

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

**NEW ISSUE**

See “RATING” herein

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

*In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes. See “TAX MATTERS” herein.*

*The Town WILL designate the Notes as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.*

**TOWN OF AMENIA  
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$6,333,449  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2025  
(the “Notes”)**

**Date of Issue: October 21, 2025**

**Maturity Date: October 21, 2026**

The Notes are general obligations of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess 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 Notes are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the Town, subject to applicable statutory limitations. (See “NATURE OF OBLIGATION” and “*Tax Levy Limitation Law*” herein.)

The Notes are dated their Date of Issue and bear interest from that date until the Maturity Date, at the annual rate(s) as specified by the purchaser(s) of the Notes. The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be (i) registered in the name of the successful bidder(s) or (ii) registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) as book entry notes.

If the Notes are issued in registered form, registered in the name of the successful bidder(s), a single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser(s) at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on such Notes will be payable in Federal Funds by the Town, at such bank(s) or trust company(ies) located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as selected by the successful bidder(s) as an expense thereof.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes issued in book-entry form. Individual purchases of such Notes will be made in book-entry form only, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for one necessary odd denomination that is or includes \$8,449. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in book-entry notes. Principal of and interest on such Notes will be paid by the Town to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to Beneficial Owners of the Notes, as described herein. (See “*Book-Entry-Only System*” herein.)

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) subject to the receipt of the final approving opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Notes will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in Jersey City, New Jersey or as otherwise agreed with the purchaser(s) on or about October 21, 2025.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM “DEEMED FINAL” BY THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN’S CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE NOTICES OF MATERIAL EVENTS FOR THE NOTES AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE “DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING” HEREIN.

DATED: October \_\_, 2025

**TOWN OF AMENIA  
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No person has been authorized by the Town of Amenia to give any information or to make any representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Notes any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information, estimates and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Town of Amenia since the date hereof.

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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

### **TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

relating to

### **\$6,333,449 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2025 (the “Notes”)**

This Official Statement (the “Official Statement”), which includes the cover pages and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the Town of Amenia, in the County of Dutchess, in the State of New York (the “Town,” “County,” and “State,” respectively), in connection with the sale of \$6,333,449 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 (the “Notes”).

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of the 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 compilation thereof, and all references to the Notes and the proceedings of the Town relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Notes and such proceedings.

## **THE NOTES**

### ***Description of the Notes***

The Notes will be dated and will mature as reflected on the cover page hereof.

The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be (i) registered in the name of the successful bidder(s) or (ii) registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) as book entry notes. The Town will act as Paying Agent for the Notes. The Town contact information is as follows: Charles Miller, Budget Officer, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501, (917) 447-8444, e-mail: [cmiller@ameniany.gov](mailto:cmiller@ameniany.gov).

### ***Authority for and Purpose of the Notes***

The Notes are issued pursuant to the State Constitution and statutes of the State, including among others, the Town Law, the Local Finance Law, and a bond resolution adopted by the Town Board on December 4, 2024, and amended on July 17, 2025, authorizing the issuance of \$10,269,565 bonds to finance the construction of a new highway garage and salt storage shed. The balance of the authorized amount is expected to be borrowed in Fall 2026. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes will be used to provide original financing to pay a portion of the cost for such purpose.

### ***Optional Redemption***

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

## ***Book-Entry-Only System***

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Notes issued in book-entry form. Said Notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered 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 note certificate will be issued for the Notes, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest depository, is a 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 securities 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”). 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 the Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for 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 Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all 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 Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Notes; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account 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.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC’s practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to 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 County 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 Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on 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 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 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.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Town. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, note certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Town may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, note certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Town believes to be reliable, but the Town takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Source: The Depository Trust Company

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. IN ADDITION, THE TOWN WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPANTS, TO INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO: (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC, ANY PARTICIPANT OR ANY INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (II) THE PAYMENTS BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OR ANY INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF, OR PREMIUM, IF ANY, OR INTEREST ON THE NOTES OR (III) ANY NOTICE WHICH IS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS.

THE TOWN CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE NOTES (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE NOTES OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE TOWN WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO DTC, THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (3) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS; OR (4) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE NOTES.

## **NATURE OF OBLIGATION**

Each Note, when duly issued and paid for, will constitute a contract between the Town and the holder thereof.

Holders of any series of bonds or notes of the Town may bring an action or commence a proceeding in accordance with the civil practice law and rules to enforce the rights of the holders of such series of notes or bonds.

The 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 as required by the Constitution and laws of the State. For the payment of such principal and interest, the Town has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all real property within the Town, subject to applicable statutory limitations.

Although the State Legislature is restricted by Article VIII, Section 12 of the State Constitution from imposing limitations on the power to raise taxes to pay “interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted” prior to the effective date of any such legislation, the New York State Legislature may from time to time impose additional limitations or requirements on the ability to increase a real property tax levy or on the methodology, exclusions or other restrictions of various aspects of real property taxation (as well as on the ability to issue new indebtedness). On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the New York New York Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (the “Tax Levy Limitation Law”). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to local governments and school districts in the State (with certain exceptions) and imposes additional procedural requirements on the ability of municipalities and school districts to levy certain year-to-year increases in real property taxes.

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 Notes and is required to raise real estate taxes, and without specification, other revenues, if such levy is necessary to repay such indebtedness. While the Tax Levy Limitation Law imposes a statutory limitation on the Town’s power to increase its annual tax levy with the amount of such increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limitation Law, it also provides the procedural method to surmount that limitation. See “Tax Levy Limitation Law,” herein.

The Constitutionally-mandated general obligation pledge of municipalities and school districts in New York State has been interpreted by the Court of Appeals, the State’s highest court, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), as follows:

“A pledge of the City’s faith and credit is both a commitment to pay and a commitment of the City’s revenue generating powers to produce the funds to pay. Hence, an obligation containing a pledge of the City’s “faith and credit” is secured by a promise both to pay and to use in good faith the City’s general revenue powers to produce sufficient funds to pay the principal and interest of the obligation as it becomes due. That is why both words, “faith” and “credit” are used and they are not tautological. That is what the words say and this is what the courts have held they mean...So, too, although the Legislature is given the duty to restrict municipalities in order to prevent abuses in taxation, assessment, and in contracting of indebtedness, it may not constrict the City’s power to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness previously contracted...While phrased in permissive language, these provisions, when read together with the requirement of the pledge and faith and credit, express a constitutional imperative: debt obligations must be paid, even if tax limits be exceeded”.

In addition, the Court of Appeals in the Flushing National Bank case has held that the payment of debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds and notes takes precedence over fiscal emergencies and the police power of political subdivisions in New York State.

The pledge has generally been understood as a promise to levy property taxes without limitation as to rate or amount to the extent necessary to cover debt service due to language in Article VIII Section 10 of the Constitution which provides an exclusion for debt service from Constitutional limitations on the amount of a real property tax levy, insuring the availability of the levy of property tax revenues to pay debt service. As the Flushing National Bank Court noted, the term “faith and credit” in its context is “not qualified in any way”. Indeed, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977), the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct

constitutional mandate. In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals stated that, while holders of general obligation debt did not have a right to particular revenues such as sales tax, “with respect to traditional real estate tax levies, the bondholders are constitutionally protected against an attempt by the State to deprive the City of those revenues to meet its obligations.” According to the Court in Quirk, the State Constitution “requires the City to raise real estate taxes, and without specification other revenues, if such a levy be necessary to repay indebtedness.”

In addition, the Constitution of the State requires that every county, city, town, village, and school district in the State provide annually by appropriation for the payment of all interest and principal on its bonds and certain other obligations, and that, if at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriation, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. In the event that an appropriating authority were to make an appropriation for debt service and then decline to expend it for that purpose, this provision would not apply. However, the Constitution of the State does also provide that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, or school district may be required to set apart and apply such first revenues at the suit of any holder of any such obligations.

In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 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 New York 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 not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues.

While the courts in New York 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.

### ***Tax Levy Limitation Law***

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (as amended, the “Tax Levy Limitation Law”). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to all local governments, including school districts (with the exception of New York City, the counties comprising New York City and school districts in New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers, the latter four of which are affected indirectly by applicability to their respective city). It also applies to independent special districts and to town and county improvement districts as part of their parent municipalities tax levies.

The Tax Levy Limitation Law restricts, among other things, the amount of real property taxes (including assessments of certain special improvement districts) that may be levied by or on behalf of a municipality in a particular year, beginning with fiscal years commencing on or after January 1, 2012. While the Tax Levy Limitation Law was scheduled to expire in 2020, it was made permanent by legislation enacted in 2019. Pursuant to the Tax Levy Limitation Law, the tax levy of a municipality cannot increase by more than the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) or (ii) the annual increase in the consumer price index (“CPI”), over the amount of the prior year’s tax levy. Certain adjustments would be permitted for taxable real property full valuation increases due to changes in physical or quantity growth in the real property base as defined in Section 1220 of the Real Property Tax Law. A municipality may exceed the tax levy limitation for the coming fiscal year only if the governing body of such municipality first enacts, by at least a sixty percent vote of the total voting strength of the board, a local law (resolution in the case of fire districts and certain special districts) to override such limitation for such coming fiscal year only. There are permissible exceptions to the tax levy limitation provided in the Tax Levy Limitation Law, including expenditures made on account of certain tort settlements and certain increases in the average actuarial contribution rates of the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System, the Police and Fire Retirement System, and the Teachers’ Retirement System. Municipalities are also permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused levy limitation from a prior year. Each municipality prior to adoption of its fiscal year budget must submit for review to the State Comptroller any information that is necessary in the calculation of its tax levy for such fiscal year.

The Tax Levy Limitation Law does not contain an exception from the levy limitation for the payment of debt service on either outstanding general obligation debt of municipalities or such debt incurred after the effective date of the Tax Levy Limitation Law (June 24, 2011).



While the Tax Levy Limitation Law may constrict an issuer's power to levy real property taxes for the payment of debt service on debt contracted after the effective date of the Tax Levy Limitation Law, it is clear that no statute is able (1) to limit an issuer's pledge of its faith and credit to the payment of any of its general obligation indebtedness or (2) to limit an issuer's levy of real property taxes to pay debt service on general obligation debt contracted prior to the effective date of the Tax Levy Limitation Law. Whether the Constitution grants a municipality authority to treat debt service payments as a constitutional exception to such a statutory tax levy limitation is not clear.

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT**

**General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision.** Each Note, when duly issued and paid for, will constitute a contract between the Town and the holder thereof. Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors of the Town to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action. Section 3-a of the General Municipal Law provides, subject to exceptions not pertinent, that the rate of interest to be paid by the Town upon any judgment or accrued claim against it on an amount adjudged due to a creditor shall not exceed nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. This provision might be construed to have application to the holders of the Notes in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes.

**Execution/Attachment of Municipal Property.** 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, although judicial mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgments out of certain funds or the proceeds of a tax levy. In accordance with the general rule with respect to municipalities, judgments against the Town may not be enforced by levy and execution against property owned by the Town.

**Authority to File for Municipal Bankruptcy.** The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such as counties, cities, towns and villages, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness.

The State has consented that any municipality in the State may file a petition with the 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. Subject to such State consent, under the United States Constitution, Congress has jurisdiction over such matters and has enacted amendments to the existing federal bankruptcy statute, being Chapter 9 thereof, generally to the effect and with the purpose of affording municipal corporations, under certain circumstances, with easier access to judicially approved adjustment of debt, including judicial control over identifiable and unidentifiable creditors.

No current state law purports to create any priority for holders of 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 rights of the owners of the Notes to receive interest and principal from the Town could be adversely affected by the restructuring of the Town's debt under Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. No assurance can be given that any priority of holders of debt obligations issued by the Town (including the Notes) to payment from monies retained in any debt service fund or from other cash resources would be recognized if a petition were filed by or on behalf of the Town under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or pursuant to other subsequently enacted laws relating to creditors' rights; such monies might, under such circumstances, be paid to satisfy the claims of all creditors generally.

Under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, a petition may be filed in the Federal Bankruptcy court by a municipality which is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature. Generally, the filing of such a petition operates as a stay of any proceeding to enforce a claim against the municipality. The Federal Bankruptcy Code also requires that a plan be filed for the adjustment of the municipality's debt, which may modify or alter the rights of creditors and which could be secured. Any plan of adjustment confirmed by the court must be approved by the requisite number of creditors. If confirmed by the bankruptcy court, the plan would be binding upon all creditors affected by it.

**State Debt Moratorium Law.** There are separate State law provisions regarding debt service moratoriums enacted into law in 1975.

At the Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature held in November, 1975, legislation was enacted which purported to suspend the right to commence or continue an action in any court to collect or enforce certain short-term obligations of The City of New York. The effect of such act was to create a three-year moratorium on actions to enforce the payment of such obligations. On November 19, 1976, the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, declared such act to be invalid on the ground that it violates the provisions of the State Constitution requiring a pledge by such city of its faith and credit for the payment of obligations.

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law, as described below, 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.

**Right of Municipality or State to Declare a Municipal Financial Emergency and Stay Claims Under State Debt Moratorium Law.** The State Legislature is authorized to declare by special act that a state of financial emergency exists in any county, city, town or village. (The provision does not by its terms apply to school districts or fire districts.) In addition, the State Legislature may authorize by special act establishment of an "emergency financial control board" for any county, city, town or village upon determination that such a state of financial emergency exists. Thereafter, unless such special act provides otherwise, a voluntary petition to stay claims may be filed by any such municipality (or by its emergency financial control board in the event said board requests the municipality to petition and the municipality fails to do so within five days thereafter). A petition filed in supreme court in the county in which the municipality is located in accordance with the requirements of Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law ("Title 6-A") effectively prohibits the doing of any act for ninety days in the payment of claims against the municipality, including payment of debt service on outstanding indebtedness.

This includes staying the commencement or continuation of any court proceedings seeking payment of debt service due, the assessment, levy or collection of taxes by or for the municipality or the application of any funds, property, receivables or revenues of the municipality to the payment of debt service. The stay can be vacated under certain circumstances with provisions for the payment of amounts due or overdue upon a demand for payment in accordance with the statutory provisions set forth therein. The filing of a petition may be accompanied with a proposed repayment plan which, upon court order approving the plan, may extend any stay in the payment of claims against the municipality for such "additional period of time as is required to carry out fully all the terms and provisions of the plan with respect to those creditors who accept the plan or any benefits thereunder." Court approval is conditioned, after a hearing, upon certain findings as provided in Title 6-A.

A proposed plan can be modified prior to court approval or disapproval. After approval, modification is not permissible without court order after a hearing. If not approved, the proposed plan must be amended within ten days or else the stay is vacated and claims, including debt service due or overdue, must be paid. It is at the discretion of the court to permit additional filings of amended plans and continuation of any stay during such time. A stay may be vacated or modified by the court upon motion of any creditor if the court finds after a hearing that the municipality has failed to comply with a material provision of an accepted repayment plan or that due to a "material change in circumstances" the repayment plan is no longer in compliance with statutory requirements.

Once an approved repayment plan has been completed, the court, after a hearing upon motion of any creditor, or a motion of the municipality or its emergency financial control board, will enter an order vacating any stay then in effect and enjoining of creditors who accepted the plan or any benefits thereunder from commencing or continuing any court action, proceeding or other act described in Title 6-A relating to any debt included in the plan.

Title 6-A requires notice to all creditors of each material step in the proceedings. Court determinations adverse to the municipality or its financial emergency control board are appealable as of right to the appellate division in the judicial department in which the court is located and thereafter, if necessary, to the Court of Appeals. Such appeals stay the

judgment or appealed from and all other actions, special proceedings or acts within the scope of Section 85.30 of Title 6-A pending the hearing and determination of the appeals.

Whether Title 6-A is valid under the Constitutional provisions regarding the payment of debt service is not known. However, based upon the decision in the Flushing National Bank case described above, its validity is subject to doubt.

While the State Legislature has from time to time adopted legislation in response to a municipal fiscal emergency and established public benefit corporations with a broad range of financial control and oversight powers to oversee such municipalities, generally such legislation has provided that the provisions of Title 6-A are not applicable during any period of time that such a public benefit corporation has outstanding indebtedness issued on behalf of such municipality.

**Fiscal Stress and State Emergency Financial Control Boards.** Pursuant to Article IX Section 2(b)(2) of the State Constitution, any local government 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 approve collective bargaining agreements in certain cases. Implementation is 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, on a certificate of necessity of the governor reciting facts which in the judgment of 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 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, 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 expect to do so in the foreseeable future. School districts and fire districts are not eligible for FRB assistance.

**Constitutional Non-Appropriation Provision.** There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VIII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of and interest on indebtedness of every county, city, town, village and school district in the State: “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. (See “General Municipal Law Contract Creditors’ Provision” herein.)

The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

**Default Litigation.** In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder’s remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have upheld and sustained the rights of noteholders and bondholders, such courts might hold that future events including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in political subdivisions of the State, 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. (See “NATURE OF OBLIGATION” and “State Debt Moratorium Law” herein.)

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

## **RISK FACTORS**

The financial and economic condition of the Town as well as the market for the Notes could be affected by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the Town’s control. There can be no assurance that adverse events in the State and in other jurisdictions, including, for example, the seeking by a municipality or large taxable property owner of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Notes. If a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or another jurisdiction or any of its agencies or political subdivisions thereby further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by borrowers within the State, both the ability of the Town to arrange for additional borrowings, and the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Notes, could be adversely affected.

There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts or municipalities will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the Town can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor. The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment may also be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget or the State’s financial condition due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other circumstances, including fiscal stress. The Town is not very dependent on State aid, however, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the Town can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor. (See “*State Aid*”, “*Sales Tax*” and “*Impacts of COVID-19*” herein).

Should the Town fail to receive monies expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, the Town is permitted to issue revenue anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of delayed State aid.

If and when a holder of any of the should elect to sell a Note prior to its maturity, there can be no assurance that a market shall have been established, maintained and be in existence for the purchase and sale of any of the Notes. In addition, the price and principal value of the Notes is dependent on the prevailing level of interest rates; if interest rates rise, the price of a note will decline, causing the noteholder to incur a potential capital loss if such note is sold prior to its maturity.

Amendments to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code could reduce or eliminate the favorable tax treatment granted to municipal debt, including the Notes and other debt issued by the Town. Any such future legislation could have an adverse effect on the market value of the Bonds (See “*Tax Matters*” herein).

The enactment of Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011 on June 24, 2011, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, including the Town, school districts, and fire districts in the State could have an impact upon operations of the Town and as a result, the market price for the Bonds. (See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*,” herein.)

## **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, hardware failures 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. Specifically, the Town has retained the services of Edmunds GovTech. (EGT) to design, implement and manage its network infrastructure. EGT has implemented various forms of cybersecurity and operational controls including, but not limited to, spam filters scanning all incoming emails for fishing attacks and viruses; the creation of a firewall which uses built-in security subscriptions that scan all incoming and outgoing connections to the network for viruses and malware attacks; the Town server is constantly backed up to the cloud; business continuity and disaster recovery systems are being utilized and maintained; constant security updates are being managed on the Town’s servers and workstations from a central management system; the Town maintains two separate Wi-Fi networks to insure and secure the Town network from the guest network so that each operates independently from the other; and anti-virus software has been installed on all Town workshops, laptops and servers. To date these measures have been successful in guarding against and preventing any cyber threats and /or attacks.

In addition to hiring an outside consultant and the implementation of various cybersecurity and operational controls, the Town also maintains an insurance policy for and against any cyber threats and/or attacks and the potential damage that could result therefrom.

## **LITIGATION**

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 claims or actions pending which, if determined against the Town, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the Town.

Certain property owners have filed certiorari petitions under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law. Such petitions allege that property values as presently determined are excessive and request assessment reductions and, in most actions, a refund of property taxes previously paid. According to the Town, the expected liability for currently filed claims, if any, is not substantial and settlement of these claims will not have a significant financial impact on the Town.

## **TAX MATTERS**

In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (“Bond Counsel”), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain

corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in "APPENDIX D".

To the extent the issue price of any maturity of the Notes is less than the amount to be paid at maturity of such Notes (excluding amounts stated to be interest and payable at least annually over the term of such Notes), the difference constitutes "original issue discount," the accrual of which, to the extent properly allocable to each owner thereof, is treated as interest on the Notes which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and exempt from State of New York personal income taxes. For this purpose, the issue price of a particular maturity of the Notes is the first price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Notes is sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The original issue discount with respect to any maturity of the Notes accrues daily over the term to maturity of such Notes on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded semiannually (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The accruing original issue discount is added to the adjusted basis of such Notes to determine taxable gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Notes. Owners of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Notes with original issue discount, including the treatment of owners who do not purchase such Notes in the original offering to the public at the first price at which a substantial amount of such Notes is sold to the public.

Notes purchased, whether at original issuance or otherwise, for an amount higher than their principal amount payable at maturity (or, in some cases, at their earlier call date) ("Premium Notes") will be treated as having amortizable bond premium. No deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, like the Premium Notes, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, the amount of tax-exempt interest received, and an owner's basis in a Premium Note, will be reduced by the amount of amortizable bond premium properly allocable to such owner. Owners of Premium Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the proper treatment of amortizable bond premium in their particular circumstances.

Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that the amount treated as interest on the Notes and excluded from gross income will depend upon the taxpayer's election under Internal Revenue Notice 94-84. Notice 94-84, 1994-2 C.B. 559, states that the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") is studying whether the amount of the stated interest payable at maturity on short-term debt obligations (i.e., debt obligations with a stated fixed rate of interest which mature not more than one year from the date of issue) that is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes should be treated (i) as qualified stated interest or (ii) as part of the stated redemption price at maturity of the short-term debt obligation, resulting in treatment as accrued original issue discount (the "original issue discount"). The Notes will be issued as short-term debt obligations. Until the IRS provides further guidance with respect to tax-exempt short-term debt obligations, taxpayers may treat the stated interest payable at maturity either as qualified stated interest or as includable in the stated redemption price at maturity, resulting in original issue discount as interest that is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, taxpayers must treat the amount to be paid at maturity on all tax-exempt short-term debt obligations in a consistent manner. Taxpayers should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Notes if the taxpayer elects original issue discount treatment.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Notes. The Town has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions designed to ensure that interest on the Notes will not be included in federal gross income. Inaccuracy of these representations or failure to comply with these covenants may result in interest on the Notes being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes possibly from the date of original issuance of the Notes. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Notes may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes. Further, no assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate, and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Notes) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. Bond

Counsel expresses no opinion as to any Notes or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted.

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York), the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes may otherwise affect an owner's federal or state tax liability. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the particular tax status of the owner or the owner's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences.

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Notes to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Notes. Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority, covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities, and represents Bond Counsel's judgment as to the proper treatment of the Notes for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the Town, or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the applicable regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. The Town has covenanted, however, to comply with the requirements of the Code.

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Notes ends with the issuance of the Notes, and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the Town or the owners regarding the tax-exempt status of the Notes in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. Under current procedures, owners would have little, if any, right to participate in the audit examination process. Moreover, because achieving judicial review in connection with an audit examination of tax-exempt bonds is difficult, obtaining an independent review of IRS positions with which the Town legitimately disagrees, may not be practicable. Any action of the IRS, including but not limited to selection of the Notes for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of bonds presenting similar tax issues may affect the market price for, or the marketability of, the Notes, and may cause the Town or the owners to incur significant expense.

Payments on the Notes generally will be subject to U.S. information reporting and possibly to "backup withholding." Under Section 3406 of the Code and applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations issued thereunder, a non-corporate owner of Notes may be subject to backup withholding with respect to "reportable payments," which include interest paid on the Notes and the gross proceeds of a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of the Notes. The payor will be required to deduct and withhold the prescribed amounts if (i) the payee fails to furnish a U.S. taxpayer identification number ("TIN") to the payor in the manner required, (ii) the IRS notifies the payor that the TIN furnished by the payee is incorrect, (iii) there has been a "notified payee underreporting" described in Section 3406(c) of the Code or (iv) the payee fails to certify under penalty of perjury that the payee is not subject to withholding under Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Code. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be refunded or credited against an owner's federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. Certain owners (including among others, corporations and certain tax-exempt organizations) are not subject to backup withholding. The failure to comply with the backup withholding rules may result in the imposition of penalties by the IRS.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Notes are subject to the approving legal opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel's opinion will be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix D.

## **DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

This Official Statement is in a form “deemed final” by the Town for the purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”). At the time of the delivery of the Notes, the Town will provide an executed copy of its “Undertaking to Provide Notice of Certain Material Events” (the “Undertaking”). Said Undertaking will constitute a written agreement or contract of the Town for the benefit of holders of and owners of beneficial interests in the Notes, to provide, or cause to be provided, timely notice not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

(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 Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes; (vii) modifications to rights of Noteholders, if material; (viii) Note calls, if material, and tender offers; (ix) defeasances; (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material; (xi) rating changes; (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Town; (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Town or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Town, 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 the Rule) of the Town, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a financial obligation, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (xvi) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a financial obligation of the Town, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

Event (iii) is included pursuant to a letter from the SEC staff to the National Association of Bond Lawyers dated September 19, 1995. However, event (iii) is not applicable, since no “debt service reserves” will be established for the Notes.

With respect to event (iv) the Town does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Notes.

With respect to event (xii) 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 Town 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 Town, 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 Town.

With respect to events (xv) and (xvi) above, the term “Financial Obligation” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

The Town may provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if it determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Notes; but the Town does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

The Town’s Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the principal of, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Notes shall have been paid in full. The sole and exclusive remedy for breach or default under the Undertaking is an action to compel specific performance of the undertakings of the Town, and no person or entity, including a holder of the Notes, shall be entitled to recover monetary damages thereunder under any



circumstances. Any failure by the Town to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default with respect to the Notes.

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 consultation with nationally recognized bond counsel in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12 as then in effect.

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, Great Neck, New York, (the “Municipal Advisor”) is an independent municipal advisor registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor has served as the independent financial advisor to the Town in connection with this transaction.

In preparing the Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon governmental officials, and other sources, who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information for the Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. The Municipal Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the Town to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards. The Municipal Advisor is not a law firm and does not provide legal advice with respect to this or any debt offerings of the Town. The Municipal Advisor is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities and therefore will not participate in the underwriting of the Notes.

### **RATING**

The Town has not applied to for a rating on the Notes.

The Town does not currently have a credit rating as it has no rated bonds outstanding. The Town’s only outstanding bonds having been issued directly through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and are unrated

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information may be obtained from the Town’s Budget Officer, Charlie Miller, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501, (917) 447-8444, e-mail: [cmiller@ameniany.gov](mailto:cmiller@ameniany.gov) or from the Town’s Municipal Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue – Suite 308, Great Neck, New York, 11021, (516) 487-9818.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. No representation is made that any of such statements will be realized. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Town and the original purchasers or holders of any of the Notes.

Statements in the Official Statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are “forward-looking statements”, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and which are based on the Town management’s beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to the Town’s management and staff. Because the statements are based on expectations about future events and economic performance and are not statements of fact, actual results may differ materially from those projected. Important factors that could cause future results to differ include legislative and regulatory changes, changes in the economy, and other factors discussed in this and other documents that the Town’s files with the MSRB. When used in Town documents or oral presentations, the words “anticipate,” “believe,” “intend,” “plan,” “foresee,” “likely,” “estimate,” “expect,”

“objective,” “projection,” “forecast,” “goal,” “will,” or “should,” or similar words or phrases are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

To the extent any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated, they are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the statements will be realized. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made verbally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holder of the Notes.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel to the Town, expresses no opinion as to the accuracy or completeness of information in any documents prepared by or on behalf of the Town for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes, including but not limited to, the financial or statistical information in this Official Statement.

References herein to the Constitution of the State and various State and federal laws are only brief outlines of certain provisions thereof and do not purport to summarize or describe all of such provisions.

Concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, the Town will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to limitation as to information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the Town, as to which no representation can be made.

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TOWN OF AMENIA  
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leo Blackman  
Supervisor and Chief Fiscal Officer

DATED: October \_\_, 2025

## **APPENDIX A**

### **THE TOWN**

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### ***General Information***

The Town encompasses approximately 43.6 square miles within the northeastern section of the County of Dutchess, New York. Population is currently estimated at 3,825 (2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates). The Per capita income for Town residents is slightly higher than that of the State and closely trails the County as a whole (See also “ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA” herein). The Town is a rural community and primarily residential in nature.

### ***Form of Government***

The Town of Amenia was established in 1788. The Town is a separate political entity vested with independent taxing and debt authority. Situated within the Town’s borders are portions of two independent school districts. The school districts use the Town’s assessment roll as the basis for taxation of property within the Town.

The legislative power of the Town is vested in the Town Board, which consists of five members, including the Town Supervisor, who is the presiding member and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, elected for a term of two years. The four other members of the Town Board (Councilpersons) are elected at large to four-year terms. There are no limitations as to the number of terms which may be served.

The Town Clerk serves as custodian of the Town’s legal documents and papers, maintains the minutes of proceedings of the Town Board and is responsible for the publication and filing of all official notices. The Town Clerk is elected to serve a four-year term; the number of terms is not limited.

The Tax Collector, unless otherwise provided by law, has the duty to receive all County and Town taxes, school taxes for two of the four school districts and all assessments that may be levied in the Town. The Receiver of Taxes is appointed annually as a part of the reorganizational meeting. Other offices of the Town include: Two Town Justices, each elected to a four-year term; the Highway Superintendent, elected to a four-year term; and the Town Attorney who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

### ***Services***

The Town is responsible for providing most governmental services to its residents.

Highway construction and maintenance is also a Town function. In addition, recreation is provided and parks maintained through Town government. Other services performed at the Town level include: property assessment, building inspection, zoning administration and the local justice court system. The County Sheriff’s Office along with the New York State Police, furnish police protection while fire protection is provided for through the two fire districts located in the Town. Education is the responsibility of the two independent school districts serving the Town. The County provides various social and health services.

### ***Employees***

The Town currently employs approximately 8 full-time persons and 38 total employees. Employees of the Highway Department are represented by the United Public Services Employees Union (“UPSE”). The UPSE’s contract with the Town extends through December 31, 2028. Otherwise, there are no other collective bargaining organizations representing Town employees.

### ***Employee Benefits***

Substantially all employees of the Town are members of the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System (“ERS”) or the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (“PFRS”) (ERS and PFRS are referred to collectively hereinafter as the “Retirement System” where appropriate). The Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple public employer retirement system. The obligation of employers and employees to contribute and the benefits

to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement 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 members hired on or after January 1, 2010 whose benefits vest after ten 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 through and including December 31, 2009, must contribute three percent of their gross annual salary toward the costs of retirement programs until they attain ten years in the Retirement System, at such time contributions become voluntary. Members hired on or after January 1, 2010 must contribute three or more percent of their gross annual salary toward the costs of retirement programs for the duration of their employment.

Additionally, on March 16, 2012, the Governor signed into law the new Tier 6 pension program, effective for new ERS employees hired after April 1, 2012. The Tier 6 legislation provides, among other things, 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 ten years of employment and will continue to make employee pension contributions throughout employment.

Police officers and firefighters who are members of PFRS are divided into four tiers. As with ERS, retirement benefit plans available under PFRS are most liberal for Tier 1 employees. The plans adopted for PFRS employees are noncontributory for Tier 1 and Tier 2 employees. Police officers and firefighters that were hired between July 1, 2009 and January 8, 2010 are currently in Tier 3, which has a 3% employee contribution rate by members. There is no Tier 4 in PFRS. Police officers and firefighters hired after January 9, 2010 are in Tier 5 which also requires a 3% employee contribution from members. Police officers and firefighters hired after April 1, 2012 are in Tier 6, which also originally had a 3% contribution requirement for members for FY 12-13; however, as of April 1, 2013, Tier 6 PFRS members are required to contribute a specific percentage of their annual salary, as follows, until retirement or until the member has reached 32 years of service credit, whichever occurs first: \$45,000.00 or less contributes 3%; \$45,000.01 to \$55,000.00 contributes 3.5%; \$55,000.01 to \$75,000.00 contributes 4.5%; \$75,000.01 to \$100,000.00 contributes 5.75%; and more than \$100,000.00 contributes 6%.

Beginning July 1, 2013, a voluntary defined contribution plan option was made available to all unrepresented employees of New York State public employers hired on or after that date, who earn \$75,000 or more on an annual basis.

The New York State Retirement System allows municipalities to make employer contribution payments in December of each year, at a discount, or the following February, as required. The Town generally opts to make its pension payments in December in order to take advantage of the discount and this payment was last made in December 2024 for the current year and is expected to be made in December 2025.

Employer contributions for the State’s Retirement System continue to be higher than the minimum contribution rate required by law. Legislation was enacted that permits local governments and school districts to borrow a portion of their required payments from the State pension plan at an interest rate of 5%. The legislation also requires those local governments and school districts that amortize their pension obligations pursuant to the regulation to establish reserve accounts to fund payment increases that are a result of fluctuations in pension plan performance. The Town does not currently amortize any pension payments.

In Spring 2013, the State and ERS approved a Stable Contribution Option (“SCO”), which modified its existing SCO adopted in 2010, that gives municipalities the ability to better manage spikes in Actuarially Required Contribution rates (“ARCs”). The plan allows municipalities to pay the SCO amount in lieu of the ARC amount. The Town pays its ERS and PFRS contributions on a pay as you go basis and does not expect to participate in the SCO in the foreseeable future.

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**ERS Contributions.** For the years ended December 31, 2020 through 2024 and as budgeted for 2025, the Town's (unaudited) contributions to the ERS were as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>
2020	\$ 83,801
2021	95,558
2022	69,074
2023	84,520
2024 (Unaudited)	118,235
2025 (Budget)	118,235

Source: Town Officials.

### ***Other Postemployment Benefits***

For fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017, the Town is subject to GASB Statement No. 75 ("GASB 75") which replaces GASB 45. GASB 75 requires state and local governments to account for and report their costs associated with post-retirement healthcare benefits and 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 similarly to GASB Statement No. 68 reporting requirements for pensions.

GASB 75 requires state and local governments to measure a defined benefit OPEB plan as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees, attributable to past periods of service in order to calculate the total OPEB liability. Total OPEB liability generally is required to be determined through an actuarial valuation using a measurement date that is no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the employer's current fiscal year.

GASB 75 requires that most changes in the OPEB liability be included in OPEB expense in the period of the changes. Based on the results of an actuarial valuation, certain changes in the OPEB liability are required to be included in OPEB expense over current and future years.

Actuarial valuation will be required every 2 years for OPEB plans with more than 200 members, every 3 years if there are less than 200 members.

The Town currently does not provide post employment health benefits for its employees and, as a result, has no OPEB liability.

## **FINANCIAL FACTORS**

### ***Budgetary Procedure***

The budget process, including preparation, approval and amendment thereof, is determined by Section 106 of the Town Law. The Town's Budget Officer is required by law to file a tentative budget with the Town Clerk on or before September 30 of each year. The tentative budget is submitted to the Town Board not later than October 5; following review and modification, a preliminary budget hearing is held by the 15th of November.

At this hearing, members of the public may express opinions which the Board may take under advisement. Approval of the budget is not subject to a vote of the electorate and the Town Board may make changes following the hearing process. The Board is required to adopt the final annual budget by November 20. From time to time, the Town Board may make changes or modifications in the amount of annual appropriations subject to legal provisions.

A summary of the adopted budgets for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2025 may be found in Appendix B, herein.

### ***Annual Financial Reports***

The information for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 through 2024, inclusive presented in Appendix B hereto has been excerpted from the (unaudited) Annual Financial Reports (the “AFR”) of the Town, prepared by RBT CPAs, LLP. Pursuant to State law, the AFR is required to be prepared and filed annually with the New York State Comptroller. The AFR is not audited, however it is prepared in accordance with the New York State Uniform System of Accounts. The Town does not prepare annual financial statements or an independent audit report.

In addition, the Town is subject to audit by the State Comptroller to review compliance with legal requirements and the rules and regulations established by the State. See “*The State Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and Compliance Reviews*” herein.

### ***Investment Policy***

Pursuant to Section 39 of the State's General Municipal Law, the Town has an investment policy applicable to the investment of all moneys and financial resources of the Town. According to the investment policy of the Town, all investments must conform to the applicable requirements of law and provide for: the safety of the principal; sufficient liquidity; and a reasonable rate of return.

**Authorized Investments.** The Town has designated one bank or trust company located and authorized to conduct business in the State to receive deposits of money. The Town is permitted to invest in special time deposits or certificates of deposit.

In addition to bank deposits, the Town is permitted to invest moneys in direct obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States where the payment of principal and interest are further guaranteed by the United States of America and obligations of the State. Other eligible investments for the Town include: revenue and tax anticipation notes issued by any municipality, school district or Town corporation other than the Town (investment subject to approval of the State Comptroller); obligations of certain public authorities or agencies; obligations issued pursuant to Section 109(b) of the General Municipal Law (certificates of participation) and certain obligations of the Town but only with respect to moneys of a reserve fund established pursuant to Section 6 of the General Municipal Law. The Town may also utilize repurchase agreements to the extent such agreements are based upon direct or guaranteed obligations of the United States of America. Repurchase agreements are subject to the following restrictions, among others: all repurchase agreements are subject to a master repurchase agreement; trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to conduct business in the State or primary reporting dealers as designated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; securities may not be substituted; and the custodian for the repurchase security must be a party other than the trading partner. All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the Town, must be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company located and authorized to conduct business in the State. Reverse repurchase agreements are not permitted under State law.

**Collateral Requirements.** All Town deposits in excess of the applicable insurance coverage provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act must be secured in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations of Section 10 of the General Municipal Law of the State. Such collateral must consist of the “eligible securities,” “eligible surety bonds,” or “eligible letter of credit” as described in the Law.

Eligible securities pledged to secure deposits must be held by the depository or third party bank or trust company pursuant to written security and custodial agreements. The Town's security agreements provide that the aggregate market value of pledged securities must equal or exceed of the principal amount of deposit, the agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising from the collection of such deposits in the event of a default. Securities not registered or inscribed in the name of the Town must be delivered, in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank, to the Town or its designated custodial bank. The custodial agreements used by the Town provide that pledged securities must be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodian and will not, under any

circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or liability. The custodial agreement must also provide that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the collateral, the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and the substitution of collateral when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility.

An eligible irrevocable letter of credit may be issued, in favor of the Town, by a qualified bank other than the depository bank. Such letters may have a term not to exceed 90 days and must have an aggregate value equal to 140% of the deposit obligations and the agreed upon interest. Qualified banks include those with commercial paper or other unsecured or short-term debt ratings within one of the three highest categories assigned by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or a bank that is in compliance with applicable Federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.

An eligible surety bond must be underwritten by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State which has claims paying ability rated in the highest rating category for claims paying ability by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The surety bond must be payable to the Town in an amount equal to 100% of the aggregate deposits and the agreed interest thereon.

## ***Revenues***

The Town derives its revenues primarily from real property taxes and special assessments, State aid and departmental fees and charges. A summary of such revenues for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 through 2024, inclusive, is presented in Appendix B, hereto. Information for said fiscal years has been excerpted from the Town's AFR, which is not audited, however it is prepared in accordance with the New York State Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed by the State Comptroller.

**Property Taxes.** The Town derives a major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property. Property taxes accounted for 58.0% of total general fund and other governmental funds revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and real property taxes received for the last five fiscal years, and the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year.

### **General Fund Revenues & Real Property Taxes**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u> <u>December 31:</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Revenues</u>	<u>Real</u> <u>Property Taxes</u>	<u>Taxes to</u> <u>Revenues</u>
2020 (Unaudited)	\$1,863,151	\$1,017,547	54.6%
2021 (Unaudited)	2,364,785	1,060,704	44.9
2022 (Unaudited)	2,706,908	1,078,336	39.8
2023 (Unaudited)	3,017,451	1,183,391	39.2
2024 (Unaudited)	2,655,586	1,528,246	57.6
2025 (Adopted Budget)	2,983,074	1,838,815	61.6

Source: Annual Financial Reports and Adopted Budget of the Town. Summary itself not audited.

**State Aid.** The Town receives financial assistance from the State. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 approximately 7.6% of the General Fund revenues of the Town was received in the form of State aid, primarily mortgage tax. 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 any year, 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. Additionally, 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.

The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue State aid to the Town. No assurance can be given that present State aid levels will be maintained in the future. In view of the State's continuing budget problems, future



State aid reductions are likely. State budgetary restrictions which eliminate or substantially reduce State aid could have a material adverse effect upon the Town during its current fiscal year as well as in the future, requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available, or a curtailment of expenditures. (See also “*Risk Factors*” herein.)

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and state aid revenues received for the last five fiscal years, and the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year.

**General Fund Revenues & State Aid**

Years Ended <u>December 31:</u>	General Fund <u>Revenues</u>	State Aid <u>Aid</u>	State Aid to <u>Revenues</u>
2020 (Unaudited)	\$1,863,151	\$165,360	8.9%
2021 (Unaudited)	2,364,785	48,654	2.1
2022 (Unaudited)	2,706,908	571,540	21.1
2023 (Unaudited)	3,017,451	342,000	11.3
2024 (Unaudited)	2,655,586	201,660	7.6
2025 (Budget)	2,983,074	137,309	4.6

Source: Annual Financial Reports and Adopted Budget of the Town. Summary itself not audited.

**Sales Taxes.** The Town receives a share of the County sales tax. The County currently imposes a local 3.75% sales tax in addition to the 4.25% State tax. Such taxes are collected and administered by the State Tax Commission and the proceeds are paid monthly to the County.

The current 3.75% sales tax is a result of a 0.75% tax rate increase which became effective on June 1, 2003. Pursuant to Chapter 528 of the Laws of 2007, the State Legislature authorized a two-year extension of the 0.75% increase in the County’s sales tax rate. The County Legislature amended the 1975 resolution enacting the County’s sales tax by resolution 207259 which was signed by the County Executive on March 20, 2007. The additional 0.75% sales tax rate continues and has been extended through November 2025.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and real property taxes received for the last five fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the current fiscal year.

**General Fund Revenues & Sales Tax**

Years Ended <u>December 31:</u>	General Fund <u>Revenues</u>	Sales Tax <u>Tax</u>	Sales Tax To <u>Revenues</u>
2020 (Unaudited)	\$1,863,151	\$388,686	20.9%
2021 (Unaudited)	2,364,785	351,550	14.9
2022 (Unaudited)	2,706,908	440,227	16.3
2023 (Unaudited)	3,017,451	624,131	20.7
2024 (Unaudited)	2,655,586	445,359	16.8
2025 (Budget)	2,983,074	370,000	12.4

Source: Annual Financial Reports and Adopted Budget of the Town. Summary itself not audited.

***The State Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and Compliance Reviews***

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 (“OSC”) 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" with a fiscal score of 0.0 and an Environmental Score of 10.0 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

The financial affairs of the Town are subject to periodic compliance reviews by OSC to ascertain whether the Town has complied with the requirements of various State and federal statutes. The Town has not been subject to any audits by OSC in the past five years.

See the State Comptroller's official website for more information regarding the foregoing. References to websites and/or website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein. Unless specified otherwise, such websites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement.

### ***Impacts of COVID-19***

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"). Included in this bill was \$350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments. Payments to local governments will be made in two tranches, the first half 60 days after enactment and the second half one year later. The funding is available through, and must be spent by, the end of calendar year 2026.

Specifically, eligible uses of the aid include: (i) revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent the reduction in revenue is due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency; (ii) premium pay for essential workers; (iii) assistance to small businesses, households, and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery; and (iv) investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. The bill also contains two restrictions on eligible uses: (i) funds cannot be used to directly or indirectly offset tax reductions or delay a tax increase; and (ii) funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund.

The Town received \$451,178 through ARPA. The Town has obligated a \$132,950 portion for projects related to Water District #1 and the remaining \$318,228 is obligated for various Town improvements. As of December 31, 2024, the entirety of the funds have been obligated.

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## **TAX INFORMATION**

### ***Valuations and Tax Data***

The Town derives the largest portion of its annual revenues through ad valorem real property taxes and special assessment taxes. The following table shows the trend during the last four fiscal years and the current fiscal year for taxable assessed valuations, state equalization rates, full valuations, real property taxes, special assessments and real property tax rates per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Valuations:					
Assessed Value	\$863,653,209	\$969,433,452	\$1,072,360,485	\$1,259,904,723	\$1,354,622,653
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Full Value	\$863,653,209	\$969,433,452	\$1,072,360,485	\$1,259,904,723	\$1,354,622,653
Town Tax Levy:					
General & Highway	\$ 1,830,728	\$ 1,888,692	\$ 2,072,350	\$ 2,433,570	\$ 2,693,871
Special District <sup>(1)</sup>	70,532	64,320	69,244	89,129	85,631
Amount Uncollected	None	None	None	None	None
Tax Rate:					
Town	2.12	1.95	1.93	1.93	1.99
County	3.17	2.85	2.49	2.23	2.17

(1) Inclusive of the Town's lighting and water districts.

Source: Office of the Town Supervisor and the ORPTS.

### ***Tax Collection Procedures***

Taxes are levied in January. No penalty is imposed on payments made by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Penalties on delinquent taxes paid subsequent to February 28<sup>th</sup> are imposed as follows: 2% on payments made from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 3% per month on payments made from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> and 4% per month on payments made during May. Unpaid tax bills are returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance in June. At such time, the Town retains the total amount of Town, Highway and Special District levies from the total collections and returns the balance plus the uncollected items to the County, which assumes responsibility for ultimate collection and enforcement of delinquent taxes and holds annual tax sales. The Town is thus assured of 100% property tax collection.

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### ***Ten of the Largest Taxpayers***

The following table presents the taxable assessments of the ten largest taxpayers in the Town as based on the 2024 tax roll for the collection of 2025 taxes.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation<sup>(1)</sup></u>
Silo Ridge Ventures CP LLC	Real Estate Development	\$ 81,455,600	6.01%
Martin's Fox Hollow Farm LLC	Agriculture & Residential	23,600,600	1.74
N Y S E & G Corp	Utility	20,279,898	1.50
Bell-Aire Farm Inc	Agriculture	18,469,800	1.36
DLV SR Investors LLC	Real Estate Development	16,463,500	1.22
Silo Ridge Condo III LLC	Real Estate Development	15,972,500	1.18
SL Keane Stud LLC	Horse Farm	11,738,100	0.87
Peter Stavros	Residential & Land	10,444,700	0.77
Diana Goldberg	Residential & Land	10,062,900	0.74
Herbert A Allen	Dairy Farm	<u>9,750,000</u>	<u>0.72</u>
Total:		<u>\$218,237,598</u>	<u>16.11%</u>

(1) The total 2025 assessed value of the Town is \$1,354,622,653.

Source: Town officials.

## **TOWN INDEBTEDNESS**

### ***Constitutional Requirements***

The New York State Constitution limits the power of the Town (and other municipalities and certain school districts of the State) to issue obligations and to otherwise contract indebtedness. Such constitutional limitations include the following, in summary form, and are generally applicable to the Town and its obligations.

**Purpose and Pledge.** Subject to certain enumerated exceptions, the Town shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual or private corporation 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 within three fiscal year periods, 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 period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute or, in the alternative, the weighted average period of probable usefulness of the several objects or purposes for which it is contracted. No installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the Town determines to issue a particular debt obligation amortizing on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service. The Town is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds and such required annual installments on its notes.

**Debt Limit.** The Town has the power to contract indebtedness for any Town purpose so long as the 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 method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation

of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation as determined by the State Office of Real Property Tax Services (the "ORPTS"). The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined. Average full valuation is determined by taking the sum of the full valuations of such last completed assessment roll and the four preceding assessment rolls and dividing such sum by five.

### ***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, including bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds, by the adoption of a resolution, approved by at least two-thirds of the members of the Town Board, the finance board of the Town. Certain such resolutions may be subject to permissive referendum, or may be submitted to the Town voters at the discretion of the Town Board.

The Local Finance Law also provides for a twenty-day statute of limitations after publication of a bond resolution (in summary or in full), together with a statutory notice which, in effect, estops thereafter legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution, except for alleged constitutional violations. The Town has complied with such procedure for the validation of the bond resolution adopted in connection with this issuance.

Each bond 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 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, 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 notes were originally issued. (See "Payment and Maturity" under "Constitutional Requirements").

In addition, under each bond resolution, the Town Board may delegate the power to issue and sell bonds and notes to the 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, capital notes, deficiency notes and budget notes.

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### ***Constitutional Debt-Contracting Limitation***

Pursuant to Article VIII of the New York State Constitution, the debt limit of the Town is as follows:

#### **Debt Contracting Limitation**

Fiscal Year Ended <u>December 31:</u>	Assessed <u>Valuation</u>	State Equalization <u>Ratio<sup>(1)</sup></u>	Full <u>Valuation</u>
2021	\$863,653,209	100.00%	\$863,653,209
2022	969,433,452	100.00	969,433,452
2023	1,072,360,485	100.00	1,072,360,485
2024	1,259,904,723	100.00	1,259,904,723
2025	1,354,622,653	100.00	<u>1,354,622,653</u>
Total Five-Year Full Valuation			\$5,519,974,522
Average Five-Year Full Valuation			1,103,994,904
Debt Contracting Limitation - 7% of Average Full Valuation			<u>\$ 77,279,643</u>

(1) Equalization rates are established by the New York State Board of Real Property Services.

Source: Town Officials and the New York State Board of Real Property Services.

### ***Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness***

The following table presents the debt-incurring power of the Town and shows that the Town is within its constitutional debt limit.

#### **Statement of Debt Contracting Power As of September 25, 2025**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Debt Limit:	<u>\$77,279,643</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Gross Indebtedness:		
Serial Bonds	\$ 1,725,000	2.23
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Gross Indebtedness	<u>1,725,000</u>	<u>2.23</u>
Less Exclusions:		
Water Debt	350,000	0.45
Budgetary Appropriations	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Exclusions	<u>350,000</u>	<u>0.45</u>
Total Net Indebtedness	<u>\$ 1,375,000</u>	<u>1.78</u>
Net Debt Contracting Margin	<u>\$75,904,643</u>	<u>98.22%</u>

### ***Short-Term Indebtedness***

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the Town is authorized to issue short-term indebtedness, in the form of notes as specified by such statute, to finance both capital and operating purposes.

**Capital Purposes.** Bond anticipation notes may be sold to provide moneys for capital projects once a bond resolution has been adopted. Generally, bond anticipation notes are issued in anticipation of the sale of bonds at some future date and may be renewed from time to time up to five years from the date of the first note. Notes may not be renewed after the second year unless there is a principal payment on such notes from a source other than the proceeds of bonds. In no event, may bond anticipation notes be renewed after the sale of bonds in anticipation of which the notes were originally issued. The Town currently does not have any bond anticipation notes outstanding.

**Operating Purposes.** The Town is authorized by law to issue tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes to provide cash to pay operating expenditures. Borrowings for this purpose are restricted by formulas contained in the Local Finance Law as well as the regulations issued under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Notes may be renewed from time to time generally not beyond the third year after issuance in the case of revenue anticipation notes and five years for tax anticipation notes. Budget notes may be issued to finance current operating expenditures for which there is no appropriation or the amount so appropriated is not sufficient and deficiency notes may be issued to finance current operating revenues that did not materialize. Generally, the amount of budget notes or deficiency notes may not exceed 5% of the budget and both budget notes and deficiency notes must be redeemed in the next fiscal year, unless issued after adoption of the ensuing year's budget, in which case, must be redeemed by the end of the second year after issuance. The Town has not borrowed for cash flow or working capital needs over that past five completed fiscal years and does not anticipate the need to borrow for such purposes in the foreseeable future.

The Town's cash flow has been sufficient to meet its operating requirements; accordingly, the Town has not required the issuance of tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes or deficiency notes and does not expect to issue in the foreseeable future.

### ***Trend of Capital Debt***

#### **Capital Debt History**

Fiscal Year Ended <u>December 31:</u>	Bonded <u>Debt</u>	Bond Anticipation <u>Notes</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$675,000	\$2,310,600	\$2,985,600
2021	2,433,004	0	2,433,004
2022	2,260,000	0	2,260,000
2023	2,085,000	0	2,085,000
2024	1,905,000	0	1,905,000

### ***New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation***

The Town currently has long term financing through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC"). The financing was issued through EFC in the amount of \$983,103 on August 20, 2015 and matures on March 1, 2030. The balance is currently \$350,000.

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## ***Overlapping and Underlying Debt***

The real property taxpayers of the Town are responsible for a proportionate share of outstanding debt obligations of the County and the school districts situated in the Town. Such taxpayers' share of this overlapping debt is based upon the amount of the Town's equalized property values taken as a percentage of each separate units' total values. The following table presents the amount of overlapping debt and the Town's estimated share of this debt. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

### **Direct and Overlapping Debt Ratios**

Gross Direct Indebtedness				\$1,725,000
Exclusions and Deductions				<u>350,000</u>
Net Direct Indebtedness				<u>\$1,375,000</u>
		Net	Percent	Applicable
	Date of	Overlapping	Applicable	Net
<u>Overlapping Units</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Indebtedness</u>	<u>To Town</u>	<u>Indebtedness</u>
County of Dutchess	03-13-25	\$ 288,180,000	2.13%	\$6,138,234
Dover UFSD	11-21-24	3,060,000	12.57	384,642
Webutuck CSD	12-13-24	15,705,238	50.59	<u>7,945,280</u>
Total				<u>\$14,468,156</u>

## ***Debt Ratios***

### **Direct and Overlapping Debt Ratios**

	<u>Amount</u>	Per	Full
		<u>Capita</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Value</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
Net Direct Debt	\$1,375,000	\$ 359	0.10%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	15,843,156	4,142	1.17

(1) The population of the Town, according to the estimated 2023 U.S. Census Data, is 3,825.

(2) The full valuation of taxable property for the 2025 fiscal year is \$1,354,622,653.

## ***Authorized But Unissued Debt***

Following the issuance of the Notes, the Town will have \$3,936,116 of authorized but unissued debt for additional costs of the construction of the new highway garage and salt storage shed being initially financed by the Notes, and \$3,902,850 for the increase and improvement of the facilities of Water District #1.

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## Debt Service Schedule

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds.

Fiscal Year Ending <u>December 31:</u>	<u>Principal</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Interest</u>	Total Debt <u>Service</u>
2025 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 180,000	\$ 36,786	\$ 216,786
2026	185,000	33,131	218,131
2027	185,000	29,208	214,208
2028	190,000	25,122	215,122
2029	190,000	20,799	210,799
2030	190,000	16,355	206,355
2031	125,000	13,110	138,110
2032	125,000	11,022	136,022
2033	130,000	8,935	138,935
2034	130,000	6,764	136,764
2035	135,000	4,592	139,592
2036	<u>140,000</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>142,338</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,905,000</u>	<u>\$208,162</u>	<u>\$2,113,162</u>

- (1) Inclusive of the Town's long term bond through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (see, "New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation" herein).
- (2) For the entire fiscal year.

## ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

### Population

#### Population

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2024</u>	% Change	
				<u>2010-2020</u>	<u>2020-2024</u>
Town	4,436	4,324	3,825 <sup>(1)</sup>	(2.52%)	(11.54%)
County	297,488	295,911	299,963	(0.53)	1.37
State	19,378,102	20,201,249	19,867,248	4.25	(1.65)

- (1) Data as of 2023.
- Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

### Income

#### Per Capita Money Income

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2023</u>	% Change	
				<u>2010-2020</u>	<u>2020-2024</u>
Town	\$27,536	\$35,200	\$50,463	27.83	43.36
County	31,642	42,309	51,784	33.71	22.39
State	30,948	40,898	49,520	32.15	21.08

Source: The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

## ***Employment***

### **Average Employed Civilian Labor Force 2010-2024**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2024</u>	% Increase	
County	149,400	147,400	151,300	<u>2010-2020</u>	<u>2020-2024</u>
State	9,633,200	9,569,500	9,834,600	(1.34%)	2.65%
				(0.66)	2.77

Source: New York State Labor Department and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### **Average Unemployment Rates**

<u>Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2020	7.2%	9.8%
2021	4.4	7.1
2022	3.0	4.3
2023	3.0	4.1
2024	3.2	4.3

Source: New York State Labor Department and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### **Average Monthly Unemployment Rates**

<u>Month</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
August	3.5%	4.8%
September	2.9	4.0
October	2.9	4.2
November	3.0	4.2
December	3.0	4.2
January 2025	3.6	4.6
February	3.8	4.3
March	3.4	4.1
April	2.7	3.7
May	2.7	3.5
June	3.0	3.8
July	3.4	4.6

Source: New York State Labor Department and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## ***Education***

Elementary and secondary education is the responsibility of the two independent school districts in the Town. Children of the Town attend one of the two school districts, determined by geography. Dutchess County Community College, a two-year co-educational college, offers four main programs of study leading to associate degrees in the arts, science, applied science and a one year certificate. In addition, there are three four-year colleges located in the County. These institutions are Bard College, Marist College and Vassar College. Dutchess County is also home to the Culinary Institute of America, a world renowned school of culinary arts.

### ***Financial Institutions***

Numerous banking facilities are available in and around the Town. Some of the State's major commercial banks have branch offices located in the area. The Bank of Millbrook is located within the Town.

### ***Transportation***

The Town maintains its own interior network of Town roads. New York State Route 22 is the main thoroughfare of the Town, providing access east to Connecticut and west to the Taconic State Parkway (providing access north to Albany and south to Westchester County and New York City). Metro North Railroad provides a commuter service to New York City via the Harlem Line. Commercial air transportation is available at Stewart Airport located in Orange County.

### ***Utilities***

Electricity is supplied throughout the Town by New York State Electric and Gas Corp. Telephone services are provided by Optimum and Verizon.

### ***Culture and Recreation***

The Amenia Free Library, a member of the Mid-Hudson Library System, located within the Town, offers a variety of services. The library at Dutchess County Community College is open to the public for reference work.

The Town has several recreation areas open to residents. There are facilities for baseball, soccer, tennis and crafts and picnic areas. Activities for special groups including senior citizens are available.

**END OF APPENDIX A**

## **APPENDIX B**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARIES**

TOWN OF AMENIA  
ADOPTED BUDGETS - GENERAL FUND  
FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>		
Real Property Taxes	\$ 1,528,242	\$ 1,838,815
Real Property Taxes Items	22,000	22,000
Non-Property Tax Items	395,000	370,000
Departmental Income	23,400	16,150
Intergovernmental Charges	-	-
Use Of Money And Property	7,800	40,400
Licenses And Permits	152,105	152,000
Fines And Forfeitures	81,400	81,400
Sale Of Property And Compensation For Loss	-	-
State Aid	187,309	137,309
Federal Aid	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
	<u>\$ 2,397,256</u>	<u>\$ 2,658,074</u>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS:</b>		
Current:		
General Government Support	\$ 1,287,024	\$ 1,271,234
Public Safety	143,880	223,749
Health	373,160	482,762
Transportation	137,854	197,638
Economic Assistance And Opportunity	23,013	15,013
Culture And Recreation	154,100	119,946
Home And Community Services	283,541	191,280
Employee Benefits	174,466	175,777
Debt Service	220,217	305,674
	<u>\$ 2,797,256</u>	<u>\$ 2,983,074</u>
Total Appropriations		
	<u>\$ 2,797,256</u>	<u>\$ 2,983,074</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Of Estimated Revenues Over Appropriations	<u>\$ (400,000)</u>	<u>\$ (325,000)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>		
Interfund Transfers (In)	\$ -	\$ -
Interfund Transfers (Out)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Estimated Revenues and Other Financing Sources Sources Over Appropriations and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ (400,000)</u>	<u>\$ (325,000)</u>
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>\$ 400,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 325,000</u></u>

Source: Adopted Budgets of the Town.

TOWN OF AMENIA  
GENERAL TOWN FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,864,095	\$ 2,094,902
Accounts Receivable	628,476	528,068
State and Federal Aid Receivables	226,315	157,232
Due From Other Funds	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	<u>25,868</u>	<u>29,586</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 2,744,754</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,809,788</u></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 27,250	\$ 55,391
Accrued Liabilities	7,590	9,860
Due to Other Funds	-	-
Other Liabilities	<u>600,910</u>	<u>643,627</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 635,750</u>	<u>\$ 708,878</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	563,914	457,622
Fund Equity:		
Nonspendable	\$ 65,010	\$ 77,975
Restricted	69,315	69,315
Assigned	400,000	325,000
Unassigned	<u>1,010,766</u>	<u>1,170,998</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,545,091</u>	<u>\$ 1,643,287</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,744,755</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,809,788</u></u>

Source: Annual Financial Reports ("AFR") of the Town.

TOWN OF AMENIA  
GENERAL TOWN FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 1,017,547	\$ 1,060,704	\$ 1,078,336	\$ 1,183,391	\$ 1,528,246
Real Property Tax Items	9,762	29,412	19,362	24,683	17,448
Non-Property Tax Items	388,686	351,550	440,227	624,131	445,359
Departmental Income	54,102	253,037	245,360	275,476	9,279
Intergovernmental Charges	1,134	3,141	6,489	7,294	11,336
Use Of Money And Property	11,635	10,353	11,272	217,007	190,242
Licenses and Permits	122,786	224,630	170,968	171,213	179,281
Fines and Forfeitures	33,090	43,869	34,325	29,824	26,711
Sale of Property And Compensation For Loss	18,179	2,155	482	-	585
State Aid	165,360	48,654	571,540	342,000	201,660
Federal Aid	-	-	85,333	108,200	21,000
Miscellaneous	40,870	337,280	43,214	34,232	24,438
Total Revenues	<u>\$1,863,151</u>	<u>\$2,364,785</u>	<u>\$2,706,908</u>	<u>\$3,017,451</u>	<u>\$2,655,586</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
General Government Support	\$ 862,254	\$ 1,049,968	\$ 1,145,945	\$ 1,454,353	\$ 1,175,754
Public Safety	121,367	112,893	179,058	132,859	150,104
Health	345,316	351,969	359,010	365,600	373,123
Transportation	108,089	156,342	104,884	116,483	152,222
Economic Assistance And Opportunity	8,688	11,649	22,541	22,352	13,909
Culture And Recreation	178,999	37,583	83,362	131,815	121,407
Home And Community	84,756	104,001	136,212	90,031	156,251
Employee Benefits	127,278	127,800	122,713	147,975	166,332
Debt Service	149,351	601,634	222,102	224,911	227,289
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,986,098</u>	<u>\$2,553,839</u>	<u>\$2,375,827</u>	<u>\$2,686,378</u>	<u>\$2,536,392</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ (122,947)</u>	<u>\$ (189,054)</u>	<u>\$ 331,081</u>	<u>\$ 331,073</u>	<u>\$ 119,195</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Transfers - In	\$ 9	\$ 397,596	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers - Out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,750)</u>	<u>(108,200)</u>	<u>(21,000)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ 397,596</u>	<u>\$ (3,750)</u>	<u>\$ (108,200)</u>	<u>\$ (21,000)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (122,938)</u>	<u>\$ 208,542</u>	<u>\$ 327,331</u>	<u>\$ 222,873</u>	<u>\$ 98,195</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 909,376	\$ 786,437	\$ 994,979	\$ 1,322,310	\$ 1,545,183
Prior Year Adjustment	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balance - End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 786,437</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 994,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,322,310</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,545,183</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,643,377</u></u>

Source: Annual Financial Reports ("AFR") of the Town.

**APPENDIX C**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE ELECTRONIC MUNICIPAL MARKET ACCESS  
("EMMA") WEBSITE  
OF THE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD ("MSRB")  
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

**<https://emma.msrb.org/P21921502.pdf>**

**The unaudited financial statements referenced above are hereby incorporated into the  
attached Official Statement.**



**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION FOR THE NOTES**

October 21, 2025

Town of Amenia,  
County of Dutchess,  
State of New York

Re: Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York  
\$6,333,449 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of \$6,333,449 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 (the "Obligation"), of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York (the "Obligor"), dated October 21, 2025, numbered \_\_\_\_, of the denomination of \$6,333,449, bearing interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_% per annum, payable at maturity, and maturing October 21, 2026.

We have examined:

- (1) the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York;
- (2) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including particularly Sections 103 and 141 through 150 thereof, and the applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code");
- (3) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Code, with the owners of the Obligation that the Obligor will, among other things, (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Obligation not to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Obligation and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Obligation to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Obligation and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes (the "Arbitrage Certificate"); and
- (4) a certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, a statement that compliance with such covenants is not prohibited by, or violative of, any provision of local or special law, regulation or resolution applicable to the Obligor.

We also have examined a certified copy of proceedings of the finance board of the Obligor and other proofs authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Obligation, including the form of the Obligation. In rendering the opinions expressed herein we have assumed (i) the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings, including factual information, expectations and statements contained therein, examined by us which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and (ii) compliance by the Obligor with the covenants contained in the Arbitrage Certificate. We also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings and the certifications thereof.

In our opinion:

- (a) The Obligation has been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitutes a valid and legally binding general obligation of the Obligor, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Obligation and interest thereon, subject to applicable statutory limitations; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Obligation: (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, and (ii) may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.
- (b) The Obligor has the power to comply with its covenants with respect to compliance with the Code as such covenants relate to the Obligation; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of such covenants may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights.
- (c) Interest on the Obligation is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Interest on the Obligation is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We observe that interest on the Obligation included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual, or receipt of interest on, the Obligation.

Certain agreements, requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Obligation) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. Accordingly, this opinion is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Obligation has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this opinion. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Arbitrage Certificate, including without limitation covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Obligation to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Obligation and the Arbitrage Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations on legal remedies against municipal corporations such as the Obligor in the State of New York. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, penalty, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, or waiver provisions contained in the foregoing documents.

The scope of our engagement in relation to the issuance of the Obligation has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Obligor, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the Obligor to pay the principal of or interest on the

Obligation as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the Obligor in relation to the Obligation for factual information which, in the judgment of the Obligor, could materially affect the ability of the Obligor to pay such principal and interest. While we have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, we have not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, we express no opinion as to whether the Obligor, in connection with the sale of the Obligation, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP