VILLAGE OF CLARENCE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2004

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Village of Clarence

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS for the Year Ended June 30, 2004

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34. As this is the first year the Village will be reporting under this new model, certain comparative information with the previous year, which is by design included in this model, will not be presented in the analysis, as permitted by GASB No. 34 with respect to first year reporting.

Financial Highlights

This annual report consists of a series of new financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Village as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Village's finances. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

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A summary of the basic government-wide financial statements is as follows:

Summary of Statement of Net Assets

ASSETS:	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business-Type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Assets Restricted Assets Capital assets, net of	\$25,349 0	\$ 18,059 9,232	\$ 43,408 9,232
accumulated depreciation	43,160	1,862,167	1,905,327
Total Assets	\$ <u>68,509</u>	\$ <u>1,889,458</u>	\$ <u>1,957,967</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable Customer Deposits Payable Long Term Debt	\$ 3,474 0 13,357	\$ 2,814 5,963 89,000	\$ 6,288 5,963 102,357
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>16,831</u>	\$ <u>97,777</u>	\$ <u>114,608</u>
NET ASSETS	\$ <u>51,678</u>	\$ <u>1,791,681</u>	\$ <u>1,843,359</u>
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for Debt Service Unreserved Net Assets	\$29,803 0 21,875	\$1,773,167 18,514 0	\$1,802,970 18,514
NET ASSETS	\$ <u>51,678</u>	\$ <u>1,791,681</u>	\$ <u>1,843,359</u>

Summary of Statement of Activities

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business-Type Activities	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES:			
General Revenues:			4
Charge for Services	\$ 33,051	\$106,891	\$139,942
Taxes and Licenses	37,323	0	37,323
Fines	65,414	0	65,414
Grants	49,004	49,004	98,008
Other	<u>3,561</u>	18	<u>3,579</u>
Total Revenues	\$ <u>188,353</u>	\$ <u>155,913</u>	\$ <u>344,266</u>
EXPENSES:			
Public Safety	\$ 72,318	\$ 0	\$ 72,318
General Government	103,976	0	103,976
Operating Expense	0	112,794	112,794
Interest Expense	912	4,350	5,262
Total Expenses	\$ <u>177,206</u>	\$ <u>117,144</u>	\$ <u>294,350</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ <u>11,147</u>	\$ <u>38,769</u>	\$ <u>49,916</u>

Governmental Activities

- The Village's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$51,678 (net assets) for the year.
- Unreserved net assets of \$21,875 represent the portion available to maintain the Village's obligation to both citizens and creditors.

Business Type Activities

The Proprietary Fund (the water and sewer service) experienced an operating loss of \$5,903 for the year. Revenues and expenses remained fairly consistent with the prior year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

At year end, actual revenues were \$27,418 more than budgeted and actual expenditures were \$19,039 more than budgeted expenditures.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Village has prepared its FY 2004/2005 budget for the General Fund on the assumption that revenues and expenditures will remain fairly constant next year. Both revenues and expenditures for the Utility Enterprise Fund should also remain constant during the next year.

Contacting the Village

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Village's finances and to show the Village's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to the Village at P. O. Box 309, Clarence, LA 71414.

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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Clarence

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and major fund information of the Village of Clarence as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting, in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements, and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 4 and 29 through 30, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have not audited or reviewed this information, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on it.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated December 12, 2004, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's

December 12, 2004 Natchitoches, LA 71457

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Clarence Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2004

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type <u>Activities</u>	Total
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$17,990	\$ 6,549	\$ 24,539
Receivables	7,359	8,055	15,414
Due from Others	0	3,455	3,455
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>25,349</u>	\$ <u>18,059</u>	\$ <u>43,408</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Restricted Assets:			
Customers Meter Deposits	\$ 0	\$ 5,961	\$ 5,961
Bond Covenant Accounts	0	3,271	3,271
Capital Assets (net)	<u>43,160</u>	<u>1,862,167</u>	<u>1,905,327</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$ <u>43,160</u>	\$ <u>1,871,399</u>	\$ <u>1,914,559</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>68,509</u>	\$ <u>1,889,458</u>	\$ <u>1,957,967</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,474	\$ 2,814	\$ 6,288
Current Portion - Long Term Debt	<u>7,123</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,123</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ <u>10,597</u>	\$ <u>6,814</u>	\$ 17,411
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Customers Deposits Payable	\$ 0	\$ 5,963	\$ 5,963
Long-Term Debt	6,234	85,000	91,234
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ <u>6,234</u>	\$ <u>90,963</u>	\$ <u>97,197</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>16,831</u>	\$ <u>97,777</u>	\$ <u>114,608</u>
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in Capital Assets,			
Net of Related Debt	\$29,803	\$1,773,167	\$1,802,970
Restricted for Debt Service	0	18,514	18,514
Unrestricted	<u>21,875</u>	0	21,875
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>51,678</u>	\$ <u>1,791,681</u>	\$ <u>1,843,359</u>

See accountant's compilation report and notes to financial statements.

Village of Clarence Statement of Activities June 30, 2004

			Program Revenue	S	Net (Expense	e) Revenue	
		Charges	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	and Changes	in Net Assets	
		for	and	and	Government	Business-Type	
<u>Activities</u>	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$103,976	\$ 33,051	\$0	\$ 49,004	\$(21,921)	\$ 0	\$ (21,921)
Public Safety	73,230	65,414	<u>0</u>	0	<u>(7,816</u>)	0	<u>(7,816)</u>
Total Governmental							
Activities	\$ <u>177,206</u>	\$ <u>(98,465)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>(49,004)</u>	\$ <u>(29,737</u>)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>(29,737</u>)
Business-Type Activities:							
Water/Sewer	\$ <u>117,144</u>	\$ <u>106,891</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>49,004</u>	\$0	\$ <u>38,751</u>	\$ <u>38,751</u>
Total Government	\$ <u>294,350</u>	\$(<u>205,356)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>(98,008)</u>	\$ <u>(29,737)</u>	\$ 38,751	\$ <u>9,014</u>
		Gene	ral Revenues:				
		Ta	ixes		\$ 37,323	\$ 0	\$ 37,323
		In	terest		3	18	21
		M	iscellaneous		<u>3,558</u>	0	3,558
			Total General Rever	iues	\$ <u>40,884</u>	\$18	\$ <u>40,902</u>
			Change in Net Asset	ts	\$ 11,147	\$ 38,769	\$ 49,916
		Net A	Assets January 1, 200	3			
			stated - See note 2)		40,531	<u>1,752,912</u>	1,793,443
		Net A	Assets June 30, 2004		\$ <u>51,678</u>	\$ <u>1,791,681</u>	\$ <u>1,843,359</u>

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Clarence Balance Sheet-Governmental Funds June 30, 2004

	M	Major Funds		
	General	Special Revenue	Governmental	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>LCDBG</u>	<u>Funds</u>	
ASSETS:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$17,990	\$0	\$17,990	
Receivables	<u> 7,359</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,359</u>	
Total Assets	\$ <u>25,349</u>	\$ <u>Q</u>	\$ <u>25,349</u>	
LIABILITIES:				
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,474	\$0	\$ 3,474	
FUND BALANCES:				
Unreserved	<u>21,875</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,875</u>	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u>25,349</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>25,349</u>	

Village of Clarence Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2004

Total Fund Balance	for the Governmental Fund
at June 30, 2004	

\$ 21,875

Total Net Assets reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets is different because:

Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

Land, Equipment, Buildings, and Vehicles, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

43,160

Long-term liabilities are not due payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds

(13,357)

Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities at June 30, 2004

\$<u>51,678</u>

Village of Clarence Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended June 30, 2004

	M		
	General	Special Revenue	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>LCDBG</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 37,323	\$ 0	\$ 37,323
Licenses and Permits	33,051	0	33,051
Intergovernmental	0	49,004	49,004
Fines and Forfeits	65,414	0	65,414
Miscellaneous	3,561	0	3,561
Total Revenues	\$ <u>139,349</u>	\$ <u>49,004</u>	\$ <u>188,353</u>
Expenditures:			
Current-			
General Government	\$ 65,888	\$ 0	\$ 65,888
Public Safety	56,890	0	56,890
Debt Service	7,665	0	7,665
Capital Outlay-			
Administration	0	6,494	6,494
Public Works	0	<u>42,510</u>	42,510
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>130,443</u>	\$ <u>49,004</u>	\$ <u>179,447</u> .
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 8,906	\$ 0	\$ 8,906
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	12,969	0	12,969
Fund Balance-End of Year	\$ <u>21,875</u>	\$0	\$ <u>21,875</u>

Village of Clarence Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Total Net Change in Fund Balance at June 30, 2004, per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

\$ 8,906

The Change in Net Assets reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:

ADD: Payments made on Long-term Debt are shown as Expenditures in the Governmental Funds, but the payments reduce Long-term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets.

6,753

LESS: Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while the Statement of Activities reports depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2004.

(4,512)

Total changes in Net Assets at June 30, 2004, per Statement of Activities

\$11,147

Village of Clarence Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Fund Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Proprietary <u>Fund</u>
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,549
Accounts Receivable	8,055
Due from Others	<u>3,455</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>18,059</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted Assets-	
Customer Deposits	\$ 5,961
Bond Covenant Accounts	3,271
Capital Assets-	
Capital Assets, Net	<u>1,862,167</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$ <u>1,871,399</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>1,889,458</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 689
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	4,000
Accrued Interest	<u>2,125</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ <u>6,814</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Long-Term Debt	\$ 85,000
Payable from Restricted Assets-	
Customers Deposits	5,963
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ <u>90,963</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>97,777</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt	\$1,773,167
Restricted for Debt Service	18,514
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>1,791,681</u>

See accountant's compilation report and notes to financial statements.

Village of Clarence Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Sales	\$ <u>106,891</u>
Total Operating Revenues	\$ <u>106,891</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Depreciation	\$ 23,617
Personnel	22,069
Utilities/Telephone	39,251
Repairs & Maintenance	10,645
Supplies	4,608
Office	7,767
Insurance	3,382
Testing	1,455
Total Operating Expenses	\$ <u>112,794</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	\$(5,903)
OTHER REVENUES AND EXPENSES:	
Interest Income	\$ 18
Interest Expense	(4,350)
Contributed Capital	<u>49,004</u>
Total Other	\$ <u>44,672</u>
Net Income	\$ 38,769
Net Assets-Beginning of Year	1,752,912
Net Assets-End of Year	\$ <u>1,791,681</u>

Village of Clarence Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund June 30, 2004

	Business Type Activities
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$103,735
Cash paid to suppliers	(67,952)
Cash paid to employees	<u>(23,154)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ <u>12,629</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Transfer from other funds	\$ <u>49,004</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Principal paid on capital debt	\$ (4,000)
Interest paid on capital debt	(4,450)
Purchase of Capital Assets	<u>(49,004</u>)
Net Cash Provided (used) for	
Capital and Related Financing Activities	\$ <u>(57,454</u>)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>18</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,197
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	11,584
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ <u>15,781</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (loss)	
to Net cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (5,903)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income	
to Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation expense	23,617
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Receivables	(4,435)
Accounts and other payables	<u>(650</u>)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ <u>12,629</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction:

The Village of Clarence, Louisiana, is incorporated under the Lawrason Act with a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. The executive branch of government is headed by the Mayor and a Legislative branch consisting of Aldermen.

This report includes all funds which are controlled or dependent on the Village of Clarence's executive and legislative branches (the Mayor and Aldermen). Control by or dependence on the Village of Clarence was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of government body, and other general oversight responsibility.

The Village's operations include police, streets and drainage, and general and administrative services. In addition, the Village operates a Utility System which provides water and sewer services.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A. REPORTING ENTITY-

The Village is the basic level of government which has financial accountability and control over all activities related to the Village operations and services provided. The Village is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB pronouncements, since the Village Mayor and Board of Aldermen are elected by the public and have decision making authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, there are no component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, which are included in the Village's reporting entity.

The financial statements of the Village of Clarence, Louisiana are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Village of Clarence's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Proprietary funds and similar component units apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless the pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION-

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Village's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING-

The accounts of the Village are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The Village maintains three funds. They are categorized as governmental funds and a proprietary fund. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds; each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The major funds of the Village are described below:

Governmental Fund-

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.

Special Revenue Fund

Special Revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG)

The LCDBG fund is used to account for a capital grant from the Louisiana Division of Administration to be used for the construction of water system improvements.

Management has elected to present the LCDBG fund as major in order to more closely monitor results.

Proprietary Fund-

Enterprise Fund

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body if that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriated for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The Village's enterprise find is the Utility Fund.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING-

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus-

On the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement is used as appropriate.

a. The governmental fund utilizes a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. This fund uses fund balance as its measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

b. The government-wide financial statement utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost of recovery) and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net assets.

Basis of Accounting-

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic assets used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

E. CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS-

For purposes of the Statement of Net Assets, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts and savings accounts of the Village.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS-

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Village maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of that asset or materially extend the life of that asset are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	40 years
Equipment and vehicles	3-10 years
Utility system and improvements	10-50 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

G. RESTRICTED ASSETS-

Restricted assets include cash, interest-bearing deposits, and investments of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to customer deposits and bond covenants.

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES-

There is no formal leave policy for the Village, therefore no entry is made to record compensated absences.

I. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS-

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. 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.
- b. Restricted net assets---Consists of net assets 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 provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets—All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated.

J. ESTIMATES-

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, require 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 statement and the reported amounts of revenue, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES-

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing noncapital financing, or investing activities.

L. EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES-

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character Proprietary Fund - By Operating and Nonoperating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

M. BUDGET-

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Village adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

2. Change in Accounting Principles:

For the year ended June 30, 2004, the Village has implemented GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. GASB No. 34 creates new basic financial statements for reporting on the Village's financial activities. The financial statements now include government-wide financial statements prepared on

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Village of Clarence Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2004

the accrual basis of accounting, and fund financial statements which present information for individual major funds rather than by fund type which has been the mode of presentation in previously issued financial statements.

The implementation of GASB No. 34 caused the opening fund balance at June 30, 2003, to be restated in terms of "net assets" as follows:

	nd balance-Governmental Fund 30, 2003		\$ 12,968
Add:	Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2003	\$ 95,320	
Less:	Accumulated Depreciation at June 30, 2003	(47,647)	
Less:	Long-term Debt at June 30, 2003	(20,110)	<u>27,563</u>

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits, and time deposits. At June 30, 2004, the Village had cash and cash equivalents (collected bank balances) totaling \$35,058. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under Louisiana law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of safekeeping receipts held by the Village. The deposits at June 30, 2004, were fully secured by FDIC.

4. Restricted Assets:

The Enterprise Fund has restricted assets as follows:

Net Assets at June 30, 2003

Water and Sewer Customer Deposits	\$5,961
Bond Covenant Accounts-	
Depreciation Contingency	608
Bond Reserve	525
Sinking Fund	<u>2,138</u>
Total	\$ <u>9,232</u>

Under the terms of the bond indenture on outstanding Water Utility Bonds dated August 3, 1970, and December 4, 1979, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operations of the Utility System, are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds and are to be set aside into the following funds:

- (a) Each month, there will be set aside into a fund called the Amortization Fund an amount constituting 1/12 of the next maturing installment of principal and interest on the outstanding bonds. Such transfers shall be fully sufficient to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest installments as they become due, and may be used only for such payments.
- (b) There shall also be set aside into a Reserve Fund an amount equal to 5% of the principal and interest payments required during the month until there shall have been accumulated in the Reserve Account an amount equal to the maximum principal and interest requirement in any one maturity year (\$13,850). Such amounts may be used only for the payment of maturing bonds and interest coupons for which sufficient funds are not on deposit in the Amortization Fund and as to which there would otherwise be default.
- (c) Funds will also be set aside into a Depreciation and Contingency Fund at the rate of \$55 per month. Money in this fund may be used for the making of extraordinary repairs or replacements to the system which are necessary to keep the system in operating condition and for which money is not available as a maintenance and operation expense.
- (d) All of the revenues received in any fiscal year that are not required to be paid in such fiscal year into any of the above noted funds shall be regarded as surplus and may be used for any lawful purpose.

5. Capital Assets:

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2004, is as follows:

Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Balance <u>07-01-03</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06-30-04
Building	\$ 46,751	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 46,751
Office Furniture, Fixtures				
& Equipment	9,274	0	0	9,274
Vehicles	39,295	0	<u>0</u>	<u> 39,295</u>
Total Costs	\$ <u>95,320</u>	\$0	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>95,320</u>
Less, Accumulated Depreciation				
Building	\$ 22,207	\$ 1,169	\$0	\$ 23,376
Office Furniture, Fixtures				
& Equipment	5,311	1,215	0	6,526
Vehicles	20,129	2,129	<u>0</u>	22,258
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ <u>47,647</u>	\$ <u>4,513</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ 52,160
Net Capital Assets	\$ <u>47,673</u>	\$ <u>(4,513)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>43,160</u>

Business-Type Activities	Balance 07-01-03	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06-30-04
Capital Assets Depreciated				
Water System	\$2,054,625	\$49,004	\$0	\$2,103,629
Sewer System	14,567	0	<u>0</u>	14,567
Total Costs	\$2,069,192	\$ <u>49,004</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>2,118,196</u>
Less, Accumulated Depreciation				
Water System	\$ 230,372	\$23,326	\$0	\$ 253,698
Sewer System	2,039	<u> 291</u>	$\underline{0}$	2,330
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ <u>232,411</u>	\$ <u>23,617</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>256,028</u>
Net Capital Assets	\$ <u>1,836,781</u>	\$ <u>25,387</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>1,862,168</u>

Depreciation expense of \$2,241 was charged to the general government function and \$2,272 to the public safety function.

6. Changes in Long-Term Debt:

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the Village for the year ended June 30, 2004:

	Revenue <u>Bonds</u>
Bonds Payable at July 1, 2003	\$93,000
Less, Bonds Retired - 6-30-04	4,000
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2004	\$ <u>89,000</u>

Bonds payable at June 30, 2004, are comprised of the following individual issues:

	Issue <u>Date</u>	Final <u>Maturity</u>	Rate	<u>Total</u>
1979 Water Revenue Bonds	12-04-79	12-31-19	5%	\$ <u>89,000</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2004, including interest payments of \$35,050 are as follows:

2005	\$ 8,250
2006	8,050
2007	8,800
2008	8,550
2009	8,300
Thereafter	_82,100
Total	\$ <u>124,050</u>

7. Compensation of Mayor and Aldermen:

<u>Name</u>	Amount
Bobby Braxton	\$3,600
Elouise Johnson	1,200
Tommy Evans	1,200
Demetric Joseph	<u>1,200</u>
Total	\$7,200

8. Receivables:

The following is a summary of receivables at June 30, 2004:

Class of Receivable	General Fund	Utility Fund	
Sales	\$ 0	\$8,055	
Taxes	2,609	0	
Licenses/Fees	1,504	0	
Fines	3,203	0	
Miscellaneous	43	0	
Total	\$ <u>7,359</u>	\$ <u>8,055</u>	

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Village of Clarence Major Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

GENERAL FUND	Bud Original	lget <u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:				
Taxes	\$ 40,831	\$ 40,831	\$37,324	\$ (3,507)
Licenses & Permits	8,500	8,500	33,051	24,551
Fines & Forfeits	51,000	51,000	55,664	4,664
Mayor's Court	8,600	8,600	9,749	1,149
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	3,5 <u>61</u>	561
Miscellaneous	<u>5,000</u>	_5,000	<u> </u>	
Total Revenues	\$ <u>111,931</u>	\$ <u>111,931</u>	\$ <u>139,349</u>	\$ <u>27,418</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	\$ 51,075	\$ 51,075	\$ 65,888	\$(14,813)
Public Safety	52,689	52,689	56,890	(4,201)
Debt Service	<u>7,640</u>	<u>7,640</u>	7,665	<u>(25</u>)
Total Europ diame.	£111.404	¢111 404	£120 447	£(10,020)
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>111,404</u>	\$ <u>111,404</u>	\$ <u>130,443</u>	\$ <u>(19,039</u>)
LCDBG FUND				
REVENUES:				
Grants	\$_49,004	\$_49,004	\$_49 <u>,004</u>	\$0
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EXPENDITURES:				
Administration	\$ 6,495	\$ 6,495	\$ 6,495	\$ 0
Public Works	42,510	42,510	42,510	0
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Total Expenditures	\$ <u>49,004</u>	\$ <u>49,004</u>	\$ <u>49,004</u>	\$ <u> </u>

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Clarence

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Village of Clarence and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Village of Clarence's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended June 30, 2004, included in the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$20,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

None Found.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided us with the required list.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedures (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedures (2) as immediate family members.

None Found.

BUDGETING

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There were no amendments to the budget during the year.

6. Trace the budget adoption to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the budget to the minute book.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures for the year did exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

- 8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:
 - (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee:

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

(b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account:

All payments examined were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities:

All payments examined were properly approved by the proper authorities.

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

The Village of Clarence is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the Village's office building.

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds or like indebtedness.

We inspected copies of all bank deposits for the period under examination and noted no deposits that appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

None Found.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Village of Clarence and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's

December 12, 2004 Natchitoches, Louisiana

Village of Clarence P. O. Box 309 Clarence, LA 71414

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's 321 Bienville Street Natchitoches, LA 71457

In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of June 30, 2004, and for the period then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of June 30, 2004.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office.

Yes X No ___

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes X No ___

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes X No ___

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14 or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:43.

Yes X No ___

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least
three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes X No ___

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:453, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes X No ___

We have had out financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes <u>X</u> No ___

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

Yes <u>X</u> No ___

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 47:1410.60.

Yes X No ___

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 72-729.

Yes X No ___

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Mayor	Bobby Braxton	Date	12/23/04	

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November 19, 2004

Mayor Bobby Braxton Village of Clarence P. O. Drawer 71414 Clarence, LA 71414

Dear Mayor Braxton,

We have compiled the financial statements of the Village of Clarence and have the following to report to you:

1. Condition-

The manual ledgers and the new computerized ledgers did not balance. This was caused by transactions not being posted correctly and ledgers not balanced to the applicable bank statements.

Recommendation-

The Village should institute procedures to ensure that all transactions are posted correctly, both dollar amount and proper account. At the end of the month, bank statements should be reviewed and any necessary adjustments (NSF, service charge) made at this time and then balanced to the ledger.

2. Condition-

Actual expenditures for the year exceeded the budget expenditures by more than the allowable 5% variance.

Recommendation-

The Village should monitor actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted revenue and expenditures and make the necessary budget amendments when required.

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December 12, 2004 Natchitoches, LA 71457

VILLAGE OF CLARENCE

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December 28, 2004

Johnson Thomas & Cunningham 321 Bienville Street Natchitoches, LA 71457

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Condition

The manual ledgers and the new computerized ledgers did not balance. This was caused by transactions not being correctly and ledgers not balanced to the applicable statements.

The mayor will request that we get a new computer and upgrade the system. NSF checks service charges will be logged in the log book as an office expense because the Village doesn't get a lot of NSF checks. Village will log NSF check on their deposit slip when re-depositing a NSF check.

2. Condition

Actual expenditures for the year exceeded the budget expenditures by more than the allowable 5% variance.

Mayor Braxton will look at the budget every three months on spending. Some areas are over because of maintenance expenses.

THE VILLAGE OF CLARENCE

Mayor Bobby Braxton

Village of Clarence Disposition of Prior Year Audit Comments For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

The Deposition of Prior Year Audit Comments is as follows:

03-01 Cash Receipts and Disbursement Ledgers

Condition-Cash receipts and disbursements ledgers for the general fund, water fund, and sewer fund did not balance. This was caused by transactions not being posted, transactions posted incorrectly, monthly totals not cross-footed and balanced and ledgers not balanced to the applicable bank statements.

Disposition-The condition still exists and is addressed in a management letter for the year ended June 30, 2004.

03-02 Vendor Files

Condition-The vendor files contained various correspondences that should be maintained in a general correspondence file.

Disposition- Corrected for year ended June 30, 2004.

03-03 Approval of Invoices

Condition-During our audit procedures, we noted numerous instances in which invoices were paid without documentation of approval by a responsible official.

Disposition- Corrected for year ended June 30, 2004.

03-04 Adjustments of Water Bills

Condition-Numerous adjustments made on water accounts were made with little or no explanation shown on the adjustment form.

Disposition- Corrected for year ended June 30, 2004.

03-05 Water/Sewer Billing Files

Condition-Not all monthly billing information was located in the files.

Disposition- Corrected for year ended June 30, 2004.