

Clerk-Treasurer accused of gambling Village funds

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WAMPSVILLE, N.Y. (WKTU) - The Wampsville clerk-treasurer allegedly stole \$18,378 by writing herself extra paychecks between 2008 and 2011.

The New York State Comptroller's office, Wednesday, released the findings of an audit. Auditors discovered missing money while looking into the village's financial records.

Barbara W. Butler, of Canastota, is charged with third-degree grand larceny. According to the Comptroller's office, Butler told investigators she began stealing the money after she went into debt and used the allegedly stolen funds to gamble at Turning Stone Casino.

The case has since been turned over to the Madison County Sheriff's office.

Butler resigned in August, after serving as clerk-treasurer for nearly 13 years.

The Comptroller's office says Wampsville board members failed to monitor Butler's books for several years and because of that, Butler was able to allegedly steal more than 10% of the village's annual budget.

Wampsville officials now require double signatures on checks and photocopies of all checks at each board meeting.

To read the full audit, you can view it online [here](#).

New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli maintains a toll-free fraud hotline for New Yorkers to file complaints. 1-888-672-4555.