

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

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With Supplemental Information Schedules

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Janis Landry, Mayor
And Members of the Board of Aldermen
Town of Slaughter
PO Box 293
Slaughter, LA 70777

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental-type activities, the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Slaughter, Louisiana (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental-type activities, the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Town, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that I identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, the schedule of the Town's proportionate share of net pension liability, and the schedule of the Town's contributions 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. Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. My opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

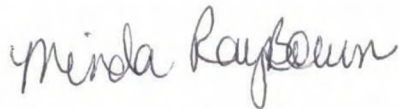
My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation paid to board members, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head, and the justice funding schedule-collecting/disbursing entity 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 my opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 23, 2024 on my consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 of Slaughter's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Minda Raybourn".

Minda Raybourn CPA
Franklinton, LA
December 23, 2024

Basic Financial Statements

STATEMENT A

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

<u>ASSETS</u>	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business-type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 435,450	\$ 560,019	\$ 995,469
Investments	-	-	-
Receivables, net	92,790	35,163	127,953
Due from other funds	19,869	83,795	103,664
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	319,895	126,645	446,540
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,051,727	1,449,523	2,501,250
Total Assets	1,919,731	2,255,145	4,174,876
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	220,977	42,892	263,869
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	16,250	28,214	44,464
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-
Accrued wages	-	-	-
Payroll related payables	9,885	-	9,885
Compensated absences	9,420	8,914	18,334
Due to other funds	83,795	19,869	103,664
Payables from restricted assets:			-
Customer deposits	-	81,687	81,687
Lease Payable:			-
Due within one year	8,431	-	8,431
Long-term portion	27,370	-	27,370
Bonds payable:			-
Due within one year	-	100,000	100,000
Long-term portion	-	855,000	855,000
Net pension liability	352,845	81,834	434,679
Total Liabilities	507,996	1,175,518	1,683,514
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS RESOURCES</u>	6,618	30	6,648
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	1,015,926	494,523	1,510,449
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	-	44,958	44,958
Grant proceeds	-	-	-
Streets and sidewalks	353,688	-	353,688
Unrestricted	256,480	583,008	839,488
Total Net Position	\$ 1,626,094	\$ 1,122,489	\$ 2,748,583

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT B

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net Revenues (Expenses)</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities							
General government	\$ 315,228	\$ 6,798	\$ 8,949	\$ -	\$ (299,481)	\$ -	\$ (299,481)
Public safety: police	451,920	82,898	20,000	-	(349,022)	-	(349,022)
Public safety: fire	89,560	-	-	-	(89,560)	-	(89,560)
Streets and sidewalks	80,580	-	-	-	(80,580)	-	(80,580)
Interest on long-term debt	3,822	-	-	-	(3,822)	-	(3,822)
Total Governmental Activities	941,110	89,696	28,949	-	(822,465)	-	(822,465)
Business-type Activities							
Gas services	268,676	421,957	1,625	-	-	154,906	154,906
Water services	382,376	539,028	1,625	40,600	-	198,877	198,877
Total Business-type Activities	651,052	960,985	3,250	40,600	-	353,783	353,783
Total Primary Government	1,592,162	1,050,681	32,199	40,600	(822,465)	353,783	(468,682)
General Revenues and Transfers							
Sales taxes					310,728	-	310,728
Property taxes					48,819	-	48,819
Franchise fees					77,495	-	77,495
Occupational licenses					79,859	-	79,859
Cell phone tower rent					10,320	-	10,320
Interest earned					18,908	18,949	37,857
On-behalf payments state supplemental police					26,820	-	26,820
Gain on sale of asset					-	-	-
Other revenues					-	-	-
Transfers in/(out) of town funds					180,000	(180,000)	-
Capital transfers in Parish-wide Fire District					19,724	-	19,724
Total General Revenues and Transfers					772,673	(161,051)	611,622
Change in Net Position					(49,792)	192,732	142,940
Net Position, beginning					1,675,886	929,757	2,605,643
Net Position, ending					\$ 1,626,094	\$ 1,122,489	\$ 2,748,583

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Street and Sidewalks</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 435,450	\$ -	\$ 435,450
Investments	-	-	-
Receivables, net:			
Franchise fees	20,987	-	20,987
Property taxes	24	-	24
Sales taxes	22,314	49,010	71,324
Beer taxes	455	-	455
Due from other governmental agencies	-	-	-
Due from other funds	28,167	-	28,167
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	319,895	319,895
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>507,397</u>	<u>368,905</u>	<u>876,302</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	14,932	1,319	16,251
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-
Accrued Wages	-	-	-
Payroll liabilities	9,885	-	9,885
Due to other funds	78,195	13,898	92,093
Total Liabilities	103,012	15,217	118,229
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted for:			
Streets and sidewalks	-	353,688	353,688
Assigned for:			
Public safety: police	66,706	-	66,706
Unassigned	337,679	-	337,679
Total Fund Balances	<u>404,385</u>	<u>353,688</u>	<u>758,073</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 507,397</u>	<u>\$ 368,905</u>	<u>\$ 876,302</u>

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STATEMENT D

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	758,073
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheets. These are the capital assets, nets of accumulated depreciation, reported on the Statement of Net Position.		1,051,727
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Long-term liabilities of governmental activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. These are the long-term liabilities of the governmental activities:

Lease Payable		(35,800)
Net pension liability		(352,845)
Compensated absences		(9,420)

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		220,977
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		(6,618)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	1,626,094
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TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		General	Streets and Sidewalks	Total Governmental Funds
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Fines and other costs	\$	82,898	\$ -	\$ 82,898
Franchise fees		77,495	-	77,495
Interest		9,339	9,569	18,908
Intergovernmental revenues		19,724	-	19,724
On-behalf payments		26,820	-	26,820
Occupational licenses		79,859	-	79,859
Cell phone tower rent		10,320	-	10,320
Other revenues		6,798	-	6,798
Taxes - beer		1,847	-	1,847
Taxes - property		48,819	-	48,819
Taxes - sales		133,167	175,714	308,881
Total Revenues		497,086	185,283	682,369
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
General government		237,388	-	237,388
Public safety:				
Police		331,510	-	331,510
Fire		57,212	-	57,212
Streets and sidewalks		-	54,131	54,131
Debt Service:				
Lease Principal		15,902	-	15,902
Lease Interest		3,822	-	3,822
Capital outlay		19,420	13,860	33,280
Total Expenditures		665,254	67,991	733,245
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(168,168)	117,292	(50,876)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Grants and other contributions		20,000	-	20,000
Operating transfers, in		180,000	-	180,000
Operating transfers, out		-	-	-
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)		200,000	-	200,000
Change in Fund Balances		31,832	117,292	149,124
Fund Balances, beginning		372,553	236,396	608,949
Fund Balances, ending	\$	404,385	\$ 353,688	\$ 758,073

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
are different because: \$ 149,124

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation charged differed from capital outlay in the current period.

Capital outlays recoded as expenditures in governmental funds	33,280
Depreciation not reported in governmental funds	(153,554)

This amount represents capital lease principal payments during the current period.

15,902

Expenses related to compensated absences that are reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

1,719

Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense. This is the amount by which pension contributions charged differed from the actuarial cost of benefits.

(105,212)

Non employer contributions to cost sharing pension plan

8,949

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (49,792)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 217,707	\$ 342,312	\$ 560,019
Receivables, net	21,493	13,670	35,163
Due from other funds	83,795	8,212	92,007
Total Current Assets	322,995	364,194	687,189
Restricted Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	98,407	28,238	126,645
Total Restricted Assets	98,407	28,238	126,645
Capital Assets			
Right of way	-	1,500	1,500
Capital assets, net	1,385,184	53,932	1,439,116
Construction in progress	8,907	-	8,907
Net Capital Assets	1,394,091	55,432	1,449,523
Total Assets	1,815,493	447,864	2,263,357
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCE</u>	<u>\$ 21,446</u>	<u>\$ 21,446</u>	<u>\$ 42,892</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (Continued)
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities			
Payable from current assets:			
Accounts payable	\$ 20,207	\$ 8,007	\$ 28,214
Accrued wages	-	-	-
Compensated absences	4,457	4,457	8,914
Due to other funds	8,212	19,869	28,081
Total Current Liabilities, Payable from Current Assets	32,876	32,333	65,209
Payable from restricted assets:			
Bonds payable	100,000	-	100,000
Customer deposits	53,449	28,238	81,687
Total Current Liabilities, Payable from Restricted Assets	153,449	28,238	181,687
Total Current Liabilities	186,325	60,571	246,896
Long-term Liabilities			
Bonds payable	855,000	-	855,000
Net pension liability	40,917	40,917	81,834
Total Long Term Liabilities	895,917	40,917	936,834
Total Liabilities	1,082,242	101,488	1,183,730
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
	15	15	30
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	439,091	55,432	494,523
Restricted for debt service	44,958	-	44,958
Restricted for grant proceeds	-	-	-
Restricted for customer deposits	-	-	-
Unrestricted	270,633	312,375	583,008
Total Net Position	\$ 754,682	\$ 367,807	\$ 1,122,489

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT H

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sales	\$ 515,513	\$ 408,138	\$ 923,651
Penalties	20,694	-	20,694
Installations	2,821	8,080	10,901
Intergovernmental	1,625	1,625	3,250
Sales taxes	-	5,739	5,739
Grants	40,600	-	40,600
Total Operating Revenues	581,253	423,582	1,004,835
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Natural gas purchased	-	83,078	83,078
Bad debts	-	-	-
Depreciation	104,297	4,406	108,703
Salaries	62,367	62,367	124,734
Payroll taxes	4,655	4,656	9,311
Employee benefits	45,767	45,767	91,534
Insurance	8,161	10,309	18,470
Supplies	64,463	20,325	84,788
Repair and maintenance	2,819	3,422	6,241
Auto expense	2,656	2,656	5,312
Telephone	180	180	360
Utilities	20,874	739	21,613
Professional Services	26,178	24,882	51,060
Other	20,114	5,889	26,003
Total Operating Expenses	362,531	268,676	631,207
Operating Income (Loss)	218,722	154,906	373,628
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u>			
Interest income	15,758	3,191	18,949
Interest expense	(19,845)	-	(19,845)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(4,087)	3,191	(896)
<u>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</u>	214,635	158,097	372,732
Operating transfers, net	(130,000)	(50,000)	(180,000)
Change in Net Position	84,635	108,097	192,732
Total Net Position, beginning	810,515	119,242	929,757
Total Net Position, ending	\$ 895,150	\$ 227,339	\$ 1,122,489

The accompanying note are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT I

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received from customers	\$ 535,506	\$ 428,667	\$ 964,173
Cash received from installations	2,821	8,080	10,901
Paid for meter deposit fees	1,490	185	1,675
Cash paid to employees for services	(64,236)	(64,236)	(128,472)
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(147,506)	(187,456)	(334,962)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	328,075	185,240	513,315
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Interfund transactions	(272,320)	106,338	(165,982)
Proceeds from grants and contributions	40,600	-	40,600
Transfers from/(to) other funds	(130,000)	(50,000)	(180,000)
Net Cash Used for Non-Capital Financing Activities	(361,720)	56,338	(305,382)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of capital assets	(91,847)	-	(91,847)
Principal payments for long term debt	(95,000)	-	(95,000)
Interest payments for long term debt	(19,845)	-	(19,845)
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(206,692)	-	(206,692)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipt of interest	15,758	3,191	18,949
Net Cash Provided Investing Activities	15,758	3,191	18,949
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(224,579)	244,769	20,190
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning	540,693	125,781	666,474
Cash and Cash Equivalents, ending	316,114	370,550	686,664
CASH PRESENTATION OF STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS:			
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	217,707	342,312	560,019
Restricted Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	98,407	28,238	126,645
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$ 316,114	\$ 370,550	\$ 686,664

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT I

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Total</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET			
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating loss	\$ 218,722	\$ 154,906	\$ 373,628
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to			
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:			
Depreciation	104,297	4,406	108,703
Grant revenues and contributions	(42,225)	(1,625)	(43,850)
(Increase) decrease in assets:			
Accounts receivable	7,278	(3,665)	3,613
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:			
Accounts payable	6,501	4,882	11,383
Accrued wages	(1,869)	(1,869)	(3,738)
Retainage payable	4,591	-	4,591
State sales tax	2,060	-	2,060
LDHH fees	(789)	-	(789)
Compensated absences	144	144	288
Transfer between funds	22,035	22,036	44,071
Payroll withholdings	-	-	-
Deferred Outflows-Pensions	(10,206)	(10,206)	(20,412)
Customer deposits	1,490	185	1,675
Deferred Inflows-Pensions	(398)	(398)	(796)
Net pension liability and related resources	16,444	16,444	32,888
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	<u>\$ 328,075</u>	<u>\$ 185,240</u>	<u>\$ 513,315</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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INTRODUCTION

The Town of Slaughter, Louisiana (hereafter referred to as the Town) was created under the provisions of the Lawrason Act, La. Revised Statute 33:321-463, in 1960. Therefore, it operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The Mayor and five Alderpersons are elected at large every four years by the citizens of the Town. They are compensated for their services.

The Town provides police and fire protection, services to maintain or develop streets, sidewalks, drainage, and sanitation, general and administrative services, and utilities services for area residents. It currently serves approximately 450 utility customers and employs 13 persons (not including the mayor and board members).

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended, establishes criteria for determining the reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this statement, the Town is considered a primary government, since it is a local special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body. Under provisions of this statement, there are no component units of the Town.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, a primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

These financial statements are presented in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statements described in the following paragraphs. Statement No. 34 established standards for financial reporting, with presentation requirements originally including a statement of net assets (or balance sheet), a statement of activities, and a statement of cash flows. The definition and composition of these statements, as originally defined in GASB Statement No. 34, are as amended by GASB Statements included in the following paragraphs. The Town has also adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions* that require capital contributions to the Town to be presented as a change in net position.

GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, effective for financial statement periods ending after December 15, 2012, provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. Concepts Statement No. 4, *Elements of Financial Statements*, introduced and defined *Deferred Outflows of Resources* as a consumption of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, and *Deferred Inflows of Resources* as an acquisition of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, respectively. Previous financial reporting standards do not include guidance for reporting those financial

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statement elements, which are distinct from assets and liabilities. GASB Concepts Statement 4 identifies net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position. This Statement amends the net asset reporting requirements in Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, and other pronouncements by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. The definition and reporting of net position is further described in *Footnote J – Net Position and Fund Equity*. As required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 63 during the year ending June 30, 2012. The Town had deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pension of \$263,869 and \$6,648, respectively, at June 30, 2024.

The Town has also adopted GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. See *Footnote I – Long-Term Obligations*.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. 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 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.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are presented as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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

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Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period if they are measurable and available. Only the portion of special assessment receivable, if any, due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. Substantially all other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

The *Enterprise Fund* reports activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The Enterprise Fund of the Town provides gas, water, and sewer utility services.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes other than debt service or capital projects. For the current fiscal year, this included one major fund.

The *Debt Service Funds* account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. For the current fiscal year, the Town did not have debt service funds.

The *Capital Project Funds* account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays including the acquisition of capital facilities and other capital assets. For the current fiscal year ended, the Town did not have capital project funds.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule, if applicable, are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; 2) program-specific operating grants and contributions; and, 3) program-specific capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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 proprietary funds are user charges for the services provided by the enterprise funds. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal service funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

When restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available for use, the Town considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds as needed, unless it has been provided for otherwise in the restriction, commitment, or assignment action.

C. Deposits and Investments

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Under state law, the Town may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments for the Town are reported at fair market value. The state investment pool, LAMP, operates in accordance with state laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares. Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955 and the Town's investment policy.

D. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by nonspendable fund balances in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not expendable available financial resources.

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts.

E. Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as enforceable liens on all applicable property on February 28th of each year. Taxes are levied and are billed to taxpayers in November of each year. Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become due on January 1 of each year. The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage	Collected Millage
General Corporate Purposes	4.49 Mills	49,800	48,819

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The Town bills and collects its own property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of East Feliciana Parish. During the year ended June 30, 2024, taxes of 4.49 mils were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$11,091,325 and were dedicated for general purposes.

F. Sales Taxes

The Town receives 5.8182% and 3.8181% of East Feliciana Parish sales tax collections for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund respectively. These proceeds (\$133,167 for the General Fund and \$87,490 for the Special Revenue Fund) are dedicated for the purpose of maintenance, repairs, and upkeep of the streets and sidewalks in the Special Revenue Fund and for general operating expenditures in the General Fund.

On October 14, 2023, the voters approved the levy and to collect a tax of 1% for a period 30 years commencing January 1, 2024. The proceeds will be used to construct, acquire, extend, expand, improve, maintain, and operate roads, bridges, and related drainage throughout the Town, including the costs of salaries and benefits for employees allocated for these purposes. The Town collected \$88,224 for the Special Revenue Fund.

G. Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of the enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. Additionally, funds held for customer's meter deposits are also classified as restricted assets.

Certain amounts shown as governmental restricted assets are to be used for specified purposes, such as servicing general obligation bond debt, construction of capital assets, and police seized assets. Such assets have been restricted by bond indenture, law, or contractual obligations.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements, as well as in the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Town maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

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All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings & Improvements	20 - 40 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 15 Years
Office Furniture and Equipment	5 - 10 Years
Vehicles	5 - 10 Years
Infrastructure	20 - 40 Years
Gas System	20 - 40 Years
Water System	20 - 40 Years
Sewer System	20 - 40 Years

I. Compensated Absences

Vacation and sick leave are recorded as expenditures of the period in which they are paid. Employees earn vacation and sick leave at various rates depending upon length of employment. Vacation must be taken in the year earned and may not be carried over. Although sick leave is available for employees when needed, it does not vest nor is it payable at termination of employment.

J. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are now expended in the period incurred under GASB 65.

The Town has implemented GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, and with the implementation of GASB 65, the recognition of bond-related costs, including the costs related to issuance and refunding of debt, were revised. This standard was intended to complement GASB Statement No. 63 *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. Bond issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are now expended in the period incurred under GASB 65.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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K. Net Position and Fund Equity

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments*, required reclassification of net assets into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. GASB Statement No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets Component of Net Position** - The *net investment in capital assets* component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.
- **Restricted Component of Net Position** - The *restricted* component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported.
- **Unrestricted Component of Net Position** - The *unrestricted* component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The Town adopted GASB 54 for the year ended June 30, 2011. As such, fund balances of governmental funds are classified as follows:

- **Nonspendable.** These are amounts that cannot be spent either, because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted.** These are amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes, because of constitutional provisions, enabling legislation or constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- **Committed.** These are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal vote of the Board, which is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Town.

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- **Assigned.** These are amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but are intended to be used for specific purposes based on the discretion of the Board.
- **Unassigned.** These are amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and amounts that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Also, within other governmental funds, these include expenditure amounts incurred for specific purposes which exceed the amounts restricted, committed or assigned for those purposes.

L. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the municipality, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

M. Estimates

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

N. Reconciliations of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position is presented in Statement D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities is presented in Statement F of the basic financial statements.

O. New Accounting Pronouncements

For 2023, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. GASB Statement No. 87 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government's leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease assets.

For 2024, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* (SBITA). GASB Statement No. 97 provides guidance on accounting and reporting for SBITAs for government end users. The Statement establishes that SBITAs result in a right-to-use asset and a corresponding subscription liability.

2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

The Town uses the following budget practices:

1. The Town Clerk prepares a proposed budget and submits same to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

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2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving the increase in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Aldermen.
6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
7. Budgets for the general and enterprise funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgets for enterprise funds are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Other governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the budgetary comparison schedules present actual expenditures in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States on a basis consistent with the legally adopted budgets as amended. All budgetary amounts presented reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year).

The proposed budget for June 30, 2024 was made available for public inspection and was adopted at the Town's board meeting. The budget was amended.

The general fund and special revenue fund were in compliance with the Local Government Budget Act which stipulate that revenues and other sources cannot be under budget by 5% or more and expenditures and other uses cannot be over budget by 5%.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2024, the Town had the following cash and cash equivalents:

Petty cash	\$ 50
Demand Deposits	615,430
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	826,529
Total	<u>\$ 1,442,009</u>

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

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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 as it relates to cash deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. At June 30, 2024, the Town has deposits (collected bank balances) at Investar Bank in the amount of \$654,917. The demand deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$404,917 of pledged securities. The \$404,917 is exposed to custodial credit risk because while the amount is secured by pledged securities, such securities are held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

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

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial risk. However, 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.

4. Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)

In accordance with GASB 72, the investment in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) at June 30, 2024, is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The investment in LAMP is stated at the value of the pool shares, which is the same as the fair value. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. The corporation is governed by a board of directors comprised of the State Treasurer, representatives from various organizations of local government, the Government Finance Office Association of Louisiana, and the Society of Louisiana CPAs. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest.

LAMP is subject to the regulator oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

While LAMP is not required to be a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, its investment policies are similar to those established by Rule 2a7, which governs registered money market funds. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955.

GASB 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure*, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

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LAMP is a 2a7 – like investment pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7 like investment pools:

1. Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standards and Poor's.
2. Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
3. Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the five percent disclosure requirement.
4. Interest rate risk: 2a7-like investment pools are excluded from this disclosure requirement per paragraph 15 of the GASB 40 statement. However, LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments, as provided by LAMP, is 70 days as of June 30, 2024.
5. Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. LAMP, Inc., issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LAMP, Inc. That report may be obtained by calling (800) 249-5267.

5. Receivables

Major receivables balances for the governmental activities include sales taxes, franchise taxes, occupational licenses, and fines. Business-type activities report utilities earnings as their major receivable.

In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as sales tax, franchise taxes, occupational licenses, fines, and other similar intergovernmental revenues since they are usually both measurable and available. Utility accounts receivable comprise the majority of proprietary fund receivables. The Town's utility receivables have a portion in which it does not expect to collect, and therefore an allowance has been placed as shown below.

Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging and write-off of accounts receivable.

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<u>Class</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,187	\$ 62,187
Taxes:				
Franchise	22,314	-	-	22,314
Beer	455	-	-	455
Property	24	-	-	24
Sales	20,987	49,010	-	69,997
Sub-total	43,780	49,010	-	92,790
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	-	(27,024)	(27,024)
Net	\$ 43,780	\$ 49,010	\$ 35,163	\$ 127,953

6. Interfund Receivables/Payables

The following is a detailed list of interfund balances for fund financial statements on June 30, 2024:

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	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>
General Fund		
Streets and Sidewalks	\$ 8,298	\$ -
Gas	19,869	-
Water	-	78,195
 Special Revenue Funds		
Streets and Sidewalks		
General Fund	-	8,298
Gas	-	-
Water	-	5,600
 Gas		
Streets and Sidewalks	-	-
General Fund	-	19,869
Water	8,212	-
 Water		
Streets and Sidewalks	5,600	-
General Fund	78,195	-
Gas	-	8,212
 Total	<u>\$ 120,174</u>	<u>\$ 120,174</u>

8. Restricted Assets

The following is a listing of the restricted assets for the fund financial statements on June 30, 2024:

	Special Revenue Fund	Enterprise Fund	Total
Sales Tax Account	\$ 319,895	\$ -	\$ 319,895
Meter Deposits	-	81,687	81,687
Revenue bond sinking fund	-	44,958	44,958
Total restricted assets	<u>\$ 319,895</u>	<u>\$ 126,645</u>	<u>\$ 446,540</u>

9. Capital Assets

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for governmental activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

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	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 174,189	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174,189
Construction in Progress	-	13,860	-	13,860
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	174,189	13,860	-	188,049
Capital Assets, being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	523,985	-	-	523,985
Less: accumulated depreciation	241,273	13,195	-	254,468
Net Building and Improvements	282,712	(13,195)	-	269,517
Infrastructure	522,848	-	-	522,848
Less: accumulated depreciation	350,151	24,155	-	374,306
Net Sidewalks/Drainage	172,697	(24,155)	-	148,542
Equipment and Vehicles	2,438,321	19,420	-	2,457,741
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,895,919	116,203	-	2,012,122
Net Equipment	542,402	(96,783)	-	445,619
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	997,811	(134,133)	-	863,678
				-
Capital Assets, net	\$ 1,172,000	\$ (120,273)	\$ -	\$ 1,051,727

Depreciation was charged as governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 59,401
Police	35,356
Fire	32,348
Streets and Sidewalks	26,449
Total	<u>\$ 153,554</u>

Significant capital additions for the year ending June 30, 2024 consisted the purchase of five portable radios for \$19,420. Construction costs of \$13,860 were incurred for the road rehabilitation project.

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, for business-type activities is as follows:

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	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Business Activities				
Capital Assets, not being depreciated				
Construction in Progress	\$ -	\$ 8,908	\$ -	8,908
Capital Assets, being depreciated				
Vehicles	\$ 138,343	\$ -	\$ -	138,343
Less: accumulated depreciation	88,978	9,084	-	98,062
Net Vehicles	49,365	(9,084)	-	40,281
Gas system	123,859	-	-	123,859
Less: accumulated depreciation	63,500	4,406	-	67,906
Net Gas system	60,359	(4,406)	-	55,953
Water system	3,038,892	82,939	-	3,121,831
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,682,237	95,213	-	1,777,450
Net Water system	1,356,655	(12,274)	-	1,344,381
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	1,466,379	(25,764)	-	1,440,615
Capital Assets, net	\$ 1,466,379	\$ (16,856)	\$ -	\$ 1,449,523

Depreciation was charged as governmental functions as follows:

Gas	\$ 4,406
Water	104,297
Total	<u>\$ 108,703</u>

Significant capital additions for the year ending June 30, 2024, consisted of the purchase of 110 meters for \$36,630 and water well site improvements for \$46,309. Construction costs include water well replacement project for \$8,908.

10. Accounts, Salaries, and Other Payables

The payables at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

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	General Fund	Speical Revenue Fund	Water	Gas	Total
Accounts	\$ 14,932	\$ 1,319	\$ 20,207	\$ 8,007	\$ 44,465
Accrued Wages	-	-	-	-	-
Compensated Absences	9,420	-	4,457	4,457	18,334
Payroll liabilities	9,885	-	-	-	9,885
Customer deposits	-	-	53,449	28,238	81,687
Total	\$ 34,237	\$ 1,319	\$ 78,113	\$ 40,702	\$ 154,371

11. Short Term Obligations

The Town had no short-term debt outstanding at June 30, 2024, other than the current portions of revenue bonds payables and capital leases described in Note 13 *Long-Term Obligations*.

12. Leases

The Town records items under leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements. Further details of the transaction are described in Note 17. At June 30, 2024, the Town had the following capital leases:

	End of Year	Due Within One Year
The Town entered into a lease agreement to purchase a custom pumper truck for a total lease amount of \$80,000. The lease is payable in 10 yearly payments of \$9,862.29. The truck is being depreciated over its estimated useful life. This portion of the lease is recorded within the governmental funds as a lease payable in the General fund.	\$ 35,801	\$ 8,431
	<u>\$ 35,801</u>	<u>\$ 8,431</u>

Lease expense for the year ending June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Lease Expense	
Amortization by class:	
Equipment	\$ 32,194
Total amortization expense	<u>32,194</u>
Interest on lease liabilities	<u>3,822</u>
Total	<u>\$ 36,016</u>

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13. Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of long-term obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Governmental Activities			Business-type Activities			Total Long-Term Obligations
	Current Portion	Long Term Portion	Total	Current Portion	Long Term Portion	Total	
Lease Payable	\$ 8,431	\$ 27,370	\$ 35,801	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,801
Revenue Bonds	-	-	-	100,000	855,000	955,000	955,000
Net Pension Liability	-	352,845	352,845	-	81,834	81,834	434,679
Ending Balance	\$ 8,431	\$ 380,215	\$ 388,646	\$ 100,000	\$ 936,834	\$ 1,036,834	\$ 1,425,480

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of the long-term obligations:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Long-Term Obligations
	Lease Payable	Revenue Bonds	Lease Payable	Revenue Bonds	
Beginning Balance	\$ 51,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,101,703
Additons	-	-	-	-	-
Retirements	(15,902)	-	-	(95,000)	(110,902)
Ending Balance	\$ 35,801	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 955,000	\$ 990,801

Bonds Payable as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Business Type	End of Year	Due Within One Year
\$1,245,000 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, payable, due in annual installments of \$65,000 through \$105,000 through June 1, 2036; interest rate of 1.89%%; payable from water system revenues	\$ 955,000	\$ 100,000
	<u>\$ 955,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at June 30, 2024, including interest payments are as follows:

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Water Revenue Bonds			
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	100,000	18,050	\$ 118,050
2026	105,000	16,160	121,160
2027	105,000	14,175	119,175
2028	105,000	12,191	117,191
2029	65,000	10,206	75,206
2030 to 2034	335,000	32,508	367,508
2035 to 2039	140,000	3,968	143,968
Total	\$ 955,000	\$ 107,258	\$ 1,062,258

Lease Liability			
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	8,431	1,431	\$ 9,862
2026	8,768	1,094	9,862
2027	9,119	744	9,863
2028	9,483	379	9,862
Total	\$ 35,801	\$ 3,648	\$ 39,449

14. Flow of Funds: Restrictions on Use-Water Revenue Bonds

Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021

On September 21, 2021, the Town signed an ordinance for the incurring of debt and issuance of \$1,245,000 of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021. The proceeds were used to refund the outstanding bond issues of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2007A bonds (amount outstanding of \$899,489.60) and Water Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2009 Bonds (amount outstanding of \$640,523.00). The Bonds will be secured and payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of water system net revenues. The Bonds were approved by the State Bond Commission on August 19, 2021. An account "Bonds Proceeds Fund" will be used for the delivery of the proceeds. The proceeds total \$1,199,851.28 and were used to redeem the outstanding bonds. Bond issuance costs of \$43,447 were incurred. Below are the uses of the funds

Cost of issuance	\$ 40,947
Advertising	2,500
Deposit to current refunding fund	1,199,851
Rounding Amount	1,702
Total uses of funds	<u>\$ 1,245,000</u>

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The covenants require the establishment of a separate fund identified as Series 2021 Water Revenue Refunding Bond Debt Service Fund. On or before the 20th day of each month, or if such day is not a business day, the next succeeding business day, commencing on October 20, 2021, the Town will transfer to the Debt Service Fund, one-half of the amount required to pay interest payable on the bonds on December 1, 2021, and one-eight of the amount required to pay principal on June 1, 2022, and commencing on December 20, 2021, and thereafter, the Town shall transfer or cause to be transferred to the Debt Service Fund one-sixth of the amount required to pay interest payable on the Bonds on the next interest payment date and commencing on June 20, 2022, and thereafter, the Town shall transfer or cause to be transferred to the Debt Service Fund, one-twelve of the amount required to pay principal payable on the bonds on the next principal date. The Town made the required deposits and the Debt Service Fund was fully funded on June 30, 2024.

Article 7, additional parity obligations, Section 7.1 (b) (i) stipulates: “The Water System Net Revenues for the most recently completed Fiscal Year immediately preceding the year in which such Additional Parity Obligations are to be issued, adjusted to reflect any rate increases which have been adopted and will be in effect prior to or coincident with the issuance of such Additional Parity Obligations determined pro forma as though such rate increases had been in continuous effect during the preceding twelve (12) month period have been not less than one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the Maximum Annual Debt Service for the Bonds and the proposed Additional Parity Obligations, along with any other Additional Parity Obligations theretofore issued and then outstanding (but not including any bonds which have been refunded or provisions otherwise made for their full and complete payment and redemption); provided however, that this limitation may be waived or modified with the prior written consent of the owners of the Bonds and any Additional Parity Obligations then outstanding. The calculations of “*Water System Net Revenues*” may also be adjusted to reflect projected customer increases based on the report of a consulting engineer.” The Town exceeded the requirement.

15. Retirement Systems

Employees of the Town are members of the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana. The Town is a participant of the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana. These systems are a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees.

The Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68 on *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and Statement 71 on *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date* –an amendment of GASB 68. These standards require the Town to record its proportional share of each of the pension plans’ net pension liability and report the following disclosures:

A. Municipal Employee Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

Plan Description. The System was established and provided for by R.S. 11:1731 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS). The System provides retirement benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns, and cities within the State which do not have their own retirement system and which elect to become members of the system. The System is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.

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Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five hours per week. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the System with exceptions as outlined in the statutes.

The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the municipality are members of Plan A. On July 20, 2021, the Town passed resolution 2-2021 change from Plan A to Plan B provisions of the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana. The resolution took effect July 19, 2021. The System accepted the boards resolution on August 19, 2021.

Retirement Benefits:

Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 356 of the 1954 regular session and amended by LRS 11:1756-11:1785. The following brief description is of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Any member of Plan B who commenced participation in the System prior to January 1, 2013 can retire providing he meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with thirty (30) years of creditable service.
2. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) or more years of creditable service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan B shall consist of an amount equal to two percent of the member's final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final compensation is the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Any member of Plan B Tier 2 shall be eligible for retirement if he meets one of the following criteria:

1. Age 67 with seven (7) years of creditable service.
2. Age 62 with ten (10) years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with thirty (30) years of creditable service.
4. Any age with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused annual and sick leave, with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

The monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan B Tier 2 shall consist of an amount equal to two percent of the member's final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final compensation is the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits:

Upon the death of any member of Plan B with five (5) or more years of creditable service, not eligible for normal retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse as outlined in the statutes.

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Any member of Plan B who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death and who leaves a surviving spouse will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits on behalf of the surviving spouse on the date of such death. Such benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

DROP Benefits:

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of Plan A or B who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Interest earnings are based upon the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period. In addition, no cost-of-living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the board of trustees. If a participant dies during the participation in the DROP, a lump sum equal to the balance in his account shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the DROP fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

Disability Benefits:

For Plan B, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least ten years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement, and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan B shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of (1) an amount equal to two percent of his final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, but not less than thirty percent of his final compensation, or (2) an amount equal to what the member's normal retirement benefit would be based on the member's current final compensation, but assuming the member remained in continuous service until his earliest normal retirement age and using those retirement benefit computation factors which would be applicable to the member's normal retirement.

Cost of Living Increases:

The System is authorized under state law to grant a cost-of-living increase to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. State law allows the System to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are age sixty-five and above equal to 2% of the benefit being received on October 1, 1977, or the original benefit, if retirement commenced after that date.

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Deferred Benefits:

Both Plans provide for deferred benefits for members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits become payable. Benefits are based on statutes in effect at time of withdrawal.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or calling (225) 925-4810 or at www.mersla.com.

Funding Policy. Under Plan B, members are required by state statute to contribute 5.00% of their annual covered salary and the Town of Slaughter is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate for Plan B is 15.50% of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one percent (except Orleans) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. Tax monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to salaries of plan participants. Tax monies received from East Baton Rouge Parish are apportioned between the Municipal Employees' Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System of the City of Baton Rouge. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense. During the year ending June 30, 2024, the Town recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of \$6,019 for its participation in MERS-Plan B.

The Town's contributions to the System under Plan B for the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$27,384 (this was deficient by \$384 of the required contributions of the year which was \$27,762), and \$27,389, (this was in excess by \$2,251 of the required contributions which was \$25,138).

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: At June 30, 2024, the Town reported a liability of \$151,517 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the System. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contribution of all participating, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Town's proportion was 0.1889568%, which was an increase of 0.020951% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized pension expense for the MERS System of \$83,137 representing its proportionate share of the System's net expense, including amortization of deferred amounts.

At June 30, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the MERS pension system from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,177	\$ (53)
Changes of Assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	19,656	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	43,646	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	27,762	-
Total	<u>\$ 93,241</u>	<u>\$ (53)</u>

The Town reported a total of \$27,762 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2023 which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year</u>	
2025	\$ (84,281)
2026	(7,975)
2027	-
2028	-
	<u>\$ (92,257)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

Actuarial Assumptions:

Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years
Investment Rate of Return	6.85%, net of pension plan investment expense, including Inflation.
Inflation Rate	2.5%
Salary increases, including Inflation and merit increases:	
-1 to 4 years of service	6.4%-Plan A and 7.4% Plan B
-More than 4 years of Service	4.5%-Plan A and 4.9% Plan B
Annuitant and beneficiary mortality	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set to equal to 120%

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	For males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Employee mortality	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set to equal to 120% For males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Disabled lives mortality	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set to equal to 120% For males and females, with the full generational MP2018 scales.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Public Equity	56%	2.44%
Public Fixed Income	29%	1.26%
Alternatives	15%	0.65%
Totals	100%	4.35%
Inflation		2.50%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Rate		6.85%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The effects of certain other changes in the net pension liability are required to be included in pension expense over the current future periods. The effects on the total pension liability of (1) changes of economic and demographic assumptions or of other inputs and (2) differences between expected and actual experience are required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are proved with

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benefits through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employees), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The effect on net pension liability of differences between the projected earning on pension plan investments and actual experience with regard to those earnings is required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period of five years, beginning with the current period.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2023:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Rates	5.850%	6.850%	7.850%
Town of Slaughter Share of NPL	\$ 214,095	\$ 151,517	\$ 98,587

Payable to the Pension Plan. At June 30, 2024, the Town reported a payable of \$2,825 for outstanding contributions to the pension plan required for the year ended June 30, 2024.

B. Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)

Plan Description. The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 189 of 1973 to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to municipal police officers in Louisiana.

Membership is mandatory for any full-time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrest, providing he does not have to pay social security and providing he meets the statutory criteria.

Retirement Benefits:

Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-11:2233. The following is a brief description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Membership Prior to January 1, 2013: A member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50 or has 12 years creditable service and is age 55. A member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Benefit rates are three and one-third percent of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from forty

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to sixty percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives benefits equal to ten percent of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater.

Membership Commencing January 1, 2013: Member eligibility for regular retirement, early retirement, disability and survivor benefits are based on Hazardous Duty and Non-Hazardous Duty sub plans. Under the Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 12 years of creditable service at age 55.

Under the Non-Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 30 years of creditable service at any age, 25 years of creditable service at age 55, or 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Under both sub plans, a member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit from age 55.

Under the Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Duty sub plans, the benefit rates are three percent and two and a half percent, respectively, of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 60 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from twenty-five to fifty-five percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives ten percent of average final compensation or \$200 per month whichever is greater. If deceased member had less than ten years of service, beneficiary will receive a refund of employee contributions only.

Cost of Living Adjustments:

The Board of Trustees is authorized to provide annual cost-of-living adjustments computed on the amount of the current regular retirement, disability, beneficiary or survivor's benefit, not to exceed 3% in any given year. The Board is authorized to provide an additional 2% COLA, computed on the member's original benefit, to all regular retirees, disability, survivors and beneficiaries who are 65 years of age or older on the cut-off date which determines eligibility.

No regular retiree, survivor or beneficiary shall be eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment until benefits have been received at least one full fiscal year and the payment of such COLA, when authorized, shall not be effective until the lapse of at least one-half of the fiscal year. Members who elect early retirement are not eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment until they reach regular retirement age.

A COLA may only be granted if funds are available from interest earnings in excess of normal requirements, as determined by the actuary.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan:

A member is eligible to elect to enter the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) when he is eligible for regular retirement based on the members' sub plan participation. Upon filing the application for the program, the employee's active membership in the System is terminated. At the entry date into the DROP, the employee and employer contributions cease. The amount to be deposited into the DROP account is equal to the benefit computed under the retirement plan elected by the participant at date of application. The duration of participation in the DROP is thirty-six months or less. If employment is terminated after

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the three-year period the participant may receive his benefits by lump sum payment or a true annuity. If employment is not terminated, active contributing membership into the System shall resume and upon later termination, he shall receive additional retirement benefit based on the additional service. For those eligible to enter DROP prior to January 1, 2004, DROP accounts shall earn interest subsequent to the termination of DROP participation at a rate of half of one percentage point below the percentage rate of return of the System's investment portfolio as certified by the actuary on an annual basis but will never lose money. For those eligible to enter DROP subsequent to January 1, 2004, an irrevocable election is made to earn interest based on the System's investment portfolio return or a money market investment return. This could result in a negative earnings rate being applied to the account. If the member elects a money market investment return, the funds are transferred to a government money market account.

Initial Benefit Option Plan:

In 1999, the State Legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Option program. Initial Benefit Option is available to members who are eligible for regular retirement and have not participated in DROP. The Initial Benefit Option program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 36 months of regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest is computed on the balance based on same criteria as DROP. Statutes should be read for more detail on eligibility and benefit provisions.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-2250, or by calling (225) 929-7411 or at www.lampers.org.

Funding Policy. According to state statute, the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate but cannot be less than 9% of the employee's earnable compensation excluding overtime but including state supplemental pay. For the year ended June 30, 2024, total contributions due for employers and employees were 43.925%. The employer and employee contribution rates for members hired prior to January 1, 2013 and Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013 were 33.925% and 10%, respectively. The employer and employee contribution rates for all Non-Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013 were 33.925% and 8%, respectively. The employer and employee contribution rates for members whose earnable compensation is less than or equal to poverty guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services were 33.75% and 7.50%, respectively.

The System also receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions and considered support from a non-contributing entity. This tax is appropriated by the legislature each year based on an actuarial study. This additional source of income is used as additional employer contributions and considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but is not considered a special funding situation. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Town had \$6,181 in non-employer contributions for the year.

The Town contributed \$22,624 and \$26,298 funds to the System for the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023 respectively. The contributions for June 30, 2024 were in excess of the contractually required contributions of \$21,474 by \$1,150. The contributions for June 30, 2024 were deficient of the contractually required contributions of \$28,374 by \$2,076.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: At June 30, 2024, the Town reported \$283,162 in net pension liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the System. The net pension liability was measured as

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of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contribution of all participating, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Town's proportion was 0.026802%, which was an decrease of 0.001059% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Town recognized pension expense for the MPERS System of \$127,098 representing its proportionate share of the System's net expense, including amortization of deferred amounts.

At June 30, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the MPERS pension system from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 19,946	\$ (119)
Changes of Assumptions	4,725	(6,475)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	30,659	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	93,823	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	21,474	-
Total	<u>\$ 170,627</u>	<u>\$ (6,594)</u>

The Town reported a total of \$21,474 deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2023 which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year</u>	
2025	\$ 71,455
2026	49,119
2027	28,313
2028	(1,521)
	<u>\$ 147,366</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.750%, net of investment expense
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2020, 2021 2022, and 2023- 4 years

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Inflation Rate 2.50%

	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Salary Growth Rate</u>
Salary increases, including inflation and merit	1-2	12.30%
	Above 2	4.70%

Mortality For annuitants and beneficiaries, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For disable lives, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each full generational projecting using the MP2019 scale was used.

Cost of Living Adjustments The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost-of-living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. A change was made full generational mortality which combines the use of a base mortality table with appropriate mortality improvement scales. In order to set the base mortality table, actual plan mortality experience was assigned a credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality.

Best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024, are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	52.00%	3.29%
Fixed Income	34.00%	1.12%
Alternatives	14.00%	0.95%
Totals	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>5.36%</u>
Inflation		<u>2.54%</u>
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Rate		<u><u>7.90%</u></u>

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.750%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.750%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2024:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Rates	5.750%	6.750%	7.750%
Town of Slaughter Share of NPL	\$ 398,432	\$ 283,162	\$ 186,870

Payable to the Pension Plan. At June 30, 2024, the Town reported a payable of \$0 for outstanding contributions to the pension plan required for the year ended June 30, 2024.

16. Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024, consisted of the following. The principal purpose of the transfers between funds is to fund expenditures associated with those funds.

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	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund		
Streets and Sidewalks	\$ -	\$ -
Water	130,000	-
Gas	50,000	-
 Special Revenue Funds		
Streets and Sidewalks		
General Fund	-	-
Water	-	-
Gas	-	-
 Enterprise Fund		
Streets and Sidewalks	-	-
General Fund	-	180,000
 Total	<u>\$ 180,000</u>	<u>\$ 180,000</u>

17. Purchase of Pumper Truck

On August 18, 2017, the Town of Slaughter entered into a lease purchase agreement for the acquisition of a 2017 custom pumper truck. The total purchase price was \$481,984. The acquisition was handled in three transactions:

- 1) The Slaughter Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., a 501(c)4 organization, received a Pennington Foundation grant for \$350,000. These funds were used to acquire the truck.
- 2) The Slaughter station under the Parish-Wide East Feliciana Fire District umbrella paid \$52,923.90 towards the truck.
- 3) The remainder of \$80,000 owed was financed through a lease purchase agreement with the Town of Slaughter named as the lessee. The lease terms are yearly payments of \$9,862.29 commencing on August 18, 2018 and ending on August 18, 2027.

The lease will be paid with the Slaughter station Parish-Wide East Feliciana Fire District account each year as the payments are due. A copy of the title was obtained. The purchaser is labeled as the Town of Slaughter and the lienholder is Patterson State Bank. The Town has recorded the asset and related lease payable on the financial statements. As the payments are made with District funds, the Town will reduce the liability and record the payment as revenue. During the fiscal year of June 30, 2024, principal payments of \$15,902 and interest payments of \$3,822 were paid. The Town recognized \$19,724 in capital transfers from the Parish-wide Fire District.

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18. Fund Balances and Net Position

The General Fund has assigned fund balance for police protection in the amount of \$66,706. The Restricted fund balance is \$353,688. This is restricted due to legislation for sales taxes for streets and sidewalks. The unassigned fund balance in the governmental funds is \$337,679. The Enterprise Fund had restricted net position for debt service accounts as required by bond covenants in the amount of \$44,958. The Enterprise Fund has net position that is investment in capital assets net of related debt in the amount of \$494,523. The Enterprise Fund has unrestricted net position of \$583,008.

19. On-Behalf Payments

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the State of Louisiana made on behalf payments in the form of supplemental pay to the Town's policemen. In accordance with GASB 24, the Town recorded \$26,820 of on behalf payments as revenue and as an expenditure in the General Fund.

20. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, or destruction of assets, torts, injuries, natural disasters, and many other unforeseeable events. The Town purchases commercial insurance policies and bonds for any and all claims related to the aforementioned risks. The Town's payment of the insurance policy deductible is the only liability associated with these policies and bonds. There has been no significant decrease in insurance coverage from the prior year, and the amount of settlements has not exceeded the insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

21. Contingent Liabilities

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At June 30, 2024, the Town was not involved in any outstanding litigation or claims.

22. Commitments

In May 2024, the Town entered into an agreement with M Trak LLC for 2024 Road Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$189,762. Change orders for a decrease of \$9,488 reduce the agreement to \$180,273. The Town entered into an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for the project in the amount of \$19,800. As of the current fiscal year end, \$13,860 in engineering costs had been incurred and capitalized in the governmental fund. The remaining commitment on the engineering contract at the fiscal year end was \$5,940.

In April 2024, the Town entered into an agreement with Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for the New Water Well Replacement project in the amount of \$244,000. As of the current fiscal year end, \$8,908 in engineering costs had been incurred and capitalized in the governmental fund. The remaining commitment at the fiscal year end was \$235,093.

25. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 23, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. No other events were noted that require recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Required Supplemental Information (Part II)

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

REVENUES	General Fund			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance
	Original	Final	GAAP Basis	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Fines and other court costs	\$ 86,950	\$ 87,150	\$ 82,898	\$ (4,252)
Franchise fees	80,000	80,000	77,495	(2,505)
Interest earned	1,500	6,000	9,339	3,339
Intergovernmental			19,724	19,724
On-behalf payments	-	-	26,820	26,820
Licenses and permits	64,000	64,000	79,859	15,859
Other	1,000	2,100	6,798	4,698
Cell phone tower rental	9,600	9,600	10,320	720
Taxes-beer	1,500	1,700	1,847	147
Taxes-property	45,000	48,000	48,819	819
Taxes-sales	120,000	130,000	133,167	3,167
Total Revenues	409,550	428,550	497,086	68,536
EXPENDITURES				
General government	255,540	256,565	237,388	19,177
Public safety:				
Police	309,701	305,700	331,510	(25,810)
Fire	72,000	65,850	57,212	8,638
Public works	-	-	-	-
Lease Payments	-	-	19,724	(19,724)
Capital outlay	-	20,000	19,420	580
Total Expenditures	\$ 637,241	\$ 648,115	\$ 665,254	\$ (17,139)
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (227,691)	\$ (219,565)	\$ (168,168)	\$ 51,397
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Grants and other contributions	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Operating transfers, net	180,000	180,000	180,000	-
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
Change in Fund Balances	(27,691)	(19,565)	31,832	51,397
Fund Balances, beginning	372,453	372,453	372,453	-
Fund Balances, ending	\$ 344,762	\$ 352,888	\$ 404,285	\$ 51,397

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TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Special Revenue Fund Streets and Sidewalks			Variance
<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
		<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>GAAP Basis</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Interest earned		\$ 3,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,569	\$ 569
Taxes-sales		70,000	135,000	175,714	40,714
Total Revenues		73,000	144,000	185,283	41,283
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Public works		72,200	84,070	54,131	29,939
Capital outlay		-	-	13,860	(13,860)
Total Expenditures		\$ 72,200	\$ 84,070	\$ 67,991	\$ 16,079
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)		\$ 800	\$ 59,930	\$ 117,292	\$ 57,362
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>					
Grants and other contributions		-	-	-	-
Operating transfers, net		-	-	-	-
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)		-	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balances		800	59,930	117,292	57,362
Fund Balances, beginning		236,396	236,396	236,396	-
Fund Balances, ending		\$ 237,196	\$ 296,326	\$ 353,688	\$ 57,362

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SCHEDULE 3.1

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY - MERS PLAN B
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	0.053004%	0.040621%	0.039968%	0.038540%	0.085780%	0.084609%	0.073432%	0.168006%	0.188957%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 189,339	\$ 166,945	\$ 167,203	\$ 159,582	\$ 358,446	\$ 365,799	\$ 202,251	\$ 147,506	\$ 151,517
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 105,000	\$ 109,453	\$ 119,784	\$ 70,364	\$ 158,201	\$ 161,714	\$ 145,406	\$ 144,849	\$ 162,178
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	180.32%	152.53%	139.59%	226.79%	226.58%	226.20%	140.47%	101.83%	93.43%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	66.18%	62.11%	62.49%	65.60%	66.14%	64.52%	77.82%	69.56%	73.25%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30 within the fiscal year.

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available

SCHEDULE 3.2

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY - MPERS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	0.022762%	0.013555%	0.001170%	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.000000%	0.005141%	0.027861%	0.026802%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$178,316	\$127,049	\$10,215	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,404	\$ 284,789	\$ 283,162
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$2,000	\$1,971	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,446	\$ 92,575	\$ 86,063
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	8915.80%	6445.46%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	90.01%	307.63%	329.02%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	70.73%	70.08%	71.89%	71.01%	70.94%	84.09%	84.09%	70.80%	71.30%

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SCHEDULE 4.1

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
Schedule of the Town's Contributions - MERS PLAN B
Last 10 Fiscal Years

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 21,617	\$ 27,191	\$ 17,415	\$ 41,132	\$ 42,046	\$ 42,895	\$ 24,320	\$ 25,138	\$ 27,762
Contributions in relation to contractually required contributions	<u>21,617</u>	<u>27,191</u>	<u>17,415</u>	<u>41,132</u>	<u>42,046</u>	<u>42,895</u>	<u>24,320</u>	<u>27,389</u>	<u>27,384</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,251)	378
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	109,453	119,784	70,364	158,201	161,714	145,406	144,848	162,178	179,108
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	7.1900%	22.7000%	24.7500%	26.0000%	26.0000%	29.5002%	16.7900%	16.8882%	15.2891%

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SCHEDULE 4.2

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
Schedule of the Town's Contributions - MPERS
Last 10 Fiscal Years

Municipal Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 779	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,282	\$ 27,541	\$ 28,374	\$ 21,474
Contributions in relation to contractually required contributions	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,905</u>	<u>27,541</u>	<u>26,298</u>	<u>22,624</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	377	-	2,076	(1,150)
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	1,971	-	-	-	-	30,466.0	92,575	86,063	56,611
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	39.5000%	0.0000%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	32.5117%	29.7499%	30.5567%	39.9640%

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Other Supplemental Information

SCHEDULE 5

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEUDLE
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
WATER UTILITY SYSTEM
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>GAAP Basis</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Sales	\$ 500,000	\$ 515,513	\$ (15,513)
Penalties	21,000	20,694	306
Installations	1,000	2,821	(1,821)
Intergovernmental	-	1,625	(1,625)
Grant revenue	35,000	40,600	(5,600)
Total Operating Revenues	557,000	581,253	(24,253)
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Bad debts	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	104,297	(104,297)
Salaries	63,000	62,367	633
Payroll taxes	4,600	4,655	(55)
Employee benefits	17,300	45,767	(28,467)
Insurance	13,800	8,161	5,639
Supplies	135,630	64,463	71,167
Repairs and maintenance	7,000	2,819	4,181
Auto expense	3,000	2,656	344
Telephone	90	180	(90)
Utilities	23,000	20,874	2,126
Professional Fees	40,000	26,178	13,822
Other	23,718	20,114	3,604
Total Operating Expenses	331,138	362,531	(31,393)
Operating Income (Loss)	225,862	218,722	7,140
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u>			
Interest income	15,000	15,758	(758)
Interest expense	(20,000)	(19,845)	(155)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(5,000)	(4,087)	(913)
<u>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</u>	220,862	214,635	6,227
Operating transfers, net	(130,000)	(130,000)	-
Change in Net Position	90,862	84,635	6,227
Total Net Position, beginning	810,515	810,515	-
Total Net Position, ending	\$ 901,377	\$ 895,150	\$ 6,227

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SCHEDULE 6

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEUDLE
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
GAS UTILITY SYSTEM
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	
		<u>GAAP Basis</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Sales	\$ 400,000	\$ 408,138	\$ (8,138)
Installations	10,000	8,080	1,920
Intergovernmental	-	1,625	(1,625)
Sales taxes	2,500	5,739	(3,239)
Total Operating Revenues	412,500	423,582	(11,082)
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Bad debts	-	-	-
Natural Gas	82,000	83,078	(1,078)
Depreciation	-	4,406	(4,406)
Salaries	63,000	62,367	633
Payroll taxes	4,600	4,656	(56)
Employee benefits	17,800	45,767	(27,967)
Insurance	13,800	10,309	3,491
Supplies	18,000	20,325	(2,325)
Repairs and maintenance	7,000	3,422	3,578
Installation expense	1,500	-	1,500
Auto expense	3,000	2,656	344
Telephone	70	180	(110)
Utilities	1,000	739	261
Professional fees	40,000	24,882	15,118
Other	4,450	5,889	(1,439)
Total Operating Expenses	256,220	268,676	(12,456)
Operating Income (Loss)	156,280	154,906	1,374
<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u>			
Interest income	3,200	3,191	9
Interest expense	-	-	-
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	3,200	3,191	9
<u>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS</u>	159,480	158,097	1,383
Operating transfers, net	(50,000)	(50,000)	-
Change in Net Position	109,480	108,097	1,383
Total Net Position, beginning	119,242	119,242	-
Total Net Position, ending	\$ 228,722	\$ 227,339	\$ 1,383

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SCHEDULE 7

TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO GOVERNING MEMBERS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

This schedule of compensation paid to governing members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Mayor

Janis Landry	\$ 12,000
PO Box 218, Slaughter LA 70777	

Board Members

Allen Hobgood	\$ 3,000
610 West Ave, Slaughter, LA 70777	

Steve Rader	3,000
3645 E. Main St., Slaughter, LA 70777	

Mona Almond	3,000
1246 Holly Dr., Slaughter, LA 70777	

Natasha Paxton	3,000
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Adele Fleming	<u>3,000</u>
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Total Paid	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
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SCHEDULE 8

**TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION , BENEFITS AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Agency Head

Janis Landry
Mayor

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 12,000
FICA	918
Reimbursement	419
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Total Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments	<u>\$ 13,337</u>

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TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LA
Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/23	Second Six Month Period Ended 06/30/24
Cash Basis Presentation		
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ -	\$ -
Add: Collections		
Criminal Fines - Other	48,085	22,736
Subtotal Collections	48,085	22,736
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits:		
<i>La Commission on Law Enforcement-law Enforcement Officer Training</i>	519	199
<i>Treasurer-State of LA-Trial Court Management Informaiton System (CMIS)</i>	265	101
<i>LA Supremment Court-Judicial College</i>	132	51
<i>Traumatic Head and Spinal Court Injuries Services</i>	550	230
<i>Feliciana Juvenile Justice District</i>	1,325	505
<i>Town of Clinton</i>	-	555
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Amount Self Disbursed Criminial Fines/Other	45,148	21,095
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Civil Fee Refunds	146	-
Bond Fee Refunds	-	-
Restitution Payments to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	-	-
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	48,085	22,736
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ -	\$ -

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

The Honorable Janis Landry, Mayor
And Members of the Board of Aldermen
PO Box 293
Slaughter, LA

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Slaughter, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Slaughter's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Town of Slaughter'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 of Slaughter's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Slaughter's internal control.

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. 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.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

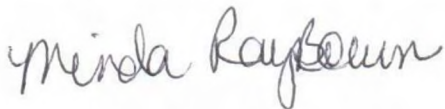
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Slaughter's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-001.

Town of Slaughter's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Minda Raybourn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Minda Raybourn CPA
Franklinton, LA
December 23, 2024

**TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Summary of Auditor's Report

Financial Statements

A. Type of auditor's report issued		Unmodified
B. Internal Control over Financial Reporting		
Internal Control	Significant Deficiencies?	No
	Material Weaknesses?	No
Noncompliance	Material to Financial Statements?	Yes

Federal and Questioned Costs Related to Major Federal Award Programs

Not applicable.

Other Matters

A management letter was not issued.

**TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

FINDING 2024-001 Theft using Fraudulent Check

CRITERIA: The Louisiana Legislative Auditor requires the reporting of misappropriations of cash and assets that are \$1,000 or greater.

CONDITION: On October 22, 2024, the Town was notified from Investar Bank that a fraudulent handwritten check in the amount of \$5,000 had cleared the Town's general fund checking account. The check was under a different payee name and address but used the Town's banking information at the bottom of the check. The Bank's management notified the Mayor of the check as being suspicious and possibly fraudulent. The matter is under investigation with the bank's fraud department. A police report was filed on October 22, 2024.

CAUSE: The issue was out of the Town's control. The bank's internal systems detected the fraudulent check. It is not known how the person who cashed the check obtained the Town's bank account information.

EFFECT: Due to the District having a misappropriation of cash and assets greater than \$1,000, it was required to be reported in the Town's audit report.

RECOMMENDATION: A police report was filed on October 22, 2024 and a suspect was named. The District reported the fraudulent check to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney. The matter is being investigated by the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: A police report was filed on October 22, 2024 and a suspect was named. The District reported the fraudulent check to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney.

CONTACT PERSON: Janis Landry, Mayor, 3377 Church Street, Slaughter, LA 70777, (225) 654-4278

#	ELEMENT OF FINDING	RESPONSE
1	A general statement describing the fraud or misappropriation that occurred.	A fraudulent check for \$5,000 cleared the Town's general fund operating account.
2	A description of the funds or assets that were the subject of the fraud or misappropriation (ex., utility receipts, petty cash, computer equipment).	Cash
3	The amount of funds or approximate value of assets involved.	\$5,000
4	The department or office in which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	Town's general fund
5	The period of time over which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	October 22, 2024

**TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

6	The title/agency affiliation of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation.	The person is not affiliated with the Town.
7	The name of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation, if formal charges have been brought against the person and/or the matter has been adjudicated.	The person has been identified and the matter was turned over to the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office.
8	Is the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud still employed by the agency?	The person was never employed by the Town.
9	If the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud is still employed by the agency, do they have access to assets that may be subject to fraud or misappropriation?	The person was never employed by the Town.
10	Has the agency notified the appropriate law enforcement body about the fraud or misappropriation?	Yes
11	What is the status of the investigation at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	Yes
12	If the investigation is complete and the person believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation has been identified, has the agency filed charges against that person?	The Town filed a police report. The person has been identified and charges will be filed.
13	What is the status of any related adjudication at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	The matter is being investigated by the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office
14	Has restitution been made or has an insurance claim been filed?	No
15	Has the agency notified the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney in writing, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:523 (Applicable to local governments only)	Yes
16	Did the agency's internal controls allow the detection of the fraud or misappropriation in a timely manner?	The Town was notified of the fraudulent check by the bank the same day it was cashed.
17	If the answer to the last question is "no," describe the control deficiency/significant deficiency/material weakness that	

**TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	allowed the fraud or misappropriation to occur and not be detected in a timely manner.	
18	Management's plan to ensure that the fraud or misappropriation does not occur in the future	The Town will continue to work with the bank when notified of any future fraudulent transactions that are similar.

**TOWN OF SLAUGHTER, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

Finding 2023-001 Noncompliance with Local Government Budget Act

CONDITION: The general fund expenditures and other uses. were over budget 6.77% or \$44,434. The special revenue fund (street and sidewalk fund) revenues and other sources were under budget by 25.66% or \$67,137.

CRITERIA: Per R.S. 39:1311 (Local Government Budget Act), the governing authority must adopt a budget amendment if there is a 5% or greater shortage in revenue and other sources or a 5% or greater overage in expenditures and other uses if there is a 5% or greater variance in the actual fund balance at the beginning of the year. This applies to the entity's general fund and special revenue funds

CAUSE OF CONDITION: While the Town did amend its general fund and special revenue fund budgets, revenues and other sources and expenditures and other uses were over the legal threshold of 5%.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: Noncompliance with the Local Government Budget Act.

RECOMMENDATION: The Town needs to ensure its amended expenditures and revenues are within the 5% requirement before the year ends.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We agree with the auditor's recommendation.

CONTACT PERSON: Janis Landry, Mayor, 3377 Church Street, Slaughter, LA 70777, (225) 654-4278

STATUS: Resolved.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Town of Slaughter, LA
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Town of Slaughter, LA's (the "Town") management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Town has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - 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.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

- d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or 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).
- e) ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- 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.
- g) ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- i) ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

EXCEPTIONS NOTED: The Town does not have policies and procedures for debt service and information technology disaster recovery/business continuity.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We will implement the policies and procedures for debt service and information technology disaster recovery/business continuity.

2) Board or Finance Committee

1. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and

- i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
- ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.
- v.

No exceptions were noted.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- I. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
 - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions noted.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

1. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
2. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

3. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
4. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.*

No exceptions noted.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
 - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

No exceptions noted.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
 - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions noted.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- 2. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve

balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

No exceptions noted.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's

information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

1. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
2. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
3. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

EXCEPTIONS NOTED: Two employees had certificates before the beginning of the fiscal year (7/1/23) and one did not have a certificate. The Town provided the sexual harassment report for 2022 that was dated 8/11/23.

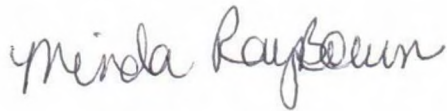
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We will ensure that employees obtain the required sexual harassment training. We will ensure that the sexual harassment report is filed timely each year.

We were engaged by the Town to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression

of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C 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.

We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C 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 LLA as a public document.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Minda Raybourn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Minda B. Raybourn CPA
Franklinton, LA
December 23, 2024