TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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



To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana June 15, 2021

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedules of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance - budget and actual, schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of contributions - retirement plan, and the related notes to the required supplementary information on page 4 to 7 and 44 to 51 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements, schedule of compensation to aldermen and schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the agency head are presented to comply with the requirements issued by the State of Louisiana and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of justice system funding schedules is presented to comply with Act 87 of the 2020 Louisiana Legislative Session and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and



To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana June 15, 2021

was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation to aldermen and schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head and schedule of justice system funding schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supporting schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 15, 2021, on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Certified Public Accountants

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2020

As management of the Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana (the "Town"), we offer residents of the Town this narrative overview and financial analysis of the financial activities of the Town as of December 31, 2020, and for the year then ended.

Overview of Financial Statements

The Town adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 on January 1, 2004. Under this pronouncement, the Town's basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the Town's financial position and the results of its operations from differing perspectives, which are described as follows:

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Town as a whole using an accounting method similar to that used by private-sector companies. The basis of accounting used is accrual accounting. The government-wide statements reflect all of the Town's assets (including capital assets) and all of the Town's liabilities. The two government-wide financial statements are as follows:

- Statement of Net Position: This statement presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.
- Statement of Activities: This statement presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Town uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. The Town has two types of funds:

1. *Governmental Funds* - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. The Town's major governmental funds are the General Fund, the Shared Sales Tax Fund, the Special Sales Tax Fund, the Cemetery Fund, and the Debt Service Fund.

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) <u>DECEMBER 31, 2020</u>

2. Proprietary Funds - These funds are used to account for activities that function in a manner similar to commercial enterprises. Proprietary fund financial statements typically provide a more detailed presentation of the information reported in the business-type activities portion of the government-wide financial statements. The Town's major proprietary fund is the Utility Fund.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 18 of this report.

Financial Highlights

At December 31, 2020, the Town's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$6,048,862 (net position). Of this amount, \$1,527,811 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors. The Town's total net position increased by \$724,328 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

At December 31, 2020, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,905,472. Compared to prior year, the total combined fund balance increased by \$48,204 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole

A condensed version of the government-wide Statements of Net Position is presented as follows:

Assets	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	2020	2019
Current assets Other assets Capital assets Total assets	\$ 2,877,085 468,712 <u>2,764,582</u> 6,110,379	\$ 2,529,956 684,807 <u>4,249,167</u> 7,463,930	\$ 5,407,041 1,153,519 <u>7,013,749</u> <u>13,574,309</u>	\$ 4.127,904 368,885 <u>5,338,615</u> 9,853,404
Total deferred outflows of resources	84,490	150,203	234,693	206,618
Liabilities				
Current and other liabilities Long-term liabilities Total liabilities Total deferred inflows of resources	1,568,004 <u>1,000,794</u> <u>2,568,798</u> 4,542	1,534,895 <u>3,643,831</u> <u>5,178,726</u> 8,074	3,102,899 <u>4,644,625</u> <u>7,747524</u> 12,616	1.518,218 3.186,185 4.704,403 31,085
Net position	- ,	- , - · · -	,	
Net investments in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted Total net position	2,023,185 918,265 <u>680,079</u> <u>\$ 3,621,529</u>	875,363 704,238 <u>847,732</u> <u>S 2,427,333</u>	2,898,548 1,622,503 <u>1,527,811</u> <u>5 6,048,862</u>	$2,579,899 \\ 1,288,019 \\ \underline{1,456,616} \\ \underline{\$ 5,324,534}$

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) DECEMBER 31, 2020

The net investment in capital assets amount represents 48% of total net position. Net investment in capital assets consists of land, buildings, and equipment, less any outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The Town has elected not to retroactively record, as capital assets, its infrastructure that existed prior to adopting GASB 34.

A condensed version of the government-wide Statements of Activities is presented as follows:

	Governmental Activities				Busin		~ *	Total				
-	2020				2020	Activities 2020 2019			2020	ota	2019	
Revenues									2020			
Program revenues												
-	\$ 39,980	\$	35,860	\$	1,896,130	\$	1,873,673	S	1,936,110	\$	1,909,533	
Operating grants and contributions	6,073		5,589		-		-		6,073		5,589	
Capital grants and contributions	-		-		25,146		59,988		25,146		59,988	
General revenues												
Taxes	1,632,342		1,508,615		-		-		1,632,342		1,508,615	
Licenses and permits	159,559		162,530		-		-		159,559		162,530	
Fines and forfeitures	32,469		50,450		-		-		32,469		50,450	
Investment earnings	11,928		13,171		6,615		14,713		18,543		27,884	
Museum income	6,656		32,318		-		-		6,656		32,318	
Other	259,364		93,050		-		16,641		259,364		109,691	
Total revenues	2,148,371		1,901,583		1,927,891		1,965,015		4,076,262		3,866,598	
Expenses												
General government	994,723		932,134		-		-		994,723		932,134	
Public safety	171,788		192,137		-		-		171,788		192,137	
Public works	477,488		334,105		-		-		477,488		334,105	
Cemetery	10,184		6,917		-		-		10,184		6,917	
Culture and recreation	21,330		37,928		-		-		21,330		37,928	
Utilities	-		-		1,606,775		1,695,672		1,606,775		1,695,672	
Interest on long-term debt	24,686		30,560		44,960		18,591		69,646		49,151	
Total expenses	1,700,199		1,533,781		1,651,735		1,714,263		3,351,934		3,248,044	
Change in net position	448,172		367,802		276,156		250,752		724,328		618,554	
Net position – beginning	3,173,357		2,805,555		2,151,177		1,900,425		5,324,534		4,705,980	
Net position – ending	<u>\$ 3,621,529</u>	\$	3.173,357	<u>s</u>	2,427,333	<u>\$</u>	2,151,177	<u>s</u>	6,048,862	<u>\$</u>	5,324,534	

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED) <u>DECEMBER 31, 2020</u>

Financial Analysis of the Major Funds

The Town's General Fund, Shared Sales Tax Fund, Special Sales Tax Fund, Cemetery Fund, and Debt Service Fund had increases (decreases) in fund balances in the amount of \$(59,115), \$137,442, \$56,988, \$25,703, and \$(37,047), respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2020. Total governmental fund amounts are different from governmental activities due to capital assets and long-term debt.

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

Budget Highlights

As required by law, the Town adopted a budget for its General Fund, Shared Sales Tax Fund, Special Sales Tax Fund, and Cemetery Fund.

Capital Asset Administration

For governmental activities, capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$185,887 for the year ended December 31, 2020, as a result of purchases of assets exceeding depreciation expense for the year. For business-type activities, capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$1,489,247 as a result of purchases exceeding depreciation expense for the year.

Debt Administration

The Town's total long-term debt increased by \$1,394,407 during the year ended December 31, 2020, as the result of new debt issues exceeding regularly scheduled debt payments.

Economic Factors and a Look at Next Year

With no new debt issuances, the Town will continue using the outstanding bond proceeds for acquiring, constructing improvements, and replacing the Town's sewerage system and water system as well as constructing, paving, resurfacings and improving public streets in the Town.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances. Questions concerning this report or the need for additional information should be directed to Janet Dufrene, Municipal Clerk, P.O. Box 461, Abita Springs, Louisiana 70420.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2020

	PRIMARY		
	Governmental	Business-type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 504,40	3 \$ 22,861	\$ 527,264
Equity in pooled cash		- 1,359,914	1,359,914
Investments	1,854,97		
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles	517,70	,	745,384
Prepaid items		- 7,296	
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	468.71	/	1,153,519
Capital assets not being depreciated	311,27	8 2,302,389	2,613,667
Capital assets being depreciated,	2 452 20	1 047 770	4 400 000
net of accumulated depreciation	2,453,30	4 1,946,778	4,400,082
Total assets	6,110,37	9 7,463,930	13,574,309
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pensions	84,49	0 150,203	234,693
Total deferred outflows of resources	84,49	0 150,203	234,693
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	52,26	3 914,878	967,141
Accrued expenses	17,36		24,328
Pooled cash in other funds	1,359,91		1,359,914
Accrued interest payable	5,00	· · · · ·	25,531
Meter deposits		- 166,290	
Compensated absences	5,84		14,077
Net pension liability	387,01	5 688,027	1,075,042
Lease payable:	(a. (1	2	10 (10)
Due within one year	43,61		43,618
Due in more than one year	127,77		127,779
Bonds payable:	84.00	201.000	475 000
Due within one year	84,00 486,00		475,000 3,413,804
Due in more than one year Certificate of indebtedness:	400,00	2,927,004	5,415,604
Due within one year		- 27,000	27,000
Due in more than one year		- 28,000	
Due in note than one year		20,000	20,000
Total liabilities	2,568,79	8 5,178,726	7,747,524
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pensions	4,54	2 8,074	12,616
Total deferred inflows of resources	4,54	2 8,074	12,616
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	2,023,18	5 875,363	2,898,548
Restricted for:			
Dedicated sales tax usage	729,56		729,561
Dedicated ad valorem tax usage	(10,63)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(10,633)
Debt service	199,29		199,291
Capital projects	4		46
Bond covenants		- 704,238	704,238
Unrestricted net position	680,07	9 847,732	1,527,811
Total net position	\$ 3,621,52	9 <u>\$ 2,427,333</u>	\$ 6,048,862

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

			Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Reve Change in Net Po	sition
			Operating	Capital		Primary Governme	ent
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activites	Total
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:							
Governmental Activities:							
General government	S 994,723	\$ 5,180	S 6,073	\$ -	S (983,470)	\$ -	S (983,470)
Public safety	171,788	-	-	-	(171,788)	-	(171,788)
Public works	477,488	-	-	-	(477,488)	-	(477,488)
Cemetery	10,184	34,800	-	-	24,616	-	24,616
Culture and recreation	21,330	-	-	-	(21,330)	-	(21,330)
Interest on long-term debt	24,686				(24,686)		(24,686)
Total governmental activities	1,700,199	39,980	6,073		(1,654,146)		(1,654,146)
Business-type Activities:							
Utilities	1,606,775	1,896,130	-	25,146	-	314,501	314,501
Interest on long-term debt	44,960					(44,960)	(44,960)
Total business-type activities	1,651,735	1,896,130	_	25,146	_	269,541	269,541
Total primary government	<u>\$ 3,351,934</u>	\$ 1,936,110	\$ 6,073	\$ 25,146	(1,654,146)	269,541	(1,384,605)
	General Revenues:						
	Taxes: Property taxes				353,824		353.824
	Franchise taxes				114,856	-	114.856
	Sales taxes				1,158,404	-	1,158,404
	Other taxes				5,258	-	5,258
	Licenses and perm	nits			57,044	-	57.044
	Fines and forfeitur				32,469	-	32,469
	Insurance licenses				102,515	_	102,515
	Investment earning				11,928	6,615	18,543
	Museum income	⊃~			6,656		6,656
	Other general reve	enues			259,364		259,364
	Total general	revenues			2,102,318	6,615	2,108.933
	Change in net posi	ition			448,172	276,156	724,328
	Net position - begi	inning of year			3,173,357	2,151,177	5,324,534
	Net position - end	of year			<u>\$ 3,621,529</u>	<u>\$ 2.427,333</u>	\$ 6,048,862

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS <u>DECEMBER 31, 2020</u>

				ç	_	<u>ASSETS</u> cial Revenue Func	ls							
		General Fund		Shared Sales Tax Fund	<u> </u>	Special Sales Tax Fund		Cemetery Fund	-	Debt Service Fund		Non-Major Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents	\$	120.000	ç	324,504	¢		\$	21,996	¢	37,903	¢	-	\$	504.403
Equity in pooled cash	Þ	120,000	3	137,759	Ф	168,831	Ф	59,995	3	38,461	Ф	46	Þ	405,092
Investments		1,629,434		101,109				148,821		76,724				1,854,979
Receivables		1,029,101						110,021		,0,,21				1,00 1,010
Property taxes, net		221,301		-		-		-		88,417		54,462		364,180
Sales taxes		33,462		33,462		29,224		-		-		-		96,148
Other		53,945		-		3,430		-		-		-		57,375
Due from other funds		-		41,524		-		33,725		-		-		75,249
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted		293,671		_		_		-		-		175.041		468,712
Total assets	\$	2,351,813	<u>s</u>	537,249	\$	201,485	\$	264,537	<u>s</u>	241,505	\$	229,549	<u>\$</u>	3,826,138
				LIABILITIE	<u>5 A</u>	ND FUND BALA	NCE	<u>\S</u>						
LIABILITIES:														
Accounts payable	\$	38,922	S	5,479	\$	3,694	\$	-	S	-	\$	4,168	\$	52,263
Accrued expenses		17,365		-		-		-		-		-		17,365
Pooled cash in other funds		1,491,055		-		-		-		-		273,951		1,765,006
Due to other funds		75,249		-		-				-		-		75.249
Total liabilities		1,622,591		5,479		3,694		-		-		278,119		1,909,883
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:														
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		6,552		-		-		-		2,618		1.613		10,783
Total deferred inflows of resources		6,552		-		-		-		2,618		1.613		10,783
FUND BALANCES:														
Restricted, reported in														
Special revenue funds		-		531,770		-		-		-		(10,633)		521,137
Debt service		-		-		-		-		238,887		(39,596)		199,291
Committed		-		-		-		264,537		-		-		264,537
Unassigned		722,670		-		197,791		-		-		46		920,507
Total fund balances		722,670		531,770		197.791		264,537		238,887		(50,183)	••••••	1,905,472
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	2,351,813	\$	537,249	\$	201,485	\$	264,537	<u>s</u>	241,505	\$	229,549	<u>\$</u>	3,826,138

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION <u>DECEMBER 31, 2020</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Funds balances, total governmental funds	\$	1,905,472
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		2,764,582
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds		84,490
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds		(4,542)
Long-term liabilities including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Accrued interest		(5,000)
Compensated absences		(5,844)
Pension liability		(387,015)
Lease payable		(171,397)
Bonds payable		(570,000)
Certain property tax collections are not available to pay for current-period		
expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources		
in the governmental funds.		10,783
Net position of governmental activities	<u>s</u>	3,621,529

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

			SI	pecial Revenue Fur	nds			
	General Fund		Shared Sales Tax Fund	Special Sales Tax Fund	Cemetery Fund	Debt Service Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>REVENUES:</u>								
Taxes								
Property taxes	\$ 213,	986	s -	\$-	\$ -	\$ 83,590	\$ 52.413	\$ 349,989
Franchise taxes	114,	856	-	-	-	-	-	114,856
Sales taxes	422,	947	316,749	418,708	-	-	-	1,158,404
Other	5,	258	-	-	-	-	-	5,258
Fines and forfeitures	32,	469	-	-	-	-	-	32,469
Insurance licenses	102,	515	-	-	-	-	-	102,515
Other revenues	213,	066	-	22,382	-	-	23,916	259,364
Licenses and permits	57,	044	-	-	-	-	-	57,044
Museum income		-	-	-	-	-	6,656	6,656
Sale of cemetery plots		-	-	-	34,800	-	-	34,800
Rentals	2,	305	-	-	-	-	2,875	5,180
Interest income	9,	918	491	-	1,087	227	205	11,928
Total revenues	1,174,	364	317,240	441,090	35,887	83.817	86,065	2,138,463
EXPENDITURES:								
General government	625,	646	_	-	-	20,278	99,382	745,306
Public safety	145,		_	-	-	20,270	-	145,320
Public works	110,	-	93,386	384,102	_	-	-	477,488
Clerk of court	26	468	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	561,102			_	26,468
Cemetery	20,	100	_		10,184			10,184
Culture and recreation		-	_		10,104		6,541	6,541
Capital outlay	436,	045	_				0,041	436,045
Debt service:	450,	045	-	-	_	_	-	+50,045
Principal		_	78,002	_	_	90,000	49,000	217,002
Interest			8,410		_	10,586	6,909	25,905
	1.000	470		284.102	10 194			
Total expenditures	1,233,	479	179,798	384,102	10,184	120,864	161,832	2,090,259
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over								
(under) expenditures	(59,	115)	137,442	56,988	25,703	(37.047)	(75,767)	48,204
Net change in fund balances	(59.	115)	137,442	56,988	25,703	(37,047)	(75,767)	48,204
Fund balances - beginning of year	781,	,	394,328	140,803	238,834	275,934	25,584	1,857,268
Fund balances - end of year	S 722,	67 0	\$ 531,770	\$ 197,791	\$ 264,537	S 238,887	\$ (50,183)	S 1,905,472

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances, total governmental funds	\$	48,204
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 and reported as depreciation expense.		185,887
Repayment of debt principal and capital leases is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.		217,002
Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the governmental funds, advances of derived tax revenues is not recognized until received, rather than as it is earned. This is the amount by which prior year advances of derived tax revenues recognized of \$6,948 exceeded current advances of derived tax revenues recognized of \$10,783.		3,835
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds: Compensated absences Pensions Non-employer contributions for pensions Accrued interest		(1,679) (12,369) 6,073 1,219
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	448,172

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS:

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,861
Pooled cash in other funds	1,359,914
Accounts receivable, net	227,681
Prepaid insurance	7,296
Total current assets	1,617,752
Restricted assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	684,807
Investments	912,204
Total restricted assets	1,597,011
Long-term assets:	
Capital assets, net	4,249,167
Total long-term assets	4,249,167
Total assets	7,463,930
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Pensions	150,203
Total deferred outflows of resources	150,203
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	914,878
Accrued wages	6,963
Compensated absences	8,233
Total current liabilities	930,074
Current liabilities (payable from restricted assets):	
Accrued interest payable	20,531
Revenue bonds payable, current portion	391,000
Certificate of indebtedness, current portion	27,000
Customer meter deposits	166,290
Total current liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	604,821
Non-current liabilities:	
Net pension liability	688,027
Revenue bonds, net of current portion	2,927,804
Certificate of indebtedness, net of current portion	28,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	3,643,831
Total liabilities	5,178,726
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Pensions	8,074
Total deferred inflows of resources	8,074
NET POSITION:	
Net investment in capital assets	875,363
Restricted	704,238
Unrestricted	847,732
Total net position	\$ 2,427,333

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

OPERATING REVENUES:

Charges for services:		
Gas sales	S	545,208
Water sales		350,968
Sewer service charges		556,511
Garbage collection fees		298,343
Impact fees		40,282
Miscellaneous and other fees		104,818
Total operating revenues		1,896,130
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Administrative and general		210,326
Gas purchased		196,494
Gas system		179,080
Water system		386,855
Sewerage system		253,305
Garbage collection		262,528
Depreciation		118,187
Total operating expenses		1.606,775
Operating income		289,355
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Capital grants		14,350
Interest expense		(44,960)
Interest income		6,615
Non employer pension contribution		10,796
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)		(13,199)
Change in net position		276,156
Net position - beginning of the year		2,151,177
Net position - end of the year	<u>s</u>	2,427,333

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers and users	S	1,881,292
Payments to suppliers		(662,628)
Payments to employees		(50,302)
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,168.362
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING		
ACTIVITIES:		
Decrease in meter deposits		17,529
Non-employer pension contributions		10,796
Repayment of interfund borrowings		(808,447)
Net cash used for non-capital financing activities		(780,122)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING		
ACTIVITIES:		
Capital grant		14.350
Purchase of capital assets		(1,607,434)
Proceeds from long-term debt		1,711,487
Interest paid on leases, bonds, and certificates		(32,736)
Principal paid on bonds and certificates		(138,000)
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities		(52,333)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of investments		(5.877)
Interest earned on investments and certificates		6,615
Net cash provided by investing activities		738
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		336,645
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		371,023
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>s</u>	707,668

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash		
provided (used) by operating activities:		
Operating income	S	289,355
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net		
cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		118,187
Pension expense		11,193
Change in asset and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(14,838)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		758,681
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses		2,585
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences		3,199
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>s</u>	1,168,362

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana (the Town) was incorporated in 1914, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Town operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:517. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

Reporting Entity

The Town's basic financial statements include the accounts of all Town operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- The organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in its own name).
- The Town holds the corporate powers of the organization.
- The Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's board.
- The Town is able to impose its will on the organization.
- The organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Town.
- There is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the Town.
- Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Town has no component units.

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 of the nonfiduciary activities of the Town. 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.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments 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 fund financial statements are provided for the Town's governmental funds and proprietary fund.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

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 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 revenue 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 Town 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.

Property taxes are considered to be collected when they are collected by the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff. Property taxes collected after 60 days are recorded as a deferred inflow on the governmental funds balance sheet. Franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Town.

The Town reports these governmental funds and fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. This fund is used to account for all financial transactions and resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are derived primarily from sales, property, and other local taxes, state and federal distributions, licenses, permits, charges for service, and interest income.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the specific expenditures and of specific revenue sources (other than debt service or capital projects) that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes. The Shared Sales Tax Fund, the Special Sales Tax Fund, and the Cemetery Fund are considered to be major funds. The Lighting Fund and Parks/Playground Fund are considered to be non-major funds.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs. The Town has one Debt Service Fund which is considered major. The 2010 Debt Service Fund is considered to be a non-major fund.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the construction of infrastructure and public works. The Town's Capital Projects Fund is considered to be a non-major fund.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

The activities reported in these funds are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

The Town uses a proprietary fund to account for the natural gas, water, sewer, and garbage collection services it provides to the residents and businesses of the Town.

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes, licenses and permits, and other general revenues.

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. Operating revenues for the Town's proprietary fund consist of charges to customers and users of its natural gas, water, sewer, and garbage collection services. Operating expenses for the Town's proprietary fund 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.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

At the beginning of each fiscal year, an annual budget is prepared. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds. Payments under capital leases are treated as expenditures in the year of payment for budgetary purposes. The Town does not use encumbrance accounting. At the end of the fiscal year, unexpended appropriations of these funds automatically lapse.

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. The Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Town Clerk, and other advisory personnel assemble the necessary financial information.
- b. The proposed budget is made available for public inspection.
- c. A public hearing is held for any recommendations or changes to the budget. The budget is legally adopted through passage of an ordinance by the Board of Aldermen.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town amended its General Fund, Special Sales Tax Fund, Cemetery Fund, Lighting Fund, and Parks/Playground Fund budgets.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash balances of all funds are combined to the extent possible. Interest earned on deposits is distributed to the individual funds based on the investment balances of the participating funds during the year. Each fund's portion of the pooled cash is included in equity or deficit in pooled cash on the accompanying financial statements.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (Continued)

For the purpose of the proprietary fund statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments (including certificates of deposit) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are considered to be cash equivalents.

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits. Under state law, the Town may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the Town may deposit funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States The Town may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, repurchase agreements, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

Short-term investments are stated at amortized cost, which approximates market. Certain investments, as required by GASB 31, are reported at fair value, which is determined using published market prices.

Investments

State Law R.S. 33:2955 allows the investment in direct United States Treasury obligations; bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies or U.S. government instrumentalities, which are federally sponsored; direct security repurchase agreements of any federal book-entry-only securities guaranteed by the U.S. government; time certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the state of Louisiana; savings accounts or shares of certain savings and loan associations and savings banks; certain accounts of federally or state chartered credit unions, and certain mutual or trust fund institutions.

Investments are stated at fair value in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) No. 31 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools".

Investments - LAMP

The Louisiana Asset Management Pool, ("LAMP") is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. 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 in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955. LAMP is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Investments - LAMP (Continued)

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to the 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 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 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LAMP administrative office at (800) 249-5267.

Investments in LAMP are stated at amortized cost due to their liquidity.

Sales Taxes

The Town imposes the following sales and use taxes:

- The original 1965 1% sales and use tax passed by voters is to be used for constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; constructing, maintaining, re-surfacing, lighting, and improving public streets; constructing sidewalks and bridges; acquiring and maintaining a garbage disposal site and garbage collection equipment, and purchasing equipment for all of the public works and departments of the Town. The proceeds from this sales and use tax are accounted for in the Special Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund.
- Pursuant to the Growth Management and Revenue Sharing Agreement between the Town and St. Tammany Parish (the Parish) dated December 21, 2006, the Town collects the 2% sales and use tax imposed by the Parish on the growth management area surrounding the Town. The proceeds from the tax are to be used for projects that benefits residents of the growth management area. The proceeds from this sales and use tax are accounted for in the Shared Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund.
- The additional 1983 1% sales and use tax proceeds are to be split in half. Fifty percent is to be used to defray expenses borne by or from the Police Fund and the other fifty percent is to be used for the supplementation of and the performance of all other duties and services funded from the General Fund. The proceeds from this sales and use tax are accounted for in the General Fund.

Compensated Absences

Employees accrue vacation leave at the rate of 5 to 25 days per anniversary year, according to years of service with the Town. Employees may carry over a maximum of five unused vacation days after their anniversary date into the next year. Employees accrue sick leave of up to 10 days per year. Employees are allowed to carry forward unused sick leave from year to year. Upon termination, or at retirement, employees are paid for unused vacation leave at the discretion of the Town. Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the General Fund. Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Long-Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, debt principal payments of both governmental and business-type activities are reported as decreases in the balance of the liability on the statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, however, debt principal payments of governmental funds are recognized as expenditures when paid.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana and additions to/deductions from the system's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the system. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding balances between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/ due 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."

Uncollectible amounts due for customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectability of the receivable. The allowance was \$15,000, at December 31, 2020.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated cost if historical cost is not available.

Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Town maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing equipment, furniture, and fixtures. The threshold for infrastructure and improvements is \$25,000. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements and as assets in the government-wide financial statements. In accordance with GASB 34, the Town has elected not to capitalize infrastructure retroactively. Depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets on a government-wide basis. Capital outlays of the proprietary fund are recorded as fixed assets and depreciated over their estimated useful lives on both the fund basis and the government-wide basis.

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Capital Assets (Continued)

All capital assets, other than land and works of art that are inexhaustible, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Infrastructure	40 years
Buildings and building improvements	20 to 40 years
Utility systems	30 to 40 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	3 to 15 years

Fund Equity

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Statements - equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- 1. Net Investment in Capital Assets Consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.
- 2. Restricted This component of net position consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. Unrestricted All other net position is reported in this category.

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- 1. Restricted Fund Balance Amounts that are restricted to specific purposes imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- 2. Committed Fund Balance Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Aldermen.
- 3. Unassigned Fund Balance All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

Interfund Transactions

Permanent re-allocation of resources between funds of the Town is classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

<u>Use of Estimates</u>

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

(1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Date of Management Review

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 15, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) <u>STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY</u>

Deposit and Investment Laws and Regulations

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits of municipal funds in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. At December 31, 2020, the Town was in compliance with the deposit and investment laws and regulations.

(3) CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be recovered. The Town's deposit policy for custodial credit risk is that all uninsured deposits be collateralized by pledged securities as required by state law.

As of December 31, 2020, \$1,552,292 of the Town's bank balance of \$1,302,292 was exposed to custodial credit risk. However, these deposits are secured from risk by the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

The following is a reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per the statement of net position of the proprietary fund to the cash and cash equivalents per the statement of cash flows:

Cash, cash equivalents, and investments per Statement of Net Position		
Unrestricted	\$	22,861
Restricted:		
Meter deposits		78,731
Bond sinking		325,569
Bond reserve		172,418
Capital additions and contingency		89,956
Sewer debt service		18,133
Total restricted		684,807
Total cash and cash equivalents per Statement of Cash Flows	<u>\$</u>	707,668

Investments

At December 31, 2020, the Authority had an investment of \$2,767,183 with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), which is included in investments. LAMP is stated at amortized cost and is therefore not included in the fair value hierarchy.

(4) <u>RECEIVABLES</u>

The net receivables at December 31, 2020, were as follows:

		General Fund		Debt Service Funds		Special Revenue Funds	P	roprietary Fund		Total
Taxes										
Property	\$	221,301	\$	88,417	\$	54,462	\$	-	\$	364,180
Sales and use		33,462		-		62,686		-		96,148
Other		53,945		-		3,430		-		57,375
Utility accounts						_		227,681		227,681
Totals	<u>\$</u>	308,708	<u>s</u>	88,417	<u>\$</u>	120.578	<u>s</u>	227,681	<u>\$</u>	745,384

Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. Total allowance for doubtful accounts amounted to \$19,167 for the governmental funds and \$15,000 for the business-type activities.

(5) **PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are normally levied and billed in November of each year and are due by December 31st of the year levied. Revenues are recognized when levied to the extent they are determined to be currently collectible. Property taxes are billed and collected using the assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of St. Tammany Parish. The property taxes receivable is recorded net of allowance of \$19,167 on the accompanying balance sheet. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town levied taxes of 7.42 mills for general purposes, 5.00 mills for debt service, 1.00 mill for town lighting, and 1.83 mills for parks and playground expenditures.

The following are the principal taxpayers and related property tax revenue for the entity:

	 ssessed luation	% of Total Assessed Value
Central LA Elec Co.	\$ 592,470	2.35%
Abita Lumber Co Inc.	353,750	1.40%
Longbranch Real Estate Holding	244,455	0.97%
Walgreens #11996	177,900	0.71%
Phillips Building Supply	153,308	0.61%
R4 Holdings, LLC	144,352	0.57%
Patrick Fabricating & Welding	140,276	0.56%
Little Village, Inc.	120,975	0.48%
Northlake Property Holdings, LLC	118,631	0.47%
Home Bank	 104,130	0.41%
	\$ 2,150,247	8.53%

(6) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020:

	Balance	T	D	Balance
Communicated Activities	1/1/2020	Increases	Decreases	12/31/2020
<u>Governmental Activities</u> Capital assets not being depreciated				
Works of art	\$ 40,000	s -	s -	\$ 40,000
Construction in progress	3 40,000 9,504	ء 74,925	3 <u>-</u> (9,540)	3 40,000 74,889
Land	9,504 196,389	74,923	(9,140)	196,389
Land	190,369			190,389
Total capital assets not				
being depreciated	245,893	74,925	(9,540)	311,278
Capital assets being depreciated				
Infrastructure	2,231,128	_	_	2,231,128
Culture and recreation	467,939	30,286	-	498,225
Machinery and equipment	1,060,395	124,116	-	1,184,511
Office equipment and furniture	23,017	165,098	-	188,115
Buildings and building improvements	456,603	51,160	-	507,763
Police machinery and equipment	3,535	-	-	3,535
Police furniture and fixtures	1,197			1,197
Total capital assets being				
depreciated	4,243,814	370,660	_	4,614,474
uepretateu				
Accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(869,033)	(115,300)	-	(984,333)
Culture and recreation	(103,526)	(14,789)	-	(118,315)
Machinery and equipment	(643,034)	(103,476)	-	(746,510)
Office equipment and furniture	(16,579)	(5,316)	-	(21,895)
Buildings and building improvements	(274,108)	(11,277)	-	(285,385)
Police machinery and equipment	(3,535)	-	-	(3,535)
Police furniture and fixtures	(1,197)			(1,197)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,911,012</u>)	(250,158)		(2,161,170)
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	2,332,802	120,502	-	2,453,304
Governmental activities				
capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,578,695</u>	<u>\$ 195,427</u>	<u>\$ (9,540)</u>	<u>\$ 2,764,582</u>

Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General governmental Culture and recreation	\$ 235,369 14,789
Total	\$ 250,158

(6) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)</u>

	Balance 1/1/2020	Increases	Decreases	Balance <u>12/31/2020</u>
Business-Type Activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Construction in progress	<u>\$ 736,240</u>	<u>\$ 1,566,149</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 2,302,389</u>
Total capital assets not				
being depreciated	736,240	1,566,149	_	2,302,389
Capital assets being depreciated				
Gas distribution system	150,035	-	-	150,035
Water distribution system	1,765,870	29,735	-	1,795,605
Sewer plant and lines	2,943,597	8,399	-	2,951,996
Vehicles	17,600	-	-	17,600
Machinery and equipment	136,484	3,151	-	139,635
Buildings and building improvements	35,808		_	35,808
Total capital assets being				
depreciated	5,049,394	41,285		5,090,679
Accumulated depreciation for:				
Gas distribution system	(55,303)	(4,385)	_	(59,688)
Water distribution system	(1,082,390)	(38,451)	-	(1,120,841)
Sewer plant and lines	(1,778,800)	(64,972)	-	(1,843,772)
Vehicles	(17,600)	-	-	(17,600)
Machinery and equipment	(73,412)	(9,185)	-	(82,597)
Buildings and building improvements	(18,209)	(1,194)		(19,403)
Total accumulated depreciation	(3,025,714)	(118,187)		(3,143,901)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	2,023,680	(76,902)		1,946,778
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,759,920</u>	<u>\$ 1,489,247</u>	<u>s </u>	<u>\$ 4,249,167</u>

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS)

Plan Description

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns, and cities within the state, which did not have their own retirement system and which elected to become members of the System.

The System is administered by a Board of Trustees composed of eleven members, three of whom shall be active and contributing members of the System with at least ten years creditable service and who are elected to office in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code, three of whom shall be active and contributing members of the System with at least ten years creditable service and who are not elected officials; one of whom shall be president of the Louisiana Municipal Association who shall serve as an ex-officio member during his tenure; one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Senate Retirement Committee; and one of whom shall be the Chairman of the House Retirement Committee of the Legislature of Louisiana; the commissioner of administration, who shall be a nonvoting member; and the State Treasurer, who shall be a nonvoting member.

The System is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System was established and provided for by R.S.11:1731 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS).

Act #569 of the year 1968 established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana provides an optional method for municipalities to cancel Social Security and come under supplementary benefits in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, effective on and after June 30, 1970.

Effective October 1, 1978, under Act #788, the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan" were replaced, and are now known as Plan "A" and Plan "B." Plan A combines the original plan and the supplemental plan for those municipalities participating in both plans, while Plan B participates in only the original plan.

Plan Membership:

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. For the year ended June 30, 2020, there were 88 contributing municipalities in Plan A and 68 in Plan B.

Eligibility Requirements:

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.

Any person eligible for membership but whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the System occurred on or after January 1, 2013 shall become a member of the MERS Plan A Tier 2 or MERS Plan B Tier 2 of the System as a condition of employment.

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) (Continued)

Plan Description (Continued)

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 of the plan and its benefits is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Any member of Plan A 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 twenty-five (25) or more years of creditable service.

2. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.

3. Any age with five (5) years of creditable service eligible for disability benefits.

4. Survivor's benefits require five (5) or more years creditable service with legal spouse at least last 12 months before death -40% at age 60 or minimum of 20% immediately (actuarially calculated).

5. Any age with 20 years of creditable service, exclusive of military service with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final average 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. An additional regular retirement benefit can be received for any city marshal or deputy city marshal. See Plan Booklet for further details.

Any member of Plan A Tier 2 can retire providing he meets one of the following requirements.

1. Age 67 with seven or more years of creditable service

2. Age 62 with ten or more years of creditable service

3. Age 55 with thirty or more years of creditable service

4. Any age with twenty five years of creditable service with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

5. Survivor's benefits require five or more years of creditable service with legal spouse at least last 12 months before death -40% at age 60 or minimum of 20% immediately (actuarially calculated).

Generally, the monthly amount of retirement allowance for any member of Plan A Tier 2 shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final average 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 city marshal or deputy city marshal shall receive an additional regular benefit computed on supplemental marshal's earnings. See Plan booklet for further details.

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) (Continued)

Plan Description (Continued)

Survivor Benefits:

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

Any member of Plan A 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 death. Such benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

Any member of Plan A or Plan B who had not withdrawn their accumulated contributions and had at least twenty years of service credit at time of death, surviving spouse shall receive benefits for as long as he/she lives as outlined in the statutes.

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 A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least five 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 A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of forty-five percent of his final average compensation or three percent of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater, or an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service projected to his earliest normal retirement age.

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) (Continued)

Plan Description (Continued)

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 additional cost of living increases 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.

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.

Funding Policy

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2020, members of the System are required to contribute 10.0% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. At December 31, 2020, the employer contribution rate was 29.5%. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year.

Contributions

According to state statute, for the System, contribution requirements for all employees are actuarially determined each year. State statute requires covered employees to contribute a percentage of their salaries to the System. For the year ending December 31, 2020, the actual employer contribution rate and the actuarially determined employer contribution rate is listed below. The actual rate differs from the actuarially required rate due to state statutes that require the contribution rate be calculated and set two years prior to the year effective.

The amount of the Town's employer contributions to the System for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$152,136. The District's covered payroll for the System for the year ended December 31, 2020was \$530,289.

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2020, the Town reported a liability totaling \$1,075,041 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the System. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 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 contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the Town's proportion was 0.248656% for the System, which was a decrease of 0.006710% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town recognized pension expense for the System totaling \$182,307. Subtracted from pension expense is the employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions totaling (\$12,007) for the System.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town recognized revenue from ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds received by the System. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities totaling \$16,869.

At December 31, 2020, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the System:

	Ou	eferred tflows of esources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	S	-	\$	5,596	
Change in assumptions		18,087		-	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		107,277		-	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		25,371		7,020	
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		83,958			
Total	\$	234,693	<u>\$</u>	12,616	

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date totaling \$83,959 and reported as deferred outflows of resources will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended December 31, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31:

2021 2022	\$	58,226 38,972
2023 2024		21,195 15,725
Total	<u>s</u>	134,118

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation for the System was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date:	June 30, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry age normal cost
Actuarial Assumptions: Investment Rate of Return	6.95%
Inflation rate:	2.5%
Projected Salary Increases	6.4% for 1 to 4 years of service4.5% for more than 4 years of service
Mortality Rates	PubG-2010(B) Employee Table for active members PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table for healthy annuitants PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table for disabled annuitants
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2020 – 3 years for Plan A; 2019 – 3 years for Plan A

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Discount Rate:

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a buildingblock method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses 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, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term Expected
	Target	Portfolio Real Rate
Asset Class	Asset Allocation	of Return
Public equity	53%	2.33%
Public fixed income	38%	1.67%
Alternatives	9%	<u>0.40%</u>
Totals	<u>100%</u>	<u>4.40%</u>
Inflation		2.60%
Expected arithmetic nominal return		7.00%

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.95% for the years ended June 30, 2020. 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 and 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 provided with 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 earnings 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. The Expected Remaining Service Lives (ERSL) for 2020 is 3 years for Plan A and 3 years for Plan B.

(7) <u>EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate:

The following presents the net pension liability of the System calculated using the discount rate of 6.95%, as well as what the System's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.95%) or one percentage point higher (7.95%) than the current discount rate (assuming all other assumptions remain unchanged):

Changes in discount for years ending June 30, 2020 for Plan A are as follows:

	Current							
	1%	6 Decrease	Di	scount Rate	1%	Increase		
		5.95%		6.95%	7.95%			
Town's proportionate share								
of the Net Pension Liability	\$	1,398,511	\$	1,075,042	\$	801,534		

Retirement System Audit Report:

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.lla.la.gov, or by contacting the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

(8) LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES

	Governmen	tal Activities	Business-Typ		
	General	Certificate		Certificate	
	Obligation	of	Revenue	of	
	Bonds	Indebtedness	Bonds	Indebtedness	Total
Balance 1/1/2020	\$ 709,000	\$ -	\$ 1,718,317	\$ 82,000	\$ 2,509,317
Additions	-	-	1,711,487	-	1,711,487
Reductions	(139,000)		(111,000)	(27,000)	(277,000)
Balance 12/31/2020	<u>\$ 570,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 3,318,804</u>	<u>\$ 55,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,943,804</u>
Due within one year	<u>\$ 84,000</u>	<u>s </u>	<u>\$ 391,000</u>	<u>\$ 27.000</u>	<u>\$ 502,000</u>

General obligation bonds are secured by an annual property tax levy. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:562, the Town is legally restricted from incurring long-term bonded debt in excess of 35% of the assessed value of taxable property in the municipality. At December 31, 2020, the Town had not exceeded this statutory limit. As of December 31, 2020, there was \$238,887 available in the Debt Service Fund and \$39,596 in the 2010 Debt Service Fund to service the general obligation bonds.

(8) LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

Long-term debt was composed of the following at December 31, 2020:

General Obligation Bonds \$556,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2012, due in annual installments through September 2024; interest paid semi-annually at 2.72% secured by ad valorem tax.	\$ 205,000
\$500,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2014, due in annual installments through March 2029; interest paid semi-annually ranging from 1.50% to 3.00% secured by ad valorem tax.	365,000
	<u>\$ 570,000</u>
Revenue Bonds \$350,000 Utility Refunding Bonds dated January 8, 2004, due in annual installments through March 1, 2030; including interest from from 3% to 5.25%; secured by revenues of the Utility System.	\$ 183,000
\$6,000,000 Utility Revenue Bonds dated December 6, 2017, in connection with a loan from the State of Louisiana, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to construct sewer improvements. DEQ is holding the bonds as payment for the loan. This amounts represents the total drawdown of these bonds to date. Includes interest of 0.45% secured by revenues of the Utility System.	1,382,804
\$800,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2019, due in annual installments through September 2029; interest paid semi-annually ranging from 1.375% to 2.750% secured by ad valorem tax.	753,000
\$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2020, due in annual installments through March 2035; interest paid semi-annually ranging from 0.956% to 1.912% secured by ad valorem tax.	1,000,000
	<u>\$ 3,318,804</u>
Certificates of Indebtedness \$250,000 Certificate of Indebtedness dated July 12, 2012; due in annual installments through June 1, 2022; interest paid semi-annually ranging	
from 0.50% to 3.5%; secured by excess revenues.	\$ 55,000
	<u>\$ 55,000</u>

(8) LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

	General Obligation Bonds			Certificate of Indebtedness					Revenue Bonds			
	P	rincipal		Interest		Principal	Interest		Principal		Interest	
Year		-				_				-		
2021	\$	84,000	\$	32,884	\$	27,000	\$	1,453	\$	391,000	\$	40,170
2022		86,000		29,789		28,000		490		400,000		30,867
2023		92,000		26,514		-		-		405,000		28,000
2024		93,000		23,077		-		-		413,000		25,057
2025		40,000		19,508		-		-		434,804		21,978
Thereafter		175,000		39,188		_		_		1,275,000		85,857
Totals	<u>s</u>	570,000	<u>\$</u>	170,959	<u>\$</u>	55,000	<u>\$</u>	1,943	<u>\$</u>	3,318,804	<u>\$</u>	231,929

Annual debt service requirements of long-term debt are as follows:

Interest costs incurred and charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$61,192.

Capital Leases

The Town records items under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements. On May 27, 2015, the Town entered into a capital lease agreement for five years with interest of 4.18% for the purchase of an excavator. On April 1, 2016, the Town entered into a capital lease agreement for five years with interest of 3.35% for the purchase of a directional drill for gas and water installations. On June 28, 2018, the Town entered into a capital lease agreement for three years with interest of 3.50% for the purchase of a copier. On December 19, 2018, the Town entered into a capital lease agreement for five years with interest of 3.94% for the purchase of a pipehunter minicombination truck.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under capital leases, together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments, as of December 31, 2020:

	Equipment								
	Pr	incipal		Interest					
Year									
2021	\$	44,116	\$	6,027					
2022		45,368		4,272					
2023		82,411		2,573					
Totals	\$	171,895	<u>\$</u>	12,872					

(9) <u>RESTRICTED ASSETS</u>

The Town has approved resolutions authorizing the issuance of \$350,000 of Utility Refunding Bonds dated January 8, 2004, \$250,000 of Utility Revenue Bonds dated December 1, 2004, \$800,000 of Utility Refunding Bonds dated October 16, 2019, and \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds dated March 26, 2020. Each of the resolutions provide for certain restrictions on assets of the proprietary fund. The following reserve requirements have been met for the year ended December 31, 2020:

1. Revenue Bond Sinking Fund

The resolution called for the establishment and maintenance of a Utilities Revenue Bond and Sinking Fund sufficient in amount to pay promptly and in full the principal of and the interest on bonds authorized as they become due and payable.

2. Revenue Bond Reserve Fund

The resolution called for the establishment of a Revenue Bond Reserve Fund by depositing with the designated fiscal agent bank of the Town until such time as there has been accumulated in said Reserve Fund a sum equal to the highest combined principal and interest payment in any year of the bond. The sole purpose of this fund is to pay the principal of and the interest on the bonds payable from the Revenue Bond Reserve Fund as to which these would otherwise be in default.

3. Depreciation and Contingency Fund

The resolution called for the establishment and maintenance of a Depreciation and Contingency Fund to care for depreciation, extensions, additions, improvements, and replacements necessary to properly operate the system. Regular deposits of \$416 per month are to be deposited with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank of the Town.

4. Meter Deposit Fund

The Town established a Meter Deposit Fund to help maintain customer meter deposits on hand, as well as to help control customer meter deposits received.

(10) INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

The primary purpose of interfund receivables/payables is to loan monies between funds to cover current expenditures. Individual fund balances due from/to other funds at December 31, 2020, were as follows:

	Due From		<u> </u>	Due To
General Fund				
Shared Sales Tax Fund	S	-	S	41,524
Cemetery Fund		-		33,725
Shared Sales Tax Fund				
General Fund		41,524		-
Cemetery Fund				
General Fund		33,725		_
Total	\$	75,249	\$	75,249

All interfund receivables/payables are considered short-term, as they are expected to be repaid within the next fiscal year.

(11) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The Town entered into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, effective December 21, 2006, for the sharing of sales tax revenue generated in Sales Tax District No. 3. Proceeds from the tax shall be used for projects that benefit residents of Sales Tax District No. 3. As of December 31, 2020, \$531,770 was restricted for use in Sales Tax District No. 3.

(12) <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town carried insurance through various commercial carriers to cover all risks of loss. The Town has no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(13) <u>NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS</u>

The GASB has issued Statement No. 83, "Certain Asset Retirement Obligations." The objective of this Statement is to provide financial statement users with information about asset retirement obligations (AROs) that were not addressed in GASB standards by establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for these obligations. This Statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and the pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for AROs, and requires (1) that recognition occur when the liability is both incurred and reasonably estimable; (2) the measurement of an ARO to be based on the best estimate of the current value of outlays expected to be incurred; (3) the current value of a government's AROs to be adjusted for the effects of general inflation or deflation at least annually; (4) a government to evaluate all relevant factors at least annually to determine whether the effects of one or more of the factors are expected to significantly change the estimated asset retirement outlays; and (5) disclosure of information concerning the nature of a government's AROs, the methods and assumptions used for the estimates of the liabilities, and the estimated remaining useful life of the associated tangible capital assets. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2019 as extended by GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 84. "Fiduciary Activities." The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 as extended by GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

(13) <u>NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)</u>

The GASB has issued Statement No. 87, "Leases." The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021, as extended by GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 88, "Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements." The primary objective of this Statement is to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2019, as extended by GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." This Statement did not have a material effect on The Town's financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 89, "Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period." The objectives of this Statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, as extended by GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 90, "Majority Equity Interests an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61." The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, as extended by GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 91, "Conduit Debt Obligations." The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers. The requirements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021, as extended by GASB Statement No. 95, "Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

(13) <u>NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)</u>

The GASB has issued Statement No. 92, "Omnibus 2020." The primary objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021. The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 93, "*Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*." The objective of this Statement is to address those and other accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of IBOR. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021. The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 94, "Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements." The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that enter into public-private and public-public partnerships (PPPs) and availability payment arrangements (APAs) by enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about PPPs and APAs. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 95, "Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance." The primary objective of this Statement is to provide temporary relief from certain newer accounting and financial reporting requirements to governments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The effective date of certain Statements and Implementation Guides—through GASB Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates, and Implementation Guide No. 2019-03, Leases—that first became effective or were scheduled to become effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018, and later are deferred by either one year or eighteen months.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 96, "Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements." The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by (a) establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs; (b) improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs; and (c) enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about SBITA. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

(13) <u>NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)</u>

The GASB has issued Statement No. 97, "Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84." The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The Town plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

(14) RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in Wuhan, China and has since spread to other countries including the U.S. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. In addition, multiple jurisdictions in the U.S. have declared a state of emergency including the state of Louisiana. It is anticipated that these impacts will continue for some time. The future effects of these issues are unknown.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART II

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

		Budgetary	y An	iounts		Actual on	Variance with Final Budget <u>Positive (Negative)</u>		
		Original		Final		Budgetary Basis			
<u>REVENUES:</u>									
Taxes:									
Property taxes	S	363,800	\$	216,050	S	213,986	\$ (2.064)		
Franchise taxes		117,000		115,000		114,856	(144)		
Sales taxes		315,100		393,750		422,947	29,197		
Other		6,500		5,000		5,258	258		
Licenses and permits		48,700		49,500		57,044	7,544		
Intergovernmental grants		447,200		-		-	-		
Insurance licenses		102,000		102,000		102,515	515		
Rentals		12,000		2,300		2,305	5		
Fines and forfeitures		40,000		32,000		32,469	469		
Interest income		3,000		3,000		9,918	6,918		
Other revenues		18,900		151,400		213,066	61,666		
Total revenues		1,474,200		1,070,000		1,174,364	104,364		
EXPENDITURES:									
General government		999,900		999,9 00		625,646	374,254		
Public safety		140,500		140,500		145,320	(4,820)		
Clerk of court		30,500		30,500		26,468	4,032		
Capital outlay	••••••	250,000		250,000		436,045	(186,045)		
Total expenditures		1,420,900		1,420,900		1,233,479	187,421		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over									
(under) expenditures		53,300		(350,900)		(59,115)	291,785		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:									
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		250,000		-		-	-		
Payments on long-term debt		(303,300)		(303,300)		-	(303,300)		
Total other financing sources (uses)	•	(53,300)		(303,300)		_	(303,300)		
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$</u>	-	\$	(654,200)		(59,115)	<u>\$ (11,515)</u>		
Fund balance, beginning of year						781,785			
Fund balance, end of year	<u>s</u>	1,724,200			<u>s</u>	722,670			

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED) BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgetary Amounts					Actual on	Variance with	
		Original	nal Final			Budgetary Basis	Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:								
Salaries	\$	218,200	\$	218,200	\$	245,059	\$ (26,859)	
Repairs and maintenance		1,500		1,500		32,255	(30,755)	
Employeee insurance and benefits		40,300		40,300		46,043	(5,743)	
Insurance		36,000		36,000		32,841	3,159	
Accounting and auditing		22,000		22,000		12,892	9,108	
Aldermen		38,000		38,000		36,432	1,568	
Contract labor		10,000		10,000		1,500	8,500	
Retirement		33,300		33,300		43,801	(10,501)	
Utilities		13,500		13,500		10,036	3,464	
Legal		15,000		15,000		18,759	(3,759)	
Sidewalk expense		486,800		486,800		-	486,800	
Office supplies		4,000		4.000		12,788	(8,788)	
Auto gas		400		400		977	(577)	
Miscellaneous		39,700		39,700		75,256	(35,556)	
Telephone		3,500		3,500		5,563	(2.063)	
Payroll taxes		7,900		7,900		8,625	(725)	
Conventions and travel		4,000		4,000		353	3.647	
Advertising and publication		4,700		4.700		7,450	(2,750)	
Inspections		_		-		6,600	(6,600)	
St. Tammany Parish Assessor		7,100		7,100		6,179	921	
Senior citizens		4,000		4,000		-	4,000	
Postage		1,200		1,200		940	260	
Payroll processing fee		2,800		2,800		3,889	(1,089)	
Dues and subscriptions		1,200		1,200		3,904	(2,704)	
Auto repairs and maintenance		300		300		3,205	(2,905)	
Janitorial expense		4,500		4,500		10,299	(5,799)	
Total general government expenses	\$	999,900	<u>S</u>	999,900	\$	625,646	<u>s 374,254</u>	

*Note: The Town legally adopts annual budgets for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds.

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) SHARED SALES TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgetary Amounts					Actual on		ince with	
	(Original Final		Final		Budgetary Basis	Final Budget <u>Positive (Negative)</u>		
<u>REVENUES:</u> Taxes:									
Sales taxes	S	295,000	\$	295,000	S	316,749	\$	21,749	
Interest income		300		300		491		191	
Total revenues		295,300		295,300		317,240		21,940	
EXPENDITURES:									
Public works		138,100		138,100		93,386		44,714	
Principal retirement		81,900		81,900		78,002		3,898	
Interest on long-term debt		-		-		8,410		(8,410)	
Capital outlay		75,300		75,300		-		75,300	
Total expenditures		295,300		295,300		179,798		115,502	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over									
(under) expenditures		_		_		137,442		137,442	
Net change in fund balance	\$	_	\$	-		137,442	\$	137,442	
Fund balance, beginning of year						394,328			
Fund balance, end of year					<u>s</u>	531,770			

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) SPECIAL SALES TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgetar	y Amounts	Actual on	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES: Taxes:				
Sales taxes Other revenues	\$ 310,000 25,500	· · · ·	\$ 418,708 22,382	S 108,708 (3,118)
Total revenues	335,500		441,090	105,590
EXPENDITURES:				
Public works	335,500	335,500	384,102	(48,602)
Culture and recreation Total expenditures	335,500	335,500	384,102	(48,602)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures			56,988	56,988
Net change in fund balance	<u>s -</u>	<u>s -</u>	56,988	<u>\$ 56,988</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			140,803	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 197,791</u>	

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS) CEMETERY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgetary Amounts					tual on	Variance with		
	(Original		Final		dgetary Basis	Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
<u>REVENUES:</u> Sales of cemetery plots	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	\$	34,800	S	22,800	
Interest income Other revenues		1,700		1,700		1, 0 87 -		(613)	
Total revenues		13,700		13,700	*****************	35,887		22,187	
EXPENDITURES:		13 700		12 700		10 104		2 51 6	
Cemetery Capital outlay		13,700		13,700		10,184 		3,516	
Total expenditures		13,700		13,700		10,184		3,516	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures				-		25,703		25,703	
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$</u>		<u>s</u>			25,703	<u>\$</u>	25,703	
Fund balances - beginning of year						238,834			
Fund balances - end of year					\$	264,537			

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31. 2020*

	<u>12/31/2020</u>		1	<u>12/31/2019</u> <u>12/31/2018</u>		12/31/2017		<u>12/31/2016</u>		<u>12/31/2015</u>		
<u>Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana</u> Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability		0.248656%		0.241946%		0.234683%		0.239050%		0.249567%		0.250750%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	1,075,042	\$	1,011,010	\$	971,746	\$	1,000,047	\$	1,022.903	\$	895,718
Town's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	475,262	\$	447,888	\$	428,575	S	434,132	\$	445,813	\$	427,968
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll		226.20%		225.73%		226.74%		230.36%		229.45%		209.30%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		64.52%		64.68%		63.94%		62.49%		62.11%		66.18%
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Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar yearend that occurred within the fiscal year.

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	<u>1</u> 2	2/31/2020	<u>12/31/2019</u>	1	2/31/2018		12/31/2017	1	12/31/2016	ר יי	12/31/2015
<u>Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana</u> Contractually Required Contribution	\$	152,136	\$ 124,631	S	110,229	S	99,802	S	87,626	\$	95,274
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution		(152,136)	 (124,631)		(110,229)		(99,802)		(87,626)		(95,274)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$	_	\$ -	<u>s</u>	-	<u>\$</u>	-	<u>\$</u>	_	<u>\$</u>	-
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$	530,289	\$ 463,898	S	434,583	\$	420.565	\$	410,086	\$	482,402
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll		28.69%	26.87%		25.36%		23.73%		21.37%		19.75%

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

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2020

(1) <u>PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES</u>

Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms during any of the years presented.

Changes of Assumptions

For the year ended December 31, 2020, Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) lowered its assumption for the investment rate of return (discount rate) from 7.0% to 6.95%.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, MERS lowered its assumption for the investment rate of return (discount rate) was from 7.275% to 7.0%. Additionally, MERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 2.6% to 2.5%. MERS changed its projected salary increase from 5.0% to 6.4% for 1 to 4 years of service and 4.5% for more than 4 years of service. MERS changed its mortality rates for active members from RP-2000 Employee Table to PubG-2010(B) Employee Table. MERS changed its mortality rates for healthy annuitants from RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table to PubG-2010(B) Heathy Retiree Table. MERS changed its mortality rates for disabled annuitants from RP-2000 Disabled Lives Morality Tables to PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, MERS lowered its assumption for the investment rate of return (discount rate) was from 7.4% to 7.275%. Additionally, MERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 2.775% to 2.6%.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, MERS lowered its assumption for the investment rate of return (discount rate) was from 7.5% to 7.4%. Additionally, MERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 2.875% to 2.775%.

There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2016.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, MERS lowered its assumption for the investment rate of return (discount rate) was from 7.75% to 7.5%. Additionally, MERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 3% to 2.875%.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

	, ,	Lighting Special Revenue Fund	Special 2010 Debt		Service	Capital Projects Fund		Total Ionmajor vernmental Funds	
ASSETS:									
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$	17,179	S	25,446	\$	132,416	\$ -	\$	175,041
Equity in pooled cash		17155		-		-	46		46
Property taxes receivable, net		17,155		37,307		-	 -		54,462
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	34,334	<u>S</u>	62,753	<u>s</u>	132,416	\$ 46	<u>s</u>	229,549
LIABILITIES:									
Accounts payable	\$	1,756	\$	2,412	\$	-	\$ -	\$	4,168
Pooled cash in other funds		49,207		52,732		172,012	 -		273,951
Total liabilities		50,963		55,144		172,012	 -		278,119
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:									
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		508		1,105		_	 -		1,613
Total deferred inflows of resources		508		1,105		-	 -		1,613
FUND BALANCES: Restricted, reported in									
Special revenue fund		(17,137)		6,504		-	-		(10,633)
Debt service fund		-		-		(39,596)	-		(39,596)
Unassigned		_		_		-	 46		46
Total fund balances		(17,137)		6,504		(39,596)	 46		(50,183)
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	34,334	<u>s</u>	62,753	\$	132,416	\$ 46	<u>s</u>	229,549

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AN CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

				Parks/					
	Ι	ighting		ayground					Total
		Special		Special		010 Debt	Capit		onmajor
	I	Revenue	F	Revenue		Service	Projec		rernmental
		Fund		Fund		Fund	Fund	1	Funds
<u>REVENUES:</u>									
Property taxes	\$	16,641	S	35,772	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 52,413
Museum income		-		6,656		-		-	6,656
Other revenues		-		23,916		-		-	23,916
Rentals		-		2,875		-		-	2,875
Interest income		49		156		-		-	 205
Total revenues		16,690		69,375		-		-	 86,065
EXPENDITURES:									
General government		26,642		72,740		-		-	99,382
Culture and recreation		-		6,541		-		-	6,541
Debt service:									
Principal		-		-		49,000		-	49,000
Interest		-		-		6,909		-	6,909
Total expenditures		26,642		79,281		55,909		-	 161,832
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over									
(under) expenditures	-	(9,952)		(9,906)		(55,909)		-	 (75,767)
Net change in fund balances		(9,952)		(9,906)		(55,909)		-	(75,767)
Fund balances, beginning of year		(7,185)		16,410		16,313		46	 25,584
Fund balances, end of year	\$	(17,137)	<u>s</u>	6,504	<u>\$</u>	(39,596)	\$	46	\$ (50,183)

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Name	Amount						
Regan Contois	\$ 7,200						
Ryan Murphy	7,632						
Evette Randolph	7,200						
Stephan Saussy	7,200						
Walter Patterson	7,200						
	<u>\$ 36,432</u>						

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Daniel Curtis, Mayor

<u>Purpose</u>	Amount					
Salary	\$	51,030				
Benefits - insurance		-				
Benefits - retirement		-				
Benefits - other		-				
Car allowance		-				
Vehicle provided by government		-				
Per diem		-				
Reimbursements		530				
Travel		-				
Registration fees		-				
Conference travel		-				
Continuing professional education fees		-				
Housing		-				
Unvouchered expenses		-				
Special meals		-				
Total Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments	\$	51,560				

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEUDLE - COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Cash Basis Presentation	Period E	Six Month End June 30, 2020	Second Six Month Period End December 31, 2020			
Beginning balance of amounts collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$	-	\$	-		
Add: collections						
Failure to appear fees		1,100		1,300		
Criminal court costs/ fees		1,956		4,375		
Criminal fines - other		6,366		15,349		
Service/collection fees		156		484		
Total collections		9,578		21,508		
Less: disbursements to governments & nonprofits:						
Act 250 Crime Victims Reparation Fund - Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement		315		690		
Act 440 POST Law Enforcement Training & Assistance Fund - LCLE		82		181		
Treasurer State of Louisiana - trial court case management information system fees		42		92		
Louisiana Supreme Court - Louisiana Judicial College fees		21		48		
LDHH Traumatic Head & Spinal Cord Injury Fund		80		155		
St Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office - Crime Lab Fund		390		550		
Less: amounts retained by collecting agency						
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection		2		3		
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount						
Criminal fines retained		6,366		15,349		
Failure to appear fees retained		1,100		1,300		
Administrative fees retained		1,024		2,656		
Less: disbursements to individuals/3rd party collection or processing agencies						
Payments to 3rd party collection/processing agencies		156		484		
Total disbursements/retainage		9,578		21,508		
Total: ending balance of amounts collected but not						
disbursed/retained (i.e. cash on hand)	\$	-	<u>\$</u>	-		
Ending balance of "partial payments" collected but not disbursed	\$	-	\$			
Other information:						
Ending balance of total amounts assessed but not yet collected	* \$	_	\$	_		
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Total waivers during the fiscal period	•• D	-	<u>Ф</u>	-		

* Due to lack of case management reporting capabilities, this amount is not obtainable at the present time.

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEUDLE - RECEIVING ENTITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Peri End June 30, 2020	odSecond Six Month PeriodEnd December 31, 2020
Receipts from:		
LA Department of Safety Refunds & Settlements -		
reinstatement court fees	<u>\$ 12</u>	5 \$ 138
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 12</u>	5 \$ 138
Ending balance of amounts assessed but not received	<u> </u>	



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

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Audit 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 Abita Springs, Louisiana (the "Town") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana June 15, 2021

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

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

June 15, 2021 Mandeville, Louisiana

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Certified Public Accountants

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The independent auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana.
- No significant deficiencies in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana were reported in the 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*.
- 4. A management letter was issued for the year ended December 31, 2020.

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS

N/A

TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

SECTION I - FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

N/A

SECTION II - MANAGEMENT LETTER

2019-001 Long-Outstanding Checks

During our audit testing, we noted long-outstanding checks. We recommend that the Town review the long-outstanding checks and void and re-issue as necessary or report to the state as required by escheat laws.

Corrective action was partially taken by the Town. The issue has not been completely resolved.

2019-002 Unreconciled Credits in Utility Accounts Receivable Report

During our audit testing, we noted that the Town had credit balances listed on the accounts receivable reconciliation that had not been recorded in the general ledger. We recommend that the Town review the unreconciled items and record the appropriate journal entry. This difference will continue to grow if not corrected.

Corrective action was partially taken by the Town. The issue has not been completely resolved.

2019-003 Incomplete Accounts Payable Aging

During our audit testing, we noted that the Town had items recorded to accounts payable that were not included in the accounts payable aging. We recommend that all items be recorded in the accounts payable module and a reconciliation be maintained for those items that are not.

Corrective action was partially taken by the Town. The issue has not been completely resolved.



June 15, 2021

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Town of Abita Springs, , Louisiana respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel L.L.P. 2895 Highway 190, Ste 213 Mandeville, LA 70471

Audit Period: January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

The finding from the December 31, 2020 management letter is discussed below. The finding is numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule.

SECTION II FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None.

SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER ITEMS

2020-001 Long-Outstanding Checks

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the Town review the long-outstanding checks and void and re-issue as necessary or report to the state as required by escheat laws.

<u>Management's Response</u>: Management agrees with the recommendation and will continue to review the long-outstanding items on the bank reconciliations.

2020-002 Write-Offs Not Reflected in Utility Accounts Receivable Report

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the Town remove the balances that were written off from the utility accounts receivable aging report and monitor those balances in a separate report. The aging report will not agree to the general ledger if that change is not made. Management's Response: Management agrees with the recommendation and will update the aging report.

2020-003 Incomplete Accounts Payable Aging

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the Town review the items that are recorded in accounts payable that are not included in the aging.

Management's Response: Management agrees with the recommendation and will investigate excluded items.

2020-004 Improper Recording of Capital Assets

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the Town record the full amount of capital asset purchases to a purchases or capital asset account.

Management's Response: Management agrees with the recommendation and will investigate excluded items.

2020-005 Inconsistent Definition of Special Revenue Funds

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the Town document its method of recording expenses and revenues in the special revenue fund.

Management's Response: Management will draft a memo with the new policy.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please contact Dan Curtis, Mayor, at (985)-892-0711.

Sincerely, Signature

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