

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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INTRODUCTION SECTION
(Unaudited)



TOWN OF RICHWOOD

"An Equal Opportunity Service Provider and Employer"

Gerald Brown, Mayor

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August 3, 2018

The Honorable Mayor and Town Alderpersons
Town of Richwood, Louisiana

The Town of Richwood is located in the southern portion of Ouachita Parish in Northeast Louisiana. It currently occupies approximately five (5) square miles and serves a population of 3,637. The Town was incorporated December 31, 1974, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 33:52. The Town's system of government is operated by the Lawson Act. The Act sets the framework and guide the work for more than 75% of the incorporated municipalities in Louisiana.

The Town operates under a form of government consisting of an elected Mayor and a Board of Alderpersons, which has five (5) elected members, all of whom are elected at large. The Mayor is elected for a four-year term and has no limited terms, as well as the Alderpersons. The Mayor, with the Board approval, appoints the Town's Attorney, Magistrate, Clerk, and the Chief of Police. The laws of the Town are enacted through ordinances. The Board of Alderpersons adopts the Town's operating budget. The Mayor may veto ordinances of the Board of Alderpersons. Vetoes may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

The Town provides a full range of services, including police protection, traffic control, building inspections, licenses and permits, commercial garbage collection, street maintenance, drainage maintenance and other health and welfare services, in addition to the administrative services provided to its residents.

Financial Controls

The Town's administration is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the Town is protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgement by management.

All internal control evaluations occur within the above framework. We believe that the Town's internal accounting controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.

Budgetary Procedures

The Lawson Act requires the annual preparation of a balanced operation budget. It prohibits the Fiscal Officer as well as the Mayor from approving any expenditure under any portion of the annual operation

budget unless sufficient revenues have been appropriated by the Board of Alderpersons to finance the proposed expenditure. The Board is required to appropriate the necessary tax and other revenues measures to produce a balance budget. In addition, no budgeted expenditures may be made unless authorized by the Mayor through the allotment system.

The Town monitors revenues and expenditures closely during the year. The Town's Board of Alderpersons when necessary to increase or curtail budgeted expenditures to ensure a balanced budget, adopts transfers with the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettina Woods

Bettina Woods
Town Clerk

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List of Elected, Appointed Officials and Personnel

Elected Officials

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman
Alderman
Alderman
Alderman

Gerald Brown
Janice Fleming
Wysingler Cleveland
Leola Keys
Simeon Profit
Donald Richards

Appointed Officials

Attorney
Judge
Town Clerk
Chief of Police

Jay Nolen
Robert Noel
Bettina Woods
Johnny Cleveland

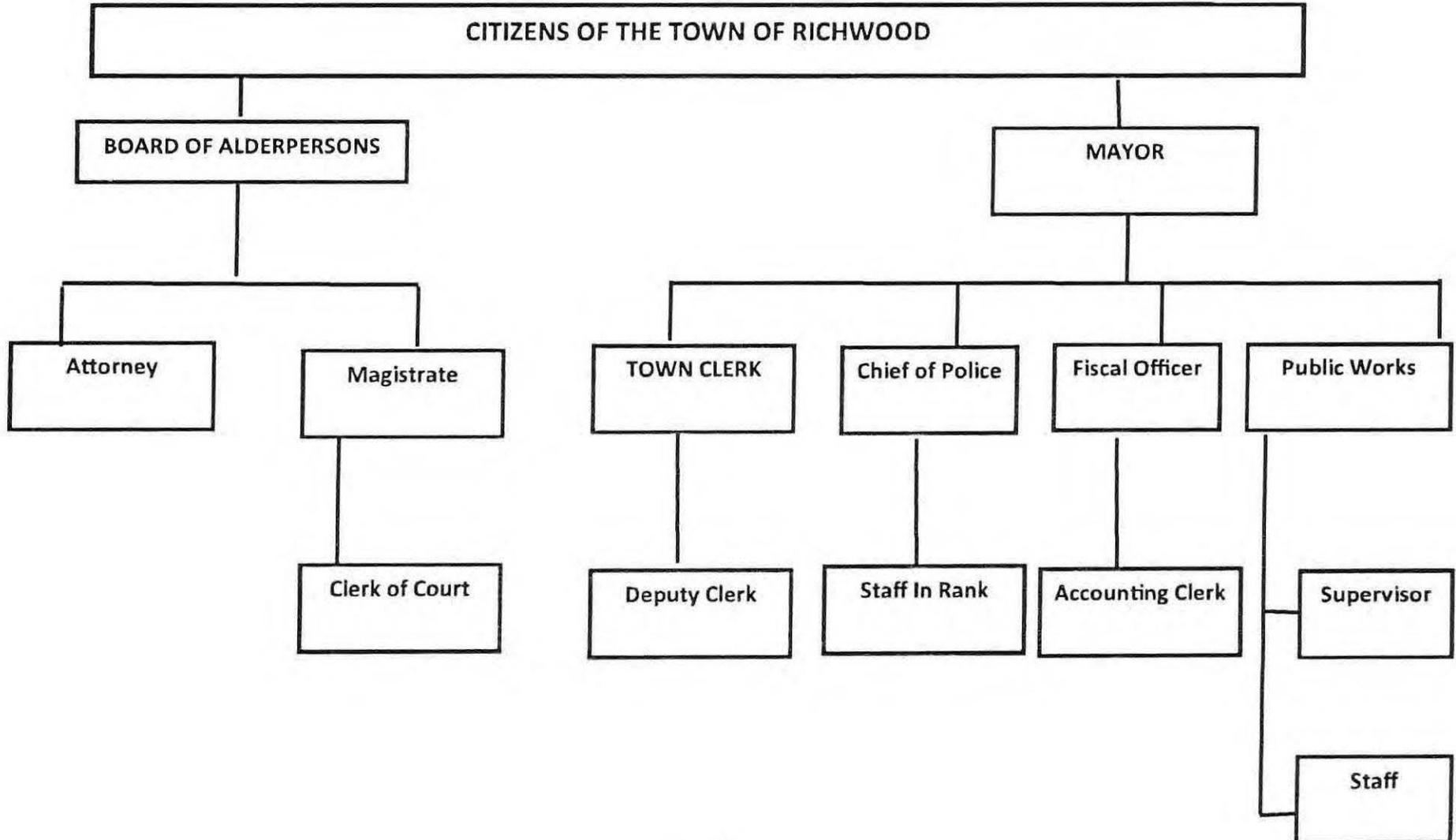
Personnel

Fiscal Officer
Police Officer
Public Work Supervisor
Public Work
Public Work
Public Work
Public Works
Public Work
Public Work
Deputy Clerk

Tanisha Jolla
Larry Frasier-May
James Collins
John Godfrey
Ricki Willis
Theodore Washington
Lawrence Potter
Ronnie Lawson
Henry Best
Charlette Rainwater

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Organizational Chart



FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Alderpersons
and the Honorable Gerald Brown, Mayor
Town of Richwood
Richwood, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, the major fund (general fund), and the remaining fund information of the Town of Richwood (the Town) as of and for the year then ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town'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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our 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 we 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 auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
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To the Members of the Board of Alderpersons
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Auditors' Responsibility, continued

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity'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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we 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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to on the previous page present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major fund (general fund) and the remaining fund information of the Town as of June 30, 2017, 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 8 through 15 and budgetary comparison information on pages 47 through 49 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. We 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 our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
(Continued)

To the Members of the Board of Alderpersons
and the Honorable Gerald Brown, Mayor
Town of Richwood
Richwood, Louisiana

Other Matters, continued

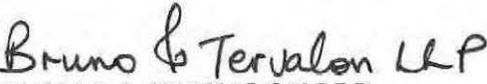
Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining business-type activities financial statements, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the mayor and the schedule of compensation paid to board members are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining business-type activities financial statements, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the mayor and the schedule of compensation paid to board members are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 our opinion, the combining business-type activities financial statements, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the mayor and the schedule of compensation paid to board members are 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*, we have also issued our report dated August 3, 2018, on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


BRUNO & TERVALON LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
New Orleans, Louisiana

August 3, 2018

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Management's Discussion and Analysis
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Our discussion and analysis of the Town of Richwood's (the Town) financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) for the Town is designed to:

1. Assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues;
2. Identify changes in the Town's overall financial position and results of operations and assist the user in determining whether financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's operations;
3. Identify any significant variations from the original, amended, and final budget amounts and include any currently known reasons for those variations that are expected to have a significant effect on future services or liquidity; and
4. Identify individual fund issues or concerns.

As management of the Town, we offer the readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Town's basic financial statements and supplementary information provided in this report in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of our stewardship of public resources.

The MD&A is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- Governmental activities reported a \$113,621 increase in net position, and business-type activities also reported an increase of \$35,859.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, our governmental fund (the General Fund) reported fund balance of \$189,438. This represents an increase of \$234,738 as compared to the \$45,300 deficit reported in the prior period.
- Total expenditures for our governmental funds were \$916,263, which is a 5.1 percent decrease from the prior period. This is due primarily to capital outlay expenditures.
- Government-wide total assets increased by \$80,210, which represents an increase of 5 percent from the prior period. This is primarily due to an increase in current assets.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

- Government-wide total liabilities decreased by \$111,637, which is a 10 percent decrease from the prior period.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis provided here are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Richwood's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements consist of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) the notes to the financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Richwood's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The government-wide financial statements include two statements:

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Town of Richwood's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Richwood is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Town of Richwood's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave.)

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town of Richwood that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Town of Richwood include general government, public safety, and public works. The business-type activities of the Town of Richwood include sewer services provided to the Town.

The Government-wide financial statements can be found immediately following this management's discussion and analysis.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued
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Fund Financial Statements

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Richwood, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the Town of Richwood's funds can be divided into two categories: governmental funds, and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in assessing a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Town of Richwood maintains two individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, which is considered major, and the transportation fund, which is considered non-major.

The Town of Richwood adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund and the transportation fund to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

The governmental funds financial statements can be found immediately following the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary Fund. The Town of Richwood maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town of Richwood uses an enterprise fund to account for its Sewer Fund activities.

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Proprietary fund provides the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Sewer Fund, which is considered to be a major fund of the Town of Richwood.

The proprietary fund financial statements can be found immediately following the governmental funds financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provided additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information*. The Town adopts annual budgets for the general fund and the transportation fund. Budgetary comparison statements are provided for the general fund and the transportation fund to demonstrate budgetary compliance.

Government-wide Overall Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position over time, may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,110,727, at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Table 1
Town of Richwood's Net Position

	June 30,					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Current and other assets	\$ 692,171	\$ 568,650	\$ 146,341	\$ 109,655	\$ 838,512	\$ 678,305
Capital assets	1,093,349	1,136,660	477,041	544,060	1,570,390	1,680,720
TOTAL ASSETS	1,785,520	1,705,310	623,382	653,715	2,408,902	2,359,025
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Current and other liabilities	250,261	366,590	185,186	31,378	435,447	397,968
Long-term liabilities	762,728	758,036	100,000	330,000	862,728	1,088,036
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,012,989	1,124,626	285,186	361,378	1,298,175	1,486,004
<u>NET POSITION</u>						
Net investment in capital assets	330,621	378,618	212,041	182,682	542,662	561,300
Restricted	247,366	247,366	93,478	77,238	340,844	324,604
Unrestricted	194,544	(45,300)	32,677	32,417	227,221	(12,883)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 772,531	\$ 580,684	\$ 338,196	\$ 292,337	\$ 1,110,727	\$ 873,021

The net position of the Town's governmental activities increased by \$191,847 during 2017. The unrestricted net position (the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements) was \$194,544 at the end of this year.

The net position of our business-type activity increased by \$45,859 in 2017. The unrestricted net position in our business-type activities increased by \$260 at the end of this year.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Table 2
Town of Richwood's Changes in Net Position

	for the year ended June 30,					
	2017		2016		2016	
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Property taxes	\$ 133,979	\$ 131,242	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,979	\$ 131,242
Franchise taxes	55,132	68,466	-	-	55,132	68,466
Sales taxes	302,996	303,377	-	-	302,996	303,377
Charitable gaming funds	333,579	352,888	-	-	333,579	352,888
Licenses and permits	36,173	55,605	-	-	36,173	55,605
Fines, forfeitures and court costs	37,168	44,868	-	-	37,168	44,868
Intergovernmental revenues	60,305	123,015	-	-	60,305	123,015
Garbage and other fees	186,011	168,458	-	-	186,011	168,458
Rents and royalties	9,234	6,890	-	-	9,234	6,890
Sewer fees	-	-	91,995	102,973	91,995	102,973
Other taxes	20,173	16,053	-	-	20,173	16,053
Miscellaneous revenues	8,652	12,137	2,377	1,566	11,029	13,703
Total Revenues	1,183,402	1,282,999	94,372	104,539	1,277,774	1,387,538
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	526,355	607,498	-	-	526,355	607,498
Public safety	54,691	71,052	-	-	54,691	71,052
Public works	233,582	232,644	-	-	233,582	232,644
Sewer project costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Billing Service	-	-	69,251	78,593	69,251	78,593
Compensated absences	-	-	-	67,474	-	67,474
Capital Outlay	38,536	-	-	-	38,536	-
Bad debt	13,976	-	-	-	13,976	-
Debt service	2,767	-	-	-	2,767	-
Interest and bank charges	49,123	47,238	13,143	53,125	62,266	100,363
Depreciation	47,811	84,865	67,019	-	114,830	84,865
Amortization	11,020	3,787	1,020	4,438	12,040	8,225
Total Expenditures	977,861	1,047,084	150,433	203,630	1,128,294	1,250,714
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position Before Transfers	205,541	235,915	(56,061)	(99,091)	149,480	136,824
Transfers	(91,920)	(102,729)	91,920	102,729	-	-
Increase in Net Position	113,621	133,186	35,859	3,638	149,480	136,824
Net Position, Beginning, as restated	658,910	447,498	302,337	288,699	961,247	736,197
Net Position, Ending	\$ 772,531	\$ 580,684	\$ 338,196	\$ 292,337	\$ 1,110,727	\$ 873,021

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Governmental Activities

During the current fiscal year, net position for governmental activities increased \$113,621 from the prior fiscal year for an ending balance of \$772,531. This represents an increase of approximately 17.24 percent from the prior period.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$977,861. These expenditures were primarily financed through the Town's taxes, charitable gaming revenues, garbage fee collections, and intergovernmental revenues. These revenue sources accounted for approximately 84 percent of the Town's total revenues.

Business-type Activities

Revenues of the Town's business-type activities decreased by 9.73 percent (\$94,372 in 2017 compared to \$104,539 in 2016). Expenses decreased by \$53,197 or 26.12 percent (\$150,433 in 2017 compared to \$203,630 in 2016). These variances are primarily due to a grant that was received in the prior period for the improvement of our sewer system.

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively, the Town had invested in the following capital assets, net of depreciation:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 99,500	\$ 95,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,500	\$ 95,000
Other Improvements	194,623	215,153	-	-	194,623	215,153
Buildings	643,923	691,200	-	-	643,923	691,200
Building Improvements	10,235	11,615	-	-	10,235	11,615
Sewer System	-	-	477,041	544,060	477,041	544,060
Furniture and Equipment	55,867	28,091	-	-	55,867	28,091
Vehicles	1,801	3,601	-	-	1,801	3,601
Roads	87,400	92,000	-	-	87,400	92,000
Total	\$ <u>1,093,349</u>	\$ <u>1,136,660</u>	\$ <u>477,041</u>	\$ <u>544,060</u>	\$ <u>1,570,390</u>	\$ <u>1,680,720</u>

Government-wide capital assets, net of depreciation decreased by 6.56 percent to \$1,570,390 during the current year.

See Note 6 for more information on capital assets.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis, Continued
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Debt Administration

At June 30, 2017, the Town had \$759,056, not including deferred amount for issuance of discounts, in outstanding principal remaining on the governmental activity's revenue bonds. The Enterprise-Sewer Fund had outstanding bonds payable of \$265,000.

See Note 7 for more information on long-term debt.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets

Our elected officials and citizens consider many factors when setting the Town's budget and tax rates. Total budgeted revenues and other sources in the General Fund for 2018 are \$1,052,800, a 10 percent decrease from 2017 actual.

One of the most important factors affecting the budget is our charitable gaming (video bingo) collections which is approximately 27 percent of budgeted revenues in the Governmental funds. The General Fund's budget for expenditures in 2018 is \$962,462 a 5 percent increase from the 2017 actual.

Contacting the Town's Financial Management

Our financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or wish to request additional financial information, contact the Town Clerk, at the Town of Richwood, 2710 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Richwood, Louisiana 71202-7004, telephone number (318) 325-4328.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Government-Wide
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents (NOTES 1.G.1. and 2)	\$ 487,240	\$ 47,283	\$ 534,523
Investments (NOTES 1.G.2 and 3)	36,870	63,184	100,054
Receivables, net (NOTE 4)	138,441	19,136	157,577
Bond issuance costs	29,620	16,738	46,358
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation (NOTE 6)	1,093,349	477,041	1,570,390
TOTAL ASSETS	1,785,520	623,382	2,408,902
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	198,854	5,736	204,590
Accrued expenses	4,169	-	4,169
Interest payable	47,238	14,450	61,688
Long-term liabilities: (NOTE 7)			
Portion due within one year	-	165,000	165,000
Portion due after one year	762,728	100,000	862,728
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,012,989	285,186	1,298,175
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net investments in capital assets	330,621	212,041	542,662
Restricted for:			
Debt service	69,998	88,632	158,630
Public safety and recreation	79,531	4,846	84,377
Road improvements	97,837	-	97,837
Unrestricted	194,544	32,677	227,221
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 772,531	\$ 338,196	\$ 1,110,727

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Government-Wide
Statement of Activities
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		Total
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Primary government							
Government Activities:							
General government	\$ 640,465	\$ 85,290	\$ 5,660	\$ 37,800	\$ (511,715)	\$ -	\$ (511,715)
Public safety	54,691	50,968	9,000	-	5,277	-	5,277
Public works	233,582	2,000	-	-	(231,582)	-	(231,582)
Interest and amortization	49,123	-	-	-	(49,123)	-	(49,123)
Total Government Activities	977,861	138,258	14,660	37,800	(787,143)	-	(787,143)
Business-Type Activities:							
Water and sewer	150,433	91,995	-	2,377	-	(56,061)	(56,061)
Total Business-Type Activities	150,433	91,995	-	2,377	-	(56,061)	(56,061)
Total	\$ 1,128,294	\$ 230,253	\$ 14,660	\$ 40,177	(787,143)	(56,061)	(843,204)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					133,979	-	133,979
Franchise tax					55,132	-	55,132
Sales tax revenue					302,996	-	302,996
Other taxes					20,173	-	20,173
Charitable gaming funds					333,579	-	333,579
Richwood Correctional Center					102,000	-	102,000
Licenses and permits					36,173	-	36,173
Miscellaneous					8,652	-	8,652
Transfers					(91,920)	91,920	-
Total general revenues and transfers					900,764	91,920	992,684
Changes in net position					113,621	35,859	149,480
Net position - July 01, 2016 (Restated)					658,910	302,337	961,247
Net position - June 30, 2017					\$ 772,531	\$ 338,196	\$ 1,110,727

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>NON-MAJOR FUND TRANSPORTATION FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 264,388	\$ 222,852	\$ 487,240
Investments	36,870	-	36,870
Accounts receivable, net	<u>138,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,441</u>
Total assets	<u>439,699</u>	<u>222,852</u>	<u>662,551</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	198,854	-	198,854
Accrued expenses	4,169	-	4,169
Interest payable	<u>47,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,238</u>
Total liabilities	<u>250,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,261</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Assigned	-	222,852	222,852
Unassigned	<u>189,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,438</u>
Total fund balances	<u>189,438</u>	<u>222,852</u>	<u>412,290</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 439,699</u>	<u>\$ 222,852</u>	<u>\$ 662,551</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 412,290

The cost of capital assets (land, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure) purchased or constructed is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds. The Statement of Net Position includes those capital assets among the assets of the Town as a whole. The cost of those capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives (as depreciation expense) to the various programs reported as governmental activities in the Statement of Activities. Because depreciation expense does not affect financial resources, it is not reported in governmental funds.

Costs of capital assets	1,860,746	
Depreciation expense to date	(767,397)	
		1,093,349

Long-term liabilities applicable to the Town's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities - both current and long term are reported in the Statement of Net Position.

Balances at June 30, 2017 are:

Long-term liabilities:

Bonds payable	(759,056)	
Compensated absences	(3,672)	
		(762,728)

Bond issue costs are expensed when paid in the governmental funds but are treated as a prepaid expense and amortized in the Statement of Net Position

29,620

Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 772,531

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>NON-MAJOR FUND</u> <u>TRANSPORTATION FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 133,979	\$ -	\$ 133,979
Franchise taxes	55,132	-	55,132
Sales taxes	302,996	-	302,996
Charitable gaming funds	333,579	-	333,579
Licenses and permits	36,173	-	36,173
Fines, forfeitures and court costs	37,168	-	37,168
Intergovernmental revenues	51,600	8,705	60,305
Garbage and other fees	186,011	-	186,011
Municipal license taxes	18,233	-	18,233
Rents and royalties	9,234	-	9,234
Other taxes	1,940	-	1,940
Miscellaneous revenues	8,652	-	8,652
Total Revenues	<u>1,174,697</u>	<u>8,705</u>	<u>1,183,402</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current:			
General government	526,355	-	526,355
Public safety	54,691	-	54,691
Public works	233,582	-	233,582
Capital outlay	38,536	-	38,536
Bad debt	13,976	-	13,976
Debt service:			
Interest and bank charges	49,123	-	49,123
Total Expenditures	<u>916,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>916,263</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>258,434</u>	<u>8,705</u>	<u>267,139</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	(91,920)	-	(91,920)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(91,920)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(91,920)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	166,514	8,705	175,219
FUND BALANCES - July 1, 2016	<u>22,924</u>	<u>214,147</u>	<u>237,071</u>
FUND BALANCES - June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 189,438</u>	<u>\$ 222,852</u>	<u>\$ 412,290</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
to the Statement of Activities
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 175,219

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds 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 capital outlays exceeds depreciation expense in the period:

Capital outlay	38,536	
Depreciation expense	<u>(86,347)</u>	(47,811)

Repayment of capital leases is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

Payments of debt principal	(10,000)	
Bond discount	<u>(1,020)</u>	(11,020)

Governmental funds report the effects of debt issuance and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

(2,767)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 113,621

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Proprietary Fund
Sewer Utility Fund
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 47,283
Receivables, net (NOTE 4)	19,136
Investments	63,184
Bond issuance costs	16,738
Total current assets	<u>146,341</u>

Non-current assets:

Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>477,041</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>623,382</u>
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LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts, salaries, and other payables	5,736
Interest payable	14,450
Bonds payable	165,000
Total current liabilities	<u>185,186</u>

Non-current liabilities:

Bonds payable	<u>100,000</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>285,186</u>
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NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	212,041
Restricted for:	
Debt service	88,632
Public safety and recreation	4,846
Unrestricted	<u>32,677</u>

TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 338,196</u>
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The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Proprietary Fund
Sewer Utility Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

OPERATING REVENUES

Charges for services:

Sewer fees	\$ <u>91,995</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>91,995</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of services:

Billing services	69,251
Amortization	1,020
Depreciation	<u>67,019</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>137,290</u>
Operating loss	<u>(45,295)</u>

Non-Operating Income (Expenses)

Interest income	2,377
Interest expense	<u>(13,143)</u>
Total non-operating income (expenses)	<u>(10,766)</u>

TRANSFERS

Transfers - In	<u>91,920</u>
Total transfers	<u>91,920</u>
Changes in net position	35,859

Net Position - July 1, 2016, as restated (NOTE 14)	<u>302,337</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2017	<u>\$ <u>338,196</u></u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Proprietary Fund
Sewer Utility Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Receipts from customers	\$ 20,188
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(6,517)
Payments to other funds	(4,675)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>8,996</u>

CASH FLOW FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Net cash (used) provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>-</u>
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CASH FLOW FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Other capital receipts	2,377
Principal paid on capital debt	(55,000)
Interest paid on capital debt	(13,143)
Capital transfers from other funds	91,920
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>26,154</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest and dividends	(3,704)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(3,704)</u>

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents 31,446

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING 15,837

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING \$ 47,283

Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities

Operating loss	\$ (45,295)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation/Amortization	68,039
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable	(2,556)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	(6,517)
Accrued interest payable	(4,675)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 8,996</u></u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. INTRODUCTION

The Town of Richwood (the Town), a bedroom community within Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, was incorporated to ensure the provision of basic infrastructure and services for its citizens. The Town began with an incorporated area of approximately one square mile. Now the Town boasts contiguous limits of five (5) square miles. United Since 1990, the Town has more than quadrupled its population. The Town functions under the form of government the Lawson Act established in 1898.

The accompanying financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

The Town is located in the southern portion of Ouachita Parish in Northeast Louisiana. The Town was incorporated on December 31, 1974, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 33:52. The Town operates under a form of government consisting of an elected mayor and a board of alderpersons, which has five (5) elected members. The Town provides garbage collection, street maintenance, drainage maintenance, and other health and welfare services, in addition to the administrative services provided to its residents.

As the municipal governing authority, for reporting purposes, the Town is considered a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (municipality), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Town for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the municipality to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Town.
2. Organization for which the Town does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Town.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

B. REPORTING ENTITY, Continued

3. Organization for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization were not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town of Richwood (the primary government). The Town has no component units.

C. BASIS OF PRESENTATION – GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments in lieu of taxes where the amounts are reasonably equivalent in value to the interfund services provided and other charges between the government's water and transit functions and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

D. BASIS OF PRESENTATION – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Town uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds used by the Town are grouped into two broad fund types and three generic funds as follows:

1. Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for the program and activities of the governmental functions of the Town.

The Town reports the following governmental funds:

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

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

D. BASIS OF PRESENTATION – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (continued)

1. Governmental Funds, (continued)

- Transportation fund - accounts for the parish transportation program.

2. Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds are used to account for ongoing organizations and activities that are similar to those found in the private sector.

The Town Reports the following proprietary funds:

- Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that costs (expenses, including amortization and depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The proprietary fund of the Town is the sewer fund which accounts for the operations of the sewer system.

Activities accounted for in the Town's proprietary fund follow all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989.

E. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

I. *Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)*

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, it is the Town's policy to first apply restricted resources.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

E. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, (continued)

I. Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS), (continued)

Program Revenues

Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses

The Town reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

II. Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

Governmental Funds

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are "measurable and available"). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The government considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due. Compensated absences and claims and judgments are reported in a governmental fund only if the claims are due and payable.

With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

1. Revenues

- Ad valorem taxes are recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements are met and the resources are available.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

E. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, (continued)

- Sales taxes are recognized when the underlying exchange transaction occurs and the resources are available.
- Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded as unrestricted grants-in-aid at the time of receipt or earlier if the “susceptible to accrual” criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met and the susceptible to accrual criteria have been met.

Other receipts become measurable and available when cash is received by the Town and are recognized as revenue at that time.

2. Expenditures

Salaries are recorded as earned.

3. Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (or any other types, such as capital lease transactions, sale of fixed assets, debt extinguishments, long-term debt proceeds, et cetera) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

4. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

F. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Budgets

The Town follows the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements. During the June meeting, the Town Clerk submits to the Board of Alderpersons a proposed budget for the Town's general fund, proprietary fund, and special revenue funds for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. During the June Council meeting, the budget is legally enacted through the passage of an ordinance. The public is invited to attend all meetings.

The Town Clerk is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures or expenses of any fund must be approved by the Board of Alderpersons. Appropriations lapse at the end of the year. Therefore, a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 annual budget was approved by the Board of Alderpersons on July 21, 2016.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

F. BUDGETARY INFORMATION, (continued)

Encumbrances

Accounting under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the Town.

G. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE

1. *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Town may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposit accounts with state banks organized under Louisiana law and any other of the United States of America, or under the laws of the United States of America.

Under state law, the Town may also invest in U.S. Government bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Those with maturities of 90 days or less would be classified as cash equivalents and all others reported as investments.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less when purchased.

2. *Investments*

Investments are limited by LSA-R.S. 33:2955 and the Town's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

The investments are reflected at fair value except for the following which are required/permitted as per GASB Statement No. 31:

- Investments in non-participating interest-earning contracts, such as nonnegotiable certificates of deposit with redemption terms that do not consider market rates, are reported using a cost-based measure.
- The Town reported an amortized cost money market investments and participating interest earning investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less.

Definitions

Interest-earning investment contracts include time deposits with financial institutions (such as certificates of deposit), repurchase agreements, and guaranteed investment contracts.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

G. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE, (continued)

Money market investments are short-term, highly liquid debt instruments that include U.S. Treasury obligations.

3. Short-term Inter-fund Receivables/Payables

During operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as due from other funds or due to other funds on the fund financial statements balance sheet. Short-term inter-fund loans are classified as inter-fund receivables/payables.

4. Eliminations and Reclassifications

In the process of aggregating data for the statement of net position and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as inter-fund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Inter-fund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

5. Sales Tax

The Town was authorized in 1986 to levy a 2 percent sales base tax for the purpose of providing funds for any lawful corporate purpose.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at either historical cost or estimated historical cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives (excluding salvage value). Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The capitalization threshold for equipment is \$1,000. Estimated useful life is management's estimate of how long the asset is expected to meet service demands. Straight line depreciation is used based on the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	20 years
Computers and computer equipment	5 years
Furniture and equipment	10 years
Vehicles	3-7 years

7. Compensated Absences

The Town has implemented GASB Statement Number 16 *Accounting for Compensated Absences*. Under GASB Statement No. 16, a liability for unpaid vacation that is attributable to services already rendered and that is not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to benefits.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

G. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE, (continued)

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount that is normally expected to be paid using expendable available financial resources. These amounts are recorded in the account “compensated absences payable” in the fund from which employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

Employees of the Town earn one week to three weeks of vacation leave annually, depending upon length of service; with exceptions of two employees, vacation leave does not accumulate. Employees earn from one week to three weeks of sick leave annually, depending upon length of service; employees are allowed to accumulate 45 days of sick leave. All sick leaves are forfeited upon termination of employment, except for appointed department heads. Liability for these compensated absences is recorded on long-term debt in the government-wide statements. The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current-year expenditure in the General Fund when leave is actually taken.

The Town has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

A full-time employee after completing one year of continuous employment from the date of hire is eligible for forty hours vacation with pay. An employee, upon completion of two years continuous employment from the date of hire is eligible for eighty hours of vacation with pay. Upon completion of eight years of continuous employment, the employee is eligible for three weeks of vacation with pay. No more than forty hours may be carried over from one year to the next without the Mayor’s approval.

Each employee is granted five days sick leave with pay annually with the extension of up to ten days if approved by the Mayor. Any extra sick days for long-term illness must be approved by the Town Council. A maximum carry-over of five days is permissible.

The Town’s recognition and measurement criteria for compensated absences follow:

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees when both of the following conditions are met:

- A. The employee’s right to receive compensation is attributable to services already rendered, and

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

G. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE, (continued)

- B. It is probable that the employees will be compensated for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

A liability for sick leave should be accrued using one of the following termination approaches:

- A. An accrual for earned sick leave should be made only to the extent it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments, rather than be taken as absences due to illness or other contingencies, such as medical appointments and funerals.
- B. Alternatively, a governmental entity should estimate its accrued sick leave liability based on the sick leave accumulated at the balance sheet date by those employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments as well as other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments.

The Town uses the alternative approach to accrue the liability for sick leave which includes salary-related payments. The Town reported compensated absences in the amount of \$3,672 during the current audit period.

8. Restricted Net Position

For the government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either:

- Externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
 - Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
9. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

10. Fund Equity of Fund Financial Statements

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be reported within the fund balance categories as follows:

- *Non-spendable* - Fund balance that is not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This category includes items that are not easily converted to cash such as inventories and prepaid items.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

G. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE, (continued)

- *Restricted* - Fund balance that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- *Committed* - Fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes determined by the Town's highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Alderpersons removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit the funds. Committed fund balance is the result of either a policy of the Board of Alderpersons or motions that were passed at a Board meeting committing the funds.
- *Assigned* - Fund balance that is constrained by the Board of Alderperson's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent should be expressed by the Board of Alderpersons.
- *Unassigned* - Fund balance that is the residual classification for the general fund.

The Town has not established benchmarks for unassigned fund balance requirements. The Town reduces committed amounts, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The Town considers restricted amounts to have been spent when expenditure has been incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available.

11. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures, or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other inter-fund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other inter-fund transfers of the primary government are reported as operating transfers. Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statement.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (continued)

G. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE, (continued)

12. Use of Estimates

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

H. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

1. Program revenues

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

2. Property taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on real property and are levied as of July 1st. The tax levy is divided into two billings: the first billing (mailed on July 1) is an estimate of the current year's levy based on the prior year's taxes; the second billing (mailed on January 1) reflects adjustments to the current year's actual levy. The billings are considered past due 30 days after the respective tax billing date, at which time the applicable property is subject to lien, and penalties and interest are assessed.

3. Proprietary funds operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the water and sewer funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expense, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting the definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2017, the Town has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling as follows:

Demand deposits	<u>\$534,523</u>
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. 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 the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in event of a failure of financial institution or counterparty, the Town would not be able to recover its deposits, investments, or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2017, the Town has \$534,523 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk is \$174,699 of pledged security and \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten (10) days of being notified by the Town that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2017, the Town had its assets in money market instruments managed by a financial institution. The account had a fair value of \$36,870 in Governmental Funds and \$63,184 in Enterprise Funds as of June 30, 2017. This amount represents 100 percent of the Town's investment as of this date.

Interest Rate Risk: The Town's policy does not address interest rate risk.

Credit Rate Risk: State law limits investments to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies. New regulations also include investments in investment grade commercial paper of domestic U.S. corporations. While the Town adheres to the state regulations, the Town's policy does not address credit risk.

Custodial Credit-Risks: For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. As of June 30, 2017, the Town had \$100,054 in money market instruments which are held by the financial institution in the Town's name.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES

Amounts are aggregated into single accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles) line for certain funds and aggregate columns. Below is the detail of receivables for the general and enterprise funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts at June 30, 2017:

<u>Accounts and Accrued Receivables</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beer Tax	\$ 473	\$ -	\$ 473
Charitable Gaming	25,509	-	25,509
Franchise Fees	320	-	320
Garbage Collections	40,412	-	16,847
Miscellaneous Income	517	-	517
Property Taxes	6,139	-	6,139
Sales Tax	52,647	-	52,647
Permits and License	775	-	775
Court Fines	17,125	-	17,125
Other Receivables	8,500	-	8,500
User Fees	-	19,136	19,136
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	<u>(13,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,976)</u>
Accounts Receivable, net	<u>\$ 138,441</u>	<u>\$ 19,136</u>	<u>\$ 157,577</u>

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers are normally transfers from the sewer fund to the general fund to cover operations of the general fund.

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Enterprise Fund - Sewer	General Fund	<u>\$ 91,920</u>

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A schedule of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2017, follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Governmental activities:</u>			
Non-depreciable capital assets			
Land	\$ 95,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 99,500
Total non-depreciable capital assets	95,000	4,500	99,500
Exhaustible capital assets:			
Other improvements	315,066	-	315,066
Buildings	943,700	-	943,700
Building improvements	20,680	-	20,680
Furniture and equipment	177,868	38,536	216,404
Vehicles	150,396	-	150,396
Infrastructure – roads	<u>115,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,000</u>
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>1,722,710</u>	<u>38,536</u>	<u>1,761,246</u>
Accumulated depreciation:			
Other improvements	99,913	20,530	120,443
Buildings	252,500	47,277	299,777
Building improvements	9,065	1,380	10,445
Furniture and equipment	149,777	10,760	160,537
Vehicles	146,795	1,800	148,595
Infrastructure – roads	<u>23,000</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>27,600</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>681,050</u>	<u>86,347</u>	<u>767,397</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,041,660</u>	<u>(47,811)</u>	<u>993,849</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,136,660</u>	<u>\$ (43,311)</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,349</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General and administrative	\$ 72,384
Police department	3,407
Maintenance department	<u>10,556</u>
Total	<u>\$ 86,347</u>

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS, (continued)

<u>Business-type activities:</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Furniture and equipment (Sewer System)	\$ 1,767,027	\$ -	\$ 1,767,027
Accumulated depreciation – furniture and equipment (Sewer System)	<u>(1,222,967)</u>	<u>(67,019)</u>	<u>(1,289,986)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 544,060</u>	<u>\$ (67,019)</u>	<u>\$ 477,041</u>

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A schedule of long-term bonds payable for the year ended June 30, 2017, follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
Long-term debt:					
Bonds Series 2008A	\$ 770,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 770,000	\$ -
Less: deferred amount for issuance of discounts inflows	<u>(11,964)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>(10,944)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total bonds series 2008A	<u>758,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>759,056</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Liabilities:					
Compensated absences payable	<u>-</u>	<u>3,672</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,672</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>758,036</u>	<u>3,672</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>762,728</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>					
Bonds Series 2008 B	<u>320,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(55,000)</u>	<u>265,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
Total bond series 2008 B	<u>320,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(55,000)</u>	<u>265,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 1,078,036</u>	<u>\$ 3,672</u>	<u>\$ (53,980)</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,728</u>	<u>\$ 165,000</u>

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES, (continued)

	General Fund	
	Bonds, Series 2008A	
Original Issue	\$	770,000
Issue Date		2/1/2008
Interest Rate		6 Percent
Final Payment Due		2/15/2028
Interest to Maturity	\$	339,721
Principal Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$	770,000

	Enterprise Fund	
	Bonds, Series 2008B	
Original Issue	\$	530,000
Issue Date		2/1/2008
Interest Rate		8.5 Percent
Final Payment Due		2/15/2020
Interest to Maturity	\$	27,626
Principal Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$	265,000

	Totals		
	General Fund	Enterprise Fund	Revenue Bonds Issues Total
Original Issue	\$ 770,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 1,300,000
Interest to Maturity	\$ 339,721	\$ 27,626	\$ 367,347
Principal Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$ 770,000	\$ 275,000	\$ 1,045,000

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES, (continued)

The individual issues are as follows:

In February 2008, the Town issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$1,300,000. Series 2008A is dedicated to public improvements and is paid by the General Fund. Series 2008B is dedicated to extinguishing a debt to the City of Monroe for prior years' sewer services and is paid by the Enterprise Fund - Sewer. The annual requirements to amortize all bonds outstanding at June 30, 2017, are as follows:

Governmental Funds			
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ -	\$ 47,238	\$ 47,238
2019	-	47,238	47,238
2020	25,000	47,238	72,238
2021	75,000	47,238	122,238
2022	80,000	28,241	108,241
2023-2027	475,000	115,340	590,340
2028	115,000	7,188	122,188
Total	\$ 770,000	\$ 339,721	\$ 1,109,721

Enterprise Fund			
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 60,000	\$ 14,450	\$ 74,450
2019	65,000	9,350	74,350
2020	45,000	3,826	48,826
2021	-	-	-
2022	-	-	-
2023-2027	-	-	-
2028	-	-	-
Total	\$ 170,000	\$ 27,626	\$ 197,626

The Town is delinquent on the principal payments on their Series 2008B bond indenture totaling approximately \$105,000.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE 9 – LEVIED TAXES

The Town levies taxes on real and business personal property located within the Town's boundaries. Property taxes are levied by the Town on property values assessed by the Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission.

Property Tax Calendar

Millage rates adopted	September, 2015
Levy date	January 1, 2015
Tax bills mailed	November, 2015
Due date	December 31, 2015
Lien date	January 1, 2016

Assessed values are established by the Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor each year on a uniform basis at the following ratios of assessed value to fair market value.

10 percent land	15 percent machinery
10 percent residential improvements	15 percent commercial improvements
15 percent industrial improvements	25 percent public-service properties, excluding land

State law requires the Town to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. Property taxes become delinquent January 1 of the following year. If taxes are not paid by the due date, taxes bear interest at the rate of one (1) percent per month until the taxes are paid.

The calendar-year tax roll is prepared by the tax assessor and approved by the State Tax Commission in November of each year. The amount of property taxes to be collected occurs in December 2016 and January and February 2017. All property taxes are recorded in the general fund. The Town considers the date penalty and interest accrues (January 1, 2017) as the date an enforceable legal claim occurs for property taxes. Property tax revenue is recognized in the period for which the taxes are levied (budgeted). Accordingly, the property taxes for calendar year 2017 are budgeted in the 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Town.

Estimated uncollectible taxes are those taxes based on past experience which will not be collected in the subsequent year and are primarily due to subsequent adjustments to the tax roll.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 10 – ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARIES

On-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries are direct payments made by an entity, (the paying agent) to a third-party recipient for the employees of another legally separate entity (the employer entity). GASB Statement No. 24 requires employer governments to recognize revenue and expenditures or expenses for these on-behalf payments.

The State of Louisiana made contributions (regarding Supplemental Pay for Police Officers) directly to employees of the Town on behalf of the Town in the amount of \$13,800. This amount was recognized as state revenue with a corresponding expenditure in the applicable fund from which the salary was paid.

NOTE 11 – DEBT SERVICE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Town's bond indentures, the Town is required to hold in reserve \$122,800 for its 2008 Series Bonds to remain in compliance with its bond covenant. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Town failed to meet this requirement by a total of \$59,616.

NOTE 12 – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) 280-10-50-42 requires disclosure in financial statements of a situation where one entity provides more than 10 percent of the audited entity's revenues. Charitable gaming revenue for the current year was \$310,014. The revenues received from charitable gaming accounts for approximately 26 percent of the Town's current year revenues. The Town also received \$302,996 in sales tax, which accounts for approximately 25 percent of the Town's current year revenues.

NOTE 13 – SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

The Town was able to fund prior year's fund deficit in the General Fund in current year.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 14 – RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The restated Business-type activities beginning net assets follows:

June 30, 2016, Net Assets	\$ 292,337
Adjustment for removal and correcting prior year activities	<u>10,000</u>
Beginning Net Assets (Restated)	\$ <u>302,337</u>

The restated Government-wide activities beginning net assets follows:

June 30, 2016, Net Assets	\$ 580,684
Adjustments for removal and correcting prior year activities	<u>78,226</u>
Beginning Net Assets (Restated)	\$ <u>658,910</u>

NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

FASB 165, which is codified in ASC Topic 855-10, requires the disclosure of the date through which the Town has evaluated subsequent events and the reason for selecting that date. The Town evaluated subsequent events through August 3, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 16 – CONTINGENCIES

The Town is the recipient of both Federal and State grants and awards. These grants and awards are governed by various requirements, guidelines, regulations and contractual agreements.

The administration of the programs and activities funded by these grants and awards is under the control of the Town and is subject to audit and review by the applicable funding sources. Any grant or award found not to be properly spent in accordance with the requirements, funding sources. Any grant or award found not to be properly spent in accordance with the requirements, guidelines, regulations and contractual agreements of the funding sources may be subject to recapture.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Financial Statements, Continued

NOTE 17 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PENSION STANDARDS

The GASB issued Statement No.68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* in June 2012. This Statement replaces the requirements of Statement No. 27, *Accounting Pension by State and Local Governmental Employers*, as well as the requirements of Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures. Statement No 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, revises existing standards of financial reporting for most pension plans. This Statement and Statement 67 establish a definition of a pension plan that reflects the primary activities associated with the pension arrangement—determining pensions, accumulating and managing assets dedicated for pensions, and paying benefits to plan members as they come due. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014.

The GASB issued Statement No. 70, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, in November 2013. The objective of this Statement is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. The issue relates to amounts associated with contributions, if any, made by a state or local government employer or non-employer contributing entity to a defined benefit pension plan after the measurement date of the government’s beginning net pension liability. The provisions of this Statement are required to be applied simultaneously with the provisions of Statement No. 68.

The GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, in February 2015. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The requirements of this Statement will enhance comparability of financial statements among governments by requiring measurement of certain assets and liabilities at fair value using a consistent and more detailed definition of fair value and accepted valuation techniques. This Statement also will enhance fair value application guidance and related disclosures in order to provide information to financial statement users about the impact of fair value measurements on a government’s financial position. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015.

Management is currently assessing the impact of these pronouncements as this may not be applicable currently.

NOTE 18 – LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL POLICE EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Municipalities are required to offer retirement benefits to full-time police officers in order to remain in compliance with the Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement Statute (MPERS). As of June 30, 2017, the Town employed two full-time officers. The Police Chief and the other officer were offered to enroll in the system, however, they chose to decline. The Town maintains signed affidavits on file as evidence of the officers opting-out of the program.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017
(Unaudited)

Budgets Data

Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. Budget amounts included in the accompanying required supplementary information include the original adopted budget. There were no official revisions adopted by the Town. All budget revisions, if applicable, are approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Budget Basis of Accounting

The General Fund budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Board. Legally, the Board must adopt a balanced budget; that is, total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including fund balance must equal or be expected to exceed budgeted expenditures by five (5) percent or more. The Board approves budgets at the functional level for the general fund and at the fund level for special revenue fund. Management can transfer amounts between line items within a function.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedules (Unaudited)
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance With
	Original	Final	Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balances, Beginning	\$ (84,993)	\$ (84,993)	\$ (45,300)	\$ (39,693)
Resources (inflows)				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem	120,000	120,000	133,979	13,979
Charitable gaming funds	350,000	350,000	333,579	(16,421)
Fines and forfeitures	55,000	55,000	37,168	(17,832)
Franchise tax	65,000	65,000	55,132	(9,868)
Garbage collections	70,000	70,000	186,011	116,011
Licenses and permits	60,000	60,000	36,173	(23,827)
Miscellaneous	7,755	7,755	8,652	897
Multi-Purpose center rental	7,000	7,000	9,234	2,234
Municipal license taxes	15,000	15,000	18,233	3,233
Restitution payments	6,000	6,000	-	(6,000)
Richwood correctional center fees	102,000	102,000	-	(102,000)
Sales taxes	330,000	330,000	302,996	(27,004)
Other taxes	2,500	2,500	1,940	(560)
Sewer fees	1,600	1,600	-	(1,600)
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State funds:				
Federal revenue	-	-	-	-
State revenue	-	-	51,600	51,600
Amounts available for appropriations	<u>1,106,862</u>	<u>1,106,862</u>	<u>1,129,397</u>	<u>(22,535)</u>
Charges to appropriations (outflows)				
General government	602,557	602,557	526,355	76,202
Public safety	65,000	65,000	54,691	10,309
Public works	201,414	201,414	233,582	(32,168)
Elections	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	38,536	(38,536)
Debt service - bond indenture	-	-	13,976	(13,976)
Debt service - interest	47,238	47,238	49,123	(1,885)
Compensated absences	-	-	-	-
Debt service - principal	-	-	-	-
Transfers to other funds	-	-	91,920	(91,920)
Total charges to appropriations	<u>916,209</u>	<u>916,209</u>	<u>1,008,183</u>	<u>(91,974)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 190,653</u>	<u>\$ 190,653</u>	<u>\$ 121,214</u>	<u>\$ 69,439</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Transportation Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedules (Unaudited)
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	(Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balances, Beginning	\$ 163,842	\$ 163,842	\$ 214,147	\$ 50,305
Resources (inflows)				
Intergovernmental revenues	113,660	113,660	8,705	(104,955)
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts available for appropriations	<u>277,502</u>	<u>277,502</u>	<u>222,852</u>	<u>(54,650)</u>
Charges to appropriations (outflows)				
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-
Transfers to other funds	<u>113,660</u>	<u>113,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,660</u>
Total charges to appropriations	<u>113,660</u>	<u>113,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,660</u>
Budgetary Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 163,842</u>	<u>\$ 163,842</u>	<u>\$ 222,852</u>	<u>\$ 59,010</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Budget to GAAP Reconciliation
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	General	Transportation
Sources/Inflows of resources:		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$ 1,129,397	\$ 222,852
Adjustments:		
The fund balance at the beginning of the year is a budgetary resource but is not a current-year revenue for financial reporting purposes	45,300	(214,147)
Transfers from other funds are inflows for budgetary purposes but are not revenue for financial reporting purposes	-	-
Total revenues as reported on the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 1,174,697	\$ 8,705
Uses/Outflows of resources:		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "Total charges to appropriations" from the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$ 1,008,183	\$ -
Adjustments:		
Transfers to other funds are outflows for budgetary purposes but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	(91,920)	-
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 916,263	\$ -

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Combining Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2017

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Sinking Fund</u>	<u>Total Proprietary Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<u>Current Assets:</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,773	\$ 2,510	\$ 47,283
Investments	63,184	-	63,184
Accounts receivable, net	19,136	-	19,136
Bond issuance costs	16,738	-	16,738
Total Current Assets	143,831	2,510	146,341
 <u>Non-Current Assets:</u>			
Capital assets, net of depreciation	477,041	-	477,041
TOTAL ASSETS	620,872	2,510	623,382
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts, salaries, and other payables	5,736	-	5,736
Interest payable	14,450	-	14,450
Bonds payable	165,000	-	165,000
Total Current Liabilities	185,186	-	185,186
 <u>Non-Current Liabilities:</u>			
Bonds payable	100,000	-	100,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	285,186	-	285,186
 <u>Net Position</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	212,041	-	212,041
Restricted for:			
Debt service	86,122	2,510	88,632
Public safety and recreation	4,846	-	4,846
Unrestricted	32,677	-	32,677
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 335,686	\$ 2,510	\$ 338,196

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Proprietary Funds
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Sinking Fund</u>	<u>Total Proprietary Funds</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>			
<u>Charges for services:</u>			
Sewer fees	\$ 91,995	\$ -	\$ 91,995
Total operating revenues	<u>91,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,995</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Cost of services</u>			
Billing services	69,251	-	69,251
Amortization	1,020	-	1,020
Depreciation	<u>67,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,019</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>137,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,290</u>
Operating loss	<u>(45,295)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(45,295)</u>
<u>Non-Operating Income (Expenses)</u>			
Interest income	2,377	-	2,377
Interest expense	<u>(13,143)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,143)</u>
Total non-operating expenses	<u>(10,766)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,766)</u>
<u>TRANSFERS</u>			
Transfers - In	<u>91,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,920</u>
Total transfers	<u>91,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,920</u>
Changes in net position	35,859	-	35,859
NET POSITION - July 1, 2016, as restated	<u>299,827</u>	<u>2,510</u>	<u>302,337</u>
NET POSITION - June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 335,686</u>	<u>\$ 2,510</u>	<u>\$ 338,196</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Compensation Paid to the Board of Alderpersons
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

The schedule of compensation paid to the Board of Alderpersons was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. As authorized by the Town's Ordinance Number 2016-06 dated July 16, 2015, the Alderperson's salaries were changed to \$750 per month. The following schedule shows total amounts paid in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017:

Wysinger Cleveland, Alderman	\$ 2,000
Marge Davis, Alderman	5,050
Janice Fleming, Mayor Pro-Tempore	9,000
Leola Keys, Alderwoman	9,000
Simeon Profit, Alderman	9,000
Donald Richard, Alderman	<u>9,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 43,050</u>

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to the Mayor
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Gerald Brown, Mayor

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 51,750
Travel meal and lodging	592
Conference registration fees	325
Total	<u>\$ 52,667</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.**

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Members of the Board of Alderpersons
and the Honorable Gerald Brown, Mayor
Town of Richwood
Richwood, Louisiana

We 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, business-type activities, and the major fund (general fund) and the remaining fund information of the Town of Richwood, Louisiana (the Town), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 3, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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)

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, Continued

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 a combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item to be a material weakness. 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.

Our 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 were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be significant deficiencies as items #2017-002, #2017-005 and #2017-006.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we 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 our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our 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 as items #2017-001, #2017-003 and # 2017-004.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
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(CONTINUED)

The Town's Response to Findings

The Town's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The Town's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town'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 Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Bruno & Tervalon LLP

BRUNO & TERVALON LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
New Orleans, Louisiana

August 3, 2018

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified		
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:			
• Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ no	
• Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	_____ <u>X</u> yes	_____ none reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no	
Management letter comments	_____ <u>X</u> yes	_____ no	
Internal Control Over Federal Programs:			
• Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ no	_____ <u>X</u> n/a
• Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____ yes	_____ none reported	_____ <u>X</u> n/a
Other Conditions:			
• Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no	
• Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____ yes	_____ <u>X</u> no	
Was a management letter issued	_____ <u>X</u> yes	_____ no	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-001 - Untimely Submission of Financial Audit Report by Due Date

Finding Classification

Instance of noncompliance

Finding Type

Late Filing of Report with LLA

Finding Title

Untimely Submission of Financial Audit Report by Due Date

Resolution (resolved, not resolved, partially resolved)

Not resolved

Number of years finding reported

Three (3) - 2015, 2016 and 2017

Financial impact of finding

Amount less than \$150,000

Resolutions is with or without course

The resolution of this finding is without cause

Criteria

Under Louisiana Audit Law, the Town is required to have an annual audit of its financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles completed and filed with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) of the State of Louisiana within six-month of the close of the calendar or fiscal year (June 30th).

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-001 - Untimely Submission of Financial Audit Report by Due Date, Continued

Condition

The Town did not meet the December 31, 2017, statutory deadline for reporting the required annual audit to the State of Louisiana.

Cause

Owing to lack of adequate year-end planning, the Town required additional time to complete its account analysis, reconciliation process and recordation of all the necessary adjustments to their accounting records.

Effect

The Town was not in compliance with Louisiana statute for completion of the annual audit. As a result, the Town was placed on the noncompliance list on the LLA's website causing interruption of funding to the Town until the condition is resolved.

Recommendation

The Town should continue the implementation of a plan to ensure adequate staffing levels to support timely financial reporting and ensure future audits are completed by statutory due dates.

Management's Response

Going forward we will hold an initial audit responsibility meeting for all parties involved in processing the audit at least three (3) months prior to due date to define specific responsibilities and due date for deliverables to be reported back to the mayor on a bi-weekly basis until completion. Further, we will request more scheduled communication between CPA and fiscal office/town clerk regarding the particulars of the audit process.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-002 - Strengthening Control Over Recordkeeping,

Finding Classification

Significant Deficiency

Finding Type

Accounting Records/ Documentation

Finding Title

Strengthening Control Over Recordkeeping

Resolution (resolved, not resolved, partially resolved)

Partially resolved

Number of years finding reported

Two (2) – 2016 and 2017

Financial Impact of Finding

Amount less than \$150,000

Resolutions is with or without course

The resolution of this finding is without cause

Criteria

Grantees receiving Federal and State funding, whether directly or as a sub-award are required to maintain a system of recordkeeping that will ensure that every documentation is complete, accurate and properly retained for the time period required by the regulations.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-002 - Strengthening Control Over Recordkeeping, Continued

Condition

During our audit, the following situations were noted:

- Errors in selected account receivables and related revenue;
- Errors in payroll liabilities; and
- Some accruals and correcting journals entries were not made on a timely basis. On a few occasions, these entries were made during our audit.

Cause

Performance of necessary procedures and devotion of required time by the Town's staff are lacking due to their sole reliance on the contract accountant.

Effect

Complete and accurate financial statements are not readily available for year end audit to meet the required statutory deadlines. Inconsistencies noted require additional time for corrections.

Recommendation

Management should continue to strengthen internal controls relating to recordkeeping to ensure that financial reports are prepared more accurately and timely.

Management's Response

Will look to obtain from contracted accountant and/or outside sources, additional training and development for staff involved with any and all recordkeeping. Will develop an accrual and journal entry review process to ensure timeliness.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-003 - Monitoring and Payments of Unemployment Taxes

Finding Classification

Significant Deficiency

Finding Type

Payroll Taxes not Remitted Timely

Finding Title

Monitoring and Payments of Unemployment Taxes

Resolution (resolved, not resolved, partially resolved)

Partially resolved

Number of years finding reported

Two (2) – 2016 and 2017

Financial impact of finding

Amount less than \$150,000

Resolutions is with or without course

The resolution of this finding is without cause

Criteria

Records should be maintained in a manner that permits the verification of balances with amounts reported by external parties.

Condition

We noted that the amount recorded on the Town's general ledger is different from the amount confirmed by the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) by a significant amount. The Town's procedures for the payment of overdue amounts do not provide for appropriate oversight and monitoring of its payables. While the outstanding balance was paid down during the year, the remaining outstanding balance as confirmed by the LWC as of June 30, 2017 did not agree with book balance.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-003 - Monitoring and Payments of Unemployment Taxes, Continued

Cause

The accounts or subsidiary records are not maintained in a manner that permits appropriate follow-up.

Effect

Delay exists in timely resolution on discrepancies and reconciling items.

Recommendation

Management should develop procedures to ensure that all debts are monitored and recorded in a manner that permits the amounts to be in agreement with outside information. Furthermore, a better description should be used when entering the transaction into the general ledger.

Management's Response

Will determine appropriate descriptions for all debts recorded and will ask for more frequent reports from Louisiana Workforce Commission to ensure records match.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-004 - Debt Service Reserve Requirements

Finding Classification

Instance of noncompliance

Finding Type

Bond Covenant Non-Compliance

Finding Title

Debt Service Reserve Requirements

Resolution (resolved, not resolved, partially resolved)

Partially resolved

Number of years finding reported

Three (3) – 2015, 2016 and 2017

Financial impact of finding

Amount less than \$150,000

Resolutions is with or without course

The resolution of this finding is without cause

Criteria

The Town's bonded debt indenture requires the Town to hold in reserve \$122,800 for the 2008 Series A and B Bonds.

Condition

At June 30, 2017, the 2000 Sewer Revenue Bonds was paid off. However, the 2008 Series A and B Bonds remain outstanding with a debt service reserve requirement of \$122,800. The Town held a balance of \$59,292 in a reserve account leaving an outstanding balance of \$63,508 unmet as required.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-004 - Debt Service Reserve Requirements, Continued

Cause

Management is in the process of catching up with long overdue debts.

Effect

By failing to meet the reserve requirement, the Town is not in compliance with its bond covenants.

Recommendation

The Town should continue in its efforts to ensure the required balance in the reserve account is maintained at all times.

Management's Response

Will continue to work to meet and maintain required debt balance in reserve account and continue to communicate with debt servicer regarding efforts to do so.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-005 – Bank Reconciliations

Finding Classification

Significant deficiency

Finding Type

Reconciliation of Accounting Records/Bank Accounts

Finding Title

Bank Reconciliations

Resolution (resolved, not resolved, partially resolved)

Partially Resolved

Number of years finding reported

One (1) - 2017

Financial impact

Amount less than \$150,000

Resolution is with or without course

The resolution of this finding is without cause

Criteria

All cash transactions should be properly administered, reconciled, and supporting documentation maintained in accordance with the Town's policies and procedures.

Condition

During our testwork on cash accounts for the year ended June 30, 2017, we noted the following situations:

- All bank reconciliations were not reviewed by a member of management (with no involvement in the transaction associated with the bank accounts);
- General Fund cash account reconciliation has outstanding stale checks greater than two (2) years;

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-005 – Bank Reconciliations, Continued

Condition, Continued

- The general fund and sewer cash accounts balances were not in agreement with general ledger; and
- Sewer Fund cash account reconciliation has outstanding stale checks greater than one (1) year.

We also noted the hiring of contract accounting firm to help resolve this condition close to year-end and during the audit engagement.

Cause

Challenges resulting from staff changes and year end planning.

Effect

Various adjustments and write offs of reconciling items were made to cash accounts in order to properly reflect year end balances.

Recommendation

We recommend the Town continues to strengthen the implementation of policies and procedures as relate to cash to ensure that the Town's cash and cash equivalents are complete, and accurate, and properly reflected in the Town's financial statements. All bank reconciliations should be performed accurately on a timely basis.

Management's Response

Will establish procedure to ensure all bank reconciliations are reviewed by Mayor including review for possible stale checks and ledger balance review.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA

Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-006 –Financial Statement Preparation and Closeout Procedures

Finding Classification

Significant Deficiency

Finding Type

Financial Reporting

Finding Title

Financial Statement Preparation and Closeout Procedures

Resolution (resolved, not resolved, partially resolved)

Not Resolved

Number of years finding reported

One (1) - 2017

Financial impact

Amount less than \$150,000

Resolution is with or without course

The resolution of this finding is without cause

Criteria

All financial reporting should be properly performed, reconciled, and supporting documentation maintained in accordance with the Town's policies and procedures in order to timely prepare yearend financial.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2017-006 –Financial Statement Preparation and Closeout Procedures, Continued

Condition

The Town hired external accounting firm to help the Fiscal department to closeout and prepare auditable financial statements. A tremendous number of hours were spent to resolve this condition which caused a delay in timely preparation of complete set of financial statements. The result was that numerous adjustments were recorded and delay of timely completion of audit engagement.

Cause

The primary contributory factor for this situation was partly due to lack of proper controls and procedures to timely and efficiently closeout and prepare financial statements.

Effect

Delay in timely completion of year end audit.

Recommendation

The Town should continue in its efforts to establish and implement financial reporting procedures after year end and ensure the same condition is not reoccurring in future.

Management's Response

Will implement monthly review of available financial statements with in-house fiscal staff after they have reviewed periodically with contracted accountants.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Summary Schedule of Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Not applicable

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S AUDIT FINDINGS

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Audit Finding Reference Number

2016-001 - Untimely Submission of Financial Audit Report by Due Date

Condition

The Town did not meet the June 30, 2016, statutory deadline for reporting the required annual audit to the State of Louisiana. The Town requested and received an extension of time from the LLA to file its financial statements till January 20, 2017. However, the deadline was not met.

Recommendation

The Town should continue the implementation of a plan to ensure adequate staffing levels to support timely financial reporting and ensure future audits are completed by statutory due dates.

Corrective Action Implemented

The Town was not timely with the annual audit year end planning this past fiscal year, due to the accountant providing the financial statements to the auditors late.

Current Status

This condition is considered unresolved. See repeated Finding #2017-001.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2016-002 – Delay in Implementing Parish Transportation Act

Condition

The Town did not have a three-year Town-wide capital improvement program for roads.

Recommendation

The Mayor and Board of Alderpersons should continue their efforts to comply with the requirements of the PTA by preparing and adopting a municipal-wide unit system of road administration that includes the following:

- A capital improvement program that uses a three-year priority schedule. The priority schedule should include a list of all projects to be constructed in the current fiscal year by order of priority, as well as the two following fiscal years. All road construction projects, including overly projects, must be based upon engineering plans and inspection. This priority schedule must be approved each year by a majority vote in an open board meeting, and the schedule may be amended as additional funding is secured and roadways are included or removed from the municipal-wide system.
- A selective maintenance program under the authority of the road superintendent. The road superintendent should prepare a weekly work schedule for the maintenance jobs and ensure that the work orders include the dates and locations of the work and the labor, materials, and equipment used to perform the work.
- Intensifying their recruiting effort to ensure compliance with the PTA requirements.

Corrective Action Implemented

The Town has hired Lazenby & Associates, Inc. to assist the Town with a three-year town-wide improvement program for the planning and preparation for maintenance construction and repair of the Town's roads. Also, the Town no longer receives these funds, they were reverted to the Parish.

Current Status

This condition is currently resolved.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2016-003 - Strengthening Control Over Recordkeeping, Continued

Condition

During our audit, the following situations were noted:

- Errors in selected account receivables and related revenue;
- Addition to fixed assets was not timely recorded;
- Misclassification in grant fund received from the State; and
- Some accruals and correcting journals entries were not made on a timely basis. On a few occasions, these entries were made during our audit.

Recommendation

Management should continue to strengthen internal controls relating to recordkeeping to ensure that financial reports are prepared more accurately and timely.

Corrective Action Implemented

The Town will continue to work with a CPA firm to ensure entries are recorded properly and on a timely manner.

Current Status

This condition is considered partially resolved. See Finding #2017-002.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2016-04 - Monitoring and Payments of Unemployment Taxes

Condition

We noted that the amount recorded on the Town's general ledger is different from the amount confirmed by the Louisiana Workforce Commission by a significant amount. The Town's procedures for the payment of overdue amounts do not provide for appropriate oversight and monitoring of its payables. As a result, the interest and penalties incurred on nonpayment of unemployment taxes continued to increase, yet not recorded on the book on a timely basis. Arrangement to liquidate this debt is yet to be finalized.

Recommendation

Management should develop procedures to ensure that all debts are monitored and recorded in a manner that permits the amounts to be in agreement with outside information. Furthermore, a better description should be used when entering the transaction into the general ledger.

Corrective Action Implemented

The Louisiana Workforce has not posted amounts owed on their website that reflect amounts owed as of January 2, 2018. We have not received notification in reference to an offering of compromise to release penalties and interest or to reduce them. Until then, we will continue to make payments.

Current Status

This condition is considered partially resolved. See Finding #2017-003

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

(CONTINUED)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2016-005 - Ineffective Collection Efforts Over Sanitation Fees

Condition

We determined there are no documentation and follow-ups on sanitation fees that are past due on a timely basis. The input into the accounting system does not provide for appropriate and adequate oversight.

Recommendation

Management should develop procedures to ensure past due fees are collected on a timely basis.

Corrective Action Implemented

The staff is in the process of making adjustments in the QuickBooks system per customer, with collaboration of J. Walker Company, to make sure the adjustment does not offset the account receivables report.

Current Status

This condition is considered unresolved. See management letter comments ML #2017-001.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2016-006 - Incomplete Implementation of New GASB Pension Standards

Condition

We noted that the Town has not fully implemented the provisions of the new GASB pension standards as of June 30, 2016. The required changes in the calculation and reporting of pension obligations and expenses are yet to be implemented.

Recommendation

The Town should take necessary action to ensure timely implementation of the provisions of accounting and auditing standards as applicable.

Corrective Action Implemented

This is an ongoing process the staff is working with the J. Walker Company in making the necessary adjustments to all account so that the Town will be in compliance. However, there were no employees or administrators that are qualified for pensions currently.

Current Status

This condition is considered not applicable currently.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

Audit Finding Reference Number

2016-007 - Data Filing and Maintenance

Condition

We noted during our audit that the fiscal officer has capabilities to calculate each employee's payroll expense, enter it into the accounting system, and keep the respective employee's file in her office. The personnel files are not kept in a fire proof safe and not under dual control.

Recommendation

Management should consider necessary policies and procedures to provide for the proper data filing and maintenance.

Corrective Action Implemented

The staff has a fireproof safe to store the personal records along with the Fiscal Officer

Current Status

This condition is considered resolved.

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
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for the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS, Continued

2016-008 - Debt Service Reserve Requirements

Condition

At June 30, 2016, the 2000 Sewer Revenue Bonds was paid off. However, the 2008 Series Bonds remain outstanding with a debt service reserve requirement of \$122,800. The Town held a balance of \$59,292 in a reserve account leaving an outstanding balance of \$63,508 unmet as required.

Recommendation

The Town should continue in its efforts to ensure the required balance in the reserve account is maintained at all times.

Corrective Action Implemented

We are aware that there is a debt reserve requirement of \$122,800 for our 2008 Series Bond and currently have a balance of \$59,292. We have been in contact with the bond officials and will be making regular payments towards the balance remaining.

Current Status

This condition is considered partially resolved. See repeated Finding #2017-004.

EXIT CONFERENCE

**TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA
EXIT CONFERENCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

The audit report was discussed during the course of the audit engagement and at an exit conference held with the Town. The individuals who participated in those discussions were as follows:

TOWN OF RICHWOOD, LOUISIANA

Mayor Gerald Brown	Mayor
Alderman Simeon Profit	Member, Board of Alderpersons
Alderman Wyingler Cleveland	Member, Board of Alderpersons
Alderwoman Leola Keys	Member, Board of Alderpersons
Ms. Bettina Woods	Town Clerk
Ms. Tanisha Jolla	Fiscal Officer

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Mr. Joseph A. Akanji, CPA	Engagement Partner
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Ms. Sheconya Tarvin	Staff Auditor
Mr. Christopher Hall, Jr, CPA	Staff Auditor

THE TOWN OF RICHWOOD
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON
APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON
APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To Honorable Gerald Brown, Mayor
and Members of Board of Alderpersons
Town of Richwood, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by **the Town of Richwood (the Town)** and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA), on the control and compliance areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-upon Procedures (SAUPs), and certain additional procedures requested by the Mayor or Council Member of **the Town**, for the year ended June 30, 2017 ("fiscal period"). **The Town's** management is responsible for those control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of Government Auditing Standards. 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.

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
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APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
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PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS

Our procedures and findings related to the statewide agreed-upon procedures are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. We obtained **the Town's** written policies and procedures to determine whether the policies and procedures address each of the following financial/business functions, as applicable:

a) Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

No exceptions were noted.

b) Purchasing, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

No exceptions were noted.

c) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

No exceptions were noted.

d) Receipts, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits.

No exceptions were noted.

e) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

No exceptions were noted.

f) Contracting, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

We noted that the Town has no policy for legal review documented within the written Policies and Procedures.

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON
APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
(CONTINUED)**

Management's Response

The Town will amend, incorporate and attest to relevant section of the policies and procedures where the Board and Attorney will review contracts over the limit of \$5,000.

- g) Credit Cards, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers, and (5) monitoring card usage.

The Town has no credit cards in use.

- h) Travel and expense reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

No exceptions were noted.

- i) Ethics, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.

We noted that the written policies and procedures did not include actions taken in case of violation, a monitoring system for possible violations, and employees attestation requirement that the policy has been read.

Management's Response

Subsequent to year end, **the Town** amended and added a code of conduct and ethic policy along with an attestation showing the policy has been read.

- j) Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

We noted that the Town was not current with the principal repayment on the 2000 Sewer Revenue Bond as set by the debt covenant.

Management's Response

The Town will continue to work to become current on principal obligations as established by debt covenant.

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
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Board (or Finance Committee, if applicable)

2. We obtained and reviewed the Board/Finance Committee minutes for the fiscal period to determine whether:

- a) the Board met (with a quorum) at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the Board's enabling legislation, charter, or other equivalent document.

No exceptions were noted.

- b) the Board minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on **the Town's** General fund and any additional funds, and if the budget-to-actual comparisons showed that management was deficit spending during the fiscal period, there is a formal/written plan to eliminate the deficit spending for those entities with a fund balance deficit. If there is a formal/written plan, report whether the meeting minutes for at least one board meeting during the fiscal period reflect that the board is monitoring the plan.

No exceptions were noted.

- c) The minutes referenced or included non-budgetary financial information (e.g. approval of contracts and disbursements) for at least one meeting during the fiscal period.

No exceptions were noted.

Bank Reconciliations

3. We obtained a listing of client bank accounts from management and management's representation that the listing is complete.

No exceptions were noted.

4. From the listing provided by management, we selected three of **the Town's** bank accounts and obtained bank statements and reconciliations for all months in the fiscal period to determine whether:

- a) Bank reconciliations have been prepared;

We noted that all bank reconciliations were prepared after fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON
APPLYING STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
(CONTINUED)**

Management's Response

The Town will implement proper procedures and work with contract accountants to ensure bank reconciliations are done timely and accurately.

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management or a board member (with no involvement in the transactions associated with the bank account) have reviewed each bank reconciliation; and

We noted that all bank reconciliations were not reviewed by a member of management during our test work performed.

Management's Response

Management will implement a bank reconciliation review process by a member of management, who is not involve in the reconciliation process on a monthly basis.

- c) If applicable, management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than six (6) months as of the end of the fiscal period.

We noted that cash account reconciliations tested have outstanding reconciling items greater than two (2) years. We also noted that the general and sewer fund cash account reconciliations did not agree to the ledger balances at June 30, 2017.

Management's Response

Management will implement bank reconciliation review process to make sure cash accounts' reconciling items do not exceed six (6) months to clear and are accurately reconciled.

Cash Collections

5. We obtained a listing of cash/check/money order (cash) collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete.

No exceptions were noted.

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6. From the listing provided by management, we selected all of **the Town's** six (6) cash collection locations and:

- a) Obtained existing written documentation (e.g. insurance policy, policy manual, job description) to determine whether each person responsible for collecting cash is (1) bonded, (2) not responsible for depositing the cash in the bank, recording the related transaction, or reconciling the related bank account (report if there are compensating controls performed by an outside party), and (3) not required to share the same cash register or drawer with another employee.

No exceptions were noted.

- b) Obtained existing written documentation (e.g. sequentially numbered receipts, system report, reconciliation worksheets, and policy manual) to determine whether **the Town** has a formal process to reconcile cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, by a person who is not responsible for cash collections in the cash collection location selected.

No exceptions were noted

- c) Selected the highest (dollar) week of cash collections from the general ledger or other accounting records during the fiscal period and:

- 1) Using entity collection documentation, deposit slips, and bank statements, traced daily collections to the deposit date on the corresponding bank statement to determine whether the deposits were made within one day of collection.

No exceptions were noted

- 2) Using sequentially numbered receipts, system reports, or other related collection documentation, verified that daily cash collections are completely supported by documentation.

No exceptions were noted

- 7. We obtained existing written documentation (e.g. policy manual, written procedure) to determine whether **the Town** has a process specifically defined (identified as such by **the Town**) to determine completeness of all collections, including electronic transfers, for each revenue source and agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation) by a person who is not responsible for collections.

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No exceptions were noted

Disbursements – General (excluding credit card purchases or payments)

8. We obtained the Town's general ledger for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and filtered for disbursements. We obtained management's representation that the general ledger population was complete.

No exceptions were noted.

9. Using the disbursement population from #08 above, we randomly selected 25 disbursements, excluding credit card/debit card/fuel card/P-card purchases or payments. We obtained supporting documentation (e.g. purchase requisitions, system screens/logs) for each transaction to determine whether:
- a) Purchases were initiated using a requisition/purchase order system or an equivalent electronic system that separates initiation from approval functions in the same manner as a requisition/purchase order system.

We noted one (1) of twenty-five (25) purchases was not properly initiated using the purchase order system.

Management's Response

The Town will implement and enforce that the purchasing process is properly adhered to for all disbursements.

- b) Purchase orders, or an electronic equivalent, were approved by a person who did not initiate the purchase.

We noted one (1) of twenty-five (25) purchases did not show approval by a person who did not initiate the purchase.

Management's Response

The Town will implement and enforce that the purchasing process is properly adhered to for all disbursements.

- c) Payments for purchases were not processed without (1) an approved requisition and/or purchase order, or electronic equivalent; (2) a receiving report showing receipt of goods purchased, or electronic equivalent; and (3) an approved invoice.

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We noted one (1) of twenty-five (25) purchases did not have an approved requisition, and include a receiving report or packing slip as indicated that goods were received. We also noted two (2) of twenty-five (25) purchases did not have an approved invoice within the payment packet.

Management's Response

The Town will implement and enforce that the process for payments for purchases is properly adhered to according to the established policies and procedures.

10. We reviewed **the Town's** documentation (e.g. electronic system control documentation, policy manual, written procedure) to determine whether the person responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding vendors to **the Town's** purchasing/disbursement system.

We noted that the same personnel who processed payments also had the ability to add vendors.

Management's Response

The Town clerk will add vendors into the accounting system henceforth.

11. We reviewed **the Town's** documentation (e.g. electronic system control documentation, policy manual, written procedure) to determine whether the persons with signatory authority or who make the final authorization for disbursements have no responsibility for initiating or recording purchases.

No exceptions were noted.

12. We inquired of management and observed the supply of unused checks to determine whether unused checks are maintained in a locked location, with access restricted to those persons that do not have signatory authority.

No exceptions were noted.

13. We inquired **the Town** if a signature stamp is used for payments, and of the individual with a signature stamp whether his signature is maintained under his control or is used only with his knowledge and consent. We also inquired whether signed checks are likewise maintained under the control of the signer or authorized user until mailed. We noted that the Mayor is the only check signer who uses a signature stamp which is under his control.

No exceptions were noted.

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Credit Cards

14. There were no active credit cards for the period ending 6/30/2017. We obtained management's representation that this information is accurate.

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

15. There was no available listing to randomly select cards that were used during the fiscal year and obtained the monthly statements. We selected the monthly statement with the largest dollar activity for each card to determine whether:

a) There is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

b) Finance charges and/or late fees were assessed on the selected statements.

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

16. Using the monthly statements selected, we obtained supporting documentation for all transactions for each of the card selected.

a) We reviewed each transaction to determine whether the transaction is supported by:

1) An original itemized receipt (i.e., identifies precisely what was purchased)

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

2) Documentation of the business/public purpose. For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating.

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

3) Other documentation that may be required by written policy (e.g., purchase order, written authorization.)

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

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- b) For each transaction, we reviewed the transaction's detail (nature of purchase, dollar amount of purchase, supporting documentation) for compliance with **the Town's** written purchasing/disbursement policies and the Louisiana Public Bid Law (i.e. transaction is a large or recurring purchase requiring the solicitation of bids or quotes).

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

- c) For each transaction, we compared **the Town's** documentation of the business/public purpose to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution, which prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value, and report any exceptions (e.g. cash advances or non-business purchases, regardless whether they are reimbursed).

No credit cards are in use. Not applicable.

Travel and Expense Reimbursement

17. We obtained the general ledger for the year ended June 30, 2017 and filtered for travel reimbursements. We obtained management's representation that the general ledger population is complete.

No exceptions were noted.

18. We obtained **the Town's** written policies related to travel and expense reimbursements and compared the amounts in the policies to the per diem and mileage rates established by the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov) to determine whether there are any amounts that exceed GSA rates.

No exceptions were noted.

19. Using the transactions from #17 above, we selected the three (3) persons who incurred the most travel costs during the fiscal period. We obtained the expense reimbursement reports or prepaid expense documentation of each selected person, including the supporting documentation, and chose the largest travel expense for each person to review in detail. For each of the three (3) travel expenses selected:

- a) We compared expense documentation to written policies to determine whether each expense was reimbursed or prepaid in accordance with written policy (e.g., rates established for meals, mileage, lodging).

No exceptions were noted.

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b) We determined whether each expense is supported by:

1) An original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

No exceptions were noted.

2) Documentation of the business/public purpose (Note: For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating).

No exceptions were noted.

3) Other documentation as may be required by written policy (e.g., authorization for travel, conference brochure, certificate of attendance)

No exceptions were noted.

c) We compared **the Town's** documentation of the business/public purpose to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution, which prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value.

No exceptions were noted.

d) We determined whether each expense and related documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions were noted.

Contracts

20. We obtained a listing of all contracts in effect during the fiscal period and obtained the general ledger for the year ended June 30, 2017 and filtered for contract payments. We obtained management's representation that the general ledger population is complete.

No exceptions were noted.

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21. Using the listing above, there was only one contracted vendor that was paid during the fiscal year, including the transportation contract and excluding purchases on state contract and payments to the practitioner. We obtained the related contract and highest paid invoice and:

- a) We determined whether there is a formal/written contract that supports the services arrangement and the amount paid.

No exceptions were noted.

- b) We compared each contract's detail to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code to determine whether each contract is subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code and:

- 1) If yes, we obtained and compared supporting contract documentation to legal requirements to determine whether **the Town** complied with all legal requirements (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertisement, selected lowest bidder)

No exceptions were noted.

- 2) If no, we obtained supporting contract documentation to determine whether **the Town** solicited quotes as a best practice.

No exceptions were noted.

- c) We determined the contract was not amended.

No exceptions were noted.

- d) We selected the largest payment from the contract, obtained the supporting invoice, and compared the invoice to the contract terms, to determine whether the invoice and related payment complied with the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions were noted.

- e) We obtained and reviewed contract documentation and board minutes to determine whether there is documentation of board approval, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act or Home Rule Charter).

No exceptions were noted.

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Payroll and Personnel

22. We obtained a listing of employees (and elected officials, if applicable) with their related salaries. We selected the five (5) highest paid employees, obtained their personnel files, and:

- a) Reviewed compensation paid to each employee during the fiscal period to determine whether payments were made in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the employment contract or pay rate structure.

No exceptions were noted.

- b) Reviewed changes made to hourly pay rates/salaries during the fiscal period to determine whether those changes were approved in writing and in accordance with written policy.

No exceptions were noted.

23. We obtained attendance and leave records and randomly selected one pay period in which leave was taken by at least one employee (June 1-16, 2017). Within that pay period, we randomly selected 8 employees to determine whether:

- a) All selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).

No exceptions were noted.

- b) There is written documentation that supervisors approved, electronically or in writing, the attendance and leave of the selected employees.

No exceptions were noted.

- c) There is written documentation that **the Town** maintained written leave records (e.g., hours earned, hours used, and balance available) on those selected employees that earn leave.

No exceptions were noted.

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24. We obtained from management a list of those employees/officials that terminated during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. There was only one termination payment (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory time) made during the fiscal period and we obtained the personnel files for that employee. We reviewed the termination payments to determine whether they were made in strict accordance with policy and/or contract and approved by management.

No exceptions were noted.

25. We obtained supporting documentation (e.g. cancelled checks, EFT documentation) relating to payroll taxes and retirement contributions during the fiscal period to determine whether the employee and employer portions of payroll taxes and retirement contributions, as well as the required reporting forms, were submitted to the applicable agencies by the required deadlines.

No exceptions were noted.

Ethics

26. Using the eight (8) randomly selected employees from procedure #23 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, we obtained ethics compliance documentation from management to determine whether **the Town** maintained documentation to demonstrate that required ethics training was completed. We also reviewed the employee files for the employees selected to determine whether there was a signed verification of having read the ethics policy included in the file.

We noted that one (1) of five (5) employees did not have documentation to demonstrate that the required ethics training was completed.

Management's Response

The Town will implement an annual ethical audit to insure everyone is in compliance.

27. We inquired of management whether any alleged ethics violations were reported to **the Town** during the fiscal period and, if applicable, reviewed documentation demonstrating that management investigated alleged ethics violations, the corrective actions taken, and whether management's actions complied with **the Town's** ethics policy.

No alleged ethics violations were reported to the Town during the fiscal period.

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Debt Service

28. If debt was issued during the fiscal period, we obtained supporting documentation from **the Town** to determine whether State Bond Commission approval was obtained.

No exceptions were noted.

29. If **the Town** had outstanding debt during the fiscal period, we obtained supporting documentation from **the Town** and report whether **the Town** made scheduled debt service payments and maintained debt reserves, as required by debt covenants.

No exceptions were noted.

30. If **the Town** had tax mileages relating to debt service, we obtained supporting documentation to determine whether millage collections exceeded debt service payments by more than 10% during the fiscal period.

No exceptions were noted.

Other

31. We inquired of management whether **the Town** had any misappropriations of public funds or assets. If so, we obtained and reviewed supporting documentation to determine whether **the Town** reported the misappropriation to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney of Orleans Parish.

No misappropriations of public funds or assets were reported during the period.

32. We observed **the Town's** premises and website to determine whether **the Town** posted the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1.

No exceptions were noted.

33. If the practitioner observes or otherwise identifies any exceptions regarding management's representations in the procedures above, report the nature of each exception.

No exceptions were identified regarding management's representations in the procedures above.

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

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Mayor Gerald Brown and
Members of the Town Board of Alderpersons
Town of Richwood, Louisiana

Management of Town of Richwood (the Town) is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Richwood, Louisiana (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of deficiencies in internal control other than significant deficiencies and material weaknesses and matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The following paragraphs summarize our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. We previously reported on the Town's internal control in our report dated August 3, 2018. This letter does not affect my report dated August 3, 2018 on the financial statements of the Town.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Town management, and we will be pleased to discuss these comments in further detail at your convenience. Our comment is summarized as follows:

CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS

ML 2017-001 - Ineffective Collection Efforts Over Sanitation Fees

Finding Classification

Management Letter Comments

Finding Type

Accounting Records/Documentation

Finding Title

Ineffective Collection Efforts over Sanitation Fees

Resolution (resolved, not resolved, partially resolved)

Unresolved

Number of years finding reported

Two (2) – 2016 and 2017

Financial impact of finding

Amount less than \$150,000

Resolutions is with or without course

The resolution of this finding is without cause

Criteria

Appropriate controls should be in place to ensure that all past due fees on sanitation charges are properly recorded and collected.

Condition

We determined there are no documentation and follow-ups on sanitation fees that are past due on a timely basis. The input into the accounting system does not provide for appropriate and adequate oversight.

ML 2017-001 - Ineffective Collection Efforts Over Sanitation Fees, Continued

Cause

Lack of procedures for proper accounting for sanitation fees.

Effect

Uncollected fees may occur without timely detection.

Recommendation

Management should develop procedures to ensure past due fees are collected on a timely basis.

Management's Response

Will add to policies and procedures a procedure for informing of past due sanitation fees and their collection and ensure duties are appropriately segregated.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS

	<u>Resolved</u>	<u>Unresolved</u>
ML 2016-005 Ineffective Collection Efforts Over Sanitation Fees		X – Repeat ML 2017-001
ML 2016-007 Data Filing and Maintenance	X	

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, members of the Board of Alderpersons and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specific parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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