Parsons looks

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trailer's criteria for being a well-run municipality, defined as having an amount equal to 15% of revenues in the unallocated fund balance.

Mr. Parsons said that at the end of 2020, which is the most up-to-date audited financial report, the town had a positive fund balance of $1,726,000, which is an approximately $2 million dollar swing since he took the position.

Mr. Parsons added that in that time, the town's bond rating also improved. He said he expects another improvement in the rating the next time S&P Global reevaluates the town's financial health.

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