

**VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA**  
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
As of And for The Year Ended September 30, 2021**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Kathy Robertson, Mayor,  
and Members of the Board of Aldermen  
Village of North Hodge, Louisiana

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of North Hodge, Louisiana (the "Village"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Village's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Village of North Hodge, Louisiana  
Independent Auditor's Report on Financial (Continued)

**Opinions**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village as of September 30, 2021 and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5-8 and the budgetary comparison information on page 33 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Other Information*

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The other supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, this information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated June 30, 2022, on my consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Village's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Rosie D. Harper  
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Monroe, Louisiana  
June 30, 2022

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**(Part 1 of 2)**

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

The management's discussion and analysis of the Village of North Hodge's financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2021. It is based upon currently known facts, decisions, and conditions. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements which begin on page 11.

**Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include government-wide and fund financial statements. The *government-wide* statements consist of a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and provide information about the financial activities of the Village as a whole. The government-wide statements present a long-term view of our finances. Fund financial statements consist of the respective fund's balance sheet and the fund's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, if applicable. The fund statements tell how the Village's services were financed in the short-term and what remains for *future spending*. The primary difference *between the* fund and government-wide statement presentation methods is that expenditures for capital assets are expensed in the fund financial statements but capitalized and depreciated in the government-wide statements.

**Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities**

One of the most important questions asked about our finances is, "Is the Village of North Hodge as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Village as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is a method similar to accounting used by most private-sector companies. All revenues and expenses of the current year are reported under this method regardless of when cash is received or disbursed.

These two statements report the Village's net position and the changes in the net position. You can think of net position - the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the financial health, or financial position, of the Village. Increases/(decreases) in the Village's net *position* is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving/(deteriorating). You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the Village's tax base and the condition of the Village's roads, to assess the overall health of the Village.

In the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, there are two kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities - Most of the Village's basic services are reported here, including the police, streets, sanitation, and general and administration. Sales taxes, ad valorem taxes, franchise taxes, fines, and grants finance most of these activities. Expenses primarily include salaries, supplies, utilities, and insurance.

**Village of North Hodge, Louisiana  
Management's Discussion And Analysis (Continued)**

**Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities (Continued)**

Business-Type Activities - The Village's water and sewer system are reported here. The Village charges a fee to customers to cover the cost of these services. These charges finance most of these services. Expenses primarily include depreciation, system repairs and maintenance, and utilities.

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

As noted above, net position may serve as a useful indicator of the Village's financial position. The analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the governmental and business-type activities of the Village of North Hodge.

**TABLE 1-SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current and Other Assets	\$ 133,841	\$ 95,191	\$ 170,618	\$ 60,151	\$ 304,459	\$ 155,342
Capital Assets (Net)	99,303	112,137	1,526,509	1,544,562	1,625,812	1,656,699
Total Assets	<u>233,144</u>	<u>207,328</u>	<u>1,697,127</u>	<u>1,604,713</u>	<u>1,930,271</u>	<u>1,812,041</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Current Liabilities	31,549	33,290	172,500	149,871	204,049	183,161
Non-current Liabilities	-	-	198,300	212,306	198,300	212,306
Total Liabilities	<u>31,549</u>	<u>33,290</u>	<u>370,800</u>	<u>362,177</u>	<u>402,349</u>	<u>395,467</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>						
Invested in Capital						
Assets Net of Debt	99,303	112,137	1,314,202	1,311,213	1,413,505	1,423,350
Unrestricted	102,292	61,901	12,035	(68,677)	114,327	(6,776)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 201,595</u>	<u>\$ 174,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,242,536</u>	<u>\$ 1,527,832</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,574</u>

For the year ended September 30, 2021, total net position increased 8% (\$111,258) compared to the prior year. There was a surplus of \$114,327 in unrestricted net position at the end of the current year. Unrestricted net position can be used to finance the day-to-day operations of the Village without constraints.

The largest portion, \$1,413,505, of the Village's net position is invested in capital assets. These capital assets consist of land, water and sewer system, streets, improvements, office furniture, and equipment. The Village uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, capital assets are not available for future spending.

The Village's total net position included no restricted amounts for 2021.

**Village of North Hodge, Louisiana  
Management's Discussion And Analysis (Continued)**

**TABLE 2 CHANGE IN NET POSITION-SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Revenues						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156,648	\$ 134,997	\$ 156,648	\$ 134,997
Fines and Forfeitures	125,572	134,593	-	-	125,572	134,593
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-	119,081	-	119,081	-
General Revenues:						
Taxes	113,306	86,534	-	-	113,306	86,534
Licenses	1,865	4,887	-	-	1,865	4,887
Other	7,292	8,085	2,107	1,514	9,399	9,599
Total Revenues	<u>248,035</u>	<u>234,099</u>	<u>277,836</u>	<u>136,511</u>	<u>525,871</u>	<u>370,610</u>
Program Expenses						
General Government	121,712	135,417	-	-	121,712	135,417
Police	79,511	82,725	-	-	79,511	82,725
Streets	19,177	16,047	-	-	19,177	16,047
Water and Sewer	-	-	182,465	166,640	182,465	166,640
Interest on Bond Debt	-	-	11,670	12,207	11,670	12,207
Total Expenses	<u>220,400</u>	<u>234,189</u>	<u>194,135</u>	<u>178,847</u>	<u>414,535</u>	<u>413,036</u>
Interfund Transfers In (Out)	-	(6,594)	-	6,594	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	27,635	(6,684)	83,701	(35,742)	111,336	(42,426)
Net Position-Beginning	174,038	180,238	1,242,536	1,278,228	1,416,574	1,458,466
Prior Period Adjustment	(78)	484	-	50	(78)	534
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 201,595</u>	<u>\$ 174,038</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,242,536</u>	<u>\$ 1,527,832</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,574</u>

Governmental activities were responsible for a \$27,557 increase in the Village's net position for the year ended September 30, 2021. Revenue from police fines decreased (\$9,021) in 2021. The Village's General government had an overall increase in revenue of \$13,936 compared to 2020. General government expenses decreased by (\$13,789). The increase in the Village's net position for the General government was due to decrease in expenses of the general government and an increase in revenue from bingo taxes.

Business-type activities increased net position by \$83,701 for the year ended September 30, 2021. The increase in net position was due primarily to an increase in grant revenue and the increase in rates for utility services.

**Fund Financial Statements**

As of September 30, 2021, the Village's governmental funds reported a surplus fund balance of, \$102,292 which is \$40,391 increase from the 2020 fund balance.

Amounts reported for business-type activities in the Village's individual funds are identical to the business-type activities reported in the government-wide presentation.

**Village of North Hodge, Louisiana  
Management's Discussion And Analysis (Continued)**

**Governmental Funds Budgetary Highlights**

The Village of North Hodge amends its budget when it is determined that there are unexpected differences between actual and anticipated revenues and/or expenditures. A budget amendment was adopted for the year ended September 30, 2021.

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the General Fund had a 12% favorable variance of \$25,885 between budgeted revenue versus actual revenue. The favorable variance between budgeted and actual expenses was 4% in the amount of \$7,627. The Village reported an excess of \$40,469 in revenue over expenses. Also, the Village had a budget variance of \$4,000 in the amounts transferred funds to the water and sewer which was 100% favorable.

**Business-type Activity Budgetary Highlights**

The Village of North Hodge adopted a separate budget for its business-type activities (water and sewer fund) for the year ended September 30, 2021. Business-type activities had a favorable revenue variance of \$4,904, 2%; and it had an unfavorable expense variance of \$9,484, 8%. After debt service of \$32,712 the business-type activities had an unfavorable variance of \$2,846, 4% in excess of revenues and other sources of funds over expenses and other uses of funds for the year ended September 30, 2021.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

The Village had outstanding bond debt of \$190,153 for the year ended September 30, 2021. Principal payments of \$22,153 and interest payments of \$11,670 were made in 2021 on the outstanding debt. More detailed information about the District's long-term debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions**

We are not aware of any facts, decisions, or conditions that are expected to have a significant impact on the financial position or results of operations after the reporting date.

**Requests for Additional Information**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the finances of the Village of North Hodge and to show accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Village of North Hodge at P.O. Box 520, Hodge, Louisiana 71247.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2021

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business- Type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,316	\$ 30,709	\$ 43,025
Receivables	5,198	21,071	26,269
Due from Other Funds	116,242	-	116,242
Restricted Assets:			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	85	118,413	118,498
Investments	-	425	425
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	99,303	1,526,509	1,625,812
Total Assets	<u>233,144</u>	<u>1,697,127</u>	<u>1,930,271</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accrued Liabilities	31,549	33,699	65,248
Due to Other Funds	-	116,242	116,242
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	-	22,154	22,154
Bond Interest Payable	-	405	405
Total Current Liabilities	<u>31,549</u>	<u>172,500</u>	<u>204,049</u>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Meter Deposits	-	8,237	8,237
Bonds Payable	-	190,153	190,153
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>198,390</u>	<u>198,390</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>31,549</u>	<u>370,890</u>	<u>402,439</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt	99,303	1,314,202	1,413,505
Unrestricted	102,292	12,035	114,327
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 201,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,527,832</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Primary Government</b>							
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>							
General Government	\$ 121,712	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (121,712)	\$ -	\$ (121,712)
Public Safety	79,511	-	-	-	(79,511)	-	(79,511)
Streets	19,177	-	-	-	(19,177)	-	(19,177)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>220,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(220,400)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(220,400)</u>
<i>Business Type Activities:</i>							
Water and Sewer	182,465	156,648	-	-	\$ -	(25,817)	(25,817)
Grants	-	-	76,282	42,799	-	119,081	119,081
Interest on Long-Term Debt	11,670	-	-	-	-	(11,670)	(11,670)
Total Business Type Activities	<u>194,135</u>	<u>156,648</u>	<u>76,282</u>	<u>42,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,594</u>	<u>81,594</u>
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<u>\$ 414,535</u>	<u>\$ 156,648</u>	<u>\$ 76,282</u>	<u>\$ 42,799</u>	<u>\$ (220,400)</u>	<u>\$ 81,594</u>	<u>\$ (138,806)</u>
<i>General Revenues:</i>							
<i>Taxes</i>							
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes					7,299	-	7,299
Electronic Video Bingo					77,851	-	77,851
Franchise Tax					10,852	-	10,852
Sales Taxes					17,304	-	17,304
Fines					125,572	-	125,572
Licenses and Permits					1,865	-	1,865
Investment Earnings					-	36	36
Other Revenue					7,292	2,071	9,363
Total General Revenues and Transfers					<u>248,035</u>	<u>2,107</u>	<u>250,142</u>
Change in Net Position					<u>27,635</u>	<u>83,701</u>	<u>111,336</u>
Net Position-October 1, 2020					174,038	1,242,536	1,416,574
Prior Period Adjustment					(78)	-	(78)
Net Position-September 30, 2021					<u>\$ 201,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,527,832</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
September 30, 2021

**Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	12,401
Receivables (net)		5,198
Due From Other Funds		116,242
Total Assets		<u>133,841</u>

**Liabilities and Fund Equity**

Liabilities:

Accrued Liabilities		31,549
Total Liabilities		<u>31,549</u>

Fund Equity:

Unassigned		102,292
Total Fund Equity		<u>102,292</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	<u>133,841</u>
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VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended  
September 30, 2021

**Revenues**

Property Taxes	\$	7,299
Electronic Bingo		77,851
Franchise Taxes		10,852
Sales Taxes		17,304
Fines		125,572
Licenses and Permits		1,865
Other Revenues		7,292
Total Revenues		248,035

**Expenditures**

General Government		121,447
Public Safety		79,011
Streets		7,108
Total Expenditures		207,566

Excess of Expenditures Over Revenue		40,469
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Net Change in Fund Equity		40,469
Fund Balance-Beginning		61,901
Prior Period Adjustment		(78)
Fund Balance-Ending	\$	102,292

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VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

Reconciliation of The Government Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2021

Fund Balance, Total Governmental Funds \$ 102,292

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different  
because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial  
resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental  
funds.

Net Assets of Governmental Activities

99,303  
\$ 201,595

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE LOUISIANA

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Activities  
for the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balances, Total governmental Funds \$ 40,469

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period. (12,835)

Rounding Adjustment 1

Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 27,635

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Fund Net Position  
 Proprietary Fund  
 September 30, 2021

	<u><b>Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund</b></u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 30,709
Customer Accounts Receivable	21,071
Total Current Assets	<u>51,780</u>
Restricted Assets:	
Cash	118,413
Investments	425
Total Restricted Assets	<u>118,838</u>
Utility Plant:	
Capital Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,526,509
Net Utility Plant	<u>1,526,509</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>1,697,127</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accrued Liabilities	33,699
Due to Other Funds	116,242
Current Portion of Bonds Payable	22,154
Bond Interest Payable	405
Total Current Liabilities	<u>172,500</u>
Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets:	
Customer Deposits	8,237
Total Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets	<u>8,237</u>
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Bonds Payable	190,153
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>190,153</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>370,890</u></u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,314,202
Unrestricted	<u>12,035</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 1,326,237</u></u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Net Position  
 Proprietary Funds  
 For the Year Ended  
 September 30, 2021

	<u>Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund</u>
Utility Operating Revenue:	
Charges for Water and Sewer	\$ 156,648
Other Income	2,071
Total Operating Revenue	<u>158,719</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Contract Labor	13,350
Depreciation Expense	61,981
Insurance	12,207
Office	1,872
Other Operating	19,162
Repairs and Maintenance	8,798
Salaries	51,720
Supplies	2,361
Telephone & Utilities	11,014
Total Operating Expenses	<u>182,465</u>
Utility Operating Loss	(23,746)
Other Income and Deductions:	
Grants	119,081
Interest and Dividend Revenue	36
Interest on Long-Term Debt	(11,670)
Total Other Income and Deductions	<u>107,447</u>
Income Before Transfers In (Out)	<u>83,701</u>
Change in Net Position	83,701
Total Net Position, Beginning	1,242,536
Total Net Position, Ending	<u>\$ 1,326,237</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows  
 Proprietary Funds  
 September 30, 2021

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 156,667
Net Decrease in Customer Deposits	(2,640)
Other Cash Received	2,071
Cash Paid to Employees for Services	(61,347)
Cash Paid for Goods and Services	(52,791)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>41,960</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities</b>	
Interfund Liability/Asset	33,369
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>33,369</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	
Cash from Capital Grants	119,081
Principal Paid on Bond Debt	(21,042)
Interest Paid on Long Term Debt	(11,670)
Net Cash Provided for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>86,369</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Cash Paid for Equipment	(51,249)
Interest and Dividend Income	36
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(51,213)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	110,485
Cash and Cash Equivalents-Beginning	38,637
Cash and Cash Equivalents-Ending	<u>\$ 149,122</u>

**Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to the Balance Sheet**

	September 30, 2021	
	End of Year	Beginning of Year
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Current and Accrued Assets	\$ 30,709	\$ 110
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	118,413	25,974
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 149,122</u>	<u>\$ 26,084</u>

**Reconciliation of Utility Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Utility Operating Loss	\$ (23,746)
Adjustments:	
Depreciation Expense	69,302
Decrease in Customer Accounts Receivables	19
Decrease in Accrued Liabilities	(975)
Decrease in Meter Deposits Payable	(2,640)
Total Adjustments	<u>65,706</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 41,960</u>

There were no operating investing, or financing activities during the year that did not result in cash receipts or payments.

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

## VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

The Village of North Hodge, Louisiana, was incorporated August 5, 1953, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. Services provided by the Village include police protection and street maintenance. The Village also operates a water distribution system and sewer system for about 203 customers.

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Village of North Hodge, Louisiana, are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements of Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Village are discussed below.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### A. Reporting Entity

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) establishes the criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under these provisions, the Village of North Hodge is considered a primary government, since it is a general purpose local *government* that has an elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. As used by GASB, fiscally independent means that the municipality may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt. Component units can be identified by financial accountability and whether exclusion would create misleading or incomplete financial statements. No component units were identified for the Village of North Hodge.

##### B. Basic Financial Statements--Government-Wide Statements

The Village's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Village as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Village's major funds). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The Village's police protection, highways and streets, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The Village's water and sewer services are classified as business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns are presented on a consolidated basis by column. They are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Village's net position is reported in three parts—invested in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net costs of each of the Village's functions and business-type activities. The functions are also supported by general government revenues. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating grants, and capital grants. Program revenues must *be* directly associated with the function or a business-type activity. The *net costs* (by function or

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**B. Basic Financial Statements--Government-Wide Statements (Continued)**

business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (taxes, interest income, etc.). The Village does not allocate indirect costs.

The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Village as an entity and the change in the Village's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

**C. Basic Financial Statements--Fund Financial Statements**

The financial transactions of the Village of North Hodge are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements. The following funds are used by the Village of North Hodge:

**Governmental Funds**--The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Village of North Hodge:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Village. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The activities reported in this fund are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

**Proprietary Funds**--The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net asset, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the proprietary funds of the Village:

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs.

The activities reported in this fund are reported as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements.

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified to describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used. These classifications are as follows: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in more than one classification, it is the Village's policy to use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

**Accrual** -- Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Property taxes are reported in the period for which levied. Sales tax collected and held by the sales tax collection agency at year end on-behalf of the government are reported in the period for which they were collected. Other nonexchange revenues, including intergovernmental revenues and grants, are reported when all eligibility requirements have been met. Fees, charges, and other exchange revenue are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**Modified Accrual** -- The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Property tax revenues are recognized in the period for which levied provided they are also available. Sales tax collected and held by the sales tax collection agency at year end on behalf of the government are reported in the period for which they were collected provided they are also available. Intergovernmental revenues and grants are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met, and the revenues are available. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt and employee vacation and sick leave, which are recognized when due and payable.

The Village reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. In the subsequent period, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are franchise fees, interest income, and intergovernmental revenues. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

**E. Budgetary Practices**

The Village of North Hodge, Louisiana, was required to prepare an operating budget, on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, on its general fund for the year ended September 30, 2021, as required by Louisiana law. The proposed original budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 was adopted on October 1, 2020. An amended budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 was adopted on September 21, 2021.

Although the Village was not required by statute to adopt a budget for the business-activity fund, a budget was adopted for the business-activity fund on October 1, 2020. An amended budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 was adopted on September 21, 2021.

**F. Cash Deposits and Investments**

Under state law, the Village of North Hodge may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal office in Louisiana. Deposits are carried at cost which approximates market value.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and short-term time deposits with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. Under state law, the Village of North Hodge may invest funds in collateralized certificates of deposit, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities. Investments are reported at fair value.

**G. Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets represent resources that must be expended in a specific manner. The "customers" deposits account is used to report amounts being held for customers' meter deposits. A corresponding liability is presented to record these funds held by the enterprise fund. The Village also receives grants for specific purposes. The proceeds from these grants were deposited into a separate account and are restricted to the purpose for which they were approved. A corresponding liability is recorded for amounts payable on the project.

In compliance with its bond covenant, the Village is required to established restricted cash accounts for debt service and fund in the amount of \$272.60 per month effective October 1, 2014. The Village is also required to establish a separate account in the Village's name as a security for the utility services and is to be refunded to the customer upon termination of services and outstanding utility amounts are fully satisfied.

**H. Compensated Absences**

Vacation and sick leave are noncumulative. Employees who work 28 hours a week or more receive four (4) days of vacation, four (4) days of sick leave and (4) inclement weather days (that are not guaranteed) annually. There are no accumulated and vested benefits relating to vacation and sick leave that require accrual or disclosure at year end. Employees are entitled to paid official holidays that are considered holidays by the State of Louisiana.

**I. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**J. Inter-fund Receivables and Payables**

Inter-fund activity is reported as loans, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as inter-fund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**J. Inter-fund Receivables and Payables (Continued)**

reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other inter-fund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers *between* governmental or *between* proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements. At the end of the fiscal year, outstanding funds are referred to as "due to/from other funds" on the fund financial statements balance sheets. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

**K. Equity Classifications**

Government Wide Statements--Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Fund Financial Statements--Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The following classifications are used to describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:

Non-spendable Fund Balance - amounts that are not in spendable form (such as prepaids) or are required to *be* maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint.

Assigned Fund Balance - amounts the government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.

Unassigned Fund Balance - amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as government wide statements.

**L. Statement of Cash Flows**

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all cash and cash equivalents are considered cash regardless of whether there are restrictions on their use.

**M. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The Village reports decreases in net assets that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources and increases in net assets that relate to future periods as deferred inflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary fund statements of net position. There were no deferred outflows or deferred inflows of resources reported in this year's financial statements.

**N. Receivables**

Ad valorem tax and proprietary fund receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. Estimated uncollectible amounts are recognized as a reduction in revenue in the general fund and as bad debt expense in the proprietary fund through an allowance established based upon collection experience and other factors which indicate possible uncollectibility.

Ad valorem taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become delinquent after December 31. The Village bills and collects its own ad valorem taxes. For the year ended September 30, 2021, ad valorem taxes, one rate of tax was levied on property within the corporate limits, as follows:

7.63 mills for the general maintenance of the Village. This millage was approved by the Board of Aldermen August 11, 2020. This millage is the maximum millage that can be assessed without the approval of voters.

For the year ended September 30, 2021, taxes of \$7,280 were levied on property. Taxes receivable at September 30, 2021 consisted of the following:

Taxes Receivable	\$ 899
Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	-
Net Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable	<u>\$ 899</u>

The following are the principal taxpayers and their related ad valorem tax revenue for the Village:

Longleaf Estates	\$ 570
Alltel Comm Wireless, Inc.	299
Atmos Energy	307
Total	<u>\$ 1,176</u>

By special election, duly called and held, on July 11, 1981, the qualified electors of the Village of North Hodge authorized a one-cent sale and use tax levy, as defined in Louisiana R.S. 47:301 to Louisiana R.S. 47:317, to be dedicated and used for the purpose of providing funds for any lawful corporate

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**N. Receivables (Continued)**

purpose of the Village. The Village adopted Ordinance Number 177 on August 13, 1981, whereby this tax was levied from and after October 1, 1981.

**O. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	40 years
Improvements	10 to 20 years
Streets	20 years
Water and Sewer Systems	10 to 50 years
Machinery, Equipment, and Furniture	5 to 10 years

General infrastructure capital assets consisting of streets, bridges, sidewalks, and drainage systems acquired before January 1, 2004, are excluded from capital assets.

**P. Interfund Transfers**

Permanent reallocation of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as inter-fund transfers. For the purposes of the Statement of Activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

**Q. Defining Operating Revenues and Expenses**

The Village's proprietary funds distinguish between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses of the Village's water and sewer fund consist of charges for services and cost of providing those services, including depreciation and excluding interest cost. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At September 30, 2021, the Village had cash and cash equivalents (restricted and unrestricted) as follows:

	Cash	Certificate of Deposit	Total
Unrestricted			
Cash on Hand	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200
Demand Deposits	42,825	-	42,825
Restricted			
Demand Deposits	118,498	-	118,498
Time Deposit	-	425	425
Total	\$ 161,523	\$ 425	\$ 161,948

The Village maintains its cash accounts at a local bank which provides Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage of \$250,000 for all demand deposits and \$250,000 for all time deposits. At September 30, 2021, the Village has \$161,948 in deposits (collected bank balances), which is secured from risk by FDIC insurance.

Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance, or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must, at all times, equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

**NOTE 3 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE**

For the year ended September 30, 2021, interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

Due to General Government from Sewer and Water	\$ (116,242)
Due from Sewer and Water to General Government	116,242
Net Interfund Receivables & Payables	\$ -

**NOTE 4 - RESTRICTED ASSETS**

Restricted assets for the proprietary fund were applicable to the following at September 30, 2021:

Customers' Deposits	\$ 12,916
Kirkpatrick Family Park	356
State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	69,532
Street Repairs	16,586
Debt Service	19,423
Total	\$ 118,813

The Village received contributions from the public for improvements to a local park. Those funds were deposited into a separate account. At September 30, 2021, the remaining funds received for the park were \$356.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**NOTE 5 - ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

At September 30, 2021, the Village had the following accrued liabilities:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sewer &amp; Water</u>	<u>Total</u>
Payroll Taxes	\$ 31,539	\$ 33,700	\$ 65,239
Accounts Payable	9	-	9
Total	<u>\$ 31,548</u>	<u>\$ 33,700</u>	<u>\$ 65,248</u>

\$62,269 of the payroll tax liabilities were owed for past due payroll taxes, interest and penalties for fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016.

**NOTE 6 - ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021 for the Village is as follows:

	<u>Balance 10/1/20</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 9/30/21</u>
<b>Government Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets				
Land	\$ 2,775	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,775
Buildings	20,441	-	-	20,441
Improvements	11,895	-	-	11,895
Streets	221,007	-	-	221,007
Equipment	93,784	-	-	93,784
Total Capital Assets	<u>349,902</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>349,902</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	17,722	259	-	17,981
Improvements	5,499	880	-	6,379
Streets	123,750	11,689	-	135,439
Equipment	90,794	7	-	90,801
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>237,765</u>	<u>12,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,600</u>
Governmental Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 112,137</u>	<u>\$ (12,835)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 99,302</u>
	<u>Balance 10/1/20</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 9/30/21</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>				
Capital Assets				
Land	\$ 20,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,127
Buildings	1,955	-	-	1,955
Machinery and Equipment	79,606	51,249	-	130,855
Water and Sewer System	2,799,648	-	-	2,799,648
Total	<u>2,901,336</u>	<u>51,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,952,585</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	1,955	-	-	1,955
Machinery and Equipment	127,875	26,073	-	153,948
Water and Sewer System	1,226,944	43,229	-	1,270,173
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,356,774</u>	<u>69,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,426,076</u>
Business-Type Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,544,562</u>	<u>\$ (18,053)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,526,509</u>

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES**

Accounts receivable consisted of customer billings for water and sewer usage. There were 152 customer accounts totaling \$21,071 consisting of 28 customers with past due balances of \$8,965 at September 30, 2021.

**NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

Long-Term debt payable is comprised of the following individual debt instruments:

Revenue Bonds

\$340,000 Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, dated September 18, 2014, due in monthly installments of \$2,726 beginning October 18, 2014 for fifteen years, interest at 5.9% on \$255,000 of bonds and 3% on \$85,000; secured by revenues earned by the Village of North Hodge, derived from the operation of the utility system

Balance at October 1	\$ 212,306
Less: Current Maturities Adjustment	<u>(22,153)</u>
Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Maturities	<u>\$ 190,153</u>

The annual debt service requirements to maturity to all issued debt outstanding as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 22,097	\$ 10,615
2023	23,267	9,445
2024	24,502	8,211
2025	25,806	6,907
2026	27,184	5,529
2027-2029	<u>89,450</u>	<u>7,514</u>
	<u>\$ 212,306</u>	<u>\$ 48,221</u>

At September 30, 2021, the debt reserve account was required to be funded as follows:

Required Beginning Balance	\$ 19,627
Required 2021 Deposits	<u>3,271</u>
Required Ending Balance	<u>\$ 22,898</u>
Actual Balance	<u>17,273</u>
Deficit Funding	<u>\$ (5,625)</u>

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**NOTE 9 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

In March of 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law. The ARPA provides additional relief to address the continued impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses. The funding laid out in ARPA extends to a wide range of programs, including but not limited to, nutrition, schools and higher education institutions, childcare, COVID-19 testing and treatment, mental health, housing assistance, healthcare and transportation. One of the new programs created under ARPA is related to the *Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.

*Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds* (SLFRF) provided over \$350 billion to states, tribal entities, U.S. territories, and local governments. They can be used for the following:

- Covering costs to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.
- Responding to workers performing essential services.
- The provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to COVID-19.
- Making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the Village received SLFRF in the amount of \$69,532. The Village plans to use the funding for sewer and water capital expenditures.

**NOTE 10 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS**

At September 30, 2021, the Village had the following prior period adjustment:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sewer &amp; Water</u>	<u>Total</u>
Understatement of Expenses	\$ (78)	-	(78)
Total	<u>\$ (78)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (78)</u>

**NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, June 30, 2022, and determined that no events occurred that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**(Part 2 of 2)**

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-BUDGET AND ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND  
Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Budget Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Taxes					
Ad Valorem	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,299	\$ (299)	-4%
Electronic Bingo	50,000	48,000	77,851	(29,851)	-62%
Franchise/Insurance	14,050	10,000	10,852	(852)	-9%
Sales	12,200	12,200	17,304	(5,104)	-42%
Licenses and Permits	2,000	5,200	1,865	3,335	64%
Fines and Forfeitures	125,000	125,000	125,572	(572)	0%
Grants	6,750	6,750	-	6,750	100%
Interest and Miscellaneous	25,000	8,000	7,292	708	-100%
Total Revenues	<u>242,000</u>	<u>222,150</u>	<u>248,035</u>	<u>(25,885)</u>	<u>-12%</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General Government	117,550	131,793	121,447	10,346	8%
Public Safety	74,100	79,400	79,011	389	0%
Highways and Streets	5,300	4,000	7,108	(3,108)	-78%
Total Expenditures	<u>196,950</u>	<u>215,193</u>	<u>207,566</u>	<u>7,627</u>	<u>4%</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	45,050	6,957	40,469	(33,512)	-482%
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers from (to) Other Funds	-	(4,000)	-	(4,000)	100%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	45,050	2,957	40,469	(37,512)	-1269%
Fund Balances (Deficit) , Beginning	-	65,372	61,901	-	0%
Prior Period Adjustment	-	-	(78)	78	100%
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 45,050</u>	<u>\$ 68,329</u>	<u>\$ 102,292</u>	<u>\$ (37,434)</u>	<u>-55%</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL-PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Budget Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget	
	Original	Final		\$	%
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Water and Sewer Charges	\$ 145,500	\$ 138,600	\$ 156,648	\$ (18,048)	-13%
Grants	159,000	112,332	119,081	(6,749)	-6%
Other Revenue	-	22,000	2,107	19,893	90%
Total Revenues	<u>304,500</u>	<u>272,932</u>	<u>277,836</u>	<u>(4,904)</u>	<u>-2%</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Contract Labor	8,400	9,500	13,350	(3,850)	-41%
Insurance	-	-	12,207	(12,207)	100%
Office	750	1,000	1,872	(872)	-87%
Other Operating	8,300	11,520	19,162	(7,642)	-66%
Repairs and Maintenance	13,500	13,000	8,798	4,202	32%
Salaries	58,480	62,480	51,720	10,760	17%
Supplies	1,200	1,500	2,361	(861)	-57%
Telephone & Utilities	12,000	12,000	11,014	986	8%
Total Expenditures	<u>102,630</u>	<u>111,000</u>	<u>120,484</u>	<u>(9,484)</u>	<u>-8%</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	201,870	161,932	157,352	4,580	3%
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Debt Service	(30,485)	(30,485)	(32,712)	2,227	-7%
Acquisitions	(45,000)	(45,000)	(51,249)	6,249	-14%
Water Tower Improvements	(255,000)	-	-	-	0%
Bond Proceeds-2021	141,000	-	-	-	0%
Transfers from (to) Other Funds	(3,200)	(10,210)	-	(10,210)	100%
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(192,685)</u>	<u>(85,695)</u>	<u>(83,961)</u>	<u>(1,734)</u>	<u>2%</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ 9,185</u>	<u>\$ 76,237</u>	<u>\$ 73,391</u>	<u>\$ 2,846</u>	<u>4%</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF MAYOR'S AND ALDERMEN'S COMPENSATION

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2021

The schedule of compensation paid to the mayor and aldermen is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Compensation of the board members is included in the general government expenditures of the General Fund. The mayor and aldermen receive compensation pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33: 404.1.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>2021 Compensation</b>
Kathy Robertson	Mayor	01/01/19-12/31/22	\$ 12,000
Chasity Davis	Alderman	01/01/19-12/31/22	3,700
Ernest Roden	Alderman	01/01/19-12/31/22	3,700
Andrea D. Woods	Alderman	01/01/19-12/31/22	3,700
Total Mayor's and Alderman's Compensation			<u>\$ 23,100</u>

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS  
TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Agency Head Name: Mayor Kathy Robertson

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>2021</b>
Kathy Robertson	01/01/19 - 12/31/22	
Salary		\$ 12,000
Reimbursements		299
Total Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer		<u>\$ 12,299</u>

Village of North Hodge, Louisiana  
Justice System Funding Schedule  
Receiving Entity  
Year Ended September 30, 2021

	First Six Month Period Ended 3/31/2021	Second Six Month Period Ended 9/30/2021
Cash Basis Presentation		
Receipts From:		
Village of North Hodge Mayoral Court-Traffic Fines	\$ 54,157	\$ 71,415
Service Fees by Third Party Collecting Agencies	2,527	4,065
Total Receipts	56,684	75,480
Amounts Retained by Third Party Collecting Agencies		
	(2,527)	(4,065)
Net Receipts	\$ 54,157	\$ 71,415

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND  
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Honorable Kathy Robertson, Mayor,  
and Members of the Board of Aldermen  
Village of North Hodge, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Village of North Hodge, Louisiana (the "Village"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated June 30, 2022.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, I did identify a certain deficiency in internal as item 2021-3 that I consider to be a material weakness.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Village's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

*A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Village of North Hodge, Louisiana  
Independent Auditor's Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On  
Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed  
In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards* (Continued)

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-1 through 2021-3.

**Village's Responses to Findings**

The Village's responses to the findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Village's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the council members, others within the Village, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.



Rosie D. Harper  
Certified Public Accountant

Monroe, Louisiana  
June 30, 2022

# VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS WITH MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTION As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2021

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Village of North Hodge, Louisiana (the "Village"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated June 30, 2022. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of September 30, 2021 resulted in an unmodified opinion.

### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Report

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

#### Internal Control

Significant Deficiencies  Yes No

Material Weaknesses  Yes No

#### Compliance

Material to Financial Statements Yes  No

2021-1 Noncompliance with revenue bond covenant agreement (*Repeat Finding*)

Criteria: The resolution authorizing the sewer revenue bonds requires the following:

1. The Village establish a separate bond reserve fund and monthly deposits of \$272.60 are required to be made to the fund.

Condition: For the year ended September 30, 2021:

1. The fund was under-funded by \$5,625.

Cause: The required monthly deposits are not being made into the bond reserve fund.

Effect: The Village is in violation of the sewer revenue bond covenant.

Recommendation: Funds should be timely deposited to the sewer revenue bond restricted cash accounts to fund the minimum required balances.

Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action:

*The account was brought current as of February 2022. The Village of North Hodge is committed to make sure that it stays current by depositing the required monthly payments into the fund.*

2021-2 Untimely payroll tax payments (*Repeat Finding*)

Criteria: Federal and state statute require payroll taxes to be deposited timely.

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS WITH  
MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE AND PLANNED CORRECTIVE ACTION (Continued)

Condition: For the year ended September 30, 2021, the Village had unpaid federal payroll taxes, penalties and interest of \$50,670 and unpaid state payroll taxes, penalties and interest \$6,850 which were incurred during fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016.

Cause: Funds necessary to pay these amounts when originally due during fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016 were not available.

Effect: The Village is incurring penalties and interest by failing to pay federal and state payroll taxes in a timely manner.

Recommendation: The Village is currently in an installment agreement with the Internal Revenue Service Center to pay past due payroll tax obligations. Unfortunately, the amount which the Village can afford to pay to the Internal Revenue Service Center is primarily paying interest. The Village has submitted an offer and compromise with Internal Revenue Center which is being processed.

Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action:

*The Village of North Hodge has submitted an offer and compromise with Internal Revenue Service. We are paying our current payroll taxes monthly and sending our 941's every quarter in a timely manner. We expect a favorable resolution with the offer and compromise.*

2021-3 Untimely reconciliation of bank statements (*Repeat Finding*)

Criteria: Bank statements should be reconciled within 60 days of receipt to protect the Village against the risk of losses from fraudulent transactions and errors.

Condition: For the year ended September 30, 2021, the Village's bank statements were reconciled over 60 days after receipt.

Cause: The Clerk failed to reconcile the bank account statements timely.

Effect: Generally, bank customers have 60 days to notify their financial institutions of an error or unauthorized transaction. After this period, the customer can be subject to unlimited losses.

Recommendation: To protect the Village from the risk of losses, the Clerk should reconcile all bank accounts within 60 days of receipt.

Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action:

*To ensure compliance with the bank reconciliations, the Mayor and Clerk have made a schedule to ensure that all bank records are reconciled on a specific day of the month by the Clerk and that each completed reconciliation is signed by the Mayor before the Assistant Clerk files them in the correct bank binder.*

VILLAGE OF NORTH HODGE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

FINDINGS-FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

2020-1: - Operating Deficit in Water and Sewer Fund (*Repeat Finding*)-The Village adopted a budget for its water and sewer fund. The Village has a bond covenant which requires the sewer and water fund to operate with sufficient funds to service the bond debt and cover the related operating expenses. The budget should be monitored and revised as needed to maintain a balanced budget. The Village had an operating deficit in the sewer and water fund. The budget reflects a breakeven change in net position. The Sewer and Water Fund planned for a deficit in operations of \$14,150. Although the actual variance was \$5,530.

STATUS: **CLEARED**

2020-2: - Customer Meter Deposit Cash Insufficient to Meet Customer Deposit Liability (*Repeat Finding*)- These amounts are required to be held by the Village in a separate account in the Village's name as a security for the utility services and is to be refunded to the customer upon termination of services and outstanding utility amounts are fully satisfied. The amounts held in the security deposit accounts was insufficient to meet customer deposit liability as follows:

Restricted Cash	S	7,389
Utility Meter Liability		10,877
Underfunding	S	<u>(3,488)</u>

STATUS: **CLEARED**

2020-3: - Failure to enact, record and publish ordinances as required by R.S. 33:406. (*Repeat Finding*)-R. S. 33:406 requires the "municipal clerk shall publish each ordinance adopted by the board of aldermen once in the official journal of the municipality, designated pursuant to R.S. 43:141 through R.S. 43:149, within twenty days of its adoption and prior to its effective date, except as otherwise provided in R.S. 33:405(D)." For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, the Village passed four ordinances. One of the ordinances was not timely published after the adoption as required by R.S. 33:406.

STATUS: **CLEARED**

2020-4 - Noncompliance with revenue bond covenant agreement (*Repeat Finding*)- The resolution authorizing the sewer revenue bonds requires the following:

1. The Village establish a separate bond reserve fund and monthly deposits of \$272.60 are required to be made to the fund.

STATUS: **UNCLEARED**

2020-5: - Untimely payroll tax payments (*Repeat Finding*)-Federal and state statute require payroll taxes to be deposited timely. For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Village had unpaid federal payroll taxes, penalties and interest of \$43,820 and unpaid state payroll taxes, penalties and interest \$4,896 which were incurred during fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016.

STATUS: **UNCLEARED**

**Village of North Hodge, Louisiana**  
**Schedule of Prior Year Findings (Continued)**

Schedule 12

2020-6: - Untimely reconciliation of bank statements- Bank statements were not reconciled within 60 days of receipt to protect the Village against the risk of losses from fraudulent transactions and errors. For the year ended September 30, 2020, the Village's bank statements were reconciled over 60 days after receipt.

STATUS: **UNCLEARED**

2020-7: - Failure to file Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statements with the Social Security Administration - The Village did not file the Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statements timely. In 2016, the Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statements were not filed timely.

STATUS: **CLEARED**