

Town Treasurer's Narrative

This is the first Treasurer's Report written by an official who exclusively holds the title of Treasurer and not Town Clerk. Since assuming the newly created position in November of 2025, I have taken a great deal of time identifying new opportunities for efficiency and productivity.

In the period we are living in, the financial pressures on the citizens are many, and the office of the Treasurer must improve the manner in which funds are managed to best serve the interests of the town and to minimize the town's role in creating more hardship for the townsfolk. Prior to assuming this office there were attempts to make strategic plans in regards to spending and collecting revenues but these previous attempts have fallen by the wayside and didn't have a firm infrastructure to carry them forward regardless of who holds the office.

I have undertaken numerous deep dives into spending of the previous five years in order to begin formulating plans that use past spending as a guide to how we will manage future needs. This type of analysis is extended to all aspects from purchasing equipment to office infrastructure upkeep, and most importantly, revenue enhancement through a more active grant seeking strategy.

My first undertaking was to reform our chart of accounts so that taxpayers and town officials can have a better understanding of where we are spending currently and how things might improve. For example in the new proposed budget all of the healthcare costs are shown together. This systemic approach to problem-solving will extend to all aspects of how the municipal government operates. All tasks from processing checks to analyzing equipment needs will be put through a rigorous evaluation process in order to ensure the taxpayer is getting the most for their money.

This is a lot of change and change is hard, but it's honest work and I'm excited everyday to have the opportunity to serve the town to the best of my abilities.

Josh Pitts

Plainfield Town Treasurer