



TOWN OF MANILA SPECIAL MEETING  
SENIOR-COMMUNITY CENTER  
165 E HWY 43  
JANUARY 22, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Kathi Knight called the special meeting to order at 10:10 am.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kathi Knight, Council Members Bill Rylander, Debbie Brown, Sarah Mraz-Ealy, and Town Clerk Jennifer Allphin

**GUESTS:** Clegg Batty with Aycock, Miles & Associates CPAs, PC via Microsoft Teams

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Gretchen Northcott

**AUDIT REVIEW:** Clegg presented the annual audit and thanked the Mayor, Jennifer, and staff for their assistance. He reported the audit went very well, the Town is in compliance with state requirements, and there were no findings.

Governmental funds ended the year in a positive position, with revenues exceeding expenditures and healthy cash balances.

The water fund remains strong, with positive operating performance and stable cash flow. A new loan was added during the year related to ongoing projects.

The sewer fund showed a decline in cash reserves and will require closer monitoring. Clegg recommended continued attention to rates and expenditures. Mayor Kathi reported that a recently closed grant and loan will reimburse prior project expenses and help improve the fund balance. Incremental rate increases are planned to strengthen the sewer fund moving forward.

The landfill fund remains stable, with positive operating results despite equipment purchases during the year.

In reviewing the five-year comparison, Clegg noted overall improvement in the Town's financial position, including increased cash reserves and reduced long-term debt. He stated the Town is in good financial condition overall, with the sewer fund being the primary area to monitor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Rylander motioned to adjourn the special meeting. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Kathi adjourned the special meeting at 10:38 am.

Kathi Knight, Mayor

Jennifer Allphin, Town Clerk

