

VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Vickie Standifer, Mayor
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Village of Simpson, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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, and each major fund of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana, as of June 30, 2023, 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.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on page 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head and schedule of per diem paid to board members are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head and schedule of per diem paid to board members are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 1, 2023, on our consideration of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Village of Simpson, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



DeRidder, Louisiana
November 1, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 155,067	\$ 381,725	\$ 536,792
Receivables:			
Franchise tax	2,100	-	2,100
Hotel/Motel tax	4,914	-	4,914
Insurance premium tax	2,296	-	2,296
Accounts	791	23,265	24,056
State grants	-	23,989	23,989
Due from other funds	-	27,532	27,532
Capital assets not being depreciated	5,966	7,492	13,458
Capital assets being depreciated - net	92,622	428,024	520,646
Total assets	\$ 263,756	\$ 892,027	\$ 1,155,783
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid insurance	\$ 3,984	\$ 4,965	\$ 8,949
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 267,740	\$ 896,992	\$ 1,164,732
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,974	\$ 3,434	\$ 10,408
Payroll taxes payable	221	1,388	1,609
Sales taxes payable	-	179	179
Due to other funds	27,532	-	27,532
Long term liabilities:			
Due in more than one year	-	120,978	120,978
Customer deposits	-	8,075	8,075
Total liabilities	\$ 34,727	\$ 134,054	\$ 168,781
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 98,588	\$ 314,538	\$ 413,126
Unrestricted	134,425	448,400	582,825
Total net position	\$ 233,013	\$ 762,938	\$ 995,951
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 267,740	\$ 896,992	\$ 1,164,732

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Program Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		Total
		Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
Governmental activities:							
General government and administration	\$ 39,820	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (39,820)	\$ -	\$ (39,820)
Public safety	19,973	-	-	-	(19,973)	-	(19,973)
Total governmental activities	\$ 59,793	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (59,793)	\$ -	\$ (59,793)
Business-type activities:							
Water and sewer	\$ 185,258	\$ 212,860	\$ -	\$ 23,989	\$ -	\$ 51,591	\$ 51,591
Total government	\$ 245,051	\$ 212,860	\$ -	\$ 23,989	\$ (59,793)	\$ 51,591	\$ (8,202)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Hotel/motel					\$ 31,254	\$ -	\$ 31,254
Franchise tax					23,575	-	23,575
Occupational licenses and permits					21,502	-	21,502
Liquor licenses					500	-	500
Investment earnings					77	425	502
Rental income					14,400	-	14,400
Reimbursements					3,059	-	3,059
Miscellaneous					522	-	522
Total general revenues and transfers					\$ 94,889	\$ 425	\$ 95,314
Change in net position					\$ 35,096	\$ 52,016	\$ 87,112
Net position at beginning of year					197,917	710,922	908,839
Net position at end of year					\$ 233,013	\$ 762,938	\$ 995,951

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Balance Sheet
 Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 155,067
Receivables:	
Taxes:	
Franchise tax	2,100
Hotel/Motel tax	4,914
Insurance premium tax	2,296
Accounts	791
Total assets	\$ 165,168
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Prepaid insurance	\$ 3,984
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 169,152
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 6,974
Payroll taxes payable	221
Due to utility fund	27,532
Total liabilities	\$ 34,727
Fund Balances:	
Unassigned	\$ 130,441
Nonspendable:	
Not in spendable form	3,984
Total fund balances	\$ 134,425
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 169,152

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 134,425
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheets.	<u>98,588</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 233,013</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues	
Taxes:	
Franchise	\$ 23,575
Hotel/motel	31,254
Occupational licenses and permits	21,502
Liquor licenses	500
Investment income	77
Rentals	14,400
Reimbursements	3,059
Miscellaneous	522
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Total revenues	\$ 94,889
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Expenditures	
General government	\$ 37,984
Public safety	19,763
Capital outlay	82,198
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Total expenditures	\$ 139,945
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Net change in fund balance	\$ (45,056)
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Fund balances at beginning of year	179,481
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Fund balances at end of year	\$ 134,425
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (45,056)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in net position, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital assets recorded in the current period.	82,198
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the government- wide statement of activities and changes in net position, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	<u>(2,046)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 35,096</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Net Position
 Proprietary Fund
 June 30, 2023

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 381,725
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental:	
State grants	23,989
Accounts	23,265
Due from general fund	27,532
Total current assets	<u>\$ 456,511</u>
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital assets being depreciated - net	<u>\$ 435,516</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 892,027</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Prepaid insurance	<u>\$ 4,965</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 896,992</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	1 \$ 3,434
Payroll taxes payable	1,388
Sales taxes payable	179
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 5,001</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Note payable - DOTD	\$ 120,978
Customer deposits	8,075
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>\$ 129,053</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 134,054</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 314,538
Unrestricted	448,400
Total net position	<u>\$ 762,938</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u><u>\$ 896,992</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
 Proprietary Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - <u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Water and Sewer</u>
Operating revenues	
Charges for services	<u>\$ 212,860</u>
Operating expenses	
Personal services	\$ 55,768
Supplies	7,286
Contractual services	77,453
Depreciation	44,751
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 185,258</u>
Income (loss) from operations	<u>\$ 27,602</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	
Investment income	<u>\$ 425</u>
Income (loss) before contributions	<u>\$ 28,027</u>
Capital contributions	<u>\$ 23,989</u>
Change in net position	\$ 52,016
Net position at beginning of year	<u>710,922</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 762,938</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Cash Flows
 Proprietary Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 201,366
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(91,303)
Cash payments to employees for services	(55,738)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 54,325</u>
Cash flows from capital financing activities:	
Purchase of fixed assets	\$ (113,366)
Grants received	87,306
Net cash used by capital financing activities	<u>\$ (26,060)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
Paid to other funds	\$ (5,216)
Net cash used by non-capital financing activities	<u>\$ (5,216)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on cash and investments	<u>\$ 425</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash investments	\$ 23,474
Cash and cash investments, beginning July 1, 2022	358,251
Cash and cash investments, ending June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 381,725</u>
Reconciliation of income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Income from operations	\$ 27,602
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	\$ 44,751
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable	(12,344)
Decrease in accounts payable	(5,799)
Increase in customer deposits payable	850
Increase in payroll taxes payable	30
Increase in prepaid insurance	(772)
Increase in sales taxes payable	7
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 54,325</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Simpson, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Village of Simpson was incorporated in 1967 under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Village operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Village of Simpson conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

The Village maintains a general fund that provides services and benefits to its citizens including repairs and maintenance of approximately 20 miles of roads and streets, and police protection to approximately 650 residents and an enterprise fund that provides water to approximately 385 rural residents.

The Village is located within Vernon Parish in the south-central part of the State of Louisiana and is comprised of approximately 650 residents. The governing board is composed of three elected aldermen that are compensated for regular and special board meetings. There are approximately five employees that provide police protection, public works, and handle the clerical work for the Village.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Village is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement No. 14, fiscally independent means that the Village may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the funds financial statements.

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as is 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. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Village reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the Village's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except for those in another fund.

The Village reports the following major proprietary fund:

The Proprietary Fund accounts for operations (a) where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

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

Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) 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.

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. Charges for services of providing water and sewer services to residents comprise the operating revenue of the Village's enterprise fund. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expense, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

The Village has not established a policy for use of the unrestricted fund balance, therefore it considers committed fund balances to be used first, then assigned fund balances to be used next and finally the unassigned fund balance will be used.

C. Deposits and Investments

The Village's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, time deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the Village's investment policy allow the Village to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

Village of Simpson, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

D. Receivables and Payables

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

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

E. Capital Assets

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

According to GASB 34, the Village of Simpson was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in its financial statements, therefore, these assets have not been reported in the financial statements.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. No interest was paid or included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction in construction projects.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Roads, bridges, and infrastructure	40-50 years
Land improvements	40-50 years
Buildings and building improvements	40-50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Equipment	3-15 years

F. Compensated Absences

As of June 30, 2023, the Village did not have a formal vacation or sick leave policy.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary-fund type in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities or proprietary fund type and statement of net position.

H. Restricted Net Position

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

Village of Simpson, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

- a. Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
- b. Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

I. Extraordinary and Special Items

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

J. Estimates

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

K. Fund Balances

- Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.
- Nonspendable The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories and prepaid amounts.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BUDGET INFORMATION: The Village uses the following budget practices:

1. The Village Clerk and Mayor prepare a proposed budget and submit same to the Board of Aldermen no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after the publication of the call for the hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. Budgetary amendments involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Aldermen. These amended amounts are shown in the financial statements.
6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
7. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended from time to time by the Board of Aldermen.

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EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS The following individual fund had actual expenditures over budgeted appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2023.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
General Fund	\$ 60,800	\$ 137,298	\$ 139,945	\$ 2,647

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2023, the Village has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$536,792 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 273,308
Savings accounts	263,484
Total	<u>\$ 536,792</u>

At June 30, 2023, the Village has \$541,051 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$41,051 of pledged securities held by an unaffiliated bank of the pledgor bank. These deposited pledged securities are deemed by law to be under the control and possession and in the name of the Village and are therefore properly collateralized.

The cash and cash equivalents of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Village that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Village's name.

4. RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$57,355 at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Class of receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes:			
Franchise	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ 2,100
Hotel/Motel	4,914	-	4,914
Insurance premium	2,296	-	2,296
Accounts	791	23,265	24,056
Intergovernmental:			
State grants	-	23,989	23,989
Total	<u>\$ 10,101</u>	<u>\$ 47,254</u>	<u>\$ 57,355</u>

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 for the primary government is as follows:

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	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Work in progress	\$ -	\$ 5,966	\$ -	\$ 5,966
Capital assets being depreciated				
Vehicles	\$ 20,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,271
Buildings	-	76,232	-	76,232
Furniture and fixtures	4,106	-	-	4,106
Improvements	14,796	-	-	14,796
Machinery and equipment	35,462	-	-	35,462
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 74,635</u>	<u>\$ 76,232</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 150,867</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	\$ 20,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,271
Buildings	-	318	-	318
Furniture and fixtures	1,734	411	-	2,145
Improvements	2,315	740	-	3,055
Machinery and equipment	31,879	577	-	32,456
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 56,199</u>	<u>\$ 2,046</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 58,245</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 18,436</u>	<u>\$ 74,186</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 92,622</u>
	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Work in progress	\$ -	\$ 7,492	\$ -	\$ 7,492
Capital assets being depreciated				
Utility plant	\$ 211,820	\$ 30,092	\$ -	\$ 241,912
Machinery and equipment	973,524	-	-	973,524
Buildings	-	75,782	-	75,782
Furniture and fixtures	12,563	-	-	12,563
Vehicles	22,000	-	-	22,000
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 1,219,907</u>	<u>\$ 105,874</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,325,781</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Utility plant	\$ 67,337	\$ 10,790	\$ -	\$ 78,127
Machinery and equipment	757,315	29,745	-	787,060
Buildings	-	474	-	474
Furniture and fixtures	12,521	42	-	12,563
Vehicles	15,833	3,700	-	19,533
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 853,006</u>	<u>\$ 44,751</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 897,757</u>
Total business-type assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 366,901</u>	<u>\$ 61,123</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 428,024</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Depreciation expense of \$2,046 for the year ended June 30, 2023 was charged to the following governmental functions:

Public safety	\$ 210
General administration	<u>1,836</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,046</u>

6. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$20,271 at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Payroll taxes	\$ 221	\$ 1,388	\$ 1,609
Sales taxes	-	179	179
Accounts	6,974	3,434	10,408
Customer deposits	-	8,075	8,075
Total	<u>\$ 7,195</u>	<u>\$ 13,076</u>	<u>\$ 20,271</u>

7. DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

The composition of interfund balances on June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Utility Fund</u>
Due to	\$ 27,532	\$ -
Due from	-	27,532
Total	<u>\$ 27,532</u>	<u>\$ 27,532</u>

These small balances result from one fund paying expenditures/expenses of another fund and will be liquidated during the following year.

8. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions of the Village for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>
	<u>DOTD</u>
	<u>Note Payable</u>
Note payable, July 1, 2022	\$ 120,978
Additions	-
Principal payments	-
Note payable, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 120,978</u>

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of June 30, 2023:

	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>
	<u>DOTD</u>
	<u>Note payable</u>
Current portion	\$ -
Long-term portion	120,978
Total	<u>\$ 120,978</u>

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Note payable at June 30, 2023 is comprised of the following individual issue:

Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) note payable:

\$120,978 DOTD note payable Utility Relocation Project. DOTD furnished funding to the Village for the relocation of water lines on LA Hwy 8 in prior years. According to the agreement between the Village of Simpson and DOTD, this amount of funding is payable in one lump sum at the time DOTD bills the Village for the work performed. As of June 30, 2023, DOTD has not billed the Village for these funds during the current year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

General Fund
 Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Budget and Actual
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amount	Budget to Actual differences over (under)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Franchise	\$ 15,500	\$ 23,840	\$ 23,575	\$ (265)
Hotel/motel	15,000	31,364	31,254	(110)
Occupational licenses and permits	14,500	21,502	21,502	-
Liquor licenses	500	500	500	-
Investment income	-	77	77	-
Rentals	14,400	14,400	14,400	-
Miscellaneous	-	384	522	138
Traffic fines	2,000	-	-	-
Reimbursements	5,000	3,059	3,059	-
Total revenues	<u>\$ 66,900</u>	<u>\$ 95,126</u>	<u>\$ 94,889</u>	<u>\$ (237)</u>
Expenditures				
General government and administration	\$ 38,200	\$ 42,603	\$ 37,984	\$ 4,619
Public safety	22,600	18,913	19,763	(850)
Capital outlay	-	75,782	82,198	(6,416)
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 60,800</u>	<u>\$ 137,298</u>	<u>\$ 139,945</u>	<u>\$ (2,647)</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ 6,100	\$ (42,172)	\$ (45,056)	\$ (2,884)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>175,000</u>	<u>179,481</u>	<u>179,481</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 181,100</u>	<u>\$ 137,309</u>	<u>\$ 134,425</u>	<u>\$ (2,884)</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Compensation Paid</u>
Joseph Standifer	\$ 600
Heather Parker	600
Amanda Long	600
Total	<u>\$ 1,800</u>

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and
Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Agency Head Name - Vickie Standifer

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 1,200
Benefits - insurance	-
Benefits - retirement	-
Deferred compensation	-
Benefits - other	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Cell phone	909
Dues	-
Vehicle rental	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	150
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	166
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-
Other	-

OTHER REPORTS

Schedule of Prior Year Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

There were no prior year audit findings as of June 30, 2022.

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

There were no current year audit findings as of June 30, 2023.

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

The Honorable Vickie Standifer, Mayor
and Members of the Board of Aldermen
Village of Simpson, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 1, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village of Simpson, Louisiana'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 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Simpson, Louisiana's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerrell A. Windham, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

DeRidder, Louisiana
November 1, 2023