as a 5% match to a 2021 FEMA grant for 17 SCBA (Air Packs) and 13 sets of gear.

Council Recommends: Yes

Budget Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Voters of the Town will authorize the Town Council to use FY 2019-2020 excess appropriation from the Miscellaneous and Unclassified account (0901) of \$17,669 to cover overages in the General Government account (0200) of \$9,900 and in the Highway account (0500) of \$7,769.

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 2021 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.)

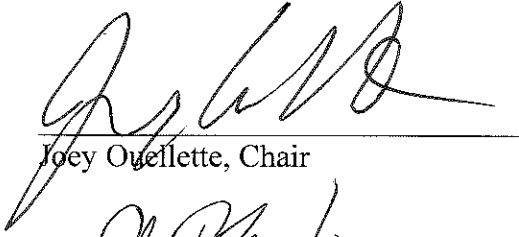
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Budget Recommends: No

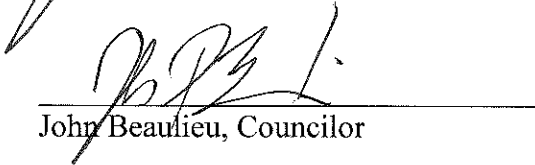
ARTICLE 36

Adjournment

Approved and signed on this the 26th day of May, 2021.



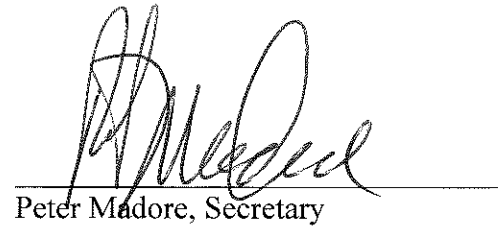
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