

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JULY 24, 2024

NEW ISSUE – SERIAL BONDS  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

RATING - MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE: “ ”

*In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the Town, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Bonds and the Notes is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code, however, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Town, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York. See "Tax Matters" herein.*

*The Town will NOT designate the Bonds or the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to the provision of Section 265 of the Code.*

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**  
(the "Town")

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**\$23,935,000\* PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SERIAL BONDS - 2024**  
(the "Bonds")

**BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE**  
(See Inside Front Cover)

*Prior Redemption:* The Bonds maturing on August 15, 2032 and thereafter are subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, prior to maturity, in any order of maturity and in any amount within a maturity, on any date on or after August 15, 2031 in accordance with the terms described herein. See "Optional Redemption" under "THE BONDS," herein.

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**\$5,560,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES – 2024**  
(the "Notes")

Dated Date: August 21, 2024

Maturity Date: August 21, 2025

*Prior Redemption:* The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity.

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The Bonds and the Notes are general obligations of the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York (the "Town"), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the Town for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon and, unless paid from other sources, the Bonds and the Notes are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the Town, subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended (the "Tax Levy Limit Law"). (See "Tax Levy Limit Law" herein).

At the option of the purchaser, the Bonds and the Notes may be either (i) registered in the name of the purchaser or (ii) registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") as book-entry bonds.

For bonds and notes registered in the name of the purchaser, a single bond certificate shall be issued for each maturity and principal of and interest on such Bonds and Notes will be payable in Federal Funds by the Town, at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as selected by the successful bidder(s).

The Bonds and the Notes issued in book-entry form will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds and the Notes. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds and the Notes. Individual purchases may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. A single bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of any book-entry Bonds and Notes. Principal of and interest on book-entry Bonds and Notes will be paid in Federal Funds by the Town to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants (as herein after defined) for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Bonds and the Notes as described herein. Transfer of principal and interest payments to Beneficial Owners (as hereinafter defined) by Participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such Participants and other nominees of Beneficial Owners. The Town will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its Participants or by Direct Participants (as hereinafter defined) to Beneficial Owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its Participants or persons acting through such Participants. (See "DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM" herein).

Sealed bids for the Bonds and the Notes will be received at 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) on August 7, 2024, in accordance with the Notice of Sale dated July 24, 2024.

*The Bonds and the Notes are offered subject to the final approving opinions of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel to the Town, and certain other respective conditions. It is expected that delivery of the Bonds and the Notes in book-entry form will be made through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York, or as otherwise agreed to by the Town and the Purchaser(s), on or about August 21, 2024 in New York, New York.*

**THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM "DEEMED FINAL" BY THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE "RULE"). FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN'S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FOR THE BONDS AND THE NOTES, AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING" HEREIN.**

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$23,935,000\* PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SERIAL BONDS - 2024**

**BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE**

**Dated: August 21, 2024**

**Principal Due: August 15, 2025-2039, inclusive  
Interest Due: Semiannually on each February 15  
and August 15 in each year to  
maturity commencing February 15, 2025**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u> **	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield or Price</u>	<u>CUSIP #</u>
2025	\$1,195,000			
2026	1,245,000			
2027	1,290,000			
2028	1,345,000			
2029	1,400,000			
2030	1,455,000			
2031	1,510,000			
2032	1,575,000***			
2033	1,635,000***			
2034	1,700,000***			
2035	1,770,000***			
2036	1,840,000***			
2037	1,915,000***			
2038	1,990,000***			
2039	2,070,000***			

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

\*\* Amounts are subject to adjustment by the Town following the sale, pursuant to the terms of the Notice of Sale relating to the Bonds, to achieve substantial level or declining annual debt service as provided in Section 58.00 (c)(2) of the Local Finance Law.

\*\*\*Subject to prior redemption.



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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$23,935,000\* PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SERIAL BONDS - 2024**  
**and**  
**\$5,560,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES – 2024**

This Official Statement and appendices thereto presents certain information relating to the Town of Huntington, in the State of New York (the "Town" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$23,935,000\* Public Improvement Serial Bonds - 2024 (the "Bonds") and \$5,560,000 Bond Anticipation Notes – 2024 (the "Notes").

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State and acts and proceedings of the Town contained herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the official compilations thereof and all references to the Bonds and the Notes and the proceedings of the Town relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Bonds and the Notes and such proceedings.

**THE BONDS**

**Description of the Bonds**

The Bonds will be dated date of delivery, and will mature in the principal amounts on August 15, in each of the years 2025 to 2039, inclusive, as set forth on the inside cover page. Interest on the Bonds will be payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 in each year to maturity, commencing February 15, 2025.

At the option of the purchaser, the Bonds may be either registered in the name of the purchaser or registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") as book-entry bonds. For those Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. For Bonds issued as book-entry bonds through DTC, Bondholders will not receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds purchased (See "*DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM*," herein).

The Record Date of the Bonds will be the last day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date.

The Town Clerk will act as Fiscal Agent for the Bonds. Paying agent fees, if any, will be paid by the purchaser. The Town's contact information is as follows: Laura B. Carey, the Town Comptroller, Town of Huntington, Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Huntington, New York 11743, telephone number (631) 351-3000 and email: [lcarey@huntingtonny.gov](mailto:lcarey@huntingtonny.gov).

**Optional Redemption**

The Bonds maturing on or before August 15, 2031 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on August 15, 2032 and thereafter, will be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, prior to maturity, in whole or in part, and if in part, in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity), on any date on or after August 15, 2031, at par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered owner at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for such redemption. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable together with interest to such redemption date. Interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

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\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## Authorization and Purpose for the Bonds

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Town Law and the New York Local Finance Law, and various bond resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town on the dates set forth below for the following purposes:

Date Authorized	Purpose	Amount Authorized	Amount to be Issued
04/11/2024	Dix Hills Water District Improvements - Plant #8	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000
04/11/2024	Water Meter Replacement	4,767,000	2,000,000
04/11/2024	Huntington Sewer District Improvements	400,000	400,000
04/11/2024	Townwide Infrastructure Improvements	100,000	100,000
04/11/2024	Townwide Playground Improvements	500,000	500,000
04/11/2024	Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	500,000	500,000
04/11/2024	Roadway Rehabilitation Program	5,700,000	5,700,000
04/11/2024	Drainage Improvements	1,100,000	1,100,000
02/23/2021	Parking Garage Improvements	1,375,000	1,375,000
04/11/2024	Animal Shelter Improvements	800,000	800,000
04/11/2024	Greenlawn Water District Improvements	3,000,000	3,000,000
04/11/2024	South Huntington Water District Improvements	<u>4,760,000</u>	<u>4,760,000</u>
Totals:		<u>\$ 26,702,000</u>	<u>\$ 23,935,000</u>

## THE NOTES

### Description of the Notes

The Notes will be dated August 21, 2024 and will mature, without right of redemption prior to maturity, on August 21, 2025, with interest payable at maturity.

At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes may be either registered to the purchaser(s) or registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") as book-entry notes.

For those Notes registered to the purchaser(s), a single note certificate shall be delivered to the purchaser(s), for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on such Notes will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America (Federal Funds) at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York.

For those Notes issued as book-entry notes registered to Cede & Co., DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes and owners will not receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Notes. Individual purchases of such book-entry Notes may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. A single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser(s) at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on said Notes will be paid in Federal Funds by the Town to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Notes as described herein. See "DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM" herein.

The Town Clerk will act as Paying Agent for the Notes. The Town's contact information is as follows: Laura B. Carey, the Town Comptroller, Town of Huntington, Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Huntington, New York 11743, telephone number (631) 351-3000 and email: [lcarey@huntingtonny.gov](mailto:lcarey@huntingtonny.gov).

### Optional Redemption

The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity.

### Authorization and Purpose for the Notes

The Notes is being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Local Finance Law and various bond resolutions adopted by the Town Board on the dates referred to below. The project that will be financed by the Notes is as follows:

Date Authorized	Purpose	Amount Authorized	Amount to be Issued
04/11/2024	Dix Hills Water District Improvements - Plant #8	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
04/11/2024	Flanagan Roof Installation	1,000,000	1,000,000
04/11/2024	Greenlawn Water District Improvements	1,560,000	1,560,000
Totals:		<u>\$ 5,560,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,560,000</u>

### DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

If the Bonds are issued in book-entry form, DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds and for any Notes issued in book-entry form. Any book-entry Bonds or Notes will be issued as fully-registered securities, in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds and deposited with DTC. One fully-registered note certificate will be issued for each Note bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of certificates.

Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”) and together with Direct Participant, the (“Participants”). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of Bonds and the Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds and the Notes on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds and the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct or Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds and the Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds and the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds and the Notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Bonds and the Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co., or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and the Notes; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds and the Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping accounts of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and the Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds and the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond and the Note documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds and the Notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to the Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds and the Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds and the Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds and the Notes will be made to Cede & Co. or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Town on the payable date, in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC (nor its nominee) or the Town, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Town, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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Source: The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

The information contained in the above section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sample offering document language supplied by DTC, but the Town takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

THE TOWN WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPANTS, TO INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC, ANY PARTICIPANTS, OR ANY INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (II) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE NOTES; (III) ANY NOTICE WHICH IS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO HOLDERS; (IV) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS AND THE NOTES; OR (V) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS HOLDER.

THE TOWN CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR THAT DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS AND THE NOTES (I) PAYMENTS OF THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE NOTES; (II) CONFIRMATION OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BONDS AND THE NOTES; OR (III) REDEMPTION OR OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO. AS NOMINEE, AS REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS AND THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SO SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

### **Certificated Bonds and the Notes**

DTC may discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds and the Notes at any time by giving notice to the Town and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law, or the Town may terminate its participation in the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC at any time. In the event that such book-entry-only system is discontinued, and a replacement book-entry securities depository is not appointed, the Bonds and the Notes will be issued in registered form in denominations of \$5,000, or integral multiples thereof. Principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Notes when due will be payable at the principal corporate trust office of a bank or trust company to be named by the Town as the fiscal agent; certificated Bonds and the Notes may be transferred or exchanged at no cost to the owner of such bonds and notes at any time prior to maturity at the corporate trust office of the fiscal agent for bonds and notes of the same or any other authorized denomination or denominations in the same aggregate principal amount upon the terms set forth in the certificate of the Town Supervisor of the Board authorizing the sale of the Bonds and the Notes and fixing the details thereof and in accordance with the Local Finance Law.

## Nature of Obligation

Each Bond and Note when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the Town and the holders thereof. The Bonds and Notes will be general obligations of the Town and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the Town for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. For the payment of such principal and interest, the Town has the power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property in the Town, subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended. (See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*”, herein).

Under the Constitution of the State, the Town is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Notes, and the State is specifically precluded from restricting the power of the Town to levy taxes on real estate therefor. However, Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended (the “*Tax Levy Limit Law*”), imposes a limitation upon the Town’s power to increase its annual tax levy. As a result, the power of the Town to levy real estate taxes on all the taxable real property within the Town is subject to statutory limitations set forth in the *Tax Levy Limit Law*, unless the Town complies with certain procedural requirements to permit the Town to levy certain year-to-year increases in real property taxes. (See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*,” herein).

## RISK FACTORS

The following description summarizes some of the risks associated with an investment in the Bonds and the Notes and does not purport to be complete. The factors affecting the Town’s financial condition described throughout this Official Statement are complex and are not intended to be summarized in any one section. This Official Statement should be read in its entirety.

The Town’s credit rating and financial and economic conditions, as well as the market for the Bonds and the Notes, could be affected by a variety of circumstances, some of which are beyond the Town’s control. Economic conditions such as the rate of unemployment and inflation, termination of commercial operations by corporate taxpayers and employers, as well as natural catastrophes, could adversely affect the assessed valuation of Town property and its ability to maintain fund balances and other statistical indices commensurate with its current credit rating. As a consequence, a decline in the Town’s credit rating could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds and the Notes.

If and when an owner of any of the Bonds or the Notes should elect to sell a Bond or Note prior to its maturity, there can be no assurance that a market will have been established, maintained and continue in existence for the purchase and sale of any of those Bonds and Notes. The market value of the Bonds and the Notes is dependent upon the ability of the holder to potentially incur a capital loss if such Bond or Note is sold prior to its maturity.

There can be no assurance that adverse events including, for example, the seeking by another municipality in the State or elsewhere of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Act or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Bonds or the Notes. In particular, if a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any of its municipalities, public authorities or other political subdivisions thereby possibly further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by those entities, both the ability of the Town to arrange for additional borrowing(s) as well as the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds and the Notes, could be adversely affected.

The Town is dependent in part upon financial assistance from the State in the form of State aid as well as grants and loans expected to be received (“*State Aid*”). The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment may be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget, the impact to the State’s economy and financial condition due to the COVID-19 outbreak and other circumstances, including State fiscal stress. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the Town can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor. Should the Town fail to receive all or a portion of the amounts of State Aid expected to be received from the State in the amounts and at the times anticipated, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such moneys, the Town is authorized pursuant to the Local Finance Law (“*LFL*”) to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of such uncollected State Aid, however, there can be no assurance that, in such event, the Town will have market access for any such borrowing on a cost effective basis. (See also “*State Aid*” herein.)

Future amendments to applicable statutes whether enacted by the State or the United States of America affecting the treatment of interest paid on municipal obligations, including the Bonds and the Notes, for income taxation purposes could have an adverse effect on the market value of the Bonds and the Notes (see “*Tax Matters*” herein).

The enactment of the *Tax Levy Limit Law*, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the Town, without providing an exclusion for debt service on obligations issued by municipalities and fire districts, including the Town, may affect the market price and/or marketability for the Bonds and the Notes. (See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein.)

Federal or State legislation imposing new or increased mandatory expenditures by municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the Town, could impair the financial condition of such entities, including the Town, and the ability of such entities, including the Town, to pay debt service on the Bonds and the Notes.

## REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

Neither the Bonds and the Notes, nor the proceedings with respect thereto, specifically provide any remedies which would be available to owners of the Bonds and the Notes should the Town default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds or the Notes, nor do they contain any provisions for the appointment of a trustee to enforce the interests of the owners of the Bonds or the Notes upon the occurrence of any such default. Each Bond and Note is a general obligation contract between the Town and the owners for which the faith and credit of the Town are pledged and while remedies for enforcement of payment are not expressly included in the Town's contract with such owners, any permanent repeal by statute or constitutional amendment of a bond or note holder's remedial right to judicial enforcement of the contract should, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, be held unconstitutional.

Upon default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds or the Notes, at the suit of the owner, a Court has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to render judgment against the Town. The present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to contract creditors to nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgment. A Court also has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to order payment of a judgment on such Bonds or Notes from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the Town to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising its discretion as to whether to issue such an order, the Court may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the Town and the availability and adequacy of other remedies. Upon any default in the payment of the principal of or interest on a Bond and Note, the owner of such Bond and Note could, among other remedies, seek to obtain a writ of mandamus from a Court ordering the governing body of the Town to assess, levy and collect an *ad valorem* tax, upon all taxable property of the Town subject to taxation by the Town, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Notes as the same shall come due and payable (and interest from the due date to date of payment) and otherwise to observe the covenants contained in the Bonds and the Notes and the proceedings with respect thereto all of which are included in the contract with the owners of the Bonds and the Notes. The mandamus remedy, however, may be impracticable and difficult to enforce. Further, the right to enforce payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds and the Notes may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws and equitable principles, which may limit the specific enforcement of certain remedies.

In 1976, the New York Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, held in *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), that the New York State legislation purporting to postpone the payment of debt service on New York City obligations was an unconstitutional moratorium in violation of the New York State constitutional faith and credit mandate included in all municipal debt obligations. While that case can be viewed as a precedent for protecting the remedies of holders of bonds or notes of the Town, there can be no assurance as to what a Court may determine with respect to future events, including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in municipalities of the State, that require the exercise by the State of its emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services. (See also, *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977), where the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct Constitutional mandate.)

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision, the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law enacted at the 1975 Extraordinary Session of the State legislature authorizing any county, city, town or village with respect to which the State has declared a financial emergency to petition the State Supreme Court to stay the enforcement against such municipality of any claim for payment relating to any contract, debt or obligation of the municipality during the emergency period, is subject to doubt. In any event, no such emergency has been declared with respect to the Town.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the Town is required to provide an annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due and payable principal of and interest on indebtedness. Specifically, this constitutional provision states: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service but the appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision. In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 41

N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals described this as a “first lien” on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

While the courts in the State have historically been protective of the rights of holders of general obligation debt of political subdivisions, it is not possible to predict what a future court might hold.

In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder’s remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have generally upheld and sustained the rights of holders of bonds or notes, such courts might hold that future events, including a financial crisis as such may occur in the State or in political subdivisions of the State, may require the exercise by the State or its political subdivisions of emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services prior to the payment of debt service.

## **MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY**

The undertakings of the Town should be considered with reference, specifically, to Chapter IX of the Bankruptcy Act, 11 U.S.C. §401, et seq., as amended (“Chapter IX”) and, in general, to other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors’ rights and municipalities. Chapter IX permits any political subdivision, public agency or instrumentality that is insolvent or unable to meet its debts (i) to file a petition in a Court of Bankruptcy for the purpose of effecting a plan to adjust its debts provided such entity is authorized to do so by applicable state law; (ii) directs such a petitioner to file with the court a list of a petitioner’s creditors; (iii) provides that a petition filed under such chapter shall operate as a stay of the commencement or continuation of any judicial or other proceeding against the petitioner; (iv) grants priority to debt owed for services or material actually provided within three (3) months of the filing of the petition; (v) directs a petitioner to file a plan for the adjustment of its debts; and (vi) provides that the plan must be accepted in writing by or on behalf of creditors holding at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount or more than one-half (1/2) in number of the listed creditors.

Bankruptcy proceedings by the Town could have adverse effects on holders of bonds or notes including (a) delay in the enforcement of their remedies, (b) subordination of their claims to those supplying goods and services to the Town after the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings and to the administrative expenses of bankruptcy proceedings and (c) imposition without their consent of a reorganization plan reducing or delaying payment of the Bonds and the Notes. The Bankruptcy Code contains provisions intended to ensure that, in any reorganization plan not accepted by at least a majority of a class of creditors such as the holders of general obligation bonds, such creditors will have the benefit of their original claim or the “indubitable equivalent”. The effect of these and other provisions of the Bankruptcy Code cannot be predicted and may be significantly affected by judicial interpretation.

Accordingly, enforceability of the rights and remedies of the owners of the Bonds and the Notes, and the obligations incurred by the Town, may become subject to Chapter IX and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditor’s rights generally, now or hereafter in effect, equity principles which may limit the specific enforcement under State law of certain remedies, the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the Constitution, the reasonable and necessary exercise, in certain exceptional situations, of the police powers inherent in the sovereignty of the State and its governmental bodies in the interest of serving a significant and legitimate public purpose and the limitations on remedies against public agencies in the State. Bankruptcy proceedings, or the exercise of powers by the federal or State government, if initiated, could subject the owners of the Bonds and the Notes to judicial discretion, interpretation and of their rights in bankruptcy or otherwise, and consequently may entail risks of delay, limitation, or modification of their rights.

The State has consented (see Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law) that any municipality in the State may file a petition with any United States district court or court of bankruptcy under any provision of the laws of the United States, now or hereafter in effect for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. However, it is noted that there is no record of any recent filings by a New York municipality. Since the New York City fiscal crisis in 1975, the State has legislated a financial control or review board and assistance corporations to monitor and restructure finance matters in addition to New York City, for the Cities of Yonkers, Troy and Buffalo and for the Counties of Nassau and Erie. Similar active intervention pursuant to State legislation to relieve fiscal stress for the Town in the future cannot be assured.

No current state law purports to create any priority for holders of the Bonds and the Notes should the Town be under the jurisdiction of any court, pursuant to the laws of the United States, now or hereafter in effect, for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness.

The above references to the Bankruptcy Act are not to be construed as an indication that the Town is currently considering or expects to resort to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act.

## **Financial Control Boards**

Pursuant to Article IX Section 2(b)(2) of the State Constitution, any municipality in the State may request the intervention of the State in its “property, affairs and government” by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of its legislative body or on request of its chief executive officer concurred in by a majority of such membership. This has resulted in the adoption of special acts for the establishment of public benefit corporations with varying degrees of authority to control the finances (including debt issuance) of the Cities of Buffalo, Troy and Yonkers and the County of Nassau. The specific authority, powers and composition of the financial control boards established by these acts varies based upon circumstances and needs. Generally, the State legislature has granted such boards the power to approve or disapprove budget and financial plans and to issue debt on behalf of the municipality, as well as to impose wage and/or hiring freezes and in certain cases approve or disapprove collective bargaining agreements. Implementation is generally left to the discretion of the board of the public benefit corporation. Such a State financial control board was first established for New York City in 1975. In addition, upon the issuance of a certificate of necessity by the Governor reciting facts which in the judgment of the Governor constitute an emergency requiring enactment of such laws, with the concurrences of two-thirds of the members elected in each house of the State legislature, the State is authorized to intervene in the “property, affairs and governments” of local government units. This occurred in the case of the County of Erie in 2005. The authority of the State to intervene in the financial affairs of a local government is further supported by Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution which declares it to be the duty of the State legislature to restrict, subject to other provisions of the Constitution, the power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money and contracting indebtedness and loaning the credit of counties, cities, towns and villages so as to prevent abuses in taxation and assessment and in contracting indebtedness by them.

In 2013, the State established a new state advisory board to assist counties, cities, towns and villages in financial distress. The Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments (the “FRB”), is authorized to conduct a comprehensive review of the finances and operations of any such municipality deemed by the FRB to be fiscally eligible for its services upon request by resolution of the municipal legislative body and concurrence of its chief executive. The FRB is authorized to make recommendations for, but cannot compel improvement of fiscal stability, management and delivery of municipal services, including shared services opportunities, and is authorized to offer grants and/or loans of up to \$5,000,000 through a Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program to undertake certain recommendations. If a municipality agrees to undertake the FRB recommendations, it will be automatically bound to fulfill the terms in order to receive the aid.

The FRB is also authorized to serve as an alternative arbitration panel for binding arbitration.

Although from time to time there have been proposals for the creation of a statewide financial control board with broad authority over local governments in the State, the FRB does not have emergency financial control board powers to intervene in the finances and operations of entities such as the public benefit corporations established by special acts as described above.

Several municipalities in the State are presently working with the FRB. The Town has not applied to the FRB and does not reasonably anticipate submission of a request to the FRB for a comprehensive review of its finances and operations. School districts and fire districts are not eligible for FRB assistance.

### **No Past Due Debt**

No principal or interest payment on Town indebtedness is past due. The Town has never defaulted in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on any indebtedness.

## **THE TOWN**

There follows in this Official Statement a brief description of the Town, together with certain information concerning its economy and governmental organization, its indebtedness, current major revenue sources and expenditures and general and specific funds.

### **General Information**

The Town is located at the western end of Suffolk County adjacent to the Nassau-Suffolk County boundary. It is approximately 40 miles from Manhattan and 40 miles from Riverhead, the Suffolk County seat. The history of Huntington is closely associated with the early development of the American colonies. The community was originally settled in 1653, well within the lifetime of the earliest New England colonist. In the beginning, water-borne transportation gave life to the community. The natural harbors offered ready access to the farm lands of the Long Island interior. The harbor was the setting for the early Huntington community which became the focal point for the movement of agricultural products into the commerce of the colonies. Although agriculture was its mainstay and water-borne transportation its lifeline for two centuries, in later years the whaling industry and expanded manufacturing activity broadened the local economy and gave impetus to the expansion of the harbor communities of Cold Spring, Huntington and Northport.

The Town has five harbors bordering the north shore of the Town: Cold Spring, Lloyd, Huntington, Centerport and Northport Harbors. With its coves and bays there are a total of nine beaches maintained by the Town. The Town has also put into operation a number of marinas for the use of residents. These facilities, along with boat ramps and municipal golf courses and park sites, provide active recreation for Town residents.

The Town encompasses an area of approximately 94 square miles and has a population of 201,205 according to the 2020 Census estimates. There are four incorporated villages in the Town: Northport, Asharoken, Lloyd Harbor and Huntington Bay. In addition, there are several prominent unincorporated areas in the Town including Cold Spring Harbor, Elwood, Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, East Northport, Halesite, Dix Hills, Centerport, Greenlawn and Fort Salonga.

Water facilities are provided by the Suffolk County Water Authority and three Town water district plants, which are located in Dix Hills, Greenlawn and South Huntington. Electricity and natural gas are furnished by Public Service Electric and Gas (“PSE&G”) and National Grid, respectively. National grid maintains electric generating facilities in the Northport section of the Town. Police protection is provided by the Suffolk County Police Department and various Village Police Departments, and fire protection is provided by eleven volunteer Fire Districts that operate within the Town.

There are eight public school districts in Huntington, five of which are entirely within the Town. The other three serve portions of the towns of Smithtown, Babylon and Oyster Bay, in addition to parts of Huntington.

The Town is within a short commuting distance of New York City. The Long Island Rail Road, which has frequent schedules of trains, accommodates its commuters daily to New York City from four stations in the town. The Town is connected with New York City and other nearby points by four main east-west highways: Route 25A (Northern Boulevard), Route 25 (Jericho Turnpike), the Northern State Parkway and the Long Island Expressway. In addition, Old Country Road provides a secondary east-west connecting highway to central and southern sections of the Town.

### **Local Economy**

The Town is a mature suburban community. Although its capacity for new large-scale residential development on vacant land is limited, there continues to be a significant number of large-scale housing projects predominately resulting from the higher-density redevelopment of underutilized properties throughout the Town. In the future, new housing construction will generally occur as in-fill development on smaller parcels within existing neighborhoods, as mixed-use residential projects in commercial districts, or as major higher-density developments on large, underutilized properties. This trend has and will continue to contribute to population and tax base growth.

Interest in redeveloping land with new uses is increasing in the Town. From mid-2017 through mid-2024, the Town received sixty (60) zone change applications, with the total applications exceeding that of the previous seven years. Assisted living facilities and senior housing condominium developments have been popular application types, representing one-quarter of the zone change applications in the last seven years.

The strength of the local housing market is evidenced by projects that are either currently under Planning Department review, recently approved, under construction, or completed. Since 2013, the Town has approved the construction of over 2,000 housing units of various building types and densities. Several major multi-family housing projects approved recently that are under construction or completed include Matinecock Court, a one hundred and forty-six (146) unit development of 100% affordable limited equity cooperative units, Seasons at East Northport, a one hundred and ninety (190) unit age-restricted multifamily development, Manors at Commack, an eighty-eight (88) unit age-restricted community, Highland Green, a one hundred and nineteen (119) unit 100% affordable limited equity cooperative, the Seasons at Elwood, a two-hundred and sixty-three (263) unit retirement community; the Club at Melville with two hundred and sixty-one (261) age-restricted affordable units; Avalon Huntington Station/Country Pointe, a three hundred seventy nine (379) rental project with seventy-six (76) for-sale condos; Harborfields Estates, a forty-seven (47) lot subdivision with homes priced from \$799,000; Northridge, a 16-unit mixed-use project by the LIRR; Gateway Plaza, a 66-unit project also located within walking distance to the LIRR, Northridge Square, a 16-unit mixed use project near the completed Northridge project, the Landmark at 1090 New York Ave, a two-building, 16-unit mixed use and 9-unit historic residence project near the LIRR, and Sunrise Senior Living, an assisted-living facility with 90 units. With respect to single-family residential subdivisions, the Town Planning Department is currently processing over 70 subdivision applications that will ultimately result in the development of over 244 new tax lots.

Commercial and industrial development expansion and improvement remain steady. Over the past ten (10) years, over two (2) million square feet of Class A office space has been constructed or renovated in the Town’s corporate center, the Melville Employment Center (MEC). The MEC is home to major corporations, including Canon USA, Amazon, Air Techniques, Henry Schein, Honeywell Corporation, Leviton Corporation, and the Capital One Bank Corporate Center. A second phase of the Canon project is projected in the near future, providing an additional 200,000 square feet of research and development space and 260 more employees, bringing the total number of employees to 2,060. Hartz Mountain redeveloped the former Newsday site in Melville that now provides 846,483 square feet of industrial buildings to be used as warehousing and distribution centers for multiple commercial businesses on the 48-acre site. Estee Lauder is also proposing to open a multi-million-dollar engineering

center in the MEC, next door to their current factory and research lab. The Huntington Quadrangle site has recently leased over 100,000 sq. ft. to a new tenant (Geico). A major hotel chain, Marriott, recently received approval to redevelop a vacant site just south of the LIE into a brand-new, 143-room hotel with an outdoor pool after receiving a zone change approval in 2021. The Town has also recently approved another large hotel development, known as The Ferncliff Hotel, a 299-unit luxury suite hotel on a 10.3-acre parcel that received a zone change approval in 2022.

Vacant commercial and industrial land, like the Canon site before development, is limited. However, many sites zoned for such uses are under-utilized and excellent candidates for site redevelopment. This is an emerging trend that is fully supported and encouraged by Huntington officials, who have identified existing commercial corridors and industrial sites throughout the Town, and the Melville Employment Center (MEC) in particular, as the Town's primary focus in its 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update "Horizons 2020". Many of the under-utilized industrial sites in Melville are on large parcels in prime locations with access to the Long Island Expressway (LIE).

One of the most significant projects benefitting both Huntington Station and Melville is the implementation of new and expanded sewer districts that will foster economic and housing opportunities within the project areas. The engineering and design work of the sewer expansion has been completed by the contracted firm. The project's estimated construction costs of \$64 million have been fully funded through efforts by the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, and New York State. With anticipated construction commencing in the spring of 2025, the new sewers will promote compatible redevelopment of the Huntington Station corridor and Melville Employment Center.

Another important initiative happening within the Town is the Huntington Station revitalization. The Town has been working in partnership with the community and a master developer, Renaissance Downtowns. Since the adoption of the development strategy in 2013, Renaissance Downtowns has developed concept plans for four project sites on New York Avenue north of the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) tracks, which include the following uses: a boutique hotel, office space, retail space, apartments over storefronts, and potential artist residences. In January of 2023, the Town was awarded a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant by the New York Department of State in recognition of the vision for a vibrant and fruitful Huntington Station.

A similar redevelopment trend is occurring in other corridors, as evidenced by the increasing number of applications to the Town's Planning and Zoning Boards for the expansion of existing business uses. Shopping centers are upgrading to compete with the "box" stores and outlet centers. Significant remodeling and upgrading projects underway throughout the Town include the "Big H" shopping center located between Huntington Station and Huntington Village, which completed construction to remove large retaining walls to develop the lower level basement into retail and received approvals for the addition of a much-needed supermarket to the site, and Huntington Square Mall, which has been redeveloping the former Sears site in East Northport for a 54,000 square foot AMC movie theater, 39,000 square foot fitness club and 88,000 square foot retail space to include a Floor & Décor store.

Healthcare and the medical industry have also been undergoing significant growth in the Town, as shown by Mt. Sinai Doctors Long Island recently completing a new state-of-the-art 80,000-square-foot medical office complex located at 5 Cuba Hill Road in Greenlawn. Another medical building recently received site plan approval in Huntington Station along Route 110 and a newly constructed Northwell Health building at the corner of Park Avenue and Route 25A. There is also a proposal under review from Huntington Hospital for expansion to increase office space and provide for future medical use.

The Town expects to receive benefits from two major capital projects recently completed by the LIRR. One is the East Side Access project, which allows LIRR trains direct access to Grand Central Station in Manhattan for the first time. This will reduce the time and the hassle to reach many employment centers on the east side of Manhattan, such as the United Nations complex. The other project is the Third Track project, which has added a third railroad track on the Main Line between Floral Park and Hicksville, allowing for both additional trains to New York City for the conventional commute (which will also support the East Side Access project), and will make it easier for reverse commutes from the city to the Town of Huntington. Additional railroad capacity will be combined with two other local transit projects in the planning stages: the reopening of Republic Station on the LIRR's Ronkonkoma line and a bus rapid transit (BRT) system planned for the Route 110 corridor. Both of these projects are designed to serve the businesses and employees in the Melville Employment Center area, an area currently with limited transit options. The BRT service would also connect the LIRR Ronkonkoma line with the LIRR Babylon line at the Amityville station, providing the only express connection between the two railroad lines east of the Jamaica station and allowing both railroad lines to provide a connection to Melville. Connection to the LIRR Port Jefferson line at Huntington station is already provided by Suffolk County Bus.

## **Government**

The Town was established in 1653. Subject to the provisions of the State Constitution, the Town operates pursuant to the Town Law, the Local Finance Law, other laws generally applicable to the Town, and any special laws applicable to the Town. Under such laws, there is no authority for the Town to have a charter, but pursuant to the Town Law and other laws generally applicable to home rule, the Town may from time to time adopt local laws.

The legislative power of the Town is vested in the Town Board. The Town Board consists of five members, including the Supervisor. The Supervisor is the chief executive officer of the Town and is elected for a term of two years. The four other members of the Town Board are elected to four-year terms, which terms are staggered such that two councilmembers are elected every two years. All the Town Board members are elected at large and there is no limitation to the number of years that all elected officials may serve.

The Supervisor is also the chief fiscal officer of the Town. Additional Town officers are the Deputy Supervisor, the Town Clerk, (elected at large for a four-year term), the Receiver of Taxes, who is responsible for the collection of taxes (elected at large for a four-year term), the Superintendent of Highways (elected at large for a four-year term), the Assessor, the Town Attorney, and the Comptroller, all of whom are appointed by the Town Board.

Eight independently governed school districts are located wholly or partially within the Town. These school districts rely on their own taxing powers granted by the State to raise revenues. The school districts use the Town's assessment roll as their basis for taxation of property located within the Town.

### Employees

The Town employs approximately 675 full-time employees. The employees in collective bargaining agreement are shown below:

Name of Union	Expiration Date of Contract	Approx. No. of Members
Civil Service Employees Association	12/31/2030	181
Long Island Service Employees, ILA, Labor Unit	12/31/2030	319
Long Island Service Employees, ILA, Supervisory Unit	12/31/2030	85

## ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

### Population Characteristics

The population of the Town, County and the State is represented below:

Year	Town of Huntington	Suffolk County	State of New York
2000	195,269	1,419,369	18,976,457
2010	203,264	1,493,350	19,378,102
2020	201,205	1,481,364	19,514,849
2022	203,242	1,525,465	19,677,152

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

### Income Data

	Per Capita Money Income			
	2000	2010	2020	2022 <sup>a</sup>
Town of Huntington	\$36,390	\$46,862	\$61,103	\$71,568
County of Suffolk	26,577	35,755	46,466	53,317
State of New York	23,389	30,791	40,898	47,421

  

	Median Household Income			
	2000	2010	2020	2022 <sup>a</sup>
Town of Huntington	\$82,528	\$101,495	\$151,720	\$151,833
County of Suffolk	65,288	84,235	101,031	60,204
State of New York	43,393	55,217	68,486	79,557

Source: United State Bureau of the Census.

a. Based on American Community Survey Three-Year Estimates (2018-2022).

**Summary of Building Activity**  
(Number of Building Permits Issued)

The chart below represents the level of building permit activity for the five most recently completed fiscal years. The figures include residential and commercial activity and with most of the activity coming from additions and renovations to existing homes and facilities. It also includes demolitions, installation of fences, swimming pools, fences, accessory buildings, etc.

Year	Total Permits Issued
2019	3,004
2020	2,233
2021	2,927
2022	3,118
2023	3,311
Totals	14,593

**Unemployment Rate Statistics**

Annual Averages:	Town of Huntington (%)	County of Suffolk (%)	New York State (%)
2019	3.3	3.7	4.0
2020	7.9	8.5	10.0
2021	4.5	4.9	7.2
2022	2.6	3.1	4.4
2023	2.9	3.2	4.2
2024 (YTD)	3.4	3.8	4.2

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York.

**Selected Listing of Larger Employers (2023)**

Name	Type	Estimated Number of Employees
Canon	Imaging Products	3,055
Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center	Healthcare	1,929
Huntington Hospital	Hospital	1,810
Este Lauder	Manufacturer	1,700
Half Hollow Hills School District	Education	1,682
Henry Schein, Inc.	Medical & Dental Supplies	1,268
South Huntington UFSD	Education	1,140
Western Suffolk BOCES	Education	1,110
Northport-East Northport UFSD	Education	945
Huntington UFSD	Education	841
Town of Huntington	Government	768

Source: Town of Huntington Audit & Control.

## INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN

### Constitutional Requirements

The State Constitution limits the power of the Town (as well as other municipalities and school districts of the State) to issue obligations and contract indebtedness. Such constitutional limitations include the following, in summary form, and are generally applicable to the Town and the Bonds and the Notes:

**Purpose and Pledge.** The Town shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual or private corporation or private undertaking or give or loan its credit to or in aid of any of the foregoing or any public corporation.

The Town may contract indebtedness only for a Town purpose and shall pledge its faith and credit for the payment of principal of and interest thereon.

**Payment and Maturity.** Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes, or to be paid in one of the two fiscal years immediately succeeding the fiscal year in which such indebtedness was contracted, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the expiration of the periods of probable usefulness of the objects or purposes as determined by statute or in the alternative, the weighted average period of probable usefulness of the several objects or purposes for which such indebtedness is to be contracted; no installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the Town has authorized the issuance of indebtedness having substantially level or declining annual debt service. The Town is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the fiscal year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds, bond anticipation notes and capital notes.

**General.** The Town is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money, contracting indebtedness and loaning the credit of the Town so as to prevent abuses in the exercise of such powers; however, as has been noted under "*Nature of Obligation*", the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the Town to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limitation on the Town's power to increase its annual tax levy. The amount of such increase is limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limit Law. (See "*Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

### Statutory Procedure

In general, the State Legislature has authorized the power and procedure for the Town to borrow and incur indebtedness subject, of course, to the constitutional provisions set forth above. The power to spend money, however, generally derives from other law, including the Town Law and the General Municipal Law.

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the Town authorizes the incurrence of indebtedness by the adoption of a bond and note resolution approved by at least two-thirds of the members of the Town Board, except in the event that the Town determines to subject the bond and note resolution to voter approval by mandatory referendum, in which case only a three-fifths vote is required.

The Local Finance Law also provides a twenty-day statute of limitations after publication of a bond and note resolution which, in effect, estops thereafter legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond and note resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. The Town has complied with such requirement with respect to the bond resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and the Notes.

Each bond and note resolution usually authorizes the construction, acquisition or installation of the object or purpose to be financed, sets forth the plan of financing and specifies the maximum maturity of the bonds and notes subject to the legal (Constitution, Local Finance Law and case law) restrictions relating to the period of probable usefulness with respect thereto.

Each bond resolution also authorizes the issuance of bond anticipation notes prior to the issuance of serial bonds. Statutory law in New York permits notes to be renewed each year provided that principal is amortized and provided that such renewals do not (with certain exceptions) extend more than five years beyond the original date of borrowing. However, bonds and notes issued in anticipation of the sale of serial bonds for assessable improvements are not subject to such five-year limit and may be renewed subject to annual reductions of principal for the entire period of probable usefulness of the purpose for which such bonds and notes were originally issued. (See "*Payment and Maturity*" under "*Constitutional Requirements*" herein).

In addition, under each bond resolution, the Town Board may delegate, and has delegated, power to issue and sell bonds and notes, to the Town Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

In general, the Local Finance Law contains similar provisions providing the Town with power to issue general obligation revenue anticipation notes, tax anticipation notes, deficiency notes and budget notes.

**Debt Limit.** The Town has the power to contract indebtedness for any Town purpose so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof shall not exceed seven per centum of the average full valuation of taxable real estate of the Town and subject to certain enumerated exclusions and deductions such as water and certain sewer facilities and cash or appropriations for current debt service. The constitutional and statutory method for determining the full valuation is by dividing the assessed valuation of taxable real estate by the respective equalization rates assigned to each assessment roll. Such equalization rates are the ratios which each of such assessed valuations bear to the respective full valuation of such year, as assigned by the Office of Real Property Tax Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratios shall be determined. Average full valuation is determined by adding the full valuations for the most recently completed assessment roll and the four immediately preceding assessments rolls and dividing the resulting sum of such addition by five.

There is no constitutional limitation on the amount that may be raised by the Town by tax on real estate in any fiscal year to pay principal and interest on all indebtedness. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limitation on the power of the Town to increase its annual tax levy. The amount of such increases is limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limit Law. (See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*,” herein).

**Computation of Debt Limit and Calculation of Net Debt Contracting Margin**  
(As of July 24, 2024)

Fiscal Year Ending December 31:	Assessed Valuation	State Equalization Rate (%)	Full Valuation
2020	\$322,829,176	0.76	\$42,477,523,158
2021	320,597,772	0.74	43,324,023,243
2022	317,063,143	0.74	42,846,370,676
2023	315,376,253	0.64	49,277,539,531
2024	314,041,349	0.55	57,098,427,091
Total Five Year Full Valuation			\$235,023,883,699
Average Five Year Full Valuation			47,004,776,740
Debt Limit - 7% of Average Full Valuation			3,290,334,372
Inclusions:			
Outstanding Bonds:			
General Purpose Bonds			88,010,495
Water Debt			39,249,504
Bond Anticipation Notes (Water)			1,500,000
Total Inclusions			128,759,999
Exclusions:			
Appropriations for Bonds			5,106,815
Water Debt			40,749,504
Total Exclusions			45,856,319
Total Net Indebtedness Before the Issuance of the Bonds and Notes			82,903,680
The Bonds			23,935,000
The Notes			5,560,000
Less: Water Debt Included in the Bonds and Notes			10,260,000
Total Net Indebtedness After the Issuance of the Bonds and Notes			102,138,680
Net Debt Contracting Margin			3,188,195,692
Percent of Debt Limit Exhausted			3.10%

**Trend of Town Indebtedness**

	Fiscal Year Ending December 31:				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bonds	\$ 109,555,000	\$ 109,555,000	\$ 118,995,000	\$ 125,300,000	\$ 133,070,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	3,200,000				1,500,000
Installment Purchase Debt	279,917	492,686	636,603	489,481	349,400
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 113,034,917</b>	<b>\$ 110,047,686</b>	<b>\$ 119,631,603</b>	<b>\$ 125,789,481</b>	<b>\$ 134,919,400</b>

**Details of Short-Term Indebtedness Outstanding**

As of the date of this Official Statement, the Town has bond anticipation notes outstanding in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the improvements to the Greenlawn Water District. Such notes will be paid off at maturity on August 22, 2024.

**Debt Service Requirements – Outstanding Bonds**

Fiscal Year Ending December 31:	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$13,210,000	\$4,394,884	\$17,604,884
2025	12,695,000	3,842,481	16,537,481
2026	12,000,000	3,299,650	15,299,650
2027	11,695,000	2,830,419	14,525,419
2028	11,555,000	2,399,444	13,954,444
2029	10,810,000	2,026,347	12,836,347
2030	10,430,000	1,721,825	12,151,825
2031	9,665,000	1,435,828	11,100,828
2032	8,845,000	1,184,769	10,029,769
2033	8,020,000	950,416	8,970,416
2034	7,345,000	720,425	8,065,425
2035	6,375,000	508,750	6,883,750
2036	5,150,000	329,250	5,479,250
2037	3,475,000	176,100	3,651,100
2038	1,800,000	72,000	1,872,000
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$133,070,000</b>	<b>\$25,892,587</b>	<b>\$158,962,588</b>

**Calculation of Estimated Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness**

Overlapping Units	Date of Report	Percentage Applicable (%)	Applicable Total Indebtedness	Applicable Net Indebtedness
County of Suffolk	4/30/2023	15.63	\$221,996,415	\$186,281,521
Villages	5/31/23 or Later	Var.	3,270,000	3,270,000
School Districts	6/30/23 or Later	Var.	218,480,273	157,200,249
Fire Districts	12/31/22 or Later	Var.	14,234,017	14,234,017
Library Districts	6/30/23 or Later	Var.	12,335,317	12,335,317
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$470,316,022</b>	<b>\$373,321,104</b>

Sources: Annual Reports of the respective units for the most recently completed fiscal year on file with the Office of the State Comptroller or more recently published Statements.

**Debt Ratios**  
(As of July 24, 2024)

	Amount <sup>a</sup>	Per Capita <sup>b</sup>	Percentage of Full Value (%) <sup>c</sup>
Total Direct Debt	\$128,759,999	\$ 634	0.226
Net Direct Debt	82,903,680	408	0.145
Total Direct & Applicable Total Overlapping Debt	599,076,021	2,948	1.049
Net Direct & Applicable Net Overlapping Debt	456,224,784	2,245	0.799

a. Does not include the Bonds and Notes.

b. The current estimated population of the Town is 203,242.

c. The full valuation of taxable real property in the Town for 2023-24 is \$57,098,427,091.

**Authorized And Unissued Debt**  
(As of July 24, 2024)

As of the date of this Official Statement, the Town has authorized but unissued debt in the aggregate amount of \$47,712,000 as follows:

Various Public Improvements .....	\$ 7,275,000
Highway Projects.....	7,550,000
Special Districts.....	32,887,000
Total .....	<u>\$ 47,712,000</u>

**Resource Recovery Facilities**

In September 1989, the Town Board closed the Town’s sixty year old landfill, and thereafter entered into an agreement with the neighboring Town of Smithtown. This agreement, executed in December 1989, provided that until such time as the Town’s waste-to-energy facility was constructed, the Town would share the use of Cells 5 and 6 in Smithtown’s State-approved landfill for the disposal of its solid waste. For the reserving of capacity and the transfer of a fee interest in Cell 5, the Town paid the Town of Smithtown a charge of approximately \$33.30 per ton of solid waste deposited therein. For its use of Cell 6, which was constructed to receive solid waste upon Cell 5 being filled to capacity, the Town agreed to pay the Town of Smithtown a fee equal to a portion of the capital and usage costs associated with that cell. Included in the capital costs was a general obligation bond issued by the Town of Smithtown to finance the construction of the Cell 6. Cell 6 has since been capped.

The waste-to-energy Resource Recovery Facility constructed to service the Town was financed through the issuance of \$176,550,000 in Industrial Development Bonds, by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. The facility was constructed and is now being operated by Covanta Huntington Limited Partnership (formerly known as Ogden Martin Systems, LP), an affiliate of Covanta Energy, Inc. The facility is currently operating at full capacity.

Industrial Development Bonds are not general obligations of the Town and do not constitute any indebtedness of or charge against the general credit of the Town. However, the Town has entered into a Service Agreement with Covanta Huntington, LP pursuant to which the Town has certain obligations with respect to the delivery of waste to the facility and the payment of related service fees, which when combined with revenue from the sale of facility-generated electricity, is expected to pay both the operating expenses and debt service of the facility. The Service Agreement had an initial term of twenty-five years. In September 2018, the Town exercised the option to extend the Service Agreement until the year 2024 amending the financial provisions in the extension.

As further consideration for allowing the Town to use Cell 6 at the Smithtown landfill, the agreement grants the Town of Smithtown the right to deliver its processible solid waste to the waste-to-energy facility. By the terms of the agreement, the Town of Smithtown has agreed to share the obligations of the Town under the Service Agreement. The Town of Smithtown is responsible for approximately 37% of the landfill costs. As of December 31, 2023, the total amount paid by the Town under this agreement to Covanta is \$26,193,625 of which \$9,848,803 was reimbursed by the Town of Smithtown.

## Town Landfill

A Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and Interim Remedial Program (IRP) was completed for the Town's East Northport Landfill and a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in March of 1996. The IRP included capping the landfill, providing public water, and installing a methane control system. All remedial work was approved by NYSDEC in August of 1996 and the NYSDEC classification of the Landfill was changed from a Class 2 to a Class 4 (no impact to the public or environment). The cost of the RI/FS and IRP was approximately \$26,000,000 of which 75% was reimbursed to the Town through a NYSDEC 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act ("EQBA") Title 3 grant. The East Northport Landfill is periodically monitored for integrity of the cap, operation of the methane control system and contamination of the groundwater and reports are provided to NYSEC as required under the ROD.

## Capital Project Plans

The Town is generally responsible for providing certain services to the citizens, as required, on a Town-wide basis. The Town maintains a Town road system necessitating a regular road resurfacing and improvement program and the acquisition of machinery and equipment. Additionally, although not a capital expense, such road system requires annual expenditures for snow removal as well as regular general operating maintenance expenses. The Town is also primarily responsible for the financing and construction of surface and storm water drainage improvements, and the Town is regularly acquiring and improving recreation facilities. The Town generally has provided the financing for water facilities for certain areas of the Town through several water districts and maintains primary responsibility for this function in those areas. Additionally, the Town finances park and community center improvements, and technology infrastructure. In general, needs for capital financing for the above described projects for which the Town has responsibility are anticipated to continue in similar amounts that have been issued in the past. The Town maintains a formal capital improvement plan that includes the priority, cost, and method of financing for each project.

### Capital Budget Summary 2024-2028

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dix Hills Water District	\$1,400,000	\$3,750,000	\$3,290,800	\$1,250,000		\$9,690,800
Engineering	200,000					200,000
Parks and Recreation	890,000					890,000
Environmental Waste Management	1,295,000	1,075,000	1,070,000	325,000	675,000	4,440,000
General Services	2,250,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	600,000	100,000	5,150,000
Highway	7,550,000	7,550,000	7,550,000	7,550,000	7,550,000	37,750,000
Information Technology	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	2,000,000
Maritime	85,000					85,000
Public Safety	800,000					800,000
Transportation and Safety	<u>685,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>2,685,000</u>
Totals:	<u>\$15,555,000</u>	<u>\$14,375,000</u>	<u>\$13,910,800</u>	<u>\$10,625,000</u>	<u>\$9,225,000</u>	<u>\$63,690,800</u>

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN

### Independent Audit Procedures

The financial statements of the Town are audited annually by independent accountants. The last such audit made available for public inspection covers the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, and is attached as Appendix B. In addition, the financial affairs of the Town are subject to periodic compliance review by the Office of the State Comptroller ("OSC") to ascertain whether the Town has complied with the requirements of various State and Federal statutes.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presented in Appendix A of this Statement are based on the audited Annual Financial Reports of the Town for the 2019-2023 fiscal years.

## *Fund Structure and Accounts*

The Town utilizes fund accounting to record and report its various service activities. A fund represents both a legal and an accounting entity which segregates the transactions of specific programs in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

There are two basic fund types: (1) governmental funds that are used to account for basic services and capital projects; (2) fiduciary funds that account for assets held in a trustee capacity. Account groups, which do not represent funds, are used to record fixed assets and long-term obligations that are not accounted for in a specific fund.

The Town presently maintains the following major governmental funds: General Fund, Highway, Debt Service, Refuse and Garbage and the Capital Projects Fund. Non-Major Funds consists of the Town Outside Village Fund, Special Grant, Local Development Corporation and Special District Funds. Fiduciary funds consist of a Custodial Fund. Account groups are maintained for fixed assets and long-term debt.

## *Basis of Accounting*

The Town's governmental funds are accounted for on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become "measurable" and "available" to finance expenditures to the current period. Revenues are susceptible to accrual include real property taxes, intergovernmental revenues (State and Federal aid) and operating transfers.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting that is when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule are (1) payments to employee retirement systems, which are recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and recognized as an expenditure when due, and (2) un-matured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

## **Budgetary Procedures**

The head of each administrative unit of the Town is required to file detailed estimates of revenues (other than real property taxes) and expenditures for the next fiscal year with the budget officer (Supervisor) on or before September 20<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Town takes a multi-year approach to the budgetary process in order to help with future planning. Estimates for each fire district and certain special districts situated within the Town must also be filed with the budget officer by this date. After reviewing these estimates, the budget officer prepares a tentative budget which includes his or her recommendations. A budget message explaining the main features of the budget is also prepared at this time. The tentative budget is filed with the Town Clerk not later than the 30th of September. Subsequently, the Town Clerk presents the tentative budget to the Town Board at the regular or special hearing which must be held on or before October 5th. The Town Board reviews the tentative budget and makes such changes as it deems necessary and that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the law. Following this review process, the tentative budget and such modifications as are approved by the Board, if any, become the preliminary budget. A public hearing, notice of which must be duly published in the Town's official newspaper, on the preliminary budget is generally required to be held on the Thursday immediately following the general election. At such hearing, any person may express his or her opinion concerning the preliminary budget; however, there is no requirement or provision that the preliminary budget or any portion thereof be voted on by members of the public. After the public hearing, the Town Board may further change and revise the preliminary budget. The Town Board, by resolution, adopts the preliminary budget as submitted or amended no later than November 20th, at which time the preliminary budget becomes the annual budget of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year. Budgetary control during the year is the responsibility of the Supervisor who is assisted in this area by the Town Comptroller. However, any changes or modifications to the annual budget including the transfer of appropriations among line items must be approved by resolution of the Town Board. A summary of the budgeted revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year and the previous fiscal year may be found in Appendix A.

## **Financial Operations**

The Town Supervisor functions as the chief fiscal officer as provided in Section 2.00 of the Local Finance Law; in this role, the Supervisor is responsible for the Town's accounting and financial reporting activities, which are delegated to and carried out under the supervision of the Town Comptroller. In addition, the Supervisor is also the Town's budget officer and must therefore prepare the annual tentative budget for submission to the Town Board. During the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor may generally exercise the Supervisor's powers.

The Town Board, as a whole, serves as the finance board of the Town and is responsible for authorizing, by resolution, all material financial transactions such as operating and capital budgets and the issuance of bonded debt. Pursuant to Section 30.00 of the Local Finance Law, the Supervisor has been authorized to issue or renew certain specific types of notes. As required by law, the Supervisor must execute an authorizing certificate which then becomes a matter of public record.

Town finances are operated primarily through the General and Highway Funds. All real property taxes and most of the other Town revenues are credited to these funds. Current operating expenditures are paid from these funds subject to available appropriations. The Town also has water districts and sewer districts, which are accounted for within separate funds. The primary source of income for these districts comes from special assessments levied against district properties at the same time real estate taxes are levied. Capital projects and equipment purchases are accounted for in special capital projects funds. The Town observes a calendar year (January 1 through December 31) for operating and reporting purposes.

### **Investment Policy**

The Town's investments are governed by a formal written investment policy, which is consistent with the Investment Policies and Procedures guidelines promulgated by the Office of the State Comptroller. The Town's monies must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies authorized to do business in the State of New York and authorized by the Town Board. The Town limits its investments to time deposit accounts, obligations of the United States of America, obligations of the State of New York, certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements that are fully collateralized and retained in segregated accounts.

It is the Town's policy to require collateral for all deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and school districts. Certain irrevocable letters of credit issued by banks and federal home loan banks may also be pledged as collateral.

The Town's investment policy further provides that all investment obligations must be payable or redeemable at the option of the Town within such time or times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for the purposes for which monies were provided.

The Town's investment policy does not permit the Town to invest in so-called derivatives or reverse repurchase agreements and the Town has never invested in derivatives or reverse repurchase agreements.

### **Revenues**

The Town receives most of its revenues from real property taxes and assessments. A summary of such revenues and other financings sources for the five most recently completed fiscal years for which financial statements are available may be found in the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance in Appendix A hereto.

#### *Real Property Taxes*

See "Real Property Tax Information," herein.

### **State Aid**

Based on the audited financial reports of the Town, the Town received approximately 8.70% of its total General Fund operating revenue (predominantly mortgage tax revenues) from State aid in 2023 and budgeted approximately 10.09% for 2024. There is no assurance, however, that State appropriations for aid to municipalities will continue, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue such aid and has the ability to reduce funding to municipalities and school districts in order to balance its own budget.

If the State should not adopt its budget in a timely manner, municipalities and school districts in the State, including the Town, may be affected by a delay in the payment of State aid. Additionally, if the State should experience difficulty in borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the Town, in this year or future years, the Town may be affected by a delay in the receipt of State aid until sufficient State taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments.

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and the current Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision in the future as a result of changes in federal policy, the general condition of the global and national economies and other circumstances, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Should the Town fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies, the Town is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of uncollected State aid.

The following table sets forth the percentage of the Town’s General Fund revenue comprised of State aid for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023 and as budgeted, for 2024.

Fiscal Year Ending December 31:	Total General Fund Revenue	State Aid	Real Property Taxes to Revenues (%)
2019	\$ 109,356,709	\$10,677,159	9.76
2020	107,916,401	13,462,085	12.47
2021	116,450,103	20,116,906	17.28
2022	118,484,846	16,662,235	14.06
2023	148,301,992	12,904,477	8.70
2024 (Budgeted)	124,744,513	12,589,964	10.09

Source: Audited financial statements 2019 through 2023, and the adopted budget for 2024. The 2024 budgeted revenues include appropriation of fund balance.

### **The State Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System**

The New York State Comptroller has reported that New York State’s school districts and municipalities are facing significant fiscal challenges. As a result, the Office of the State Comptroller has developed a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System (“FSMS”) to provide independent, objectively measured and quantifiable information to school district and municipal officials, taxpayers and policy makers regarding the various levels of fiscal stress under which the State’s school districts and municipalities are operating.

The fiscal stress scores are based on financial information submitted as part of each school district’s ST-3 report filed with the State Education Department annually, and each municipality’s annual report filed with the State Comptroller. Using financial indicators that include year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits, the system creates an overall fiscal stress score which classifies whether a school district or municipality is in “significant fiscal stress”, in “moderate fiscal stress,” as “susceptible to fiscal stress” or “no designation”. Entities that do not accumulate the number of points that would place them in a stress category will receive a financial score but will be classified in a category of “no designation.” This classification should not be interpreted to imply that the entity is completely free of fiscal stress conditions. Rather, the entity’s financial information, when objectively scored according to the FSMS criteria, did not generate sufficient points to place them in one of the three established stress categories.

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the Town as “No Designation”. (Fiscal Score: 0.0%; Environmental Score: 0.0%).

See the State Comptroller’s official website for more information on FSMS. Reference to this website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

In addition, the Office of the State Comptroller helps local government officials manage government resources efficiently and effectively. The Comptroller oversees the fiscal affairs of local governments statewide, as well as compliance with relevant statutes and observance of good business practices. This fiscal oversight is accomplished, in part, through its audits, which identify opportunities for improving operations and governance. The most recent audit performed was released in May, 2013. The purpose of such audit was to review internal controls over the Town’s payroll and legal services practices for the period January 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. The complete report, along with the Town’s response, may be found on the State Comptroller’s official website. Reference to this website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

### **Pension Systems**

Substantially all employees of the Town are members of the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System (“ERS” or “Retirement System”). The Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple public employee retirement system. The obligation of employers and employees to contribute and the benefits to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement System and Social Security Law (the “Retirement System Law”). The Retirement System offers a wide range of plans and benefits which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death and disability benefits and optional methods of benefit payments. All benefits generally vest after five years of credited service, except for “Tier 6” employees, as discussed below, whose benefits vest after five years of credited service. The Retirement System Law generally provides that all participating employers in the Retirement System are jointly and severally liable for any unfunded amounts. Such amounts are collected through annual billings to all participating employers. Generally, all employees, except certain part-time employees, participate in the Retirement System. The Retirement System is non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 27, 1976. All members hired on or after July 27, 1976 and before January 1, 2010 must contribute three percent of their gross annual salary towards the costs of retirement

programs until they attain ten years in the Retirement System, at such time contributions become voluntary. On December 10, 2009, a new Tier 5 was created, which was effective for new ERS employees hired between January 1, 2010 and March 31, 2012. New ERS employees in Tier 5 contribute 3% of their salaries to the pensions. There is no provision for these contributions to cease for Tier 5 employees after a certain period of service.

Pension reform legislation changed the billing cycle for employer contributions to the ERS retirement system to match budget cycles of the Town. Under the previous method, the Town was not provided with required payment until after the budget was implemented. Under the reforms implemented, the employer contribution for a given fiscal year is based on the value of the pension fund on the prior April 1, instead of the following April 1. As a result, the Town is notified of and can include the actual cost of the employer contribution in its budget. Legislation also requires a minimum payment of 4.5% of payroll each year, including years in which investment performance of the fund would make a lower employer contribution possible.

In addition, the pension payment date for all local governments was changed from December 15 to February 1 and permits the legislative body of a municipality to establish a retirement contribution reserve fund for the purpose of financing retirement contributions in the future. The New York State Retirement System has advised the Town that municipalities can elect to make employer contribution payments in the December or the following February, as required. If such payments are made in the December prior to the scheduled payment date in February, such payments may be made at a discount amount.

On March 16, 2012, the new Tier 6 pension program was established, effective for new ERS employees hired after April 1, 2012. The Tier 6 legislation provides for increased employee contribution rates of between 3% and 6%, an increase in the retirement age from 62 years to 63 years, a readjustment of the pension multiplier, and a change in the time period for final average salary calculation from 3 years to 5 years. Tier 6 employees will vest in the system after five years of employment and will continue to make employee contributions throughout employment.

Due to significant capital market declines in the past, the State's Retirement System portfolio has experienced negative investment performance and severe downward trends in market earnings in certain years. As a result of the foregoing, the employer contribution rate for the State's Retirement System continues to be higher than the minimum contribution rate established in the past. The State calculates contribution amounts based upon a five-year rolling average. As a result, contribution rates are expected to remain higher than the minimum contribution rates set by past legislation. To mitigate the expected increases in the employer contribution rate, various forms of legislation has been enacted that would permit local governments to borrow a portion of their required payments from the State pension plan.

The Town is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The required contributions for the five most recently completed fiscal years are as follows:

**Contributions to the Retirement Systems**

Fiscal Year Ending December 31:	Amount of Contribution
2019	\$8,531,934
2020	8,603,374
2021	9,815,703
2022	8,606,291
2023	8,138,079

**Other Post-Employment Benefits**

The Town provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs may be expected to rise substantially in the future. School districts and Boards of Cooperative Education Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing retiree health benefits or increasing health care contributions received or paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees. This protection from unilateral reduction of benefits had been extended annually by the New York State Legislature until recently when legislation was enacted to make permanent these health insurance benefit protections for retirees. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of the date hereof. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

GASB Statement No. 75 (“GASB 75”) of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”), requires state and local governments to account for and report their costs associated with post-retirement healthcare benefits and other non-pension benefits (“OPEB”). GASB 75 generally requires that employers account for and report the annual cost of the OPEB and the outstanding obligations and commitments related to OPEB in essentially the same manner as they currently do for pensions. Under previous rules, these benefits have generally been administered on a pay-as-you-go basis and have not been reported as a liability on governmental financial statements. Only current payments to existing retirees were recorded as an expense.

GASB 75 requires that state and local governments adopt the actuarial methodologies to determine annual OPEB costs. Annual OPEB cost for most employers will be based on actuarially determined amounts that, if paid on an ongoing basis, generally would provide sufficient resources to pay benefits as they come due.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Town adopted GASB 75, which supersedes and eliminates GASB 45. Under GASB 45, based on actuarial valuation, an annual required contribution (“ARC”) will be determined for each state or local government. The ARC is the sum of (a) the normal cost for the year (the present value of future benefits being earned by current employees) plus (b) amortization of the unfunded accrued liability (benefits already earned by current and former employees but not yet provided for), using an amortization period of not more than 30 years. If a municipality contributes an amount less than the ARC, a net OPEB obligation will result, which is required to be recorded as a liability on its financial statements.

GASB 75 establishes new standards for recognizing and measuring OPEB liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures to provide more transparent reporting and useful information about the liability and cost of benefits. Municipalities and school districts are required to account for OPEB within the financial statements rather than only noted in the footnotes as previously required by GASB 45. It is measured as of a date no earlier than the end of the employer’s prior fiscal year and no later than the employer’s current fiscal year. The discount rate is based on 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds. There is no amortization of prior service cost.

Those that have more than 200 participants are required to have a full actuarial valuation annually. Plans with fewer than 200 participants are required to have a full valuation every two years.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Town implemented GASB 75. The implementation of this Statement resulted in the reporting of the entire actuarial accrued liability for other post-employment benefits. The Town’s total OPEB liability at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Total OPEB Liability at Dec 31, 2022	<u>\$269,056,468</u>
Charges for the Year:	
Service Cost	4,581,180
Interest	9,628,100
Difference between expected and actual experience	(18,248,185)
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	27,682,568
Benefit Payments	<u>(9,882,641)</u>
Net Changes	<u>13,761,022</u>
Total OPEB Liability at Dec 31, 2023	<u><u>\$282,817,490</u></u>

The Town’s unfunded actuarial accrued OPEB liability could have a material adverse impact upon the Town’s finances and could force the Town to reduce services, raise taxes or both. There is no authority in the State to establish a reserve fund for the liability at this time.

Actuarial Valuation will be required every two years for OPEB plans with more than two hundred members, or every three years if there are less than two hundred members. Additional information about GASB 75 and other accounting rules applicable to municipalities and school districts may be obtained from GASB.

Legislation has been introduced in the State Legislature to authorize local governments and other public entities to establish trusts to accumulate and disburse funds through governing board appropriation for payment of OPEB liabilities. This legislation would authorize the establishment of a trust by resolution of the local government’s governing body which would serve as the trustee (unless trustee authority is delegated to the local government’s chief fiscal officer). Trust investments would be held by the State Comptroller as sole custodian for investment in accordance with the written investment policy developed by the trustee and the written agreement between the trust and the State Comptroller. Trust funds would not be subject to local government creditor claims, and local government officers would not be subject to liability for loss on investments in the trust. Such legislation has not been approved at this time.

## Length of Service Award Program

The Town sponsors two Volunteer Ambulance Workers Service Award Programs (the “Plans”): Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corporation, and Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc. All Plans are single-employer defined benefit plans covering the Town’s volunteer ambulance workers.

Any volunteer ambulance worker who completes five years of service and attains age 65 is eligible for normal retirement benefits. Participants acquire a nonforfeitable right to a service award after being credited with five years of ambulatory service or upon attaining the program’s entitlement age. In general, an active volunteer ambulance worker is credited with a year of ambulatory service for each calendar year after the establishment of the program in which he or she accumulated fifty points. Points are granted for the performance of certain activities in accordance with a system established by the sponsor on the basis of a statutory list of activities and point values. A participant may also receive credit for five years of service rendered prior to the establishment of the program.

A participant’s benefit under the program is the actuarial equivalent of a monthly payment for life equal to \$20 (Huntington Community First Aid Squad increased the monthly accrual per year of service from \$20 to \$30 for service credit earned after January 1, 2020) multiplied by the person’s total number of years of ambulatory service. The number of years of ambulatory service used to compute the benefit cannot exceed forty. Except in the case of disability or death, benefits are payable when a participant reaches entitlement age. The program provides statutorily mandated death and disability benefits.

The Town is required to retain an actuary to determine the amount of the Sponsor’s contributions to the plan.

Pension contributions are determined based on an annual actuarial calculation. Based upon accepted actuarial methods and the assumptions used, it has been determined that the contributions for the Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corporation and Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Inc. of \$62,011 for the year ended December 31, 2023 were sufficient to satisfy current and future service award obligations upon eligibility for retirement.

## REAL PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

### Real Property Taxes

The Town derives a significant portion of its annual revenue from a tax on real property (see “Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance” in Appendix B, herein.) Property taxes accounted for approximately 33.77% of total General Fund revenues, for the fiscal year ended 2023. On June 24, 2011, the Tax Levy Limitation Law was enacted, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon the municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the Town, without providing an exclusion for debt service on obligations issued by municipalities and fire districts, including the Town. (See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein).

The following table sets forth the percentage of the Town’s General Fund revenue (excluding other financing sources) comprised of real property taxes for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023, and, as budgeted, for the year ending December 31, 2024.

Fiscal Year Ending December 31:	Total Revenue	Real Property Taxes	Real Property Taxes to Revenues (%)
2019	\$ 109,356,709	\$ 43,033,219	39.35
2020	107,916,401	44,631,243	41.36
2021	116,450,103	45,707,019	39.25
2022	118,484,846	47,622,852	40.19
2023	148,301,992	50,078,875	33.77
2024 (Budgeted)	124,744,513	54,338,225	43.56

Source: Audited financial statements 2019 through 2023, and the adopted budget for 2024. The 2024 budgeted revenues include appropriation of fund balance.

## Tax Levy and Collection Record

The following table presents the total tax levy, by purpose, with adjustments and collection performance for each of the last five fiscal years.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Tax Levy <sup>a</sup>	\$1,108,453,781	\$1,119,088,111	\$1,132,222,276	\$1,143,397,193	\$1,169,115,675
Amount to Supervisor	953,576,579	971,462,242	982,277,718	1,003,573,527	1,027,957,855
Amount to County Treasurer	154,877,201	147,625,869	149,944,558	139,823,666	141,177,949
Uncollected (Returned) <sup>b</sup>	40,645,630	28,617,981	26,365,273	27,239,870	N/A
Adjusted Percent Uncollected When Due	3.70%	2.56%	2.33%	2.38%	N/A

a. Includes School, County, Town and Special Districts.

b. Historically, the town has received 100% of its levy prior to the close of its fiscal year. See "Tax Collection Procedure" herein.

### Tax Collection Procedure

Property taxes for the Town, together with County, fire and school district taxes are collected by the Town Receiver of Taxes on a single tax bill. Such taxes are due and payable in equal installments on December 1 and May 10, but may be paid without penalty by January 10 and May 31, respectively. Penalties on unpaid taxes are 1% per month from the date such taxes are due and payable and 10% after May 31.

The Receiver of Taxes distributes the collected tax money to the Town, fire and school districts prior to distributing the balance to the County. Uncollected amounts are not segregated by the Receiver of Taxes and any deficiency in tax collection is the County's responsibility. The Town thereby is assured to receive its tax levy.

### Tax Rates Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

As of December 31:	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Town-Wide	\$141.30	\$145.44	\$149.88	\$158.42	\$172.43
Highway Items and Part-Town	139.61	142.36	146.67	149.24	142.86

### Tax Levy Limit Law

Prior to the enactment of Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (the "Tax Levy Limit Law") on June 24, 2011, all the taxable real property within the Town had been subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the bonds and notes of the Town and interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a tax levy limitation upon the Town for any fiscal year commencing after May 31, 2012, without providing an exclusion for debt service on obligations issued by the Town. As a result, the power of the Town to levy real estate taxes on all the taxable real property within the Town is subject to statutory limitations, according to the formulas set forth in Tax Levy Limit Law.

The following is a brief summary of certain relevant provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law. The summary is not complete and the full text of the Tax Levy Limit Law should be read in order to understand the details and implications thereof.

The Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a limitation on increases in the real property tax levy of the Town, subject to certain exceptions. The Tax Levy Limit Law permits the Town to increase its overall real property tax levy over the tax levy of the prior year by no more than the "Allowable Levy Growth Factor", which is the lesser of one and two one-hundredths or the sum of one plus the Inflation Factor; provided, however that in no case shall the levy growth factor be less than one. The "Inflation Factor" is the quotient of: (i) the average of the 20 National Consumer Price Indexes determined by the United States Department of Labor for the twelve-month period ending six months prior to the start of the coming fiscal year minus the average of the National Consumer Price Indexes determined by the United States Department of Labor for the twelve-month period ending six months prior to the start of the prior fiscal year, divided by: (ii) the average of the National Consumer Price Indexes determined by the United States Department of Labor for the twelve-month period ending six months prior to the start of the prior fiscal year, with the result expressed as a decimal to four places. The Tax Levy Limit Law also provides for adjustments to be made to the Town's tax levy based upon changes in the assessed value of the taxable real property in the Town. Additionally, the Town will be permitted to carry forward a certain portion of its unused tax levy capacity from the

prior year. The Town is required to calculate its tax levy limit for the upcoming year in accordance with the provision described above and provide all relevant information to the New York State Comptroller prior to adopting its budget. The Tax Levy Limit Law sets forth certain exclusions to the real property tax levy limitation of the Town, including exclusions for tort judgments payable by the Town. The governing board of the Town may adopt a budget that exceeds the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, only if the governing board of the Town first enacts, by a vote of at least sixty percent of the total voting power of the Town Board, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year.

The Tax Levy Limit Law does not contain an exception from the levy limitation for the payment of debt service on either outstanding general obligation bonds or notes of the Town or such indebtedness incurred after the effective date of the Tax Levy Limit Law. As such, there can be no assurances that the Tax Levy Limit Law will not come under legal challenge for violating (i) Article VIII, Section 12 of the State Constitution for not providing an exception for debt service on obligations issued prior to the enactment of the Tax Levy Limit Law, (ii) Article VIII, Section 10 of the State Constitution by effectively eliminating the exception for debt service to general real estate tax limitations, and (iii) Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution by limiting the pledge of its faith and credit by a municipality or school district for the payment of debt service on obligations issued by such municipality or school district.

The 2013-2016 and 2018-2024 Budgets did not exceed the tax levy limitation. Town did exceed the tax cap in 2017.

**Selected Listing of Large Taxable Properties**  
2024 Assessment Roll<sup>a</sup>

Name	Type	Assessed Valuation
LIPA/Keyspan Energy Corp.	Utility	\$27,974,005
The Retail Property Trust	Real Estate	2,000,000
58/68 S. Service Road SPE LLC	Commercial	801,465
Avalon Bay Communities	Real Estate	729,975
Huntington Quadrangle	Real Estate	580,000
Estee Lauder	Cosmetics	469,700
Avalon Huntington Former S Corp	Real Estate	455,000
Verizon	Utility	452,683
Grandview Hotel Limited	Hotel	425,000
445 Melville Industrial Associates	Office Building	358,000
Total <sup>b</sup>		\$34,245,828

a. Assessment Roll established in 2023 for levy and collection of taxes during 2024 Fiscal Year.  
b. Represents 10.90% of the total taxable assessed valuation of the Town for 2024.

**Tax Certiorari Claims**

In common with other municipalities, there are a number of tax certiorari proceedings pending involving properties that are subject to the levy of Town taxes. The plaintiffs in these matters have asserted that their properties are over-assessed and are seeking assessment reductions. A refund of excess taxes is also generally requested. Historically, certiorari claims have been settled through negotiations, resulting in amounts, at times, substantially less than originally claimed. Many settlements provide for future adjustments with no direct outlay of money. (See “*Tax Collection Procedure*” and “*LITIGATION*” herein.)

**LITIGATION**

In common with other towns, the Town from time to time receives notices of claim and is party to litigation. In the opinion of the Town Attorney, unless otherwise set forth herein and apart from matters provided for by applicable insurance coverage, there are no significant claims or actions pending in which the Town has not asserted a substantial and adequate defense, nor which, if determined against the Town, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the Town, in view of the Town’s ability to fund the same through use of appropriate funding mechanisms provided by the Local Finance Law.

## **CYBERSECURITY**

The Town, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private, or sensitive information, the Town faces multiple cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risk of business operations impact and/or damage from cyber incidents or cyber-attacks, the Town invests in various forms of cybersecurity and operational controls; however, no assurances can be given that such security and operational control measures will be completely successful to guard against cyber threats and attacks. The results of any such attack could impact business operations and/or damage Town digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be substantial. The Town has also both created and implemented an “Incident Response Plan” which provides an efficient roadmap for recovering from any cyberattack. In addition, the Town has partnered with quality vendors, a cloud-base backup service (which uses off-site storage locations), and a cybersecurity insurance company to assist in the event of any cyberattack.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

The Town has an elevated risk to rising sea levels and extreme weather events such as hurricanes and nor’easters. The Town and other levels of government within the Town have been active in addressing environmental risk and mitigating exposure to weather events. The Town has a number of projects completed and ongoing that will further strengthen their ability to handle future weather events, and partners with New York State, Suffolk County, and the Federal governments to address erosion control, coastal flooding, and the restoration of natural habitats. The magnitude of the impact on the Town’s operations, economy and financial condition of rising sea levels, coastal flooding and more frequent and extreme weather events is indeterminate and unpredictable; however, over the past several years, the Town has been able to meet the financial demands of significant weather events without the need for any borrowing.

## **TAX MATTERS**

### **Opinion of Bond Counsel**

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the Town, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Bonds and the Notes is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. The Tax Certificate of the Town (the “Tax Certificate”), which will be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds and the Notes will contain provisions and procedures relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code. In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectations made by the Town in connection with the Bonds and the Notes, and Bond Counsel has assumed compliance by the Town with certain ongoing provisions and procedures set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds and the Notes from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Town, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds and the Notes, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated above. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may thereafter come to its attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may thereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds and the Notes.

## **Certain Ongoing Federal Tax Requirements and Certifications**

The Code establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and the Notes in order that interest on the Bonds and the Notes be and remain excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to use and expenditure of gross proceeds of the Bonds and the Notes, yield and other restrictions on investments of gross proceeds, and the arbitrage rebate requirement that certain excess earnings on gross proceeds be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds and the Notes to become included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to their issue date, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered. The Town, in executing the Tax Certificate, will certify to the effect that the Town will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds and the Notes from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

## **Certain Collateral Federal Tax Consequences**

The following is a brief discussion of certain collateral federal income tax matters with respect to the Bonds and the Notes. It does not purport to address all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of a Bond or a Note. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Bonds and the Notes.

Prospective owners of the Bonds and the Notes should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds and the Notes may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

## **Original Issue Discount**

“Original issue discount” (“OID”) is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable at the stated maturity of a Bond or Note (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates) over the issue price of that maturity. In general, the “issue price” of a maturity (a bond or note with the same maturity date, interest rate, and credit terms) means the first price at which at least 10 percent of such maturity was sold to the public, i.e., a purchaser who is not, directly or indirectly, a signatory to a written contract to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds or Notes. In general, the issue price for each maturity of Bonds and the Notes is expected to be the initial public offering price set forth in this Official Statement. Bond Counsel further is of the opinion that, for any Bonds and Notes having OID (a “Discount Obligation”), OID that has accrued and is properly allocable to the owners of the Discount Obligation under Section 1288 of the Code is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as other interest on the Bonds and the Notes. In general, under Section 1288 of the Code, OID on a Discount Obligation accrues under a constant yield method, based on periodic compounding of interest over prescribed accrual periods using a compounding rate determined by reference to the yield on that Discount Obligation. An owner’s adjusted basis in a Discount Obligation is increased by accrued OID for purposes of determining gain or loss on sale, exchange, or other disposition of such Discount Obligation. Accrued OID may be taken into account as an increase in the amount of tax-exempt income received or deemed to have been received for purposes of determining various other tax consequences of owning a Discount Obligation even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

Owners of Discount Obligation should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the treatment of original issue discount for federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and the state and local tax consequences of acquiring, holding, and disposing of Discount Obligation.

## **Bond and Note Premium**

In general, if an owner acquires a bond for a purchase price (excluding accrued interest) or otherwise at a tax basis that reflects a premium over the sum of all amounts payable on the bond or the note after the acquisition date (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates), that premium constitutes “bond premium” on that bond (a “Premium Obligation”). In general, under Section 171 of the Code, an owner of a Premium Obligation must amortize the bond and note premium over the remaining term of the Premium Bond and Note, based on the owner’s yield over the remaining term of the Premium Obligation, determined based on constant yield principles (in certain cases involving a Premium Bond and Note callable prior to its stated maturity date, the amortization period and yield may be required to be determined on the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on such bond and note). An owner of Premium Obligation must amortize the bond and note premium by offsetting the qualified stated interest allocable to each interest accrual period under the owner’s regular method of accounting against the bond and note premium allocable to that period.

In the case of a tax-exempt Premium Obligation, if the bond and note premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period, the excess is a nondeductible loss. Under certain circumstances, the owner of a Premium Bond and Note may realize a taxable gain upon disposition of the Premium Obligation even though it is sold or redeemed for an amount less than or equal to the owner's original acquisition cost. Owners of any Premium Obligations should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of bond and note premium for federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and state and local tax consequences, in connection with the acquisition, ownership, amortization of bond and note premium on, sale, exchange, or other disposition of Premium Obligations.

### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

Information reporting requirements apply to interest on tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds and the Notes. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient completes, and provides the payor with, a Form W-9, "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification," or if the recipient is one of a limited class of exempt recipients. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to "backup withholding," which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a "payor" generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient.

If an owner purchasing Bond and Note through a brokerage account has executed a Form W-9 in connection with the establishment of such account, as generally can be expected, no backup withholding should occur. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Obligation from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to backup withholding would be allowed as a refund or a credit against the owner's federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Miscellaneous**

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds and the Notes under federal or state law or otherwise prevent beneficial owners of the Bonds and the Notes from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future, or enacted) and such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds and the Notes.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds and the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds and the Notes will be subject to the final approving opinion of the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the Town. Said opinion will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds and the Notes, and will be substantially in the form set forth in Appendix C.

### **DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

At the time of the delivery of the Bonds and the Notes, the Town will provide an executed copy of its Undertaking to Provide Notice of Events and Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure substantially in the form set forth in Appendix D.

The Town reserves the right to amend or modify the Undertaking under certain circumstances set forth therein; provided that, any such amendment or modification will be done in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12 as then in effect.

### **RATING**

The Notes are not rated. The Town has applied to Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), 7 WTC at Greenwich Street, New York, NY, Phone: (212) 553-4055 and Fax: (212) 298-6761, for a rating on the Bonds. Such application is pending at this time. The rating will reflect only the view of such rating agency and an explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from the respective rating agency. There can be no assurance that such rating will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgement of agency circumstances so warrant. Any change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price and the availability of a secondary market for the outstanding Obligation of the Town.

## MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained upon request from the office of Laura B. Carey, the Town Comptroller, Town of Huntington, Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Huntington, New York 11743, telephone number (631) 351-3000 and email: [lcarey@huntingtonny.gov](mailto:lcarey@huntingtonny.gov) or from the office of Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776, telephone number (631) 331-8888 and website: <https://www.munistat.com>.

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The preparation and distribution of this Official Statement has been authorized by the resolutions of the Town which delegate to the Town Supervisor the power to sell and issue the Obligation.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

By: s/s EDMUND J. SMYTH  
Town Supervisor and Chief Fiscal Officer  
Town of Huntington  
Huntington, New York

August , 2024

**APPENDIX A**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**BALANCE SHEETS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

	General Fund	Highway Funds	Town Refuse & Garbage	Non-Major Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 42,958,102	\$ 18,153,725	\$ 11,962,624	\$ 9,518,413
Cash - Restricted	19,994,273	1,854,830	84,062	12,065,314
Accounts Receivable	4,196,534	229,923	24,963	389,849
Due From Federal, State, and Other Governments	3,435,095	3,058,134	13,588	
Due From Other Funds	1,341,359	25,919	9,063	712
Lease Receivable	2,642,163			
Prepays	2,008,593	661,626	262,951	143,273
	<u>76,576,119</u>	<u>23,984,157</u>	<u>12,357,251</u>	<u>22,117,561</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>76,576,119</u>	<u>23,984,157</u>	\$ <u>12,357,251</u>	\$ <u>22,117,561</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,984,343	\$ 1,040,391	\$ 828,363	\$ 489,785
Accrued Liabilities	8,503,610	561,815	2,932,289	179,608
Deposits	345,246			21,222
Due to Other Funds	29,509	399,270	232,262	28,746
	<u>10,862,708</u>	<u>2,001,476</u>	<u>3,992,914</u>	<u>719,361</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>10,862,708</u>	<u>2,001,476</u>	<u>3,992,914</u>	<u>719,361</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>				
Deferred Revenue	647,218			
Lease Related	2,598,851			
	<u>3,246,069</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>3,246,069</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>				
Nonspendable	2,051,905	661,626	262,951	143,273
Restricted	19,994,273	1,854,831	84,062	12,065,315
Assigned	1,543,297	19,466,224	8,017,324	9,189,612
Unassigned	38,877,867			
	<u>62,467,342</u>	<u>21,982,681</u>	<u>8,364,337</u>	<u>21,398,200</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>62,467,342</u>	<u>21,982,681</u>	<u>8,364,337</u>	<u>21,398,200</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u>76,576,119</u>	\$ <u>23,984,157</u>	\$ <u>12,357,251</u>	\$ <u>22,117,561</u>

Non-Major Governmental Funds include Special Grant (HDCA), Local Development Corporation (LDC), Town Business Improvement Districts and Special Districts

Sources: Audited Annual Financial Report (2023).

NOTE: This Schedule is NOT audited.

**BALANCE SHEETS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

	General Fund	Highway Funds	Town Refuse & Garbage	Non-Major Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 62,661,954	\$ 9,686,026	\$ 9,792,390	\$ 8,822,840
Cash - Restricted	20,065,902	1,782,127	79,180	10,656,808
Accounts Receivable	3,825,771	245,808		588,031
Due From Federal, State, and Other Governments	4,085,745	10,584,820	105,318	9,248
Due From Other Funds	2,468,625	727	9,034	
Lease Receivable	2,663,320			
Prepays	1,886,712	588,098	248,754	135,288
	<u>97,658,029</u>	<u>22,887,606</u>	<u>10,234,676</u>	<u>20,212,215</u>
Total Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,822,096	\$ 752,178	\$ 823,413	\$ 551,979
Accrued Liabilities	9,559,417	671,755	2,267,939	131,590
Deposits	273,086			21,864
Due to Other Funds	9,761	630,741	233,625	18,504
Unearned Revenues	22,209,010			
	<u>33,873,370</u>	<u>2,054,674</u>	<u>3,324,977</u>	<u>723,937</u>
Total Liabilities				
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>				
Deferred Revenue	3,564,223			
Lease Related	2,643,711			
	<u>6,207,934</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Deferred Inflows				
<b>Fund Balance:</b>				
Nonspendable	1,906,321	588,099	248,754	135,288
Restricted	20,065,902	1,782,127	79,180	10,656,808
Assigned	1,775,552	18,462,706	6,581,765	8,696,182
Unassigned	33,828,950			
	<u>57,576,725</u>	<u>20,832,932</u>	<u>6,909,699</u>	<u>19,488,278</u>
Total Fund Balance				
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u>97,658,029</u>	\$ <u>22,887,606</u>	\$ <u>10,234,676</u>	\$ <u>20,212,215</u>

Non-Major Governmental Funds include Special Grant (HDCA), Local Development Corporation (LDC), Town Business Improvement Districts and Special Districts

Sources: Audited Annual Financial Report (2022).

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GENERAL FUND**

	Fiscal Years Ending December 31:				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 44,631,243	\$ 45,707,019	\$ 46,709,226	\$ 47,622,852	\$ 50,078,875
Other Property Tax Items	413,758	431,775	503,160	547,571	515,291
Non-Property Tax items	5,452,789	4,601,052	4,658,022	4,365,315	4,439,347
Departmental Income	32,978,424	31,250,872	32,622,575	35,961,947	37,053,814
Intergovernmental Charges	163,048	132,516	138,647	112,645	100,737
Use of Money and Property	2,236,002	1,257,066	964,226	2,018,085	6,109,715
Licenses and Permits	1,149,331	635,293	693,517	803,620	994,777
Fines and Forfeitures	1,609,378	656,502	1,233,310	1,391,062	1,761,980
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	1,988,108	485,625	1,599,112	1,529,191	1,559,475
Miscellaneous Local Sources	1,736,015	1,675,521	1,961,766	1,888,775	1,868,143
Interfund Revenues	4,558,953	4,686,461	4,855,761	4,813,224	5,079,313
State and Other Local Government Aid	11,744,316	13,462,085	20,116,906	16,662,235	12,904,477
Federal Aid	636,839	2,934,614	393,875	769,324	25,836,048
Total Revenues	<u>109,298,204</u>	<u>107,916,401</u>	<u>116,450,103</u>	<u>118,485,846</u>	<u>148,301,992</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
General Government Support	26,990,336	26,945,185	28,502,539	27,194,549	54,608,345
Public Safety	5,564,167	5,388,128	5,611,701	5,625,321	5,677,388
Health	785,734	676,564	764,533	823,393	768,083
Transportation	5,001,925	4,873,894	5,162,098	5,674,664	6,058,641
Economic Assistance & Opportunity	2,303,917	2,306,867	2,273,748	2,416,213	2,487,167
Culture and Recreation	13,146,479	12,196,141	12,722,388	12,769,284	12,926,617
Home & Community Services	23,446,067	24,165,407	25,035,444	28,447,152	28,408,200
Employee Benefits	20,337,259	20,889,286	20,951,981	21,673,241	23,960,288
Debt Service	0	0	206,253	218,946	199,798
Total Expenditures	<u>97,575,884</u>	<u>97,441,472</u>	<u>101,230,685</u>	<u>104,842,763</u>	<u>135,094,527</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>11,722,320</u>	<u>10,474,929</u>	<u>15,219,418</u>	<u>13,643,083</u>	<u>13,207,465</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Premiums on Obligations			155,539	190,207	120,631
Operating Transfers In	58,507		7,048	3,006,689	100,453
Other Transfers Out	(7,395,692)	(8,833,834)	(9,419,217)	(8,887,412)	(8,537,932)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(7,337,185)</u>	<u>(8,833,834)</u>	<u>(9,256,630)</u>	<u>(5,690,516)</u>	<u>(8,316,848)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>4,385,135</u>	<u>1,641,095</u>	<u>5,962,788</u>	<u>7,952,567</u>	<u>4,890,617</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>33,500,903</u>	<u>37,886,038</u>	<u>39,527,133</u>	<u>49,624,158</u>	<u>57,576,725</u>
Adjustment to Fund Balance Due to Accounting Changes			<u>4,134,237</u>		
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, as Restated	<u>33,500,903</u>	<u>37,886,038</u>	<u>43,661,370</u>	<u>49,624,158</u>	<u>57,576,725</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 37,886,038</u>	<u>\$ 39,527,133</u>	<u>\$ 49,624,158</u>	<u>\$ 57,576,725</u>	<u>\$ 62,467,342</u>

Sources: Audited Annual Financial Report (2019-2023)

NOTE: This Schedule is NOT audited.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
HIGHWAY FUND**

	Fiscal Years Ending December 31:				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 33,734,114	\$ 34,373,582	\$ 34,821,356	\$ 35,492,015	\$ 35,995,045
Other Property Tax Items	112,849	132,163	126,654	167,555	175,494
Departmental Income	445,482	405,978	998,278	333,535	1,744,568
Intergovernmental Charges	10,575	917	4,419		
Use of Money and Property	559,123	203,583	53,227	221,006	1,401,834
Licenses and Permits	184,025	130,375	175,825	157,325	200,575
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	164,568	184,282	170,059	99,040	340,982
Miscellaneous Local Sources	567,440	534,773	386,618	460,128	501,869
State and Other Local Government Aid	2,820,554	1,903,829	4,629,781	4,679,766	4,390,215
Federal Aid		5,035,547	431,615	4,366,870	331,115
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>38,598,730</u>	<u>42,905,029</u>	<u>41,797,832</u>	<u>45,977,240</u>	<u>45,081,697</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
General Government Support	223,237	301,061	276,145	338,459	350,916
Transportation	22,047,448	24,197,547	23,107,034	22,453,436	24,144,448
Employee Benefits	8,544,981	8,453,317	9,467,155	9,710,631	10,018,260
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>30,815,666</u>	<u>32,951,925</u>	<u>32,850,334</u>	<u>32,502,526</u>	<u>34,513,624</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>7,783,064</u>	<u>9,953,104</u>	<u>8,947,498</u>	<u>13,474,714</u>	<u>10,568,073</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Premiums on Obligations			174,388	239,182	241,263
Operating Transfers In	258				903
Other Transfers Out	(6,624,305)	(6,484,917)	(7,105,809)	(6,718,057)	(9,660,490)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>(6,624,047)</u>	<u>(6,484,917)</u>	<u>(6,931,421)</u>	<u>(6,478,875)</u>	<u>(9,418,324)</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<u>1,159,017</u>	<u>3,468,187</u>	<u>2,016,077</u>	<u>6,995,839</u>	<u>1,149,749</u>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>7,193,812</u>	<u>8,352,829</u>	<u>11,821,016</u>	<u>13,837,093</u>	<u>20,832,932</u>
<b>Adjustment to Fund Balance Due to Accounting Changes</b>					
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, as Restated</b>	<u>7,193,812</u>	<u>8,352,829</u>	<u>11,821,016</u>	<u>13,837,093</u>	<u>20,832,932</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 8,352,829</u>	<u>\$ 11,821,016</u>	<u>\$ 13,837,093</u>	<u>\$ 20,832,932</u>	<u>\$ 21,982,681</u>

Sources: Audited Annual Financial Report (2019-2023)

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
REFUSE AND GARBAGE FUND**

	Fiscal Years Ending December 31:				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 25,128,313	\$ 26,255,794	\$ 27,078,268	\$ 27,866,220	\$ 28,091,273
Other Property Tax Items	2,130	1,541	449		12,144
Departmental Income	8,055	6,240	6,600	6,690	6,360
Intergovernmental Charges	12,794	12,680	13,546	9,034	9,063
Use of Money and Property	363,088	144,085	32,884	151,139	756,290
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	121,899	154,525	54,673	545,998	492,155
Miscellaneous Local Sources	119,428	118,704	114,839	143,314	130,175
State and Other Local Government Aid	103,619		60,673	105,319	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>25,859,326</u>	<u>26,693,569</u>	<u>27,361,932</u>	<u>28,827,714</u>	<u>29,497,460</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
General Government Support	2,242,421	2,291,821	2,355,892	2,499,170	2,634,487
Home & Community Services	20,274,571	22,275,609	21,653,574	21,367,215	21,306,423
Employee Benefits	2,605,068	2,836,992	3,049,068	3,087,101	3,543,099
Debt Service			9,587	9,587	9,587
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>25,122,060</u>	<u>27,404,422</u>	<u>27,068,121</u>	<u>26,963,073</u>	<u>27,493,596</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>737,266</u>	<u>(710,853)</u>	<u>293,811</u>	<u>1,864,641</u>	<u>2,003,864</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Premiums on Obligations			11,156	18,983	16,639
Operating Transfers In					1,650
Other Transfers Out	(218,567)	(217,119)	(237,719)	(246,004)	(567,515)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>(218,567)</u>	<u>(217,119)</u>	<u>(226,563)</u>	<u>(227,021)</u>	<u>(549,226)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>518,699</u>	<u>(927,972)</u>	<u>67,248</u>	<u>1,637,620</u>	<u>1,454,638</u>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>5,614,104</u>	<u>6,132,803</u>	<u>5,204,831</u>	<u>5,272,079</u>	<u>6,909,699</u>
<b>Adjustment to Fund Balance Due to Accounting Changes</b>					
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, as Restated</b>	<u>5,614,104</u>	<u>6,132,803</u>	<u>5,204,831</u>	<u>5,272,079</u>	<u>6,909,699</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 6,132,803</u>	<u>\$ 5,204,831</u>	<u>\$ 5,272,079</u>	<u>\$ 6,909,699</u>	<u>\$ 8,364,337</u>

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

	Fiscal Years Ending December 31:				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 19,373,768	\$ 11,390,692	\$ 11,501,288	\$ 11,303,546	\$ 11,431,580
Other Property Tax Items	47,449	16,155	15,063	19,724	23,867
Non-Property Tax items	144,701	144,701	144,701	144,701	144,701
Departmental Income	10,310,556	1,957,598	1,966,629	1,619,626	1,555,918
Use of Money and Property	768,637	1,618,749	1,487,734	113,777	2,060,436
Licenses and Permits	1,001,687				
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	2,734,759	2,168,042	2,855,997	2,811,285	2,806,993
Miscellaneous Local Sources	2,199,656	114,662	116,073	116,799	92,078
State Aid	23,233	26,547	25,925	32,741	23,976
Federal Aid			28,450	4,742	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>36,604,446</u>	<u>17,437,146</u>	<u>18,141,860</u>	<u>16,166,941</u>	<u>18,139,549</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
General Government Support	4,606,331	1,872,027	2,016,681	1,843,678	1,928,018
Public Safety	4,106,491	1,591,027	1,609,586	1,643,047	1,675,842
Health	3,323,506	3,248,498	3,302,312	4,805,333	3,513,278
Transportation	2,008,542	2,278,121	2,420,086	2,349,736	2,446,150
Economic Assistance and Opportunity	2,575	4,048	2,826	2,772	2,500
Home & Community Services	9,210,711	3,574,312	3,897,437	4,032,636	4,007,266
Employee Benefits	5,932,954	1,771,337	1,682,948	1,825,221	1,840,440
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>29,191,110</u>	<u>14,339,370</u>	<u>14,931,876</u>	<u>16,502,423</u>	<u>15,413,494</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>7,413,336</u>	<u>3,097,776</u>	<u>3,209,984</u>	<u>(335,482)</u>	<u>2,726,055</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating Transfers In					30,776
Other Transfers Out	(3,133,109)	(1,263,638)	(1,048,030)	(1,031,738)	(846,909)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>(3,133,109)</u>	<u>(1,263,638)</u>	<u>(1,048,030)</u>	<u>(1,031,738)</u>	<u>(816,133)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>4,280,227</u>	<u>1,834,138</u>	<u>2,161,954</u>	<u>(1,367,220)</u>	<u>1,909,922</u>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>19,646,790</u>	<u>22,947,567</u>	<u>22,827,781</u>	<u>20,855,498</u>	<u>19,488,278</u>
Adjustment to Fund Balance Due to Accounting Changes	(979,450)	(1,953,924)	(4,134,237)		
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, as Restated</b>	<u>18,667,340</u>	<u>20,993,643</u>	<u>18,693,544</u>	<u>20,855,498</u>	<u>19,488,278</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 22,947,567</u>	<u>\$ 22,827,781</u>	<u>\$ 20,855,498</u>	<u>\$ 19,488,278</u>	<u>\$ 21,398,200</u>

Non-Major Governmental Funds include Town-Outside Village, Special Grant (HDCA), Local Development Corporation (LDC), Town Business Improvement Districts & Special D  
The Special District Funds consist of a number of separate districts which are administered by the Board including a fire protection district, a street lighting district, two ambulance  
districts, three sewer districts, business improvement district and a water district.

Sources: Audited Annual Financial Report (2019-2023)

NOTE: This Schedule is NOT audited.

**ADOPTED BUDGETS  
GENERAL FUND**

	Fiscal Years Ending December 31:	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenues:		
Real Property Taxes	\$ 50,136,412	\$ 54,338,225
Other Property Tax Items	463,308	463,308
Non-Property Tax items	4,600,000	4,600,000
Departmental Income	36,603,800	39,291,300
Intergovernmental Charges	120,000	120,000
Use of Money and Property	1,303,200	2,603,500
Licenses and Permits	1,126,000	1,181,000
Fines and Forfeitures	1,285,000	1,285,000
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	326,250	326,250
Miscellaneous Local Sources	1,420,000	1,620,000
Interfund Revenues	5,079,313	4,485,966
State and Other Local Government Aid	12,503,169	12,589,964
Federal Aid	490,000	490,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,050,000	1,350,000
Total Revenues	\$ 116,506,452	\$ 124,744,513
Expenditures:		
General Government Support	\$ 42,023,861	\$ 44,128,604
Public Safety	8,803,060	9,892,793
Health	881,811	924,718
Transportation	8,056,001	8,812,416
Economic Assistance & Opportunity	3,703,358	3,907,485
Culture and Recreation	17,955,546	18,618,466
Home & Community Services	29,432,815	32,910,031
Debt Service	5,650,000	5,550,000
Operating Transfers Out		
Total Expenditures	\$ 116,506,452	\$ 124,744,513

Source: Adopted Budgets of the Town of Huntington

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

**APPENDIX B**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**[▶ Click Here For 2023 Audit](#)**

NOTE: SUCH FINANCIAL REPORT AND OPINIONS WERE PREPARED AS OF THE DATE THEREOF AND HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED AND/OR UPDATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

**APPENDIX C**

**FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION**

## FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP  
7 World Trade Center  
250 Greenwich Street  
New York, New York 10007

\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

The Town Board of the  
Town of Huntington, in the  
County of Suffolk, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Town of Huntington (the “Town”), in the County of Suffolk, New York, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, and have examined a record of proceedings relating to the authorization, sale and issuance of the \$23,935,000 Public Improvement Serial Bonds-2024 (the “Bonds”), dated and delivered on the date hereof.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof.

The Town expects to issue its \$5,560,000 Bond Anticipation Note-2024 (the “Note”) on August 21, 2024. The Note is treated, together with the Bonds, as a single issue for federal tax purposes. We serve as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance of the Note and, on the closing date of the Note, we expect to render our opinion with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Note from gross income for federal income tax purposes in substantially the form of paragraph 2 below and subject to the same conditions and limitations set forth herein. Noncompliance with such conditions and limitations may cause interest on both the Bonds and the Note to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the respective dates of issue, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

Based on and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, as of the date hereof, we are of the following opinions:

1. The Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Town for which the Town has validly pledged its faith and credit and, unless paid from other sources, all the taxable real property within the Town is subject to the levy of ad valorem real estate taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon, subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to such Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws affecting creditors’ rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

2. Under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code, however, interest on the Bonds is

included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code.

The Code establishes certain requirements which must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest on the Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, restrictions on the investment of proceeds of the Bonds prior to expenditure and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date of issuance thereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

On the date of issuance of the Bonds, the Town will execute a Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds containing provisions and procedures pursuant to which such requirements can be satisfied. In executing the Tax Certificate, the Town represents that it will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that the interest on the Bonds will, for federal income tax purposes, be excluded from gross income.

In rendering the opinion in this paragraph 2, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the Town’s representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Tax Certificate with respect to matters affecting the status of the interest on the Bonds, and (ii) compliance by the Town with the procedures and representations set forth in the Tax Certificate as to such tax matters.

3. Under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

We express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. We render our opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the date hereof, and assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement our opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may hereafter come to our attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. We express no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, we express no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds

We give no assurances as to the adequacy, sufficiency or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement and/or Official Statement relating to the Bonds or any proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents, containing financial or other information relative to the Town, which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of ownership interests in the Bonds.

Very truly yours,

## FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP  
7 World Trade Center - 250 Greenwich Street  
New York, New York 10007

August \_\_, 2024

The Town Board  
Town of Huntington, in the  
County of Suffolk, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Town of Huntington (the “Town”), in the County of Suffolk, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, and have examined a record of proceedings relating to the authorization, sale and issuance of the \$5,560,000 Bond Anticipation Notes – 2024 (the “Notes”) of the Town dated and delivered on the date hereof.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof.

Concurrently with the issuance of the Note, the Town is issuing its \$23,935,000 Public Improvement Serial Bonds-2024 (the “Bonds”). The Notes are treated, together with the Bonds, as a single issue for federal tax purposes. We have served as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. On the date hereof we rendered our opinion with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes subject to the same conditions and limitations set forth herein. Noncompliance with such conditions and limitations may cause interest on the Bonds and the Notes to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date of issue thereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, as of the date hereof, we are of the following opinions:

1. The Notes are valid and legally binding general obligation of the Town for which the Town has validly pledged its faith and credit and, unless paid from other sources, all the taxable real property within the Town is subject to the levy of ad valorem real estate taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, subject to certain statutory limitations imposed under Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to such Notes may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws affecting creditors’ rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

2. Under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Notes is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code, however, interest on the Notes is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code.

The Code establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Notes in order that the interest on the Notes be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the Notes, restrictions on the investment of proceeds of the Notes prior to expenditure and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause the interest on the Notes to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to its date of issuance, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

On the date of issuance of the Notes, the Town will execute a Tax Certificate relating to the Notes containing provisions and procedures pursuant to which such requirements can be satisfied. In executing the Tax Certificate, the Town represents that it will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that the interest on the Notes will, for federal income tax purposes, be excluded from gross income.

In rendering the opinion in this paragraph 2, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the Town's certifications, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Tax Certificate with respect to matters affecting the status of the interest on the Notes, and (ii) compliance by the Town with the procedures and certifications set forth in the Tax Certificate as to such tax matters.

3. Under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

We express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. We render our opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the date hereof, and assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement our opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may hereafter come to our attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. We express no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, we express no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Notes.

We give no assurances as to the accuracy, sufficiency or completeness of the Preliminary and/or Final Official Statement related to the Notes or any proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents, containing financial or other information relative to the Town which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of said Notes.

Very truly yours,

**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

## UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

### Section 1. Definitions

“Annual Information” shall mean the information specified in Section 3 hereof.

“EMMA” shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access System implemented by the MSRB.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean “financial obligation” as such term is defined in the Rule.

“GAAP” shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States.

“Holder” shall mean any registered owner of the Securities and any beneficial owner of Securities within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Issuer” shall mean the **Town of Huntington**, in the County of Suffolk, a municipal corporation of the State of New York.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of the MSRB contemplated by this Agreement.

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Award, executed by the Supervisor as of August 7, 2024.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR Part 240, §240.15c2-12), as amended, as in effect on the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof issued either before or after the effective date of this Undertaking which are applicable to this Undertaking.

“Securities” shall mean the Issuer’s **\$23,935,000 Public Improvement Serial Bonds-2024**, dated August 21, 2024, maturing in various principal amounts on August 15 in each of the years 2025 to 2039, inclusive, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Continuing Disclosure. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided either directly or through Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York, to the EMMA System:

- (i) (A) no later than six (6) months after the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the Annual Information relating to such fiscal year, and (B) no later than six (6) months after the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the audited financial statements of the Issuer for each fiscal year, if audited financial statements are prepared by the Issuer and

then available; provided, however, that if audited financial statements are not prepared or are not then available, unaudited financial statements shall be provided and audited financial statements, if any, shall be delivered to the EMMA System within sixty (60) days after they become available and in no event later than one (1) year after the end of each fiscal year; provided further, however, that the unaudited financial statement shall be provided for any fiscal year only if the Issuer has made a determination that providing such unaudited financial statement would be compliant with federal securities laws, including Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17 (a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933; and

- (ii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:
  - (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
  - (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Securities, or other events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
  - (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
  - (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
  - (9) defeasances;
  - (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
  - (11) rating changes;
  - (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

Note to clause (12): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following

occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer;

- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(iii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of a failure to provide by the date set forth in Section 2(a)(i) hereof any Annual Information required by Section 3 hereof.

(b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information in addition to that required hereby in the manner set forth herein or in any other manner. If the Issuer disseminates any such additional information, the Issuer shall have no obligation to update such information or include it in any future materials disseminated hereunder.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from providing notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Securities; but the Issuer does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events listed above.

Section 3. Annual Information. (a) The required Annual Information shall consist of the financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, in a form generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Issuer's final official statement relating to the Securities under the headings "THE TOWN," "ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION," "INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN," "FINANCES OF THE TOWN," "REAL PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION" AND "LITIGATION" AND IN APPENDIX A.

(b) All or any portion of the Annual Information may be incorporated in the Annual Information by cross reference to any other documents which are (i) available to the public on the EMMA System or (ii) filed with the SEC. If such a document is a final official statement, it also must be available from the EMMA System.

(c) Annual Information for any fiscal year containing any modified operating data or financial information (as contemplated by Section 7(e) hereof) for such fiscal year shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for such modification and the effect of such modification on the Annual Information being provided for such fiscal year. If a change in accounting principles is included in any such modification, such Annual Information shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the modified accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 4. Financial Statements. The Issuer's annual financial statements for each fiscal year, if prepared, shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP or New York State regulatory requirements as in effect from time to time. Such financial statements, if prepared, shall be audited by an independent accounting firm. The Issuer's Annual Financial Report Update Document prepared by the Issuer and filed annually with New York State in accordance with applicable law, shall not be subject to the foregoing requirements.

Section 5. Remedies. If the Issuer shall fail to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, then any Holder of Securities may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this Undertaking against the Issuer and any of the officers, agents and employees of the Issuer, and may compel the Issuer or any such officers, agents or employees to perform and carry out their duties under this Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Undertaking shall be an action to compel specific performance of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder and no person or entity shall be entitled to recover monetary damages hereunder under any circumstances. Failure to comply with any provision of this Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Securities.

Section 6. Parties in Interest. This Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule and is delivered for the benefit of the Holders. No other person shall have any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 7. Amendments. Without the consent of any holders of Securities, the Issuer at any time and from time to time may enter into any amendments or changes to this Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to comply with or conform to any changes in Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);
- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided hereby and to make any necessary or desirable provisions with respect thereto;
- (c) to evidence the succession of another person to the Issuer and the assumption of any such successor of the duties of the Issuer hereunder;
- (d) to add to the duties of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
- (e) to modify the contents, presentation and format of the Annual Information from time to time to conform to changes in accounting or disclosure principles or practices and legal requirements followed by or applicable to the Issuer or to reflect changes in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer or in the business, structure or operations of the Issuer or any mergers, consolidations, acquisitions or dispositions made by or affecting any such person; provided that any such modifications shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such modification; or
- (f) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision hereof which may be inconsistent with any other provision hereof, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Undertaking which, in each case, comply with Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such amendment or change;

provided that no such action pursuant to this Section 7 shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect. In making such determination, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

Section 8. Termination. This Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as all principal, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Securities shall have been paid in full or the Securities shall have otherwise been paid or legally defeased pursuant to their terms. Upon any such legal defeasance, the Issuer shall provide notice of such defeasance to the EMMA System. Such notice shall state whether the Securities have been defeased to maturity or to redemption and the timing of such maturity or redemption.

In addition, this Agreement, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that those portions of the Rule which require this Agreement, or such provision, as the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Securities, whether because such portions of the Rule are invalid, have been repealed, or otherwise.

Section 9. Undertaking to Constitute Written Agreement or Contract. This Undertaking shall constitute the written agreement or contract for the benefit of Holders of Securities, as contemplated under Rule 15c2-12.

Section 10. Governing Law. This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York determined without regard to principles of conflict of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of August 21, 2024.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor and Chief Fiscal Officer

## UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICES OF EVENTS

### Section 1. Definitions

“EMMA” shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access System implemented by the MSRB.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean “financial obligation” as such term is defined in Rule 15c2-12.

“GAAP” shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States.

“Holder” shall mean any registered owner of the Securities and any beneficial owner of Securities within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Issuer” shall mean the Town of Huntington, in the County of Suffolk, a municipal corporation of the State of New York.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Determination, executed by the Town Supervisor as of August 21, 2024.

“Rule 15c2-12” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended through the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof.

“Securities” shall mean the Issuer’s **\$5,560,000 Bond Anticipation Notes – 2024**, dated August 21, 2024, maturing August 21, 2025, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Notices of Events. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided either directly or through Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776 to the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) System implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of such Board contemplated by the Undertaking, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:

- (i) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;

- (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
- (vii) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
- (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (ix) defeasances;
- (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
- (xi) rating changes;
- (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

Note to clause (12): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer;

- (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (xiv) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;

- (xv) incurrence of a financial obligation, as defined in Rule 15c2-12, of the Town, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (xvi) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information in addition to that required hereby in the manner set forth herein or in any other manner. If the Issuer disseminates any such additional information, the Issuer shall have no obligation to update such information or include it in any future materials disseminated hereunder.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from providing notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Securities; but the Issuer does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events listed above.

Section 3. Remedies. If the Issuer shall fail to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, then any Holder of Securities may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this Undertaking against the Issuer and any of the officers, agents and employees of the Issuer, and may compel the Issuer or any such officers, agents or employees to perform and carry out their duties under this Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Undertaking shall be an action to compel specific performance of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder and no person or entity shall be entitled to recover monetary damages hereunder under any circumstances. Failure to comply with any provision of this Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Securities.

Section 4. Parties in Interest. This Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with (b)(5) of the Rule and is delivered for the benefit of the Holders. No other person shall have any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 5. Amendments. Without the consent of any holders of Securities, the Issuer at any time and from time to time may enter into any amendments or changes to this Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to comply with or conform to any changes in Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);
- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided hereby and to make any necessary or desirable provisions with respect thereto;
- (c) to evidence the succession of another person to the Issuer and the assumption of any such successor of the duties of the Issuer hereunder;

- (d) to add to the duties of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
- (e) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision hereof which may be inconsistent with any other provision hereof, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Undertaking which, in each case, comply with Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such amendment or change;

provided that no such action pursuant to this Section 5 shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect. In making such determination, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

Section 6. Termination. This Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as all principal, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Securities shall have been paid in full or the Securities shall have otherwise been paid or legally defeased in accordance with their terms. Upon any such legal defeasance, the Issuer shall provide notice of such defeasance to the EMMA System. Such notice shall state whether the Securities have been defeased to maturity or to redemption and the timing of such maturity or redemption.

Section 7. Undertaking to Constitute Written Agreement or Contract. This Undertaking shall constitute the written agreement or contract for the benefit of Holders of Securities, as contemplated under Rule 15c2-12.

Section 8. Governing Law. This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York determined without regard to principles of conflict of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of **August 21, 2024**.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town of Supervisor