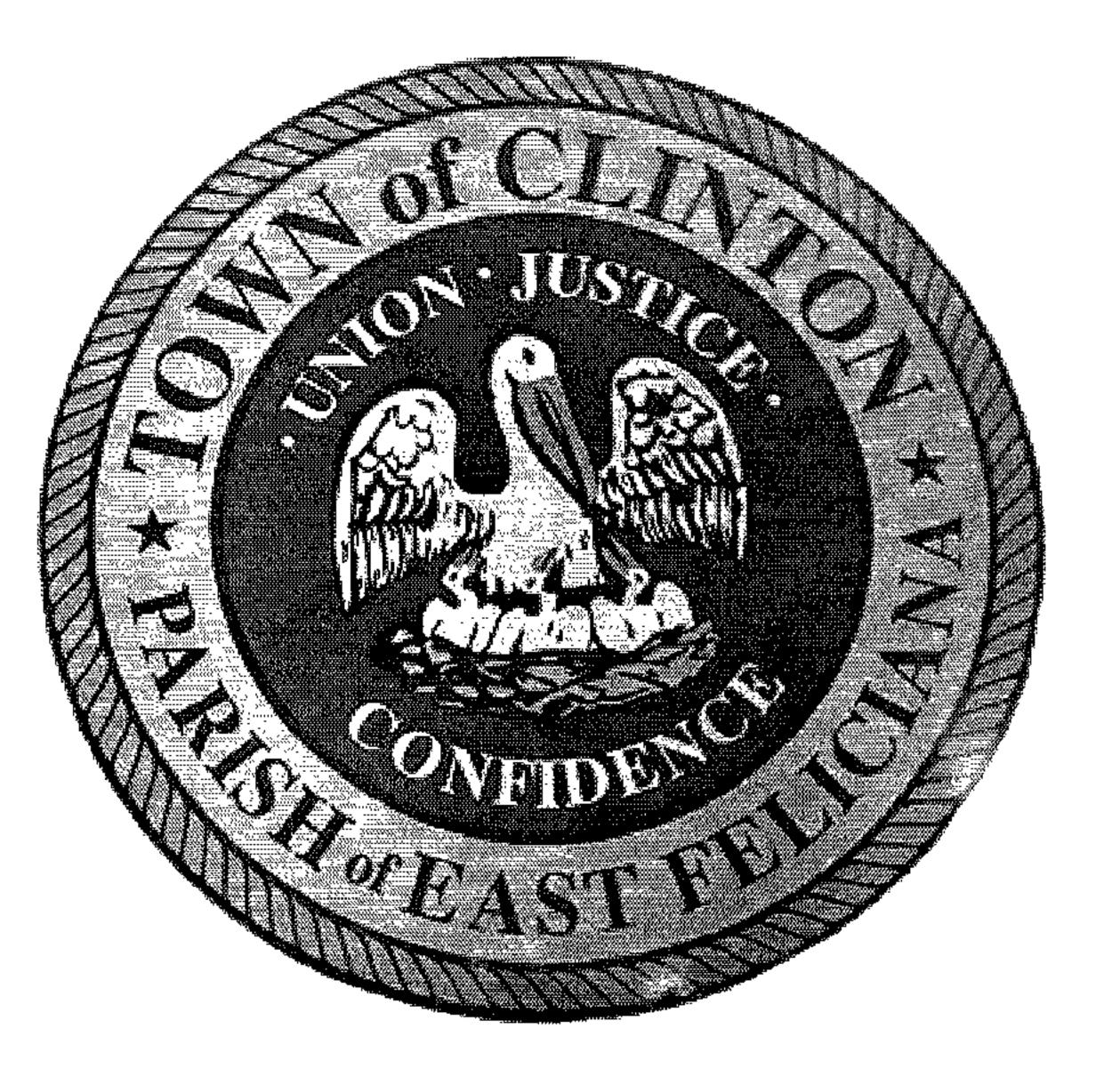
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA

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DECEMBER 31, 2016





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The Honorable Lori A. Bell, Mayor and the Members of the Board of AldermenTown of Clinton, LAP. O. Box 513Clinton, Louisiana 70722

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental-type activities, business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Clinton, LA as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Clinton, LA'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 fee from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's 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 of 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 auditor's 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental-type activities, business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Clinton, LA as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters - Required Supplementary Information

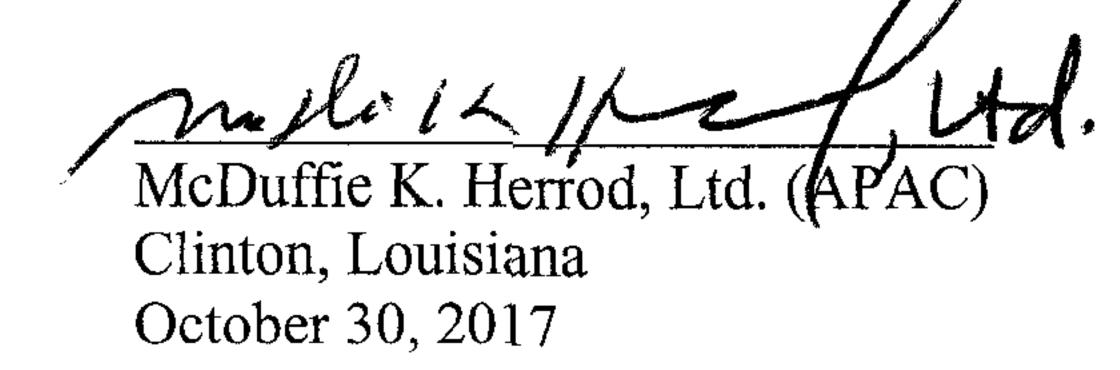
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required 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 Matters – Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Clinton, LA's basic financial statements. The schedules of expenditures of federal awards, compensation paid to governing members, compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head and the comparative schedule of operating expenses – proprietary funds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This supplemental 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. 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 of 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 expenditures of federal awards, schedules of compensation paid to governing members, compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head and the comparative schedule of operating expenses – proprietary funds 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, October 30, 2017, on our consideration of the Town of Clinton, LA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Clinton's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (PART 1 OF 2)

As management of the Town of Clinton, Louisiana (hereinafter referred to as the Town), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the two years ended December 31, 2016. The emphasis of discussions about these statements will be on current year data and should be read in conjunction with the financial report as a whole.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR

Across all funds, the Town increased its net position by \$201,627 primarily because of grant funding secured for capital improvements

♦Street improvements totaling \$478,818 were completed during the year

Sewer rehabilitation project, nearing completion, expended \$285,627 during this first year
Grants and contributions in the amount of \$893,089 were secured for capital and operating purposes allowing the Town to improve the infrastructure and sewer services

OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. They are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private-

sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Town's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between them 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.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changes 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 only result in cash flows in future periods.

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

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The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 13-15 of this report.

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

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 year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financial requirements.

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

Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund and the street and sidewalks fund, both of which are considered to be major funds.

The Town adopts an annual budget for its general fund and special revenue funds. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided for these funds to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

The governmental funds financial statements can be found on pages 17-22 of this report.

Proprietary funds. The Town maintains only one type of proprietary fund – enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for its utilities (water, gas and sewer). Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

The proprietary funds financial statements can be found on pages 23-27 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. An index to the notes can be found on page 29 with actual notes immediately following.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Town's budgetary comparison schedules for its major governmental funds. This required supplementary information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial

position. The following is a summary of the Town's net position:

Summary of Net Position Governmental Activities

ASSETS	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 494,486	\$ 312,789
Restricted assets	197,255	520,147
Capital assets, net	2,149,884	1,821,385
Total Assets	2,841,625	2,654,321
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	277,055	280,209



LIADILIIES		
Current liabilities	153,259	51,298
Long-term liabilities	1,098,818	1,073,503
Total Liabilities	1,252,077	1,124,801
DEFERRED INFLOWS	<u>89,518</u>	109,331
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	2,149,884	1,821,385
Restricted	197,255	558,760
Unrestricted	(570,054)	(679,747)
Total Net Position	<u>\$1,777,085</u>	<u>\$1,700,398</u>

Summary of Net Position Business-type Activities



ASSETS		
Current and other assets	\$ 203,395	\$ 554,137
Restricted assets	3,841	4,131
Capital assets, net	<u>2,771,298</u>	2,642,479
Total Assets	2,978,534	3,200,746
DEFFERED OUTFLOWS	106,423	44,930
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	51,587	311,085
Long-term liabilities	231,075	144,846
Total Liabilities	282,662	455,931
DEFERRED INFLOWS	<u>15,904</u>	29,263
NET POSITION	2 771 200	2 402 261

Net investment in capital assets	2,771,298	2,403,261
Restricted	3,841	4,131
Unrestricted	11,252	353,090
Total Net Position	\$2,786,391	\$2,760,482

By far the largest portion of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, improvements, streets and bridges, equipment, vehicles, utility systems and furniture and fixtures), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the Town's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. It is the remaining balance of net position, considered

unrestricted, that may be used to meet the government's on-going obligations to citizens and creditors.

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A summary of changes in net position follows.

Summary of Changes in Net Position **Governmental Activities**

2016



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REVENUES		
Charges for services	\$ 288,494	\$ 309,577
Grants and Contributions:		
Operating	6,818	
Capital	607,462	172,797
General Revenues:		
Licenses and permits	105,233	112,494
Franchise fees	97,128	100,323
Taxes	530,614	475,752
Interest earned	4,485	943
Other revenues	59,561	19,656
Transfers	104,007	115,535
Total Revenues	1,803,802	1,307,077

EXPENSES

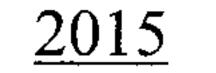
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General government	294,472	315,212
Public safety	893,753	986,448
Public works	523,975	236,946
Interest on long-term debt	<u>14,916</u>	14,261
Total Expenses	1,727,116	1,552,867
Change in Net Position	76,686	(245,790)
Net Position, beginning of year - restated	<u>1,700,399</u>	<u>1,946,188</u>
Net Position, end of year	<u>\$1,777,085</u>	<u>\$1,700,398</u>

Summary of Changes in Net Position Business-type Activities







Charges for services Grants and contributions	\$ 619,234 285,627	\$ 746,496 1,092,372
Other revenues/transfers, net	(<u>86,789</u>)	(100,804)
Total Revenues	818,072	1,738,064
EXPENSES		
Gas services	287,552	349,372
Water services	256,226	261,014
Sewer services	248,386	219,498
Total Expenses	792,164	829,884
Change in Net Position	25,908	908,180

Net Position, beginning of year

Net Position, end of year

2,760,483	1,852,303
<u>\$2,786,391</u>	\$2,760,483

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Revenues for the general fund were less than anticipated by 92,151 - property taxes were the primary reason for the shortfall. Revenues of the special revenue fund were 1,614 more than expected. Expenditures of the general fund were 8,472 less than budgeted amounts. Expenditures of the special revenue fund were 27,902 less than was budgeted for the year. Overall, the general fund ended the year with a decrease in fund balances of 83,679 more than was planned, and the special revenue fund increased its fund balances by 29,516 more than budgeted.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2016, amounted to \$4,389,182 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, streets and sidewalks, equipment vehicles, utility systems and furniture and fixtures.

Capital assets are detailed in the following table.

Summary of Capital Assets (net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		nental
			ties
	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>
Land	\$ 1,000	\$	1,000
Buildings	728,476		757,049
Infrastructure	1,370,373		969,387
Equipment	36,136		45,842
Vehicles	8,687		42,094
Furniture and fixtures	<u>5,212</u>		6,014
Net Capital Assets	<u>2,149,884</u>		<u>1,821,386</u>

Business-Type Activities 2016 2015

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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land	\$ 11,970	\$ 11,970
Buildings	70,421	74,903
Equipment	8,572	12,857
Vehicles	864	1,296
Utilities	2,679,471	2,541,453
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$2,771,298</u>	<u>\$2,642,479</u>

There were street improvements made totaling \$478,818. Police units with original costs amounting to \$53,171 were disposed of during the year as a result of the 2016 Flood. In the Utility Fund, there were improvements to the sewer system totaling \$285,627. This is a sewer rehabilitation project that is nearing completion. The Town lost two vehicles in the flood totaling \$19,625. It is anticipated that grant funding will be available for replacements during the subsequent year.

Debt Administration. In October of 2012, the Town adopted an ordinance for the issuance of \$760,000 in Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2012 for the purchase of a fire station. Repayment of these bonds will be through the levy of a special tax of 6.65 mills. The bonds will mature over nine years, beginning in 2014, at an interest rate of 2.49%. Interest paid/accrued during the current year totaled \$14,916 while principal payments totaled \$79,000. There is a balance due on this long-term obligation at December 31, 2016, of \$532,000.

Also reported is the Town's proportionate share of pension liability totaling \$566,818 and \$231,075 for its governmental and business-type activities, respectively. This liability is being reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

It has and continues to be our vision to help motivate the citizens of Clinton to become more involved in our Town's government in an effort to both embrace the Town's rich history and to attract growth and new business. We have instituted an "Open Door Policy" within the Mayor's office to listen to you, the citizens, as to your concerns and needs. Together, as a cohesive unit, we can and we will succeed in whatever we embark upon. There's strength in UNITY.

May God continue to bless this town and all the beautiful people that live here as we press forward with this vision: "A TOWN THAT'S ON THE MOVE".

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to 11209 Bank Street, Clinton, La. 70722, (225) 683-5531 or info@townofclintonla.com.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2016



<u>ASSETS</u>

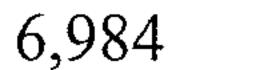
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables, net \$56,074\$48,986\$105,060183,618126,027309,645

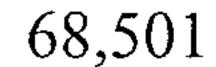
Due from other governmental agencies	73,908		73,908
Due from other funds	116,393	-	116,393
Prepaid expenses	64,494	28,382	92,876
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	100,383	3,841	104,224
Investments	96,872	_	96,872
Capital assets, net of depreciation	2,149,884	2,771,298	4,921,182
Total Assets	2,841,625	2,978,534	5,820,159
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	277,055	106,423	383,478

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable

61,517





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Accrued interest payable	4,489	_	4,489
Payroll related payables	11,622	_	11,622
Due to other funds	75,631	40,762	116,393
Payables from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits		3,841	3,841
Bonds payable:			-
Due within one year	81,000	_	81,000
Long-term portion	451,000	-	451,000
Net pension liability	 566,818	231,075	797,893
Total Liabilities	1,252,077	282,662	1,534,739
DEFFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 89,518	\$ 15,904 \$	105,422

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (Continued) DECEMBER 31, 2016

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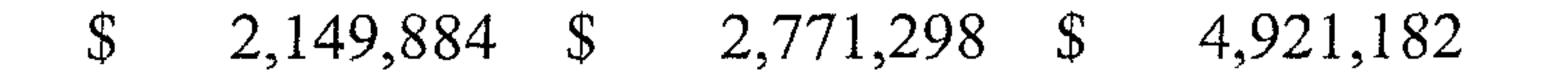


Net investment in capital assets

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Total Net Position

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Total

Retricted for: Customer deposits Streets and sidewalks Unrestricted

		3,841	3,841
	197,255		197,255
<u></u>	(570,054)	 11,252	 (558,802)
\$	1,777,085	\$ 2,786,391	\$ 4,563,476

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See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditor's Report 14

Functions/Programs	
Governmental Activities	
General government	\$
Public safety	
Public works	
Interest on long-term debt	
Total Governmental Activities	
Business-type Activities	

Gas services Water services Sewer services Late fees/penalties Total Business-type Activities

Total Primary Government

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES** YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

		Program Revenues			Net Revenues (Expenses)				
]	<u>Expenses</u>	Charges for <u>Services</u>	Operating Grants and <u>Contributions</u>	Capital Grants and <u>Contributions</u>		vernmental <u>Activities</u>	Business-type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>	
\$	294,472	\$ 25,273	\$ 6,818	\$ 128,230	\$	(134,151)	\$ -	\$ (134,151)	
	893,753	261,021	_	_		(632,732)	<u> </u>	(632,732)	
	523,975	2,200	-	479,232		(42,543)	_	(42,543)	
	14,916					(14,916)		(14,916)	
	1,727,116	288,494	6,818	607,462		(824,341)		(824,341)	
	287,552	192,630	-			_	(94,922)	(94,922)	
	256,226	218,890	_	_		-	(37,336)	(37,336)	
	248,386	173,404	-	285,627		-	210,645	210,645	
	-	34,310	-	_		_	34,310	34,310	
··	792,164	619,234		285,627			112,697	112,697	
	2,519,280	907,728	6,818	893,089		(824,341)	112,697	(711,644	
			es and Transfers						
		Licenses and p	ermits			105,233	-	105,233	
		Franchise fees				97,128	<u> </u>	97,128	
		Taxes				530,614		530,614	
		Interest earned				4,485	-	4,485	
		Other revenues				59,561	17,218	76,779	
		Transfers	(1C) 1D	1 777 - 0	<u></u>	104,007	(104,007)	014 220	
		\mathbf{T}	otal General Reven	ues and Transfers		901,027	(86,789)	814,238	
		Change in Net	Position			76,686	25,908	102,594	
		Net Position, b	eginning, as restate	ed		1,700,399	2,760,483	4,460,882	
		Net Position, e	nding		\$	1,777,085	\$ 2,786,391	<u>\$ 4,563,476</u>	

See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditor's Report

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>General</u>

TotalStreets andGovernmentalSidewalksFunds



Cash and cash equivalents	\$	56,074	\$ - \$	56,074
Receivables, net:				
Franchise fees		28,463		28,463
Property taxes		119,918	_	119,918
Sales taxes		17,136	17,136	34,272
Other taxes		965		965
Due from other governmental agencies			73,908	73,908
Due from other funds		21,686	94,707	116,393
Prepaid expenses		55,583	8,911	64,494
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents			100,383	100,383
Investments	······································		 96,872	96,872
TOTAL ASSETS		299,825	 391,917	691,742

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

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13,493	48,024	61,517
4,489	- 	4,489
10,008	1,614	11,622
75,631	• • •	75,631
	4,489 10,008	4,489 - 10,008 1,614

Total Liabilities \$ 103,621 \$ 49,638 \$ 153,259

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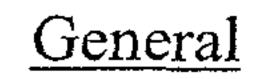
TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET (Continued) GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

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Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>

Streets and

<u>Sidewalks</u>



Restricted for:					
Streets and sidewalks		\$ -	\$	342,279 \$	342,279
Public safety		961			961
Unassigned		195,243	<u> </u>		195,243
	Total Fund Balances	 196,204		342,279	538,483
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		\$ 299,825	\$	391,917 \$	691,742

Fund Balances

See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report 18

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2016

Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

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

538,483

\$

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheets. This is the capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reported on the Statements of Net Position.

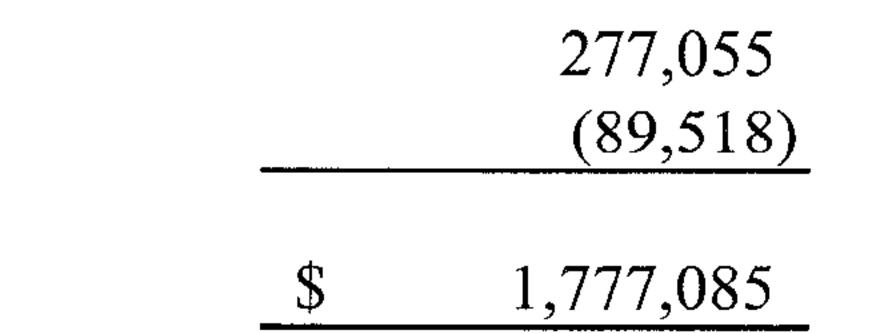
Long-term liabilities of governmental activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. These are the long-term liabilities of the governmental activities: Bonds

Net pension liability

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions 2,149,884

(532,000) (566,818)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities

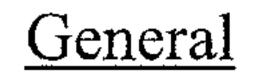


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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

TotalStreets andGovernmentalSidewalksFunds

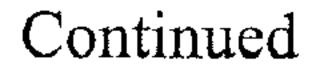




Fines and other court costs		\$ 261,021	\$ 	\$ 261,021
Franchise fees		97,128		97,128
Interest		4,198	287	4,485
Intergovernmental revenues			2,200	2,200
Licenses and permits		105,233		105,233
Motor vehicle fees		364		364
Charges for services		25,273	_	25,273
Other revenues		59,361	200	59,561
Taxes - beer		4,479		4,479
Taxes - property		199,091	-	199,091
Taxes - sales		 134,746	 191,933	 326,679
	Total Revenues	890,894	194,620	1,085,515



General government		294,472		294,472
Public safety:				
Police		879,362	_	879,362
Fire		15,391	_	15,391
Public works			523,976	523,976
Debt service:			~	,
Principal		79,000		79,000
Interest		14,916	_	14,916
Capital outlay			478,818	478,818
Total]	Expenditures	1,283,141	1,002,794	2,285,935
Deficiency over Expendi Other Financing So		(392,247) \$	(808,173) \$	(1,200,420)



TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (Continued) **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Total Streets and Governmental Funds

Sidewalks



General

Grants and other contributions	\$	135,049 \$	479,232 \$	614,281
Operating transfers, net		104,007		104,007
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)		239,056	479,232	718,288
Change in Fund Balances		(153,191)	(328,941)	(482,132)
Fund Balances, beginning	•••••••	227,432	554,206	781,638
Fund Balances, ending	\$	74,241 \$	225,265 \$	299,506

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the

Statement of Activities are different because:

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

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

Governmental funds report payments on long-term obligations as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, these payments are recognized as decreases in the long-term debt. This is the change in long-term obligations during the year. Bonds 328,498

(482, 132)

\$

151,320

79,000

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 76,686

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

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Enterprise Funds Utility



Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	48,986
Receivables, net		98,988
Unbilled receivables		27,039
Prepaid expenses		28,382
Total Current Assets		203,395
Restricted Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		3,841
Total Restricted Assets		3,841
Capital Assets		
Land		11,970
Buildings		150,546
Equipment		104,934
Vehicles		25,969
Gas system		1,629,986
Water system		1,083,546
Sewer system		3,615,737
Less: Accumulated depreciation	, <u></u> ,	(3,851,390
Net Capital Assets		2,771,298
Total Assets		2,978,534
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$	106,423

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (Continued) PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016

Enterprise Funds Utility



Current Liabilities

Payable from current assets: Accounts payable Due to other funds

6,984 40,762

\$

Total Current Liabilities, Payable from Current Assets

Payable from restricted assets: Customer deposits

> Total Current Liabilities, Payable from Restricted Assets

> > Total Current Liabilities

47,746

3,841

3,841

51,586

Long-Term Liabilities Net pension liability

231,075

282,661

Total Liabilities

<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>

<u>NET POSITION</u>

Net investment in capital assets Restricted for customer deposits Unrestricted 15,904

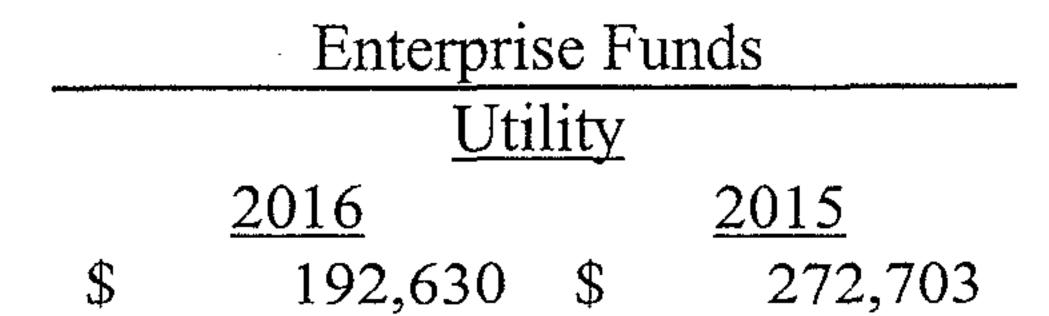
2,771,298 3,841 11,252

Total Net Position

\$ 2,786,391

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015



OPERATING REVENUES

Gas sales and service

Water sales and service	218,890	268,448
Sewer sales and service	173,404	193,904
Late fees/penalties	34,310	11,441
Total Operating Revenues	619,234	746,496
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Personal services	187,783	250,726
Employee and related expenses	365,558	330,207
Occupancy	58,413	81,228
Administrative	23,601	44,993
Depreciation	156,809	122,730
Total Operating Expenses	792,164	829,884

Operating Income (Loss)

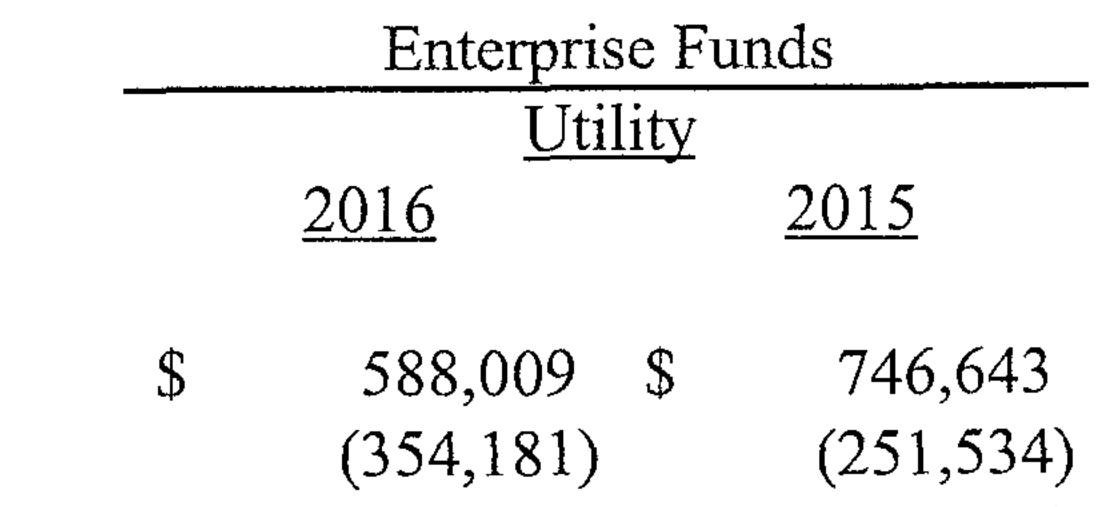
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(172,930)	(83,388

NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Grants and other contributions	285,627	1,092,372
Other revenues	17,218	14,730
Operating transfers, net	 (104,007)	(115,535)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	 198,838	991,567
Change in Net Position	25,908	908,179
Total Net Position, beginning	 2,760,483	1,852,304
Total Net Position, ending	\$ 2,786,391 \$	2,760,483

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015



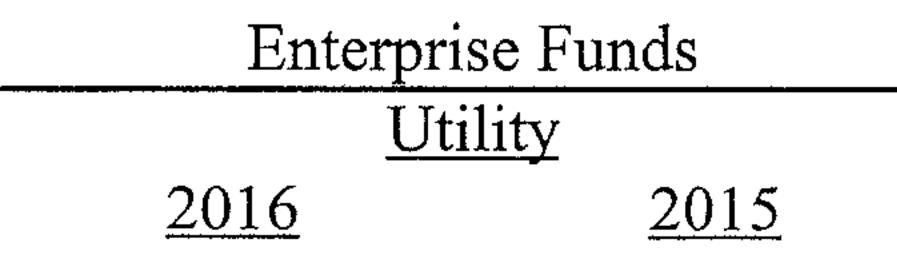
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from customers Cash paid to employees for services

Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(528,333)	(457,664)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	(294,505)	37,445
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Loans/repayments made to/from other funds	(8,842)	45,599
Miscellaneous revenues received	17,218	14,730
Operating transfers	(104,007)	(115,535)
Net Cash Used for Non-Capital Financing Activities	(95,631)	(55,206)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of capital assets	(285,627)	(853,153)
Cash received from grantors	524,845	853,153

Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	239,219	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(150,918)	(17,761)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning	203,745	221,507
Cash and Cash Equivalents, ending	52,827	203,745
CASH PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS:		
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	48,986	199,614
Restricted Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	3,841	4,131
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$ 52,827 \$	203,745

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015



(83, 388)

(172,930) \$

\$

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating loss

Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:

Depreciation 156,809 122,730 (Increase) decrease in assets: Accounts receivable (30,935)2,258 Prepaid expenses (8,171)6,315 Increase (decrease) in liabilities: Accounts payable (121, 186)(7,679)Payroll related payables (129, 179)(809)Customer deposits (291)(2,111)Net pension liability and related resources 11,377 128

Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities

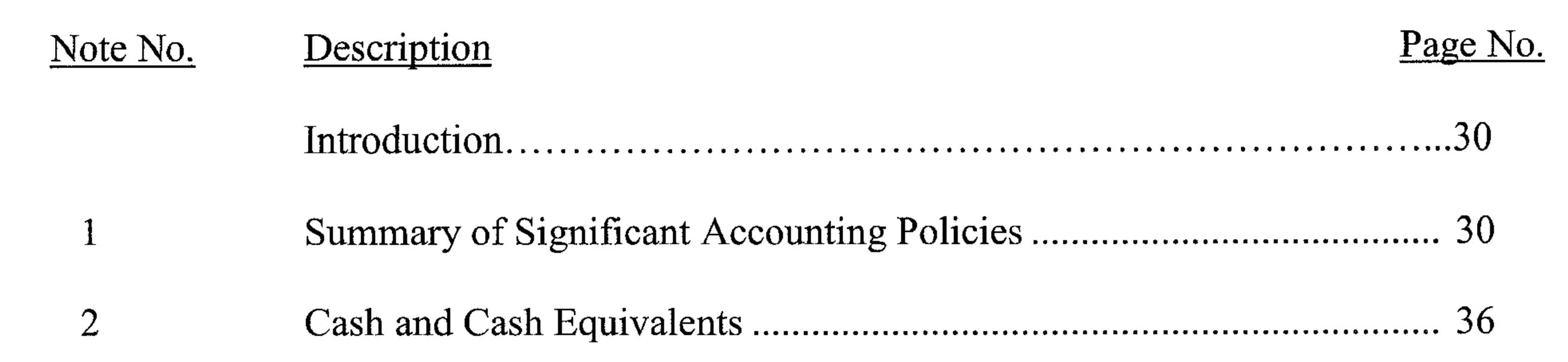
\$ (29	4,505)	\$ 37,445

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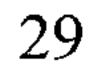


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INTRODUCTION

The Town of Clinton, Louisiana (hereafter referred to as the Town) was incorporated on March 9, 1852, under the provisions of the Special Charter Act 120 of 1852. The Town operates under a Mayor-Board of Alderperson form of government. The charter was amended in 1996 to allow larger fines to be assessed by the Mayor's Court. It was also amended in 2003 to recognize duties and authority within the Police Department where the charter previously recognized a Town

Marshal. This was done to be consistent with the creation of a Police Department in 1993.

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

The purpose of the municipality is to promote the general welfare and the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience and morals of its inhabitants. The Town provides fire and police protection, street maintenance, gas, water and sewer services.

The Town is situated in the northwest part of East Feliciana Parish. It is approximately 2.0 square miles in size with a population of approximately 1,600 persons. Within the boundaries are approximately 15 miles of roads maintained by the Town. It is currently servicing about 855 customers through its utility department and employs 33 persons including reserve officers.

<u>NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

The accounting and reporting practice of the Town conforms to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and to the guidelines set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

Financial Reporting Entity: Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification) established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the Town includes all funds which are controlled by or dependent on the Town which was determined on the basis of oversight responsibility, including accountability for fiscal and budget matters, designation of management or governing authority and authority to issue debt. Certain units of local government over which the Town exercises no oversight responsibility, such

as the parish police jury, parish school board, and other independently elected officials, and other municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements.

These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the Town.

Government-Wide Accounting: In accordance with Statement No. 63 of the Government Accounting Standards Board, the Town has presented a statement of net position and statement of activities for the Town as a whole. These statements include the primary government and its component units, if applicable, with the exception of fiduciary funds. Those funds are reported separately. Government-wide accounting is designed to provide a more comprehensive view of the government's operations and financial position as a single economic entity.

Government-wide statements distinguish between governmental-type and business-type activities. Governmental activities are those financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues and are usually reported in governmental and internal service funds. Business activities are financed in whole or in part through fees charged for goods or services to the general public and are usually reported in proprietary funds.

Policies specific to the government-wide statements are as follows:

Eliminating Internal Activity

Inter-fund receivables and payables are eliminated in the statement of net position except for the net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities. These are presented as internal balances. The allocation of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function is eliminated in the statement of activities. Allocated expenses are reported by the function to which they were allocated.

Capitalizing Assets

Tangible and/or intangible assets used in operations with an initial useful life that extends beyond one year are capitalized. Infrastructure assets such as roads and bridges are also capitalized. Capital assets are recorded at their historical cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over their estimated useful lives. They are reported net of accumulated depreciation on the statement of net position. Depreciation of contributed assets of proprietary funds is charged against contributed capital as opposed to unrestricted net position.

Under the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, the Town is considered a Phase 3 government, as its total annual revenues were less than \$10 million. Such governments were not required to report major general infrastructure assets retroactively back to 1982, during implementation of Statement No. 34. The Town opted not to retroactively report these types of capital assets.

Program Revenues

The statement of activities presents three categories of program revenues -(1) charges for services; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions. Charges for services are those revenues arising from charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods and services provided by the Town. Grants and contributions, whether operating or capital in nature, are revenues arising from receipts that are restricted for a specific use.

Direct/Indirect Expenses

Expenses are reported according to function except for those that meet the definition of special or extraordinary items. Direct expenses are specifically associated with a service or program. Indirect expenses include general government or administration that cannot be specifically traced to a service or program. Governments are not required to allocate indirect expenses to other functions, and the Town has chosen not to do so.

Operating Revenues

Proprietary funds separately report operating and non-operating revenues. Revenues from transactions of the Town's operation of providing water, gas and sewer services are considered operating revenues. All other revenues, which are reported as cash flows from capital or non-capital financing and investing, are reported as non-operating revenues.

Restricted Net Position

Restricted net position are those for which a constraint has been imposed either externally or by law. The Town recognizes the use of restricted resources for expenditures that comply with the specific restrictions. Restricted resources are exhausted before unrestricted net position are used.

Fund Accounting: The Town uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds of the Town are

classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate fund types. The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follow:

<u>Governmental Funds</u>: Governmental funds account for all or most of the Town's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term obligations. Governmental funds include:

- 1. General Fund the general operating fund of the Town accounting for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- 2. Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

<u>Proprietary Funds</u>: Proprietary funds account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Proprietary funds differ from governmental funds in that their focus is on income measurement, which, together with the maintenance of equity, is an important financial indicator.

Proprietary funds include:

1. Enterprise Funds – account 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.

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus: Its type of financial statement presentation determines the accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund.

The government-wide statements are reported using an economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of governmental-type and business-type activities are included in the Statement of Net Position. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized at the time the liabilities are incurred in the Statement of Activities. Non-exchange transactions such as property taxes and grants are recognized in the year for which the taxes were levied or when the eligibility requirements are met. In these statements, capital assets are reported and depreciated in each fund.

This same measurement focus and basis of accounting is used by proprietary funds in the fund statements. However, all governmental funds are reported using a current financial resources

measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Revenues are recognized when measurable and available, and expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception is unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due. The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures for capital assets are reported as current expenses, and such assets are not depreciated.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting: The Town adopts an annual budget for all of its funds prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by that fund. The Board of Alderpersons must approve any revisions that alter the total expenditures and are passed on an asneeded basis. A balanced budget is required.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits and certificates of deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of ninety days or less. 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.

Investments: Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955. If the original maturities of investments exceed ninety days, they are classified as investments. Otherwise, the investments are classified as cash and cash equivalents. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, investments are recorded at fair value with the corresponding increase or decrease reported in investment earnings. The Town has two certificates of deposit that were renewed in December with maturities of one year. The balances and interest rates are \$52,251.69 at .55% and \$44,621 at .60%.

Prepaid Expenses: Prepaid expenses include premiums paid on insurance policies for terms that extend beyond year-end and overpaid payroll taxes. The amount reported of \$92,876.18 represents the unexpired terms of the Town's liability insurance.

Restricted Assets: Certain cash and investments are classified as restricted because law or donor restriction limits their use. Components of these at December 31, 2016, are as follows:

	Governmenta Activities	l Business-type Activities
Demand deposits		
Customer deposits	\$ 0	\$ 3,841
Operations	100,383	0
Certificates of deposit		- -
Operations	<u>96,872</u>	0
	\$ 97,255	\$ 3,841

Capital Assets: The Town's assets are recorded at historical cost. Contributed assets, if any, are reported at estimated fair value at the time of the donation. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	40 years	Vehicles	7-10 years
Equipment	4-10 years	Infrastructure	20-50 years
Office furniture	5-7 years		•

The Town's capitalization policy includes adding all assets with a value of \$5,000 or more. However, assets that are less in value may be capitalized if their use will benefit more than one period and tracking is desired such as is the case with weapons or radio equipment.

Compensated Absences: The Town does not have any compensated absences to report.

Long-Term Obligations: In the government-wide financial statements, debt principal

payments of both government 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.

Net Position/Fund Balances: In the statement of net position, the difference between a government's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is recorded as net position. The three components of net position are as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets

This category records capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by any outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition,

construction or improvement of capital assets.

Restricted

The restricted component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. These are usually restricted by external sources such as banks or by law.

Unrestricted

The unrestricted component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component s of net position.

In the balance sheet of governmental funds, fund balances are segregated as follows:

Non-spendable This includes amounts in permanent funds and inventories that are permanently precluded

Restricted

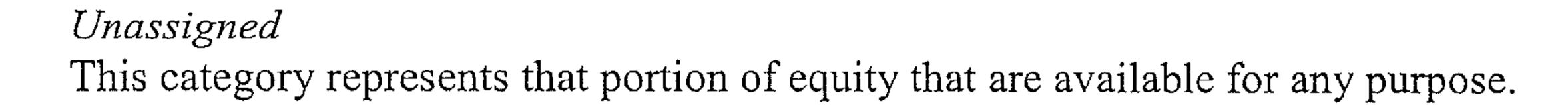
Fund balances that are restricted include those resources constrained to a specific purpose by enabling legislation, external parties or constitutional provisions.

Committed

Fund balances may be committed for a specific purpose by the highest level of decisionmaking authority through a formal action such as the adoption of an ordinance. The removal of or change in this commitment can only be accomplished by the same level of authority through the same type of action taken to commit the fund balances initially.

Assigned

Resources earmarked for a specific purpose by a government's management are reported as assigned fund balances.





Inter-fund Transactions: All inter-fund transactions, except quasi-external transactions, are reported as operating transfers. These are eliminated in the government-wide statements.

Sales Taxes: The East Feliciana Parish Police Jury levies a 5% sales tax. After deducting solid waste, school board and collection fees from the gross received, the Town receives 12.4021% of the balance. Sales taxes are dedicated for street maintenance and improvements.

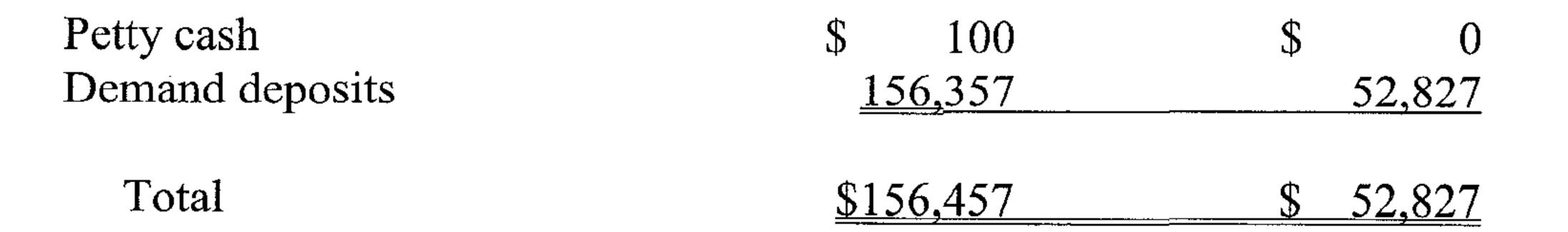
Property Taxes: Ad valorem taxes authorized and levied for the year were 6.65 mills. These funds are received by the general fund and are not dedicated. Total assessed value of property within the Town is approximately \$8,400,000.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

The cash and cash equivalents on hand (book balances) at December 31, 2016, are as follows:

GovernmentalBusiness-typeActivitiesActivities



Of these amounts, \$100,383 and \$3,841 is restricted for governmental and business-type activities, respectively.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, they must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2016, the Town had \$224,440 in deposits (collected balances). These

funds are secured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and collateral pledged by participating banks.

<u>NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES</u>

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2016:



General <u>Fund</u>







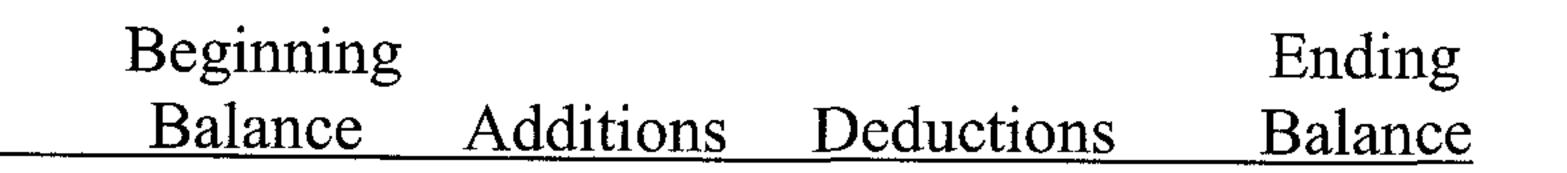
Accounts	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 140,029	\$ 140,029
Other	966	0	0	966
Taxes:				
Franchise	28,463	0	0	28,463
Property	119,918	0	0	119,918
Sales	17,136	17,135	0	34,271
Sub-total	166,483	17,135	140,029	323,647
Less: Allowance for				
doubtful accounts	0	 0	14,002	14,002
Net	<u>\$166,483</u>	<u>\$17,135</u>	<u>\$126,027</u>	<u>\$309,645</u>

Utility meters are read between the 18th and 25th of each month and bills are computed and mailed by the last day of the month. The amount of gas and water used from the date the meter is read until the end of the month is an unbilled receivable in the Enterprise Fund. At December 31, 2016, unbilled receivables were \$27,039. This amount is included in the table above.

An allowance for doubtful accounts is determined by a percentage based on prior years' experience. At December 31, 2016, the allowance was estimated to be \$14,003 in the Enterprise Fund.

<u>NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2016, was as follows:



Governmental Activities Capital Assets, not being depreciated



<u>\$ 1,000 \$ 0 \$ 1,000</u>

	Beginning				Ending
	Balance	<u>Additions</u>	Ι	Deductions	Balance
Capital Assets, being depreciated					
Buildings and improvements	\$978,863	\$ 0	\$	0	\$978,863
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>221,815</u>	28,572		0	250,387
Net Building and Improvements	757,048	(28,572)		0	728,476

Infrastructure Less: accumulated depreciation Net Sidewalks/Drainage

1 622 648

478 817

0 2 101 465

Equipment Less: accumulated depreciation Net Equipment

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$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	337,495	0	0	337,495
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	<u>291,653</u>	<u>9,706</u>	0	301,359
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	45,842	(9,706)	0	36,136
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$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	532,490	0	53,171	479,319
10,830 0 0 10,830 4,816 801 0 5,617	490,396	33,407	(53,171)	470,632
<u>4,816 801 0 5,617</u>	_42,094	(33,407)	0	8,687
<u>4,816 801 0 5,617</u>		·		
	10,830	0	0	10,830
<u>6,014 (801) 0 5,213</u>	<u>4,816</u>	801	0	5,617
	<u>6,014</u>	(801)	0	5,213

Vehicles Less: accumulated depreciation Net Vehicles

Office furniture Less: accumulated depreciation Net Office Furniture

Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net 1,820,385 328,499 0 2,148,884

Capital Assets, net <u>\$1,821,385</u> <u>\$328,499</u> <u>\$0</u> <u>\$2,149,884</u>

Business-type Activities Capital Assets, not being depreciated Land

<u>\$ 11,970 </u> \$ 0 \$ (0 <u>\$ 11,970</u>
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Capital Assets, being depreciated Buildings and improvements Less: accumulated depreciation Net Building and Improvements

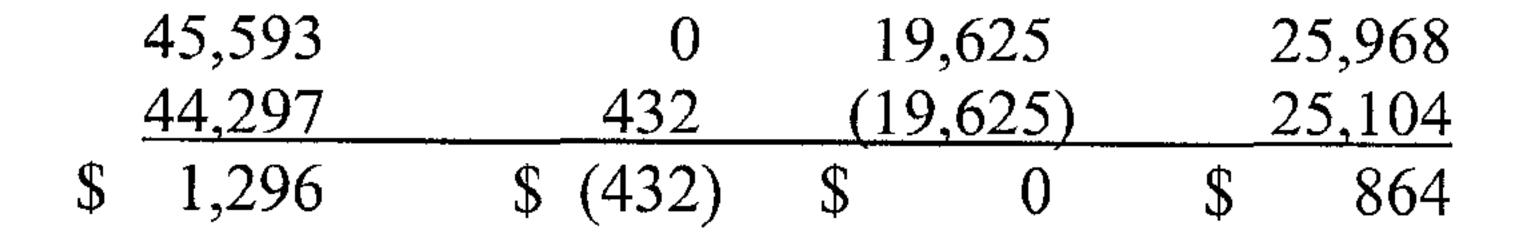
Equipment Less: accumulated depreciation Net Equipment

150,545	0	0	150,545
75,642	4,482	0	80,125
74,903	(4,482)	0	70,420
104,933	0	0	104,933
<u>92,076</u>	4,285	0	96,362
12.857	(4.285)	0	8 571

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Vehicles Less: accumulated depreciation Net Vehicles

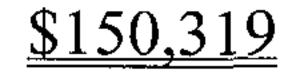


	Beginnin	g		Ending
	Balance	<u>Additions</u>	Deduc	tions Balance
Gas system \$	1,629,985	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,629,985
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,187,553	39,750	0	1,227,303
Net Gas System	442,432	(39,750)	0	402,682
Water system	1,083,547	0	0	1,083,547
Less: accumulated depreciation	432,703	29,774	0	462,478
Net Water System	650,844	(29,774)	0	621,069
Sewer system	3,330,110	285,626	0	3,615,737
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,881,932	78,083	0	1,960,016
Net Sewer System	1,448,177	207,543	0	1,655,721
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	<u>2,630,509</u>	128,818	0	2,759,327
Capital Assets, net	<u>2,642,479</u>	<u>\$ 128,818</u>	0	<u>\$ 2,771,298</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 11,771
Public safety	33,821
Public works	<u>104,727</u>





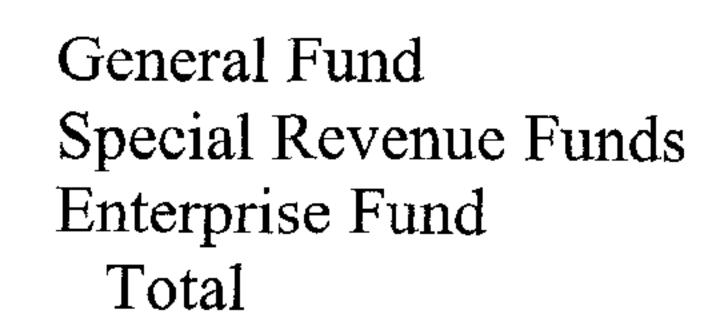
<u>NOTE 5 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES</u>

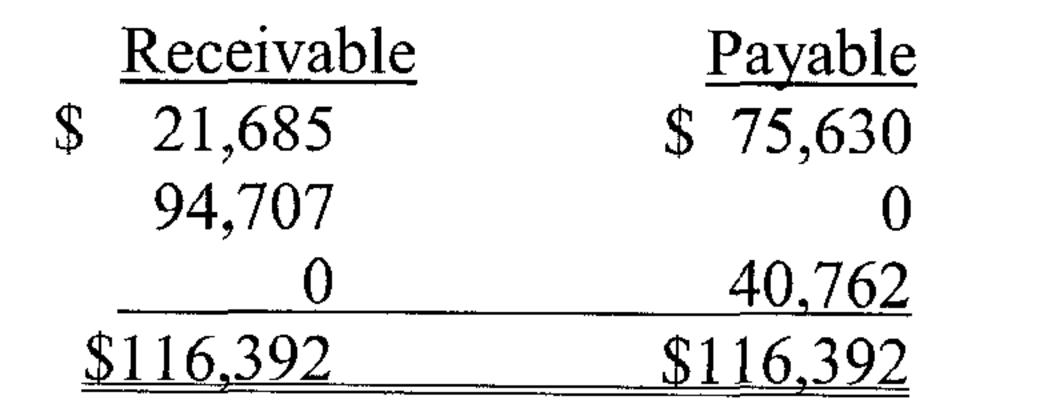
Amounts due from other governmental agencies, grant funding, are as follows:

Streets and Sidewalks FundLa Division of Administration\$ 43,116Governor's Office of Homeland Security30,791Emergency Preparedness30,791Total\$73,907

<u>NOTE 6 – INTER-FUND TRANSACTIONS</u>

Amounts receivable and payable between funds at December 31, 2016, are as follows:





These amounts represent loans made between funds for cash flow purposes.

NOTE 7 – ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

The following is a summary of payables at December 31, 2016:

Governmental Business-Type A attraction A attartic

	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts	\$ 61,517	\$ 6,984	\$ 68,501
Interest	4,489	0	4,489
Payroll liabilities	11,622	0	11,622
Customer deposits	0	3,841	3,841
Total	\$ <u>77,628</u>	\$ 10,825	<u>\$ 88,453</u>

NOTE 8 – RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Substantially all employees of the Town are members of the following statewide retirement systems: Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana or Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana. These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At December 31, 2016, the Town reported a liability of \$797,893 for its proportionate share of the Town's net pension liability related to its governmental activities. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date and 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. The Town's proportion at that dated was .525981% at MERS and .038612% at MPERS.

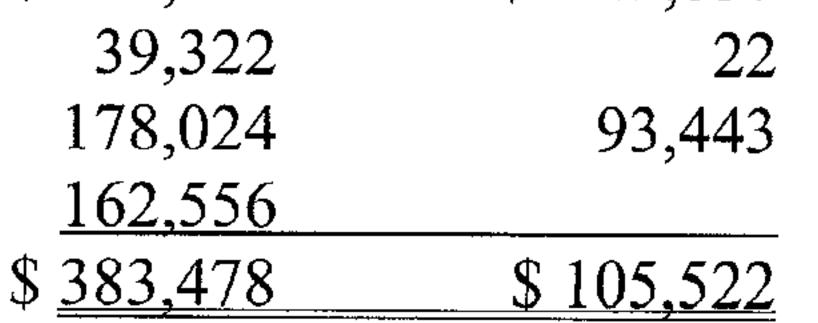
Pension expense of \$124,172 was recognized for the year ended December 31, 2016. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions were reported from the following sources:

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Difference between expected and actual results

	Deferred	Deferred
	<u>Outflows</u>	<u>Inflows</u>
5	3,576	\$ 12,057

Changes of assumptions Changes in proportion Difference in actual and projected earnings



Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

A. <u>Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)</u>

Plan Description. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the municipality are members of Plan B.

Retirement Benefits. All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are required to participate in the System. Under Plan B, employees who retire at or after age 67 with at least 7 years of creditable service, at or after age 62 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service or at any age with at least 25 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2% of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

Survivor Benefits. Upon death of any member with 5 or more years of creditable service, not eligible for normal retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse as outlined in the statutes. If the member is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death and leaves a surviving spouse, that member 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.

DROP Benefits. In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to 3 years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in DROP, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund. Interest accrues on these funds based upon the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a member in the DROP may receive, at their 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 member dies during participation in the DROP, a lump sum equal to the balance in his account shall be paid to their named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the 3 years, payments into the DROP fund cease, and the member resumes active contributing membership in the System.

Disability Benefits. A member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

has at least 10 years of creditable service, in which he would receive a regular retirement under retirement provisions. Eligibility is based on official certification by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, an eligible member shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of 30% of his final average compensation or 2% of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater or an amount equal to 2% of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater or an amount equal to 2% of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater or an amount equal to 2% of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater or an amount equal to 2% of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater or an amount equal to 2% of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, which years of creditable service, projected to his earliest normal retirement age.

Funding Policy. The Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.50% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town were established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by La. 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.

Additional information can be obtained in the annual publicly-available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to La State Employees' Retirement System, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., #100, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 or by calling (225) 922-0600.

B. <u>Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)</u>

Plan Description. All full-time police officers engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrests, providing he does not have to pay social security and providing he meets the statutory criteria, are required to participate in the System.

Retirement Benefits. Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-2233. Employees hired prior to 1/1/2013 are eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or 20 years of creditable service and is 50 or has 12 years of creditable service and is age 55. A member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member for 20 years at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Benefit rates are 3 1/3rd of average final compensation per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary. The average final compensation is based on average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted.

For membership commencing on or after 1/1/2013, eligibility for regular retirement, disability or survivor benefits is based on hazardous and non-hazardous duty sub plans. Under hazardous duty, a member is eligible after he has been a member and has 25 years creditable service any age or has 12 years of creditable service at age 55. Under the non-hazardous duty sub-plan, eligibility is available after he has been a member and has 30 years of creditable service at any age, 25 years of creditable service at age 55 or 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Under both sub-plans, a member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member a member for 20 years of



creditable service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit from age 55. TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **DECEMBER 31, 2016**

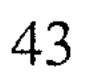
Benefit rates are 3% and 2 1/2%, respectively, of average final compensation per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Survivor Benefits. Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. These benefits range from 40% to 60% of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. Each minor child receives benefits equal to 10% of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater.

DROP Benefits. In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a retirement allowance, any member is eligible to elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP). At the entry date into the DROP, the employee and employer contributions cease. The amount to be deposited into the DROP account is equal to the benefit computed under the retirement plan elected by the participant at the date of application. Participation is available for 36 months or less. If employment is terminated after the three year period, the participant may receive his benefits by lump sum payment or a true annuity. If employment is not terminated, active contributing membership in the System shall resume and upon later termination, he shall receive additional retirement benefits based on the additional service. Those eligible to enter the DROP prior to 1/1/2004, DROP accounts earn interest subsequent to the termination of the DROP participation at a rate of 1/2 of 1% below the percentage rate of return of the System's investment portfolio as certified by an actuary on an annual basis but will never lose money. For those eligible to enter the DROP subsequent to 1/1/2004, an irrevocable election is made to earn interest based on the System's investment portfolio return or a money market investment return. This could result in a negative earnings rate being applied to the account. If the member elects a money market investment return, the funds are transferred to a government money market account.

Funding Policy. Contributions are actuarially determined as required by state law but cannot be less than 9% of the employees' earnable compensation excluding overtime but including state supplemental pay. Currently, members are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary, and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate of 31.5%. 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 year.

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



NOTE 9 – LEVIED TAXES

Property tax notices are mailed during November for the current year. Taxes become delinquent after December 31st. The Town receives its property taxes through the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury who is responsible for collections. Total assessed value of real property is

\$8,387,730. The principal taxpayers for the town are:

Taxpayer	Assessed Value	Percentage
Feliciana Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 7,459,120	17.40%
Wiltel Communications	733,220	8.74%
Landmark Bank	686,900	8.19%
Bellsouth Telecommunications	370,680	4.42%
Pac Tec	242,660	2.89%
Entergy/Gulf States	87,550	1.04%
Billy Joe & Joan B. Buzbee	83,550	1.00%
AMG, LLC	79,740	.95%
C.M.A. Ltd. Partnership	63,910	.76%
CPA Ltd. Partnership	\$ 63,270	.75%

<u>NOTE 10 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u>

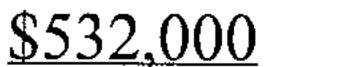
The Town does not offer post-employment benefits to employees upon termination.

<u>NOTE 11 – LONG-TERM DEBT</u>

The Town issued Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2012, in November of 2012, for the purchase of a fire station in the amount of \$760,000 at an interest rate of 2.49% maturing in March of 2022. Maturities of this long-term obligation are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	Interest
2017	\$ 81,000	\$ 12,238
2018	84,000	10,184
2019	87,000	8,055
2020	90,000	4,731
Remaining years	<u>190,000</u>	<u>2,415</u>

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NOTE 12 – FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection for the Town is provided by the Clinton Fire Department with funds received primarily through the Parish-wide Fire Protection District of East Feliciana Parish. This is a legally separate governmental agency that issues its own audited financial statements.

NOTE 13 – COMPARATIVE DATA

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in selected sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Town's financial position and operations. Such information is presented in a summarized comparative format and should be read in conjunction with the Town's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, from which the information was summarized.

NOTE 14 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions that require disclosure.

NOTE 15 – LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

There are currently no litigation pending or threatened that is anticipated to have a material financial impact on the accompanying financial statements.

There were no events subsequent to year-end through October 30, 2017, the date on which the accompanying financial statements were available, that would have a significant impact on the accompanying financial statements.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (PART 2 OF 2)

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<u>REVENUES</u>

Fines and other court costs Franchise fees Interest earned Intergovernmental Licenses and permits Motor vehicle fees Other revenues Taxes-beer Taxes-property Taxes-sales

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Total Revenues

EXPENDITURES

General government Public safety: Police Fire Public works

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

1 Sidewal	anc	Streets a						Fund	eral	Gen			
<u>_</u> ,						Variance							
Actual	_	nounts	Budgeted Amounts		Favorable		Actual		Amounts		Budgeted Amounts		
Amount		<u>Final</u>		<u>Original</u>		<u>(Unfavorable)</u>		<u>Amounts</u>		<u>Final</u>		<u>Original</u>	
•	\$	-	\$	_	\$	(17,576)	\$	261,021	\$	278,597	\$	278,597	\$
		-		_		(23,366)		97,128		1 20,494		120,494	
28		665		665		3,795		4,198		403		403	
2,20		2,200		2,200		-		-					
		-		_		(16,393)		105,233		121,626		121,626	
		_		-		(20,914)		364		21,278		21,278	
20		372		372		9,808		84,634		74,826		74,826	
		_		_		1,301		4,479		3,178		3,178	
		-		-		8,182		199,091		1 90,909		190,909	
191,93		213,864		213,864		7,791		134,746		126,955		126,955	
194,62		217,101		217,101		(47,372)		890,894		938,266		938,266	<u> </u>
		_				29,354		294,472		323,826		323,826	
				_		(248,487)		878,362		629,875		629,875	
				-		1,584	\$	15,391	\$	16,975	\$	16,975	\$
\$ 523,9	\$	205,327	\$	205,327	\$	_		-					

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(318,649) ,976 \$

Debt service Capital outlay

Total Expenditures

Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Grants and other contributions Operating transfers, net Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Change in Fund Balances

Fund Balances, beginning

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Fund Balances, ending

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (Continued) GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Gen	eral Fund					Streets a	nd Sidewalks	
			Variance						Variance
 Budgeted A	Amounts	Actual	Favorable	<u></u>	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Favorable	
<u>Original</u>	Final	Amounts	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>	<u>(</u>	<u>Driginal</u>	F	<u>inal</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	(Unfavorable)
\$ 	\$ -	\$ 93,916	\$ (93,916)	\$		\$		\$ -	\$ -
 		—						478,818	(478,81
 970,676	970,676	1,282,141	(311,465)		205,327	2	205,327	1,002,794	(797,46
 (32,410)	(32,410)	(391,247)	(358,837)		11,774		11,774	(808,174)	(819,94
Ŀ	-	135,048	135,048		_		_	479,232	479,23
 		104,007	104,007				_		
 	••	239,055	239,055				-	479,232	479,23
(32,410)	(32,410)	(152,192)	(119,782)		11,774		11,774	(328,942)	(340,71
 227,432	227,432	227,432		<u></u>	554,206	5	54,206	554,206	
\$ 195,022	\$ 195,022	\$ 75,240	\$ (119,782)	\$	565,980	\$ 5	565,980	\$ 225,264	\$ (340,71

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title

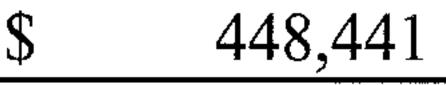
CFDA <u>Number</u> Federal Expenditures

Major Programs U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Community Planning and Development

Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Pass-Through Louisiana Office of Community Development Street Improvements 14.228 \$ 38,640

Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Pass-Through Louisiana Office of Community Development Municipalities Infrastructure Program/ Sewer Rehabilitiation Project 14.228



Total Federal Expenditures

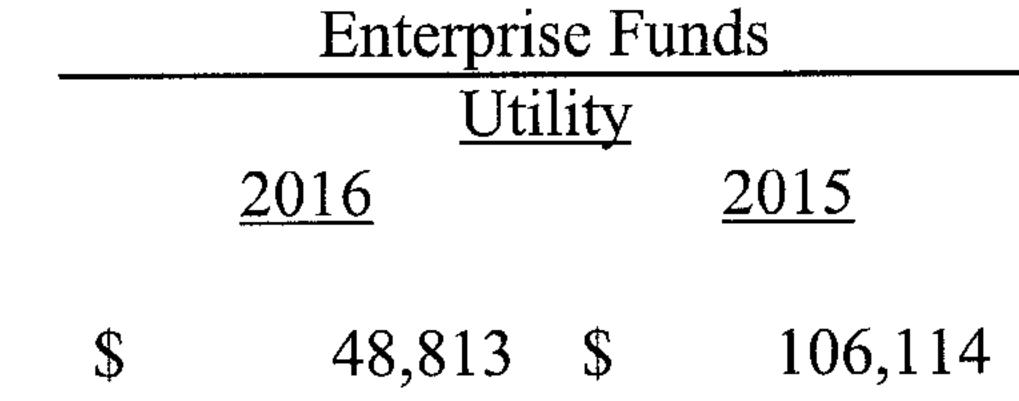
\$ 487,081

Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2016

Basis of Presentation

This schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Town of Clinton, Louisiana and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Princip[les and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

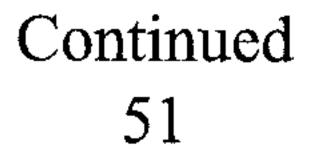


<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u> Gas purchases

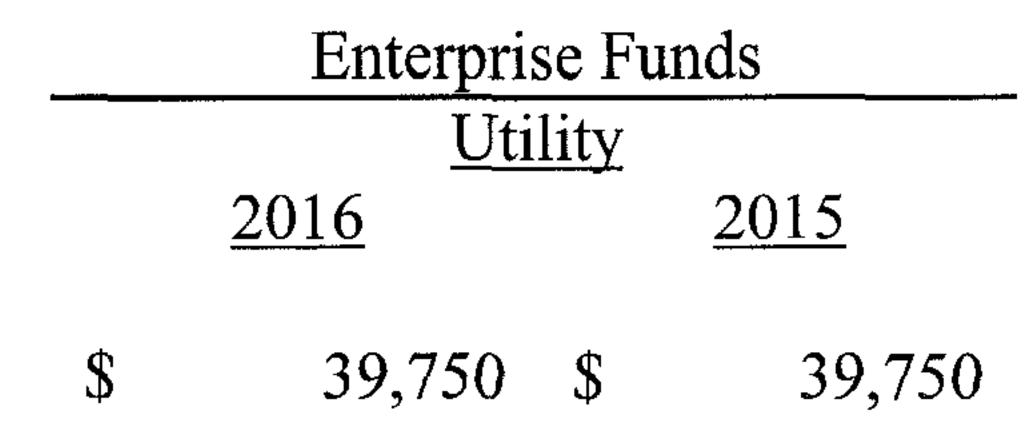
Oas purchases	φ 10,010 φ	100,11.
Sewer/wastewater system expense	46,069	44,879
Water system expense	54,436	48,653
Gas system expense	6,040	192
Auto expense	11,351	11,359
Repairs and materials	20,348	34,888
Inspection fees/licenses	80	4,191
Pumpage fees	647	449
Total Personal Services	187,784	250,725
EMPLOYEE AND RELATED EXPENSES		
Salaries	247,749	231,057
Health insurance	49,550	47,871
Payroll taxes	29,730	27,727
Retirement	30,811	16,173
Training/seminars/travel	1,347	2,715
Uniforms	5,271	4,640
Drug testing	1,100	25
Total Employee and Related Expenses	365,558	330,208
<u>OCCUPANCY</u>		
Insurance	48,101	40,033
Telephone	5,363	4,668
Utilities	4,948	36,527
Total Occupancy	58,412	81,228
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>		
Office expense	11,375	11,858
Computer/technology	573	19,850
Dues and subscriptions	161	1,175
Professional fees	11,492	12,110

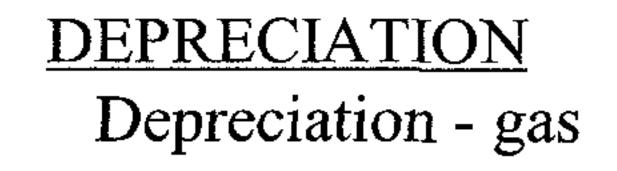






TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE SCHEDULES OF OPERATING EXPENSES (Continued) PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015





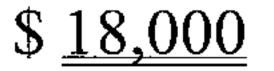
Depreciation - water		29,775	29,775
Depreciation - sewer		78,083	42,750
Depreciation - other		 9,201	10,456
Total Depreciation		 156,809	122,731
TOTAL OPERATING E	XPENSES	\$ 792,164 \$	829,885

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO GOVERNING MEMBERS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

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

Mayor

Lori A. Bell



Board Members

Johnny Beauchamp George Kilbourne Clovis Matthews Lisa Davis Washington Kim Young

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Total Paid

<u>\$ 30,000</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND **OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD** YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Agency Head Lori A. Bell Mayor

Purpose

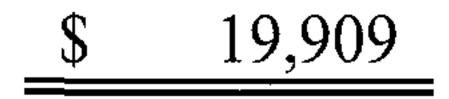


\$ 18,000

Salary Travel: Convention - lodging/meals

1,909

Total Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments



TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

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Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll

\$ 435,990 \$ 361,903

\$ 368,493 \$ 410,275

88.21%

Employer's Propertionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll 118.32%

Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability 68.71% 70.73%

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Year	MERS 2016	MPERS 2016
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 26,747	\$ 35,930
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 26,506	\$ 35,930

Contribution Deficiency (Excess)

Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll

Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll

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\$ 241 **\$** -

\$ 368,493 \$ 410,275

7.19% 8.76%

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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 Lori A. Bell, Mayor and the Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Clinton, Louisiana P. O. Box 513 Clinton, Louisiana 70722

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-type activities, business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Clinton, LA as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Clinton, LA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Clinton, LA's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other maters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings numbers 2016-001 and 2016-002.

Town of Clinton's Response to Findings

The Town of Clinton's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings. The District Attorney's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

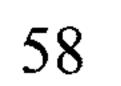
Purpose of this Report

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, others within the agency, the Legislative Auditor and federal 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.

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TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Clinton, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2017. 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 audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2016, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Current Year Findings – Financial Statement Audit

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

- A.
 Report on Compliance and Internal Control Material to the Financial Statements

 Internal Control
 Significant Deficiencies
 □ No

 Material weaknesses
 □ No

 Compliance
 Material to Financial Statements
 □ Yes
- B. Federal Awards

N/A

Section II Financial Statement Findings

2016 - 001 Compliance with Audit Law

Criteria. Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 requires that an annual financial report or other type report be submitted to the Legislative Auditor within six months of the close of the fiscal/calendar year.

Condition. This deadline was not met for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Effect. The Town is not in compliance with applicable laws.

Recommendation. We recommend that management be cognizant of this deadline in the future and make every effort to comply.

Management's Response. We will continue to make every effort to comply with this law. We experienced unusual and unforeseen obstacles due to the Great Flood of 2016 - a disaster that claimed property of both the Town and its employees.

2016 - 002 Compliance with Local Government Budget Act

Criteria. The Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, LA RS 39:1301-1315, specifies that revenue should not vary 5% or more, and expenditures should not vary 5% or more from budget amounts.

TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Condition. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the General Fund and Streets & Sidewalks Fund, actual revenues were less than budgeted amounts by more than the allowed 5% variance and expenditures were more than budgeted amounts by more than the allowed 5% variance.

Effect. The Town is not in compliance with applicable laws.

Recommendation. We recommend that management implement a plan whereby revenues and expenditures are monitor on a continuous basis throughout the year, and amend the budgets as needed during the period.

Management's Response. Management will monitor actual revenues and expenditures more closely and compare to budget amounts frequently and amend the budget as needed.

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

N/A

Section IV Management Letter

A management letter was issued.

Prior Year Findings:

Section I Financial Statement Findings

2015.01 Compliance with Audit LawCondition. Deadline for submitting the annual audit report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor was not met.

Effect. The Town did not comply with the Louisiana Audit Law.

Recommendation. Management be cognizant of this deadline in the future

Current year status. Unresolved



TOWN OF CLINTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

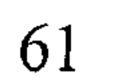
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Prior Year Findings, continued

Section II Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

N/A



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October 30, 2017

The Mayor and Council Town of Clinton Clinton, Louisiana

Management letter for the year ended December 31, 2016

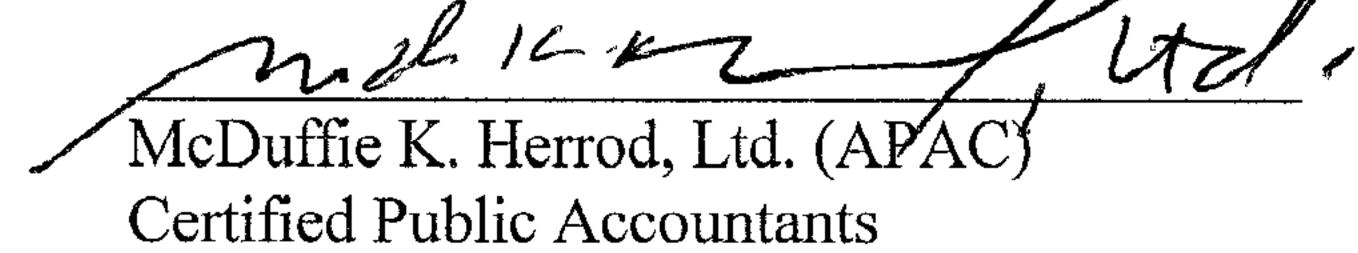
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administration. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or the administration of their responsibilities.

However, in accordance with our normal practice, we write to draw your attention to a matter which we identified during our audit of the financial statements of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2016. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding this matter. We previously reported on the Town's internal control in our report dated October 30, 2017. This letter does not affect that report, or our report dated October 30, 2017 on the financial statements of the Town.

Management responses have been provided through the coordination of the administration. We would like to thank the management and staff of the Town for their assistance and co-operation during the audit. We will be pleased to provide any clarification that you may require on the issues raised in this letter.

Sincerely,



MANAGEMENT LETTER

For the year ended December 31, 2016

2016-1 ML TIMELY RECONCILIATION OF BANK STATEMENTS & POSSIBLE OUTSOURCING

Auditors' Comment: During our audit of cash, we noticed that there were delays of a month or more in reconciling some of the bank statements to the underlying accounts on the books. This could potentially lead to undiscovered discrepancies that could in turn cause potential misstatements of the monthly financial reports at

council meetings.

Auditors' Recommendation: We recommend that the bank statements be reconciled to the books within a week to ten days of receipt. Additionally, we recommend that an outside person perform these reconciliations in effort to enhance internal controls.

Management's Response: We will review our accounting policies and determine the best way to address this issue, as well as determine a reasonable amount of time to require that bank statements be reconciled.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The Town of Clinton respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Management Letter

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