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# TOWN OF EVANS, NEW YORK

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State of the Town

April 9, 2019

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## Topic

## *Presenter(s)*

Welcome

*Mary K. Hosler, Town Supervisor*

Finances

*Brittany M. Gloss, Director of Finance*

Accomplishments

*Mary K. Hosler, Town Supervisor*

Looking Ahead

*Mary K. Hosler, Town Supervisor*



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
General Fund

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2015

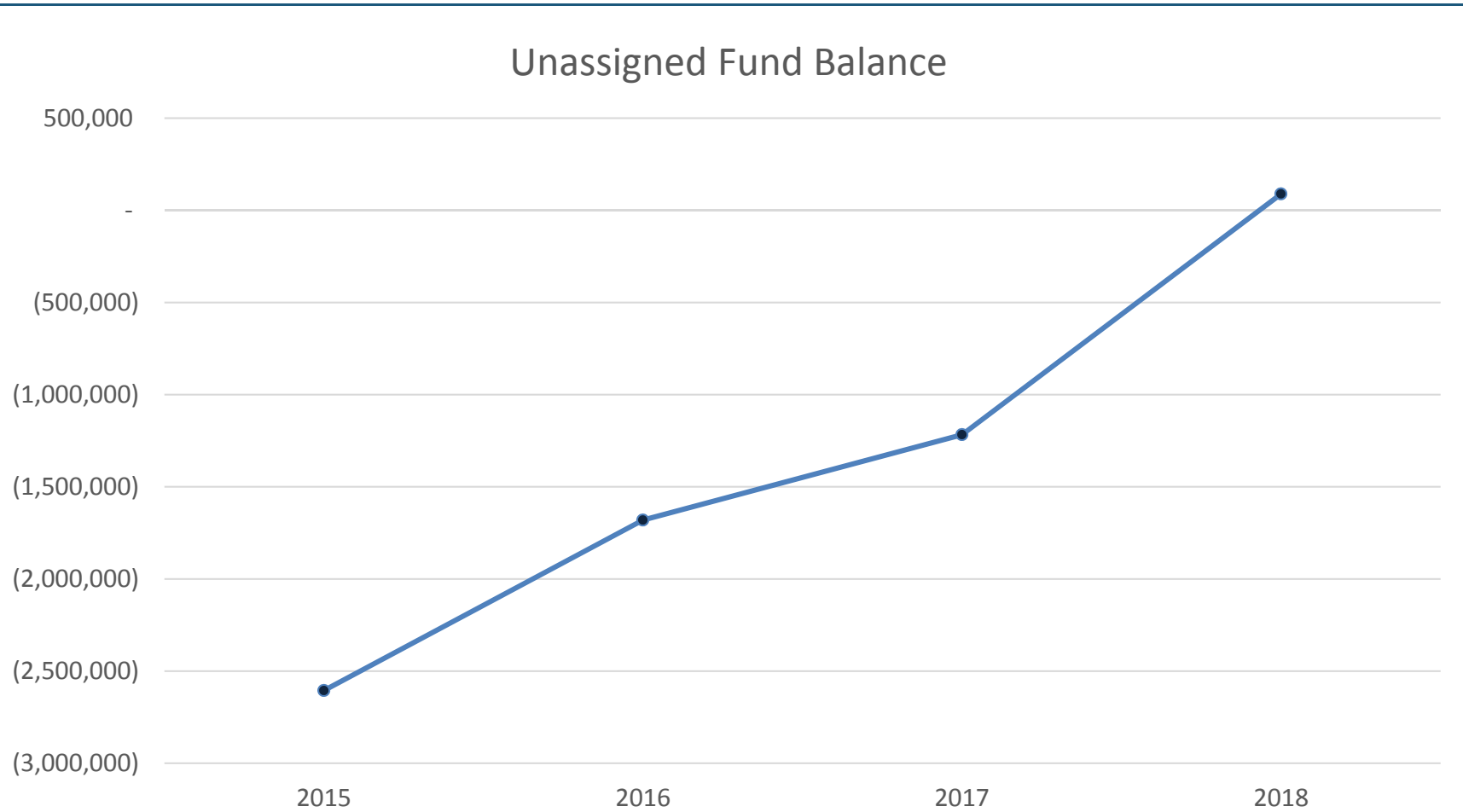
2018

Total Unassigned Fund Balance (Deficit) at  
Fiscal Year-end 12/31/15: (\$2,605,354)

Total Unassigned Fund Balance at Fiscal  
Year-end 12/31/18: \$88,387



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town General Fund, Continued



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Water Fund Balance (Deficit)

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2015

2018

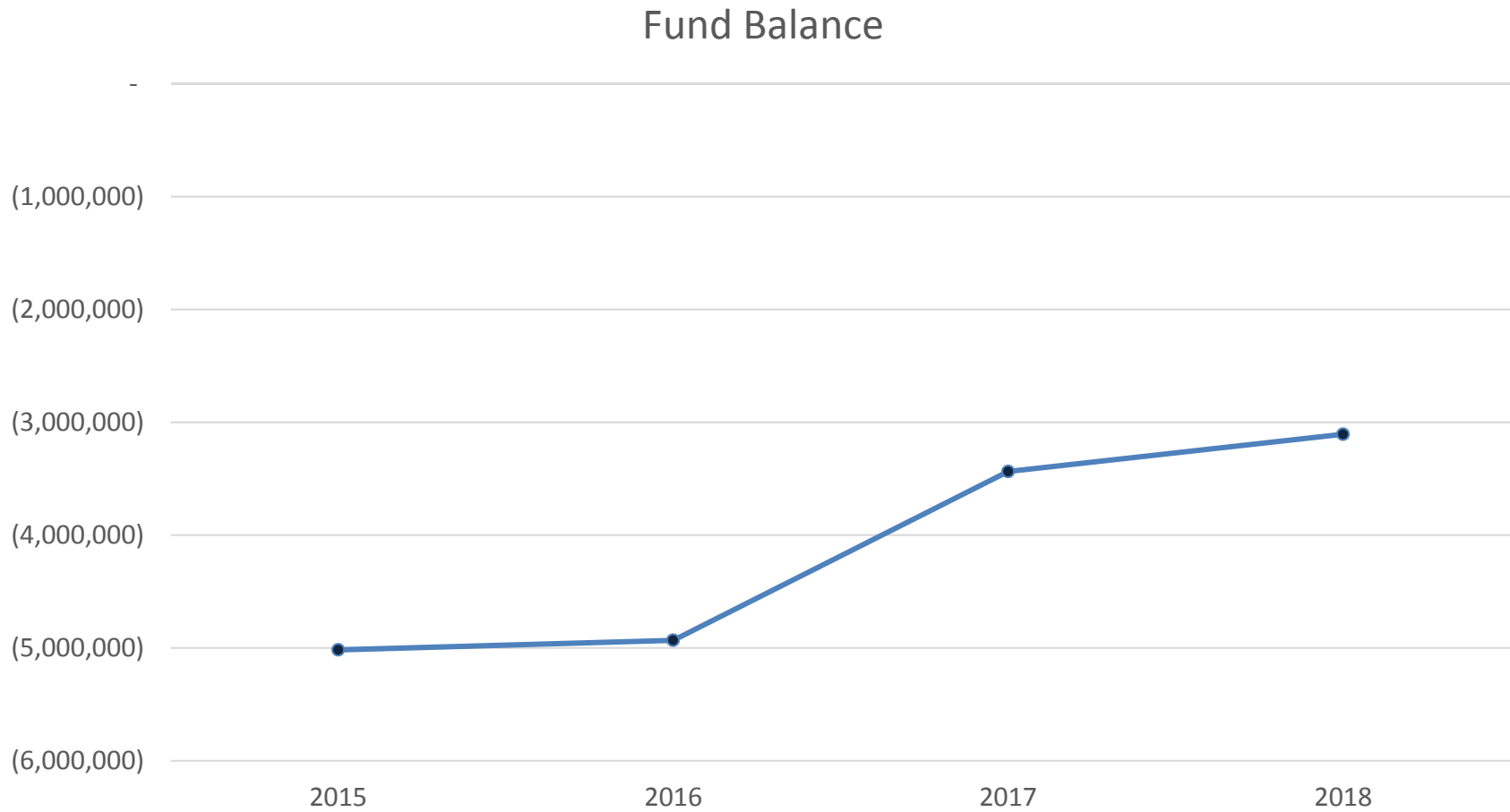
Total Fund Balance (Deficit) at Fiscal Year-  
end 12/31/15: (\$5,016,641)

Total Fund Balance (Deficit) at Fiscal Year-  
end 12/31/18: (\$3,106,287)



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town

## Water Fund Balance (Deficit), Continued



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Short-term Financing (Cash Flows Instruments)

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2015

2018

Total Short-term Financing at Fiscal Year-  
end 12/31/15: \$1,700,00

Total Short-term Financing at Fiscal Year-  
end 12/31/18: \$0



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town Bond Rating

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## 2015

- No Bond Rating (The Town Lost its Bond Rating in June of 2013)

## 2018

- Awarded an **A Stable** Rating From Standard & Poors Global on May 1, 2018





# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town Annual Update Document (“AUD”) Filing

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- 2012: Not Filed
- 2013: Not Filed
- 2014: Not Filed
- 2015: Filed; Moderate Stress
- 2016: Filed; Susceptible to Stress
- 2017: Filed; No Stress Designation
- 2018: Filed March 27, 2019



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town Financial Statement Opinion and Findings

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- 2015: 11 Material Weaknesses and 1 Significant Deficiency
  - Adverse Opinion on Government Wide and Enterprise Fund



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Financial Statement Opinion and Findings, Continued

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- 2016: 2 Material Weaknesses and 2 Significant Deficiencies
  - Adverse Opinion on Government Wide and Enterprise Fund



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Financial Statement Opinion and Findings, Continued

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- 2017: **No** Material Weaknesses **or** Significant Deficiencies
  - Unmodified Opinion on Full Statements



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Financial Statement Opinion and Findings, Continued

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- 2018: **No Material Weaknesses or Significant Deficiencies**
  - Unmodified Opinion on Full Statements



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town Continued Improvements

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## 2015

- Part of the New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (“Comp Alliance”)
  - Plan Did Not Offer Dividend

## 2018

- Part of the New York State Insurance Fund (“NYSIF”)
  - Received Dividend of \$109,750 in 2018



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Continued Improvements, Continued

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2015

- Total Property Maintenance Costs:  
\$229,123

2018

- Total Property Maintenance Costs:  
\$41,163



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Continued Improvements, Continued

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2015

- Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers Out at Fiscal Year-end  
12/31/15: \$8,728,573

2018

- Total General Fund Expenditures and Transfers Out at Fiscal Year-end  
12/31/18: \$9,271,252





# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town Summary

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- Continued Improvements and Consistent Monitoring
- Improved Reporting and Controls
- Eliminated Reliance on Short-term Financing
- Much More Stable Financial Condition



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town

## Financial Recovery to Economic Prosperity

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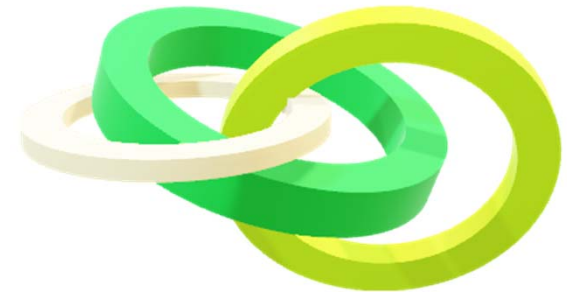
- Three components that need to be tackled in order for our Town to move forward:



Address and correct the critical financial issues

Continue to control spending and increase operational efficiency

Focus on economic improvements



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town

## Town of Evans Data

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- Town Size: 42 square miles
- Population: 16,313; up .03%
- Total Number of Households: 6696; up .08%
- Median Household Income: \$59,716; up 2.72%
- Median Home Value: \$140,800 up 2%
- Per Capita Income: \$32,956; up 3.87%



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town

## Real Estate Market

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- What is going to help with increasing property values that we have control of:
  - Infrastructure: changes in and around Town that increase the value of living here
    - 2019, adopted new comprehensive plan identifying town initiatives to attract and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors
    - Currently updating our Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (“LWRP”) that will focus on key initiatives along our waterfront
  - Changes in nearby properties: addressing blight in neighborhoods
    - Continue an aggressive plan to address property maintenance issues and demolish unsafe structures.



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town

## Economical Initiatives

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- Consolidated Planning, Code Enforcement and Assessment departments to encourage collaboration and create a seamless approach
- Automating the permit and inspection processes to save builders time
  - on-line permitting; builders can now request inspections from their cell phones
- Hold pre-development meeting to discuss plan and design ideas with the builders so process is more streamlined



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town Economical Initiatives, Continued

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- Updating codes to meet today's demands and new market sectors
- Working towards pre-permitting sites
- Held Economic Business Forum to promote both the Town and School District



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
2018 Highlights

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REDUCED TAXES



Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town  
Total Assessment

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2015

2018

Total Equalized Assessed Rate at Fiscal Year-  
end 12/31/15: \$877,157,560

Total Equalized Assessed Rate at Fiscal Year-  
end 12/31/18: \$1,017,799,657





# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town 2018 Highlights

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- \$2.9 million water tower grant
- \$300,000 water tower grant for engineering
- \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) for Senior Center to repair roof
  - Town will make an additional investment of \$300,000 for new windows, masonry work, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and fire alarm



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town 2018 Highlights

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- Sturgeon Point Marina listed by Regional Economic Development Council as a priority project
  - \$1.2 million grant for repairs at Sturgeon Point Marina
- Demolition of 13 unsafe structures
- Established drug court
- Established housing court



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town 2019 Initiatives

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- Construct water tower
- Complete improvements at Senior Center
- Re-surface South Creek Pool and apply for additional grant funds to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) requirements
- Focus on town wide drainage and flooding issues



# Town of Evans, New York – State of the Town 2019 Initiatives

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- Start repair of Sturgeon Point Marina break wall
- Continue to aggressively enforce property maintenance codes
  - It's an initiative to clean up our neighborhoods
- Establish a list of unsafe structures that need to be demolished
  - Demolish most critical ones in 2019





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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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