

**RENEWAL ISSUE****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 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 Notes will be "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265 (b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**TOWN OF LAGRANGE  
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK  
\$5,280,398  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2019 (RENEWALS) SERIES B  
(the "Notes")**

**Date of Issue: June 12, 2019**

**Maturity Date: June 12, 2020**

The Notes are general obligations of the Town of LaGrange, 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 imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (as amended, the "Tax Levy Limitation Law"). See "**Nature of Obligation**" and "**Tax Levy Limitation Law**," herein.

The Notes are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

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

If the Notes are issued 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 rates(s). Principal of and interest on such Notes will be payable in federal funds by the Town to the registered owner(s).

If the Notes are issued in book-entry-only form, such Notes will be delivered to DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Notes. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Notes. Individual purchases may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for one odd denomination which is or includes \$5,398. A single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser(s) at such interest rate(s). Principal of and interest on said Notes will be paid in federal funds by the Town to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Notes as described herein. Transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The Town will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. (See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.)

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) and 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 June 12, 2019.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM DEEMED FINAL BY THE TOWN FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE "RULE") EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN OMITTED HEREFROM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE AND THAT WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS UPDATED FOLLOWING THE SALE OF THE NOTES. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN'S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF EVENTS AS DEFINED IN THE RULE, SEE "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING," HEREIN.

Dated: May 23, 2019

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DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**TOWN OF LAGRANGE**  
**DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**relating to**  
**\$5,280,398**  
**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2019 (RENEWALS) SERIES B**  
**(the “Notes”)**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the Town of LaGrange in the County of Dutchess, State of New York (the “Town,” “County,” and “State,” respectively), in connection with the sale of \$5,280,398 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2019 (Renewals) Series B (the “Notes”).

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

The Notes will be issued in registered form either registered in the name of the successful bidder(s) or registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for DTC. The Town will act as Paying Agent for the Notes. The Town contact information is as follows: Christine Toussaint, Comptroller, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540, (845) 452-1830, e-mail: [ctoussaint@lagrangeny.gov](mailto:ctoussaint@lagrangeny.gov).

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

**Authorization.** 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 other proceedings and determinations relating thereto, including various bond resolutions adopted by the Town Board.

**Purpose.** The proceeds of the Notes, plus \$272,054 of funds on hand will be used to redeem the \$5,552,452 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2018 Series B maturing on June 13, 2019.

Original Issue Date	Date Authorized	Purpose	Amount Outstanding	Principal Paydown	Amount of the Notes
06-14-17	03-08-17	Highway Garage	\$1,545,600	\$64,400	\$1,481,200
06-14-17	03-29-17	2017 Highway Equipment	636,104	51,476	584,628
06-14-17	03-29-17	2017 Road Resurfacing	466,667	33,333	433,334
06-14-17	04-26-17	Town Center Water Improvement Area No. 2	1,724,775	44,225	1,680,550
06-13-18	03-28-18	2018 Road Resurfacing	500,000	33,333	466,667
06-13-18	03-28-18	2018 Highway/Parks Equipment	679,306	45,287	634,019
	Totals		<u>\$5,552,452</u>	<u>\$272,054</u>	<u>\$5,280,398</u>

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

If book-entry format is chosen, the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Notes if issued as book-entry-only Notes. Such Notes will be issued as fully-registered notes 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 each note bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP and deposited with DTC.

DTC 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 note (“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 notes 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 Money Market Instruments (MMI) Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Town 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 principal and interest 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.

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 NOTEOWNERS.

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 notes or bonds 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 such taxation by the Town, subject to applicable statutory limitations. **See “Tax Levy Limitation Law” herein.**

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 Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (as amended, 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 noteholders 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 serial 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, village, 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 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. 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.** The Notes 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 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 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 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, 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.

## **MARKET 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 the Town 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 and other circumstances, including State fiscal stress. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the Town can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor. (See “State Aid” 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 Notes 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 bond or note will decline, causing the bondholder or noteholder to incur a potential capital loss if such bond or 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 Notes (See “Tax Matters” herein).

The enactment of Chapter 97 of the 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 Notes. (See “Tax Levy Limitation Law,” herein.)

## **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, for 2017 data, of the State Comptroller designates the Town as “No Designation,” with a fiscal score of 6.7% and an environmental score of 23.3%.

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

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. OSC has not reviewed the Town in the last five fiscal years. .

## **LITIGATION**

The Town from time to time receives notices of claim and is party to litigation. In the opinion of the Town Attorney, 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.

The Town presently has pending various tax certiorari claims which have been filed 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. It is difficult to predict at this time the outcome of these cases, however, according to the Town Attorney, none of these claims involve possible assessment reductions of a material nature. A judgment in a tax certiorari matter could be funded by the issuance of notes or bonds of the Town.

There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the best knowledge of the Town, threatened against or affecting the Town to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the Notes or the levy and collection of taxes or assessments to pay same, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Notes or any proceedings or authority of the Town taken with respect to the authorization, issuance or sale of the Notes or contesting the corporate existence or boundaries of 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 alternative minimum tax. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in Appendix D hereto.

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 insure that interest on the Notes will not be included in federal gross income. 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 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.

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 Beneficial Owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. For example, certain legislative proposals in recent years have been made that would limit the exclusion from gross income of interest on obligations like the Notes to some extent for taxpayers who are individuals and whose income is subject to higher marginal income tax rates. Other proposals have been made that could significantly reduce the benefit of, or otherwise affect, the exclusion from gross income of interest on obligations like the Notes. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals or clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Notes.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential impact of any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

## **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 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 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 Note 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.



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.

### ***Compliance History***

The Town issued \$7,305,000 Public Improvement Refunding (Serial) Bonds, 2012 on February 22, 2012, to refund the outstanding \$2,666,000 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 1999 and the \$10,044,500 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2003. A defeasance notice was not filed timely and a notice as to failure to file timely was filed in March 2016.

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, Hopewell Junction, 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 did not apply for a rating of the Notes. The Notes may be rated at the option and at the cost of the underwriter.

The Town's underlying rating by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") is "Aa2."

Such rating reflects only the views of such organization and any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from Moody's at the following address: Moody's Investors Service, 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. There can be no assurance that such rating will continue for any specified period of time or that such rating will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgment of Moody's circumstances so warrant. Any such change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Notes or the availability of a secondary market for the Notes.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from Christine Toussaint, Comptroller, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540, (845) 452-1830, e-mail: [ctoussaint@lagrangenyny.gov](mailto:ctoussaint@lagrangenyny.gov) or from the Town's Municipal Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 822 Route 82, Suite 310, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533, (845) 227-8678.

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's 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.

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at [www.capmark.org](http://www.capmark.org). Unless this Official Statement specifically indicates otherwise, no statement on such website is included by specific reference or constitutes a part of this Official Statement. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has prepared such website information for convenience, but no decisions should be made in reliance upon that information. Typographical or other errors may have occurred in converting original source documents to digital format, and neither the Town nor Capital Markets Advisors, LLC assumes any liability or responsibility for errors or omissions on such website. Further, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC and the Town disclaim any duty or obligation either to update or to maintain that information or any responsibility or liability for any damages caused by viruses in the electronic files on the website. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC and the Town also assume no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions or for any updates to dated website information.

This Official Statement is submitted only in connection with the sale of the Notes by the Town and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

TOWN OF LAGRANGE  
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan Bell  
Supervisor

DATED: May 23, 2019

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**APPENDIX A**

**THE TOWN**

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## THE TOWN

### ***General Information***

The Town of LaGrange encompasses 40.8 square miles within the central part of the County of Dutchess, New York. The Town includes the unincorporated communities of Arthursburg, Freedom Plains, LaGrangeville, Moores Mills, Manchester Bridge and Titusville. LaGrange is primarily residential in nature. The Town also enjoys farm, commercial activity and some light industry.

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

The Town of LaGrange was established in 1821 (originally named Freedom, in 1829 name changed to LaGrange). The Town is a separate political entity vested with independent taxing and debt authority. Situated within the Town's borders are portions of three independent school districts. The school districts use the Town's assessment roll as the basis for taxation of real 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 are elected to four-year terms. The Board Members are elected at large. 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 Clerk is elected to serve a two-year term; the number of terms is not limited. The Receiver of Taxes, unless otherwise provided by law, has the duty to receive and collect all State, County, Town and school taxes and all assessments that may be levied in the Town. The Receiver of Taxes serves a four-year term and the number of terms is without limit. Other offices of the Town include: two Town Justices, each elected to a four-year term; the Highway Superintendent, elected to a two-year term; the Town Assessor, appointed by the Board to a six-year term; and the Town Attorney, and Town Engineer 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.

Water and sewer services are furnished by various water and sewer districts which have been formed within the Town. The Town currently employs a private firm to act as Chief Operator of the Water Treatment facilities and the Sewer Collection Systems.

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, cultural recreation and the local justice court system. The County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police, furnish police protection while fire protection is provided for through the LaGrange Fire District located in the Town. Education is the responsibility of the three independent school districts serving the Town. The County of Dutchess provides various social and health services.

### ***Employees***

The Town employs approximately 48 full-time and 11 part-time employees. There is one collective bargaining organization representing applicable Town employees as follows:

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
24	C.S.E.A	12-31-20

## ***Employee Benefits***

Substantially all employees of the City are members of the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System (“ERS” or the “Retirement System”). 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.

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, and 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 made in December 2016 for the current year.

Due to significant capital market declines in 2008 and 2009, the State's Retirement System portfolio experienced negative investment performance and severe downward trends in market earnings. As a result of the foregoing, the employer contributions for the State's Retirement System were higher than the minimum contribution rate established by Chapter 49. 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.

On September 1, 2017, the State Comptroller announced for Fiscal Year 2018-19, the average contribution rates for ERS will decrease from 15.5% to 14.9%, and the average contribution rate for PFRS will decrease from 24.4% to 23.5%. Projections of required contributions will vary by employer depending on factors such as retirement plans, salaries and the distribution of their employees among the six retirement tiers.

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 contributions on a pay as you go basis and does not expect to participate in the SCO in the foreseeable future.



**ERS Contributions.** The current retirement expenditures presented in the Town’s financial statements for the five most recent fiscal years and the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year are shown in the following table:

Fiscal Year	ERS
2014	\$393,450
2015	370,286
2016	375,348
2017	326,536
2018	348,629
2019 (Budget)	307,100

Source: Town Officials & Audited financial statements.

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

GASB Statement No. 45 (“GASB 45”) of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) requires state and local governments to account for and report their costs associated with post-retirement healthcare benefits and other non-pension benefits (“OPEB”). GASB 45 generally requires that employers account for and report the annual cost of the OPEB and the outstanding obligations and commitments related to OPEB in essentially the same manner as they currently do for pensions. Under previous rules, these benefits have generally been administered on a pay-as-you-go basis and have not been reported as a liability on governmental financial statements. Only current payments to existing retirees were recorded as an expense.

GASB 45 requires that state and local governments adopt the actuarial methodologies to determine annual OPEB costs. Annual OPEB cost for most employers will be based on actuarially determined amounts that, if paid on an ongoing basis, generally would provide sufficient resources to pay benefits as they come due.

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

GASB 45 does not require that the unfunded liabilities actually be funded, only that the Town account for its unfunded accrued liability and compliance in meeting its ARC. Actuarial valuation is required every two years for the Town. The Town’s funding policy is to contribute the current annual premium (net of employee contributions) for retired participants (i.e. pay-as-you-go). Current New York State law does not permit municipalities to pre-fund medical benefit obligations. For the 2017 fiscal year the Town contributed \$141,756

The Town is in compliance with the requirements of GASB 45. The Town has determined that its unfunded actuarial accrued liability (“UAAL”) for OPEB as of January 1, 2017 was \$5,876,823. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Town's ARC was \$546,178. The Town’s unfunded actuarial accrued OPEB liability could have a material adverse impact upon the Town’s finances and could force the Town to reduce services, raise taxes or both.

Legislation has previously been proposed to create an optional investment pool to help the State and local governments fund retiree health insurance and other post-employment benefits. The proposed legislation would authorize the creation of irrevocable OPEB trusts so that the State and its local governments can help fund their OPEB liabilities, establish an OPEB investment fund in the sole custody of the State Comptroller for the investment of OPEB assets of the State and participating eligible local governments, designate the president of the Civil Service Commission as the trustee of the State’s OPEB trust and the governing boards as trustee for local governments and allow school districts to transfer certain excess reserve balances to an OPEB trust once it is established. Under the proposed legislation, there are no limits on how much a local government can deposit into the trust. Such legislation

was not enacted in the last two legislative sessions. The Town cannot predict at this time whether such proposed legislation will be reintroduced and enacted into law.

## **FINANCIAL FACTORS**

### ***Budgetary Procedure***

The budget process, including preparation, approval and amendment thereof, is determined by Article 8 of the Town Law. As noted, the Supervisor is the Town's budget officer and 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.

### ***Independent Audits***

The Town retained the firm of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, to audit its financial statements for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2013 through 2017. Audits for the 2011 and 2012 fiscal years were completed by D'Achille & Associates. Appendix B, attached hereto, presents excerpts from the Town's most recent audited reports covering the last five fiscal years. Appendix C contains a link to the last fiscal year audit.

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. The responsibility for the investment program has been delegated by the Board to the Chief Financial Officer who was required to establish written operating procedures consistent with the Town's investment policy guidelines. 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 three banks or trust companies 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 district 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 allowed 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 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 or 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.

### ***Financial Operations***

The Town Supervisor functions as the chief fiscal officer as provided in Section 2 of the Local Finance Law; in this role, the Supervisor is responsible for the Town's accounting and financial reporting activities, which are delegated to and carried out by the Town Comptroller. In addition, the Supervisor is also the Town's budget officer and must therefore prepare the annual tentative budget for submission to the Town Board. Budgetary control during the year is the responsibility of the Supervisor. Pursuant to Section 30 of the Local Finance Law, the Supervisor has been authorized to issue or renew certain specified types of bonds. As required by law, the Supervisor must execute an authorizing certificate which then becomes a matter of public record.

The Town Board, as a whole, serves as the finance board of the Town and is responsible for authorizing, by resolution, all material financial transactions such as operating and capital budgets and bonded debt.

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

The Town prepares an annual financial report which must be filed with the State Comptroller. The Town also retains a firm of independent auditors. The most recent completed audit is for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and is part of this Official Statement. Summary financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31,

2013 through 2017, which have been compiled from the Town's audited financial reports, may be found in Appendix B, hereto. However, such presentation has not been audited.

**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 years 2013-2017 is presented in Appendix B, hereto. Information for said fiscal years has been excerpted from the Town's audited financial reports, however, such presentation has not been audited.

**Property Taxes.** The Town derives a major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property (see "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance" in Appendix B.) Property taxes accounted for 43.6% of total general fund and other governmental funds revenues for the fiscal year ended, December 31, 2017

The following table sets forth total fund revenues and real property taxes received for each of the past five audited fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years.

**Fund Revenues & Real Property Taxes<sup>(1)</sup>**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended December 31:</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Real Property Taxes</u>	<u>Taxes to Revenues</u>
2013	\$4,333,850	\$1,948,188	45.0%
2014	4,413,012	2,014,691	45.6
2015	4,702,185	2,094,492	44.5
2016	4,740,962	2,130,049	44.9
2017	4,933,379	2,153,202	43.6
2018 (Budget)	4,877,710	2,172,316	44.5
2019 (Budget)	4,944,599	2,292,093	46.4

(1) General Fund.  
Source: Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets of the Town. Summary itself not audited.

**State Aid.** The Town receives financial assistance from the State. For the year ending December 31, 2017, 10.6% of the General Fund revenues of the Town were received in the form of State aid (primarily the State 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 "MARKET FACTORS," herein.)

The following table sets forth total fund revenues and State aid revenues received for each of the past five audited fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years.

**Fund Revenues & State Aid Revenues<sup>(1)</sup>**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended December 31:</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenues</u>
2013	\$4,333,850	\$413,984	9.6%
2014	4,413,012	425,568	9.6
2015	4,702,185	474,882	10.1
2016	4,740,962	506,073	10.7
2017	4,933,379	525,147	10.6
2018 (Budget)	4,877,710	556,439	11.4
2019 (Budget)	4,944,599	531,439	10.7

(1) General Fund.  
Source: Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets of the Town. Summary itself not audited.

**Sales Tax.** 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 September 20, 2007. The additional 0.75% sales tax rate continues and has been extended through November 2019.

The County’s 2013 budget capped the amount of sales tax that will be distributed to municipalities in the County to \$25 million for 2013 and future fiscal years. This results in municipalities receiving approximately 85% of the sales tax previously received. To offset the impact to local municipalities, Dutchess County Government absorbed half of the 2011 and 2012 election costs due to be paid to the County and assumed full cost of elections starting in 2013.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and sale taxes received for each of the past five fiscal years ended December 31 and the amounts budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years.

**General Fund Revenues & Sales Tax<sup>(1)</sup>**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended December 31:</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Sales Tax to Revenues</u>
2013	\$4,333,850	\$722,353	16.7%
2014	4,413,012	829,387	18.8
2015	4,702,185	808,302	16.2
2016	4,740,962	837,016	17.7
2017	4,933,379	879,565	16.2
2018 (Budget)	4,877,710	800,000	16.4
2019 (Budget)	4,944,599	830,000	16.8

(1) General Fund.  
Source: Audited Financial Statements Adopted Budgets of the Town. Summary itself not audited.

**Unaudited Results FY Ended December 31, 2018**

The following table shows unaudited preliminary result of operations of the Town’s General, Highway, Lighting, Drainage, Water and Sewer Funds based on the Annual Update Document filed with the Office of the State Comptroller. Such data is preliminary and subject to audit adjustments, if any.

UNAUDITED Fund Balance	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds <sup>(1)</sup>
Ending Balance at 12-31-17 (audited)	\$3,038,476	\$4,168,478
Revenues	4,933,379	6,407,411
Expenditures	4,744,343	5,762,520
Operating Surplus	\$ 189,036	\$ 644,891
Ending Balance at 12-31-18 (unaudited)	\$3,355,543	\$4,252,536
Consisting of:		
Non-Spendable	79,785	
Unassigned	3,174,863	
Assigned	50,000	3,464,484
Restricted	50,895	
		788,052
Total Fund Balance	\$3,355,543	\$4,525,536

(1) Other Governmental Funds includes Highway, Lighting, Drainage, Water and Sewer.

**REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

***Assessed and Full Valuations***

The following table shows the trend during the last five years for taxable assessed valuations, State equalization rates, full valuations, tax levies and tax rates per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assessed Values:	\$1,788,472,541	\$1,793,160,258	\$1,792,743,257	\$1,804,777,437	\$1,821,403,884
Equalization Rates: (a)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Full Values:	\$1,788,472,541	\$1,793,160,258	\$1,792,743,257	\$1,804,777,437	\$1,821,403,884
Annual Tax Levy: (b)	\$11,941,325	\$11,891,317	\$11,949,160	\$12,104,386	\$12,169,011
Tax Rate Per \$1,000					
Assessed Valuation: (c)	\$2.99	\$3.03	\$3.09	\$3.17	\$3.23

(a) Equalization rates for 2015-2019 fiscal years are the final rates published by the State Board.  
 (b) General, Highway and Special District Funds taxes and assessments.  
 (c) General and Highway tax only.

The Town derives its power to levy an ad valorem real property tax from the Constitution of the State. The Town is responsible for levying taxes for Town and special district operating purposes and for debt service. See “Tax Levy Limitation Law” herein.

## ***Tax Collection Procedures***

The assessment and collection of real property taxes is governed by the Real Property Tax Law of the State. Towns in the County are responsible to assess all real property within their boundaries and to collect real property taxes and assessments, including those for school district and County purposes, during the times prescribed by law.

Although the Town collects County and school taxes, it is the responsibility of the County to guarantee both Town and school district taxes and enforce the collection thereof. The Town retains the first moneys collected on the combined Town and County tax bills and therefore receives 100% of its levy. School taxes are paid over to schools only as collected by the Town. Unpaid school taxes are the County's responsibility.

Town and County real property taxes as well as Town special district assessments are levied on January 1 and become a lien against the property on this date. Tax bills include all taxes and assessments due to the Town and County. Pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law, taxes and assessments are due on January 1 and may be paid, without interest, at any time during the month of January. Payments received after January 31 must include interest at a rate of 1% per month. Taxpayers may elect to pay their taxes in two installments by paying 50% of the total tax due on or before January 31. The second installment may be paid to the Town on any date prior to August 1 with interest at 1% per month from February 1.

The Town collects all taxes (both installment and non-installment from January 1 until April 1 (Statutory date which historically has been extended by the County to May 1). During this time, the Town retains the first moneys to satisfy its own levy and thereafter remits all tax collections to the County. The Town transmits a list of wholly unpaid taxes to County on or about April 1. Accrued interest on such wholly unpaid taxes is deducted by the Town from moneys otherwise payable to the County. A 5% penalty is added to such taxes by the County, which collects these taxes with interest computed at 1% per month from February 1. The Town continues to collect the second installment through July 31. Because the Town's levy is usually satisfied by February or March, these taxes are held and periodically paid over to the County. A listing of unpaid second installments together with the tax rolls are transmitted to the County shortly after July 31. The County adds a 5% penalty to unpaid installment taxes and continues to collect these and wholly unpaid taxes until the tax sale. Such tax sale is generally held in December of each year.

The Town also collects school taxes on behalf of three of the six districts located within its boundaries. However, the County guarantees unpaid school taxes and enforces the payment thereof. School taxes are due and payable on September 1 and may be paid in two installments if 50% of the total tax plus 2% interest is paid on or before September 15. Payments made after September 15 must include the full amount of the tax and applicable interest, if any. School taxes may be paid in full without interest on or before September 30. During the month of October, interest at 2% per annum is added to all payments. All unpaid school taxes, as of November 1, and the tax rolls are turned over to County. The County pays each school district the full amount of its unpaid taxes and thereafter collects the second installment of school taxes. Ultimately, unpaid school taxes are enforced by the County in the same manner as any other real property tax.

The following reflects real property tax levies and collections of the Town for the past five years.

**Tax Levy and Collection Record**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
County	\$6,585,267	\$6,463,080	\$6,411,345	\$6,388,543	\$6,280,564
General and Highway	5,356,058	5,428,237	5,537,815	5,715,843	5,888,447
Special Districts:					0
Water Districts	1,007,014	1,004,933	1,009,750	1,037,540	871,779
Sewer Districts	324,371	309,652	300,370	320,529	292,298
Drainage Districts	79,475	79,311	79,475	39,500	79,475
Lighting Districts	26,100	22,370	27,800	28,700	28,700
Fire Districts	<u>5,727,133</u>	<u>5,796,532</u>	<u>6,271,396</u>	<u>6,416,808</u>	<u>7,362,164</u>
 Total Tax Levy	 <u>\$19,175,418</u>	 <u>\$19,104,115</u>	 <u>\$19,637,951</u>	 <u>\$19,947,463</u>	 <u>\$20,803,427</u>
 Amount Uncollected (a)	 None	 None	 None	 None	 None

(a) Unpaid tax bills are returned to the County in June each year. The Town retains the full amount of its levy and the County assumes responsibility for the enforcement of delinquent taxes. Thus, the Town is assured of 100% of its levy. See "Tax Collection Procedures" herein.

***Ten of the Largest Taxpayers***

The following table presents the taxable assessments of selected larger taxpayers on the 2018 assessment roll for taxes levied in 2019.

**2019 Largest Taxpayers**

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% Total Assessed Valuation</u>
CH Energy Corp.	Utility	\$36,890,830	2.03%
Consolidated Edison Company	Utility	8,831,271	0.49
Taconic Realty Associates LLC	Commercial	7,761,600	0.43
Page Henry G Jr.	Commercial	6,548,930	0.36
Anthony Associates LP	Area Shopping Center	6,635,000	0.36
Titusville Properties LLC	Commercial	5,901,000	0.32
Iroquois Gas Trans System	Utility	5,483,445	0.30
Apple Valley K LLC,	Area Shopping Center	5,052,500	0.28
16 Properties LLC	Commercial	1,585,600	0.09
Kings Court Apartments LLC	Apartment	1,317,100	0.07
		<u>\$86,007,276</u>	<u>4.81%</u>

(1) Based on 2019 total assessed value of \$1,821,403,884.  
 (2) Tax certiorari pending.

**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, 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 rate 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 rate 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 resolutions 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.

***Constitutional Debt-Contracting Limitation***

ORPTS annually establishes State equalization rates for all assessing units in the State, including the Town, which are determined by statistical sampling of market/assessment studies. The equalization rates are used in the calculation and distribution of certain state aids and are used by many localities in the calculation of debt contracting and real property taxing limitations. The Town is not subject to a constitutional real property taxing limitation but has a debt contracting limitation equal to seven percent (7%) of average full valuation (See “Constitutional Requirements, Debt Limit,” herein). **See also “Tax Levy Limitation Law” herein as to statutory limitations.**

The Town determines the assessed valuation for taxable real properties. The ORPTS determines the assessed valuation of special franchises and the taxable ceiling of railroad property. Special franchises include assessments on certain specialized equipment of utilities under, above, upon or through public streets or public places. Certain properties are taxable for school purposes but exempt for Town purposes.

The following table sets forth the Town’s debt-contracting limitation.

**Computation of Debt Contracting Limitation  
As of May 16, 2019**

For Fiscal Year Ended December 31:	Assessed Valuations	Equalization Rate (1)	Full Valuations
2015	\$1,788,472,541	100.00	\$1,788,472,541
2016	1,793,160,258	100.00	1,793,160,258
2017	1,792,743,257	100.00	1,792,743,257
2018	1,804,777,437	100.00	1,804,777,437
2019	1,821,403,884	100.00	1,821,403,884
Total Five-Year Full Valuation			\$ 9,000,557,377
Five-Year Average Full Valuation			1,800,111,475
Debt Contracting Limitations: 7% of Five-Year Average Full Valuation			\$ 126,007,803

(1) Source: ORPTS.

### ***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 May 16, 2019**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Debt Contracting Limitation:	<u>\$126,007,803</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Gross Indebtedness:		
Serial Bonds	12,915,000	10.25
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>6,284,428</u>	<u>4.99</u>
Total Gross Indebtedness	<u>19,199,428</u>	<u>15.24</u>
Less Exclusions:		
Water Bonds & Notes	5,940,425	4.71
Appropriations for Non-Exempt Debt	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Exclusions	<u>5,940,425</u>	<u>4.71</u>
Net Indebtedness	<u>13,259,003</u>	<u>10.52</u>
Net Debt Contracting Margin	<u><u>\$112,748,800</u></u>	<u><u>89.48</u></u>

***Bond Anticipation Notes***

**Bond Anticipation Notes  
As of May 16, 2019**

<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Notes Outstanding</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
11-29-00	12-14-01	Grandview Water	\$ 21,000	02-26-20
10-24-01	12-14-01	2001 Titusville Sewer Improvements	5,150	02-26-20
08-25-04	11-17-04	Grandview Water Tank Replacement	34,640	02-26-20
04-25-07	06-19-07	Town Center Sewer Improvement Area	568,419	02-26-20
08-08-01	10-04-01	Titusville Sewer Dt	18,000	02-26-20
03-14-12	04-30-12	Grandview Water District Improvements	80,922	02-26-20
06-24-15	08-21-15	2015 Equipment	3,845	02-26-20
06-14-17	03-08-17	Highway Garage	1,545,600	06-13-19 <sup>(1)</sup>
06-14-17	03-29-17	2017 Highway Equipment	636,104	06-13-19 <sup>(1)</sup>
06-14-17	03-29-17	2017 Road Resurfacing	466,667	06-13-19 <sup>(1)</sup>
06-14-17	04-26-17	Town Center Water Improvement Area No. 2	1,724,775	06-13-19 <sup>(1)</sup>
06-13-18	03-28-18	2018 Road Resurfacing	500,000	06-13-19 <sup>(1)</sup>
06-13-18	03-28-18	2018 Highway/Parks Equipment	679,306	06-13-19 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Totals</b>			<u><u>\$6,284,428</u></u>	

(1) Will be redeemed from proceeds of the Notes and \$272,054 of funds on hand.

***Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes***

The Town has not issued tax or revenue anticipation notes in the past ten years nor does it plan on issuing any in the foreseeable future.

***Trend of Capital Debt***

The following table sets forth the gross amount of debt outstanding at the end of each of the last five years:

	<b><u>Fiscal Year Ending December 31:</u></b>				
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Bonded Indebtedness	\$10,100,894	\$12,308,084	\$11,106,000	\$15,401,259	\$14,160,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>10,808,144</u>	<u>7,180,181</u>	<u>6,823,645</u>	<u>8,242,763</u>	<u>6,351,626</u>
	<u><u>\$20,909,038</u></u>	<u><u>\$19,488,265</u></u>	<u><u>\$17,929,645</u></u>	<u><u>\$23,644,022</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,511,626</u></u>

Source: Audited financial statements and official statements of the Town.

***Overlapping and Underlying Debt***

The real property taxpayers of the Town of LaGrange are responsible for a proportionate share of outstanding debt obligations of Dutchess County, the LaGrange Fire District 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.

**Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness**  
**As of May 16, 2019**

Gross Direct Indebtedness	\$19,199,428
Exclusions and Deductions	<u>5,940,425</u>
Net Direct Indebtedness	<u>\$13,259,003</u>

<u>Overlapping Units</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Net Underlying Debt</u>	<u>Debt Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Applicable Net Indebtedness</u>
County Dutchess	03-16-19	\$154,300,000	6.03%	\$ 9,304,290
Arlington CSD	10-11-18	104,151,700	31.12	32,412,009
Wappingers CSD	12-20-18	63,912,115	1.23	786,119
Millbrook CSD	06-30-18	20,338,086	3.38	<u>687,427</u>
Total				<u><u>\$43,189,845</u></u>

***Debt Ratios***

The following table presents certain debt ratios relating to the Town's indebtedness.

**Direct and Overlapping Debt Ratios**  
**As of May 16, 2019**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita (a)</u>	<u>Ratio To Full Value (b)</u>
Gross Direct Debt	\$19,199,428	\$1,224	1.05%
Net Direct Debt	13,259,003	846	0.73
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	56,448,848	3,600	3.10

- (a) The population of the Town is 15,680 according to the 2017 estimated census information.  
 (b) The full valuation of the Town for the fiscal year 2019 is \$1,821,403,884.

***Authorized But Unissued Debt***

The Town has authorized and unissued debt as follows: \$585,684 for preserving open space and \$300,000 for the purposes of repairing the Town hall roof neither of which the Town expects to issue. The Town borrows annually for equipment and road improvements and water and sewer projects.

## ***Debt Service Schedule***

The following Table shows the annual debt service requirements on all outstanding Town serial bonds and statutory installment bonds.

### **Schedule of Debt Service Requirements**

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Cumulative % Principal Paid
2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,245,000	\$367,176	\$1,612,176	8.8%
2020	1,250,000	333,979	1,583,979	17.6
2021	1,255,000	300,376	1,555,376	26.5
2022	1,265,000	266,326	1,531,326	35.4
2023	1,265,000	231,926	1,496,926	44.4
2024	1,270,000	200,423	1,470,423	53.3
2025	1,275,000	171,188	1,446,188	62.3
2026	800,000	145,831	945,831	68.0
2027	455,000	129,272	584,272	71.2
2028	435,000	117,088	552,088	74.3
2029	440,000	104,891	544,891	
2030	435,000	92,450	527,450	
2031	385,000	80,575	465,575	
2032	390,000	69,094	459,094	
2033	150,000	60,994	210,994	
2034	150,000	56,494	206,494	
2035	150,000	51,994	201,994	
2036	150,000	47,494	197,494	
2037	150,000	42,900	192,900	
2038	130,000	38,525	168,525	
2039	130,000	34,463	164,463	
2040	130,000	30,319	160,319	
2041	130,000	26,094	156,094	
2042	130,000	21,869	151,869	
2043	130,000	17,644	147,644	
2044	130,000	13,419	143,419	
2045	130,000	9,113	139,113	
2046	130,000	4,725	134,725	
2047	75,000	1,266	76,266	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,160,000</b>	<b>\$3,067,908</b>	<b>\$17,227,908</b>	

(1) As of May 16, 2019 the Town has paid \$1,245,000 in principal and \$191,838 in interest due on serial bonds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

## ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

### *Population*

	<u>Population</u>				
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
				<u>2000-2010</u>	<u>2010-2017</u>
Town	14,928	15,730	15,680	5.4%	(0.3)%
County	280,150	297,488	295,685	6.2	(0.6)
State	18,976,457	19,378,102	19,798,228	2.1	2.2

(1) 2016 Population Estimates  
 Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

### *Income*

	<u>Per Capita Money Income</u>		
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Town	\$38,374	46,480	21.1%
County	31,642	36,704	16.0
State	30,948	35,752	15.5

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

### *Employment*

	<u>Average Employed Civilian Labor Force</u>				
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
				<u>2000-2010</u>	<u>2010-2018</u>
County	134,000	137,700	140,200	2.8%	1.8%
State	8,718,700	8,769,700	9,181,100	0.6	4.7

Source: State Department of Labor.

**Average Unemployment Rates**

<u>Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>United States</u>
2014	5.3%	6.3%	6.2%
2015	4.5	5.3	5.3
2016	4.2	4.9	4.9
2017	4.3	4.7	4.4
2018	3.7	4.1	3.9
2019: <sup>(1)</sup>			
Jan	3.8	4.6	4.4
Feb	3.7	4.4	4.1
Mar	3.5	4.1	3.9

(1) Monthly Rates.

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

**Major Private Employers in the County  
(400 or More Employees)  
2017**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Industry or Business</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Employees</u>
HealthQuest	Hospital	5,600
International Business Machine Corp.	Technology	4,100
GlobalFoundries	Manufacturing	2,500
Bard College	College	1,800
Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital	Hospital	1,800
Culinary Institute of America	College	1,500
Gap Inc.	Warehousing/Distribution	1,300
Marist College	College	1,300
Vassar College	College	1,100
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.	Electric Services	1,000

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Vassar College	College	1,100
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.	Electric Services	1,000

Source: Dutchess County Finance Department and County of Dutchess official statement dated April 4, 2019.

***Education***

Elementary and secondary education is the responsibility of the three independent school districts in the Town. Children of the Town attend one of the three 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. Also located in the County is the Culinary Institute of America offering both associate and bachelor degrees in the culinary arts.

### ***Financial Institutions***

Numerous banking facilities are available in and around the Town. Many of the State's major commercial banks have branch offices located in the area. Bank of America, The Bank of New York, HSBC, Key Bank, Mahopac National Bank and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company are located within the Town or nearby.

### ***Transportation***

The Town maintains its own interior road network. Several U.S. and State Highways serve the Town including U.S. Routes 82 and 55, N.Y.S. Route 376 and the Taconic State Parkway. The State has just completed a major reconstruction project of Route 55. Frequent bus service is available by the Dutchess County Loop System which provides intra-county service. Metro North Railroad runs a commuter service to New York City via the Hudson Line (with County stops at Poughkeepsie, New Hamburg and Beacon) and the Harlem line, (with County stops at Pawling, Wassaic and Dover Plains). Amtrak also provides service from the Poughkeepsie station. Commercial air transportation is available at nearby Stewart Airport located in Orange County and the Dutchess County Airport located in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County.

### ***Utilities***

Electricity is supplied throughout the Town by CH Energy Corp. Telephone service is provided by Verizon Corporation and Frontier Communications Corporation.

Natural gas is also supplied by CH Energy Corp. to certain western portions of the Town.

Certain water and sewer facilities are furnished and maintained by the Town. Water distribution facilities serve approximately 21.5% of the population of the Town. Water is supplied from wells. Approximately 12.6% of the population of the Town is provided sanitary sewage collection and treatment services from existing facilities. The sewage is treated at the treatment plants of the respective Districts of the Town.

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**APPENDIX B**

**UNAUDITED SUMMARY OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGETS**

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TOWN OF LAGRANGE (1)  
GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION

AS OF DECEMBER 31:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 1,653,766	\$ 1,842,958	\$ 2,203,411	\$ 2,322,854	\$ 3,504,069
Accounts	180,098	171,292	177,383	192,074	146,351
Due From Other Funds	15,505	56	3,512	2,517	115
Due From Other Governments	193,817	310,538	320,136	352,387	392,521
State and Federal Aid	60,856	91,240	86,296	112,364	103,248
Prepaid Expenditures	<u>80,779</u>	<u>88,846</u>	<u>66,408</u>	<u>67,704</u>	<u>70,883</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,184,821</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,504,930</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,857,146</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,049,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,217,187</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 55,784	\$ 74,288	\$ 46,497	\$ 60,345	\$ 64,540
Accrued Liabilities	23,840	29,883	34,460	42,781	50,185
Due To Other Funds	1,415	1,027	1,064	837	915,260
Due To Other Governments	1,742	1,585	1,577	0	0
Unearned Revenues	0	0	0	12,000	0
Due to Retirement system	<u>184,018</u>	<u>147,189</u>	<u>153,997</u>	<u>135,090</u>	<u>148,726</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>266,799</u></b>	<b><u>253,972</u></b>	<b><u>237,595</u></b>	<b><u>251,053</u></b>	<b><u>1,178,711</u></b>
Fund Balance (1):					
Reserved:	0	0	0	0	0
Unreserved:					
Designated	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated	0	0	0	0	0
Nonspendable	80,779	88,846	66,408	67,704	70,883
Restricted	33,989	8,639	11,400	5,680	81,289
Assigned	25,000	20,000	0	6,000	30,000
Unassigned	<u>1,778,254</u>	<u>2,133,473</u>	<u>2,541,743</u>	<u>2,719,463</u>	<u>2,856,304</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>1,918,022</u></b>	<b><u>2,250,958</u></b>	<b><u>2,619,551</u></b>	<b><u>2,798,847</u></b>	<b><u>3,038,476</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,184,821</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,504,930</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,857,146</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,049,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,217,187</u></b>

(1) Audits beginning with the year 2013 are GASB compliant.

The financial data presented on this page has been excerpted from the audited financial statements of the Town.

Such presentation, however, has not been audited.

Complete copies of the Town's audited financial statements are available upon request to the Town.

TOWN OF LAGRANGE (1)  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 1,948,188	\$ 2,014,691	\$ 2,094,492	\$ 2,130,049	\$ 2,153,202
Other Tax Items	73,280	67,207	59,540	57,905	62,044
Non-Property Taxes	970,032	1,089,962	1,068,454	1,117,730	1,167,837
Departmental Income	418,284	339,202	437,900	414,570	461,321
Use Of Money And Property	7,385	6,121	6,589	7,629	24,822
Licenses and Permits	132,024	128,436	149,278	191,660	215,062
Fines and Forfeitures	245,687	211,091	255,019	193,068	181,065
Sale Of Property And Compensation For Loss	20,741	18,810	19,517	18,494	9,593
Insurance Recovery	0	0	0	0	0
Interfund Revenues	72,445	82,600	82,600	90,426	92,532
State Aid	413,984	425,568	474,882	506,073	525,147
Federal Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	31,800	29,324	53,914	13,358	40,754
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,333,850</b>	<b>4,413,012</b>	<b>4,702,185</b>	<b>4,740,962</b>	<b>4,933,379</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
General Government Support	1,866,578	1,399,871	1,465,437	1,509,323	1,604,875
Public Safety	24,421	24,205	21,877	17,543	19,899
Health	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,500
Transportation	194,457	204,654	209,808	197,521	211,350
Economic Opportunity And Development	23,170	21,695	23,635	23,148	27,800
Culture And Recreation	1,165,487	1,233,660	1,362,087	1,282,577	1,447,844
Home And Community	257,012	264,376	273,292	329,428	394,158
Employee Benefits	722,450	719,106	707,789	760,590	811,113
Debt Service	149,265	143,550	161,492	233,363	223,804
Refunding bond issuance costs	0	0	76,857	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,405,840</b>	<b>4,014,117</b>	<b>4,305,274</b>	<b>4,356,493</b>	<b>4,744,343</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(71,990)	398,895	396,911	384,469	189,036
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Refunding Bonds Issued	0	0	3,145,000	0	0
Payment to Refunded Bond Escrow Agent	0	0	(3,300,457)	0	0
Issuance Premium	0	0	232,314	0	0
Operating Transfers - In	91,095	108,915	84,625	71,907	110,231
Operating Transfers - Out	(205,490)	(174,874)	(189,800)	(277,080)	(59,638)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(114,395)</b>	<b>(65,959)</b>	<b>(28,318)</b>	<b>(205,173)</b>	<b>50,593</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(186,385)	332,936	368,593	179,296	239,629
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	2,104,407	1,918,022	2,250,958	2,619,551	2,798,847
Prior Period Adjustment					
<b>Fund Balance - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,918,022</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,958</b>	<b>\$ 2,619,551</b>	<b>\$ 2,798,847</b>	<b>\$ 3,038,476</b>

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TOWN OF LAGRANGE (1)  
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (2)  
BALANCE SHEET  
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION

AS OF DECEMBER 31:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 3,117,391	\$ 4,812,591	\$ 3,213,012	\$ 2,546,335	\$ 5,889,116
Charges For Services	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts	228,033	248,002	240,278	261,835	274,077
Due From Other Funds	3,937	1,166	1,266	974	2,103
Due From Other Governments	0	0	0	0	0
State And Federal Aid	0	72,165	0	83,992	102,475
Prepaid Expenditures	0	556	0	0	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,349,361</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,134,480</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,454,556</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,893,136</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,267,771</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>					
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 224,892	\$ 101,417	\$ 99,617	\$ 52,472	\$ 208,442
Accrued Liabilities	0	3,926	11,333	13,254	15,825
Due to Retirement System	163,186	130,526	127,804	109,824	118,253
Due To Other Funds	113	1,810,866	5,511	2,500	1,756,773
Due To Other Governments	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Liabilities	22,340	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>410,531</u></b>	<b><u>2,046,735</u></b>	<b><u>244,265</u></b>	<b><u>178,050</u></b>	<b><u>2,099,293</u></b>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>					
Reserved:	0	0	0	0	0
Unreserved:					
Designated	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated	0	0	0	0	0
Nonspendable	0	556	0	0	0
Restricted	0	103,713	77,823	59,356	902,505
Assigned	248,537	2,983,476	3,132,468	2,655,730	3,265,973
Unassigned	2,690,293	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>2,938,830</u></b>	<b><u>3,087,745</u></b>	<b><u>3,210,291</u></b>	<b><u>2,715,086</u></b>	<b><u>4,168,478</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,349,361</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,134,480</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,454,556</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,893,136</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,267,771</u></b>

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TOWN OF LAGRANGE  
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (1)  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Real Property Taxes/PILOTS	\$ 4,567,779	\$ 4,499,492	\$ 4,701,056	\$ 4,749,559	\$ 4,804,167
Other Tax Items	42,466	0	443	1,124	7,874
Departmental Income	1,017,826	1,065,967	1,018,109	1,002,262	1,008,302
Use Of Money And Property	35,812	32,122	28,375	8,013	23,141
Licenses And Permits	7,200	5,800	3,600	8,900	7,200
Sale Of Property And Compensation For Loss	24,753	17,752	33,824	31,585	36,580
Interfund Revenues	23,208	19,360	14,880	12,634	16,074
State Aid	200,043	291,779	275,954	248,176	367,848
Federal Aid	0	0	0	0	87,835
Miscellaneous	6,430	8,891	115,566	4,672	48,390
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,925,517</b>	<b>5,941,163</b>	<b>6,191,807</b>	<b>6,066,925</b>	<b>6,407,411</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
General Government Support	3,475	3,495	3,687	3,475	3,472
Transportation	2,399,468	2,395,124	2,535,477	2,977,816	2,571,272
Home And Community Services	920,224	1,032,716	987,138	1,106,802	1,104,590
Employee Benefits	679,222	703,076	738,420	762,916	743,094
Debt Service	1,409,176	1,359,192	1,344,553	1,414,223	1,340,092
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,411,565</b>	<b>5,493,603</b>	<b>5,609,275</b>	<b>6,265,232</b>	<b>5,762,520</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	513,952	447,560	582,532	(198,307)	644,891
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Proceeds of Obligations					
Operating Transfers - In	0	0	82	0	1,107,374
Operating Transfers - Out	(375,090)	(298,645)	(460,068)	(296,898)	(298,873)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(375,090)</b>	<b>(298,645)</b>	<b>(459,986)</b>	<b>(296,898)</b>	<b>808,501</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	138,862	148,915	122,546	(495,205)	1,453,392
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	2,806,804	2,938,830	3,087,745	3,210,291	2,715,086
Prior Period Adjustment	(6,836)				
<b>Fund Balances - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,938,830</b>	<b>\$ 3,087,745</b>	<b>\$ 3,210,291</b>	<b>\$ 2,715,086</b>	<b>\$ 4,168,478</b>

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**TOWN OF LAGRANGE  
2018 OPERATING BUDGET**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Drainage Districts	Lighting Districts	Sewer Districts	Water Districts	Totals
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>							
Real Property Taxes	\$ 2,172,316	\$ 3,547,192	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,719,508
Real Property Tax Items	59,000	0	79,475	28,700	328,339	966,065	1,461,579
Non-Property Tax Items	1,080,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,080,000
Departmental Income	395,328	0	0	0	409,682	576,765	1,381,775
Intergovernmental Charges	75,300	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use Of Money And Property	17,800	2,500	0	0	0	0	20,300
Licenses And Permits	202,130	4,000	0	0	0	0	206,130
Fines And Forfeitures	210,000	0	0	0	0	0	210,000
Interfund Revenues	109,397	10,000	0	0	0	0	119,397
State Aid	556,439	264,466	0	0	0	0	820,905
Federal Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>4,877,710</b>	<b>3,828,158</b>	<b>79,475</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>738,021</b>	<b>1,542,830</b>	<b>11,094,894</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS:</b>							
Current:							
General Government Support	\$ 1,585,974	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,589,774
Public Safety	19,500	0	0	0	0	0	19,500
Health	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	3,500
Transportation	220,084	2,596,966	0	28,700	0	0	2,845,750
Economic Assistance And Opportunity	28,213	0	0	0	0	0	28,213
Culture And Recreation	1,426,610	0	0	0	0	0	1,426,610
Home And Community Services	361,038	0	79,475	0	409,682	576,765	1,426,960
Employee Benefits	940,607	882,974	0	0	0	0	1,823,581
Debt Service	322,184	364,418	0	0	373,339	1,135,865	2,195,806
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>4,907,710</b>	<b>3,848,158</b>	<b>79,475</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>783,021</b>	<b>1,712,630</b>	<b>11,359,694</b>
Excess (Deficiency) Of Estimated Revenues Over Appropriations	(30,000)	(20,000)	0	0	(45,000)	(169,800)	(264,800)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>							
Operating Transfers - In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers - Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Estimated Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Appropriations and Other Financing Uses	(30,000)	(20,000)	0	0	(45,000)	(169,800)	(264,800)
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 45,000</b>	<b>\$ 169,800</b>	<b>\$ 264,800</b>

**TOWN OF LAGRANGE  
2019 OPERATING BUDGET**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Drainage Districts	Lighting Districts	Sewer Districts	Water Districts	Totals
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>							
Real Property Taxes	\$ 2,292,093	\$ 3,601,400	\$ 0	\$ 28,700	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,922,193
Real Property Tax Items	56,000	0	79,475	0	334,135	952,180	1,421,790
Non-Property Tax Items	1,110,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,110,000
Departmental Income	344,090	0	0	0	449,731	590,766	1,384,587
Intergovernmental Charges	33,600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use Of Money And Property	44,400	2,500	0	0	0	0	46,900
Licenses And Permits	212,110	4,000	0	0	0	0	216,110
Fines And Forfeitures	210,000	0	0	0	0	0	210,000
Sale Of Property And Compensation For Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interfund Revenues	110,867	15,000	0	0	0	0	125,867
State Aid	531,439	330,000	0	0	0	0	861,439
Federal Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>4,944,599</b>	<b>3,952,900</b>	<b>79,475</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>783,866</b>	<b>1,542,946</b>	<b>11,332,486</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS:</b>							
Current:							
General Government Support	\$ 1,603,494	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,607,294
Public Safety	23,500	0	0	0	0	0	23,500
Health	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	3,500
Transportation	219,352	2,710,000	0	28,700	0	0	2,958,052
Economic Assistance And Opportunity	28,913	0	0	0	0	0	28,913
Culture And Recreation	1,507,933	0	0	0	0	0	1,507,933
Home And Community Services	372,823	0	79,475	0	422,731	590,766	1,465,795
Employee Benefits	934,260	792,140	0	0	0	0	1,726,400
Debt Service	300,824	446,960	0	0	355,991	1,051,180	2,154,955
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>4,994,599</b>	<b>3,952,900</b>	<b>79,475</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>778,722</b>	<b>1,641,946</b>	<b>11,476,342</b>
Excess (Deficiency) Of Estimated Revenues Over Appropriations	(50,000)	0	0	0	5,144	(99,000)	(143,856)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>							
Operating Transfers - In		0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers - Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Estimated Revenues and Other Financing Sources Sources Over Appropriations and Other Financing Uses	(50,000)	0	0	0	5,144	(99,000)	(143,856)
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (5,144)</b>	<b>\$ 99,000</b>	<b>\$ 143,856</b>

**APPENDIX C**

**LINK TO  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**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/ER1225867-ER911554-ER1360432.pdf>**

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

**\* Such Financial Statements and opinion are intended to be representative only as of the  
date thereof. PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP has not been requested by the Village to further  
review and/or update such Financial Statements or opinion in connection with the  
preparation and dissemination of this Official Statement.**

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**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION**

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FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION

June 12, 2019

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

Re: Town of LaGrange, Dutchess County, New York  
\$5,280,398 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2019 (Renewals) Series B

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of \$5,280,398 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2019 (Renewals) Series B (the "Obligation"), of the Town of LaGrange, Dutchess County, New York (the "Obligor"), dated June 12, 2019, numbered \_\_\_\_\_, of the denomination of \$[\_\_\_\_\_], bearing interest at the rate of [\_\_\_\_\_] % per annum, payable at maturity, and maturing June 12, 2020.

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 Obligations that the Obligor will, among other things, (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Obligations 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 Obligations 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 Obligations 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 Obligations 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 Obligations, including the form of the Obligations. 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 Obligations have been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Obligor for which the obligor has validly pledged its faith and credit for the payment thereof. All the taxable real property within the obligor is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Obligations and interest thereon, subject to applicable statutory limitations. The enforceability (but not the validity) of the Obligations: (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 Obligations; 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 Obligations 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 Obligations is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal 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 Obligations.

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 Obligations) 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 Obligations 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 Obligations to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Obligations 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 Obligations 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 Obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the Obligor in relation to the Obligations 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 Obligations, 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