

Town of Mason Financial Facts

History of Late Audits

The Town of Mason has not submitted its annual audit on time since Fiscal Year (FY) 2001. From 2004 to 2016 the Town's financial statements were essentially un-auditable. The FY 2020 and 2021 audits are still not complete.

Audit Findings in Recent Years

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020*
25 Findings	16 Findings	14 Findings	13 Findings	16 Findings

Budgets Not Approved

The Comptroller's Office has been unable to approve the Town's budget since FY 2019 (four years in a row). The General Fund has spent more money than it brought in for the last four years.

Growing General Fund Deficits

- FY 2016 deficit of (\$126,659)
- FY 2017 deficit of (\$134,819)
- FY 2018 deficit of (\$250,310)
- FY 2019 deficit of (\$415,230)
- FY 2020* deficit of (\$481,620)

Large Interfund Borrowings

The town has borrowed money from its Water, Sewer, and Gas Funds primarily to support general government operations. These improper transfers have continued to occur since at least FY 2007. The town failed to complete two, five-year corrective action plans (2013 and 2016) to repay these borrowings. The General Fund currently owes its utility funds \$584,723*. Interfund balances are presented in net below.

FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020*
\$226,495	\$452,143	\$649,541	\$584,723

Water and Wastewater System

The Town has recently had its water and sewer infrastructure reviewed for current and future needs. The Town's infrastructure needs cannot be funded given its current financial condition. Estimated costs for necessary improvements include:

- \$40.3 Million needed to improve and support anticipated growth in Mason's Wastewater System
- \$12.9 Million needed to improve and support anticipated growth in Mason's Water System

The Town's utility funds are undergoing a financial, managerial, and technical investigation by the Water & Wastewater Financing Board.

***Based on draft FY 2020 audit results provided to the Comptroller's Office.**