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We are submitting to you the reissued audit report for the Town of Golden Meadow for the year ended December 31, 2020. The report is being reissued to include the Judicial System Funding Schedules required by Act 87. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Pechon', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul V. Pechon, CPA

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**FINANCIAL SECTION**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Honorable Joey Bouziga, Mayor  
and Members of the Town Council,  
Town of Golden Meadow,  
Golden Meadow, Louisiana.

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

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 Town'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 Town'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 on the previous page present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison of the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1d to the financial statements, Capital Assets, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, and recognized a non-current obligation amounting to \$137,000 in its Sewerage Fund and business activities for the decommissioning of its two sewerage treatment plants. Amortization of the related deferred outflow of resources amounted to \$4,233 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, on pages 4 through 11, the Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Schedule of the Town's Contributions on pages 69 through 73, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation Paid to Members of the Town Council, Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer, the Justice System Funding Schedules, and Statistical Information Section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of

the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, on page 92 is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation Paid to Members of the Town Council on page 74, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer on page 75, the Justice System Funding Schedules on pages 76 and 77, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards on page 92 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Statistical Information Section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 7, 2021 on our consideration of the Town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.*

Certified Public Accountants.

Houma, Louisiana,  
June 7, 2021.

# **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

## **Town of Golden Meadow Louisiana**

December 31, 2020

The Mayor and the Town Clerk are responsible for the overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Golden Meadow (the "Town") for the year ended December 31, 2020. The narrative provided is designed to introduce the financial highlights and offer an overview of the financial statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes and facts known to date. This narrative includes a government-wide financial analysis of revenues, expenses and changes in the net position. Further detail offers our readers a financial analysis of the Town's funds consisting of the governmental fund types and proprietary funds.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$18,388,980 (net position). Of this amount, \$3,110,006 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The Town's net position increased by \$317,393 (or 1.75%) during 2020, primarily a result of a capital grant received.

The Town's governmental activities revenues decreased by \$735,681 (or 30.36%) primarily due to decreases in charges for services, capital grants, and sales tax.

The Town's governmental activities expenses increased by \$113,164 (or 5.40%) primarily due to increases in general government and most operating departments.

The business activities reported a change in net position of \$837,177 (or 15.87%). Current year sewerage activity expenses were \$25,409 less than 2019 expenses.

The Town did not have any funds with a deficit fund balance.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's annual report consists of five parts: (1) management's discussion and analysis (this section), (2) basic financial statements, (3) required and other supplementary information, (4) statistical information, (5) various governmental compliance reports and schedules by certified public accountants and management.

The basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements reported in Exhibits A and B are designed to be similar to private-sector business in that all governmental and business-type activities are consolidated into columns which add to a total for the primary government. These statements, combine governmental funds' current financial resources with capital assets and long-term obligations. Also presented in the government-wide financial statements is a total column for the business-type activities of the primary government.

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

The Statement of Activities reported in Exhibit B presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in the assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses reported in this statement for some items will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods. For example, earned but unused compensation time result in cash flows for future periods. The focus of the Statement of Activities is on both the gross and net cost of various activities, which are provided by the government's general tax and other revenues. This is intended to summarize information and simplify the user's analysis of cost of various governmental services and/or subsidy to various business-type activities.

Both 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 which reflect the Town's basic services include the financial activities of the following: general government (Town administration) public safety (police department), streets and highways (street, road and sidewalk maintenance), drainage and levee (drainage and levee maintenance), culture and recreation (parks/playgrounds and pool) and sanitation (animal control, grass cutting, building demolition and trash collection). The business-type activities of the Town include a sewerage collection and treatment system.



## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

### **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. Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statement presentation more familiar. The focus is now on major funds, rather than generic fund types. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The governmental major fund presentation in Exhibits C through G is presented on a sources and uses of liquid resources basis. This is the manner in which the financial budget is typically developed. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's current financing requirements. The Town has presented the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund as major governmental funds.

Proprietary Funds include enterprise funds on the fund financial statements illustrated in Exhibits H through J. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The enterprise fund is presented as a major fund and consists of the Sewerage Fund. The intent is that costs of goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed primarily through user charges.

While the Sewerage Fund on the business-type fund financial statements for the enterprise fund (see Exhibit H and I) is generally the same as the business-type column at the government-wide financial statements, the governmental funds total column requires a reconciliation because of the different measurement focus which is reflected on the page following each statement (see Exhibit D and F). The flow of current financial resources will reflect capital expenditures and interfund transfers as other financial sources and debt service principal payments as expenditures. The reconciliation will eliminate these transactions and incorporate the capital assets and long-term obligations into the governmental activities column in the government-wide statements.

### **Capital Assets**

General capital assets include land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, vehicles, machinery and equipment and all other tangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives greater than one year and exceed the Town's capitalization threshold (see Note Id, Exhibit K). The Town has recorded all material infrastructure assets acquired since 1984. Accumulated depreciation is recorded based on the date of acquisition and the life span of the asset.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****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. The notes to the financial statements are a required part of the financial statements and can be found in Exhibit K of this report.

**Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and notes to financial statements, this report also presents required supplementary information concerning the Town's changes to its obligations and its progress in funding its obligations to provide postemployment and pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found on Exhibits L, M, N, O and P of this report.

Schedules of Compensation Paid to Members of the Town Council and Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer can be found in Statements 1 and 2 of this report. The Statistical Section (Tables 1 through 8) are included for additional information and analysis and do not constitute a part of the audited financial statements.

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis****Condensed Statements of Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
<b>Assets:</b>						
Current and other assets	\$ 5,609,455	\$ 5,856,062	\$ (39,978)	\$ (5,299)	\$ 5,569,477	\$ 5,850,763
Capital assets	8,455,192	8,770,135	6,416,317	5,436,430	14,871,509	14,206,565
Total assets	14,064,647	14,626,197	6,376,339	5,431,131	20,440,986	20,057,328
Deferred outflows of resources	535,713	351,880	144,083	24,741	679,796	376,621
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	14,600,360	14,978,077	6,520,422	5,455,872	21,120,782	20,433,949
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Current liabilities	46,398	166,932	215,112	60,249	261,510	227,181
Long-term obligations	1,901,875	1,695,874	188,622	110,453	2,090,497	1,806,327
Total liabilities	1,948,273	1,862,806	403,734	170,702	2,352,007	2,033,508
Deferred inflows of resources	375,318	318,718	4,477	10,136	379,795	328,854
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	2,323,591	2,181,524	408,211	180,838	2,731,802	2,362,362
<b>Net position:</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	8,455,192	8,770,135	6,416,317	5,436,430	14,871,509	14,206,565
Restricted	407,465	313,079	-	-	407,465	313,079
Unrestricted	3,414,112	3,713,339	(304,106)	(161,396)	3,110,006	3,551,943
Total net position	\$ 12,276,769	\$ 12,796,553	\$ 6,112,211	\$ 5,275,034	\$ 18,388,980	\$ 18,071,587

For more detailed information see Exhibit A, Statement of Net Position.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Approximately 80.87% of the Town's net position as of December 31, 2020, reflects the government's net investment in capital assets less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Town government uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Approximately 2.22% of the Town's net position is subject to external restrictions as to its use.

The remaining unrestricted net position of 16.91% is available for future use as directed by the Mayor and the Town Council to meet ongoing obligations of the government to citizens and creditors.

The following table provides a summary of the statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 2020, with comparative figures from 2019:

	<b><u>Condensed Statements of Activities</u></b>					
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 523,826	\$ 814,164	\$ 130,894	\$ 106,679	\$ 654,720	\$ 920,843
Operating grants and contributions	58,245	73,488	-	-	58,245	73,488
Capital grants and contributions	150,303	360,459	889,095	694,341	1,039,398	1,054,800
General revenues:						
Property taxes	190,686	189,896	-	-	190,686	189,896
Sales taxes	630,829	810,173	-	-	630,829	810,173
Franchise taxes	73,336	70,492	-	-	73,336	70,492
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	8,768	14,228	-	-	8,768	14,228
Other	51,772	90,546	37	17	51,809	90,563
Total revenues	<u>1,687,765</u>	<u>2,423,446</u>	<u>1,020,026</u>	<u>801,037</u>	<u>2,707,791</u>	<u>3,224,483</u>
Expenses:						
General government	531,858	482,986	-	-	531,858	482,986
Public safety	809,635	782,330	-	-	809,635	782,330
Streets and highways	329,214	298,993	-	-	329,214	298,993
Drainage and levee	289,780	269,783	-	-	289,780	269,783
Culture and recreation	232,557	242,232	-	-	232,557	242,232
Sanitation	14,418	17,457	-	-	14,418	17,457
Interest on long-term obligations	87	604	-	-	87	604
Sewerage	-	-	182,849	208,258	182,849	208,258
Total expenses	<u>2,207,549</u>	<u>2,094,385</u>	<u>182,849</u>	<u>208,258</u>	<u>2,390,398</u>	<u>2,302,643</u>
Increase in net position before transfers	(519,784)	329,061	837,177	592,779	317,393	921,840
Transfers	-	(54,435)	-	54,435	-	-
Change in net position	(519,784)	274,626	837,177	647,214	317,393	921,840
Net position, January 1,	<u>12,796,553</u>	<u>12,521,927</u>	<u>5,275,034</u>	<u>4,627,820</u>	<u>18,071,587</u>	<u>17,149,747</u>
Net position, December 31,	<u>\$ 12,276,769</u>	<u>\$ 12,796,553</u>	<u>\$ 6,112,211</u>	<u>\$ 5,275,034</u>	<u>\$ 18,388,980</u>	<u>\$ 18,071,587</u>

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The Town's change in net position was \$317,393 for the current fiscal year for a total net position of \$18,388,980 as of December 31, 2020.

Governmental activity charges for services revenues decreased \$290,338 from the prior year primarily due to a decrease in traffic violations issued as a result of less traffic in town due to the effects of Covid-19. Additionally, sales tax revenues decreased by 22.14% or \$179,344 as a result of the effect Covid-19 had on the operations of local businesses.

Business-type activity charges for services revenues increased by \$24,215 from the prior year. In addition, the Town recognized \$194,754 more of capital grant revenue for funding of the sewerage system in 2020 as compared to 2019. Business activity expenses decreased by \$25,409, as a result of actuarial changes in business activities.

### **Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds:** The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirement. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The combined fund balances of the Town's governmental funds as of December 31, 2020 were \$5,312,123 as compared to \$5,469,649 as of December 31, 2019, a decrease of \$157,526. The fund balance in the amount of \$614,012 is restricted for various departments in the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund. The remaining \$4,698,111 of fund balance is available for spending at the Town's discretion.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, fund balance of the General Fund was \$5,186,091, compared with a fund balance of \$5,348,404 at the end of 2019, the fund balance decreased by \$162,313.

**Proprietary Funds:** The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

The Sewerage Fund of the Town had an unrestricted net position deficit of \$304,106 as of December 31, 2020. This fund encompasses all assets associated with sewerage operations of the Town. This fund is self-supported from program revenues. Net investment in capital assets at the end of the current fiscal year totaled \$6,416,317.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

### **Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds (Continued)**

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Sewerage Fund had an operating loss of \$51,955. The Sewerage Fund's loss is primarily due to depreciation and amortization.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The major difference between the original General Fund budgeted revenues and the final amended budgeted was reductions in revenues funds from fines and forfeitures and sales tax, and an increase in intergovernmental revenue. The final budget more closely reflects anticipated revenues from these sources.

The major difference between the original General Fund budgeted revenues and the final amended budgeted was a decrease of \$465,763. Primary revenue sources reporting declines were sales tax \$137,445, fines and forfeitures \$406,410 and licenses and permits \$27,927.

### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

Capital Assets: the Town's net investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2020, amounts to \$14,871,509 (net of accumulated depreciation). This net investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, furnishings and equipment, streets and roads, drainage systems, park, swimming pool, and sewer treatment facilities. The net increase in the Town's net investment in capital assets (net of depreciation) for the current fiscal year was \$664,944.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Completed the Sewer Phase IV Project.
- Continued work on Sewer System Phase VI Project.
- Completed the Doucet St. Waterline Project.
- Assets purchases included a 2020 Chevy Tahoe and a Kubota Mower.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****Capital Assets  
(Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Land	\$ 100,528	\$ 100,528	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,528	\$ 100,528
Construction in progress	8,307	80,158	1,127,564	2,187,685	1,135,871	2,267,843
Buildings and improvements	1,832,339	1,898,823	342,527	354,139	2,174,866	2,252,962
Seawall	4,407,740	4,507,793	-	-	4,407,740	4,507,793
Swimming pool	187,490	207,138	-	-	187,490	207,138
Autos and trucks	62,393	52,016	-	-	62,393	52,016
Sidewalks, streets and drainage	1,047,718	1,047,112	-	-	1,047,718	1,047,112
Oakridge Park	697,437	737,090	-	-	697,437	737,090
Furniture, equipment and other	111,240	139,477	25,131	30,299	136,371	169,776
Sewer system	-	-	4,921,095	2,864,307	4,921,095	2,864,307
Totals	<u>\$ 8,455,192</u>	<u>\$ 8,770,135</u>	<u>\$ 6,416,317</u>	<u>\$ 5,436,430</u>	<u>\$ 14,871,509</u>	<u>\$ 14,206,565</u>

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in Note 8, Exhibit K of this report.

Non-current liabilities: At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town had total outstanding non-current liabilities of \$2,090,497 which represents compensated absences, other postemployment benefit obligations, net pension liability, and asset retirement obligations. The compensated absences, other postemployment benefit obligations, net pension liability, and asset retirement obligations will be serviced by general revenues of the Town, except those recognized in the enterprise funds, which will be serviced by fund revenues.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates**

Overall, the Town is anticipating General Fund expenditures to exceed revenues in 2021 by approximately \$12,000, including \$35,000 in capital expenditures to be expended on sidewalk construction.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Golden Meadow'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 Town Clerk, P. O. Box 307, Golden Meadow, LA 70357. General information relating to the Town can be found at the Town's website, [www.townofgoldenmeadow-la.gov](http://www.townofgoldenmeadow-la.gov).

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION****Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

December 31, 2020

	Primary Government		Totals
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,505,405	\$ 33,746	\$ 4,539,151
Investments	340,000	-	340,000
Receivables (net)	160,399	13,239	173,638
Due from other governments	78,493	390,547	469,040
Internal balances	477,510	(477,510)	-
Prepaid insurance	47,648	-	47,648
Capital assets:			
Non-depreciable	108,835	1,127,564	1,236,399
Depreciable, net	8,346,357	5,288,753	13,635,110
Total assets	14,064,647	6,376,339	20,440,986
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Other post employment benefits	102,637	3,110	105,747
Pensions	433,076	8,206	441,282
Asset retirement obligation	-	132,767	132,767
Total deferred outflows of resources	535,713	144,083	679,796
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	14,600,360	6,520,422	21,120,782
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	46,398	293	46,691
Contracts payable	-	214,819	214,819
Non-current liabilities:			
Due in more than one year	1,901,875	188,622	2,090,497
Total liabilities	1,948,273	403,734	2,352,007
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unavailable revenue - ad valorem taxes	203,286	-	203,286
Other post employment benefits	92,901	2,815	95,716
Pensions	79,131	1,662	80,793
Total deferred inflows of resources	375,318	4,477	379,795
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	2,323,591	408,211	2,731,802
<b>NET POSITION (DEFICIT)</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	8,455,192	6,416,317	14,871,509
Restricted for:			
Drainage and levees	84,407	-	84,407
Streets and highways	197,026	-	197,026
Capital projects	126,032	-	126,032
Unrestricted	3,414,112	(304,106)	3,110,006
Total net position	\$ 12,276,769	\$ 6,112,211	\$ 18,388,980

See notes to financial statements.



## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### Town of Golden Meadow Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
<b>Primary Government</b>				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 531,858	\$112,268	\$ 7,494	\$ 50,329
Public safety	809,635	398,523	27,566	-
Streets and highways	329,214	-	23,185	-
Drainage and levee	289,780	-	-	99,974
Culture and recreation	232,557	13,035	-	-
Sanitation	14,418	-	-	-
Interest on long-term obligations	87	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>2,207,549</u>	<u>523,826</u>	<u>58,245</u>	<u>150,303</u>
Business-type activities:				
Sewerage	<u>182,849</u>	<u>130,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>889,095</u>
Total primary government	<u><u>\$2,390,398</u></u>	<u><u>\$654,720</u></u>	<u><u>\$58,245</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,039,398</u></u>
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property				
Sales taxes				
Franchise taxes				
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				
Unrestricted investment earnings				
Miscellaneous				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net position				
Net position				
Beginning of year				
Ending of year				
See notes to financial statements.				

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$ (361,767)	\$ -	\$ (361,767)
(383,546)	-	(383,546)
(306,029)	-	(306,029)
(189,806)	-	(189,806)
(219,522)	-	(219,522)
(14,418)	-	(14,418)
(87)	-	(87)
(1,475,175)	-	(1,475,175)
-	837,140	837,140
(1,475,175)	837,140	(638,035)
190,686	-	190,686
630,829	-	630,829
73,336	-	73,336
8,768	-	8,768
31,362	37	31,399
20,410	-	20,410
955,391	37	955,428
(519,784)	837,177	317,393
12,796,553	5,275,034	18,071,587
\$12,276,769	\$6,112,211	\$18,388,980

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,405,151	\$ 100,254	\$ 4,505,405
Investments	340,000	-	340,000
Receivables (net, where applicable of allowances for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	141,370	-	141,370
Accounts	19,029	-	19,029
Due from other funds	451,732	25,778	477,510
Due from other governmental units	78,493	-	78,493
	<b>\$ 5,435,775</b>	<b>\$ 126,032</b>	<b>\$ 5,561,807</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenditures	\$ 46,398	\$ -	\$ 46,398
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Unavailable revenue - ad valorem taxes	203,286	-	203,286
	<b>249,684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>249,684</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Restricted:			
Levee maintenance	147,836	-	147,836
Drainage maintenance	87,812	-	87,812
Streets	252,332	-	252,332
Capital Projects	-	126,032	126,032
Unassigned	4,698,111	-	4,698,111
	<b>5,186,091</b>	<b>126,032</b>	<b>5,312,123</b>
	<b>\$ 5,435,775</b>	<b>\$ 126,032</b>	<b>\$ 5,561,807</b>

See notes to financial statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

December 31, 2020

<b>Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>		<b>\$ 5,312,123</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Governmental capital assets	\$ 14,359,928	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,904,736)</u>	8,455,192
Other assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Prepaid insurance		47,648
Deferred outflows of resources are not available to current expenditures and, therefore not reported in governmental funds.		
Other postemployment benefits	102,637	
Pensions	<u>433,076</u>	535,713
Non-current obligations are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Compensated absences	(4,359)	
Other postemployment benefits	(417,988)	
Net pension liability	<u>(1,479,528)</u>	(1,901,875)
Deferred inflows of resources are not recognized in the current period and, therefore not reported in governmental funds.		
Other postemployment benefits	(92,901)	
Pensions	<u>(79,131)</u>	<u>(172,032)</u>
<b>Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 12,276,769</u></u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 821,515	\$ -	\$ 821,515
Fines and forfeitures	404,935	-	404,935
Intergovernmental	114,149	99,974	214,123
Licenses and permits	87,059	-	87,059
Franchise fees	73,336	-	73,336
Charges for services	31,832	-	31,832
Investment income	31,362	-	31,362
Miscellaneous	23,604	-	23,604
	<u>1,587,792</u>	<u>99,974</u>	<u>1,687,766</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General government	481,002	-	481,002
Public safety	700,968	-	700,968
Streets and highways	273,908	-	273,908
Sanitation	12,112	-	12,112
Drainage and levee	137,710	-	137,710
Culture and recreation	150,921	-	150,921
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	12,217	-	12,217
Interest and fiscal charges	87	-	87
Capital outlay	76,367	-	76,367
	<u>1,845,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,845,292</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(257,500)	99,974	(157,526)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Operating transfers in	95,187	-	95,187
Operating transfers out	-	(95,187)	(95,187)
	<u>95,187</u>	<u>(95,187)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	(162,313)	4,787	(157,526)
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Beginning of year	5,348,404	121,245	5,469,649
End of year	<u>\$ 5,186,091</u>	<u>\$ 126,032</u>	<u>\$ 5,312,123</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**Town of Golden Meadow**

Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

<b>Net Change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds</b>		<b>\$(157,526)</b>
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</p>		
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.</p>		
Capital outlay	\$ 76,367	
Depreciation expense	<u>(391,310)</u>	(314,943)
<p>Some expenditures are reported in the governmental funds which do not effect net position.</p>		
Increase in prepaid insurance		7,174
<p>The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however has any effect on net assets.</p>		
Principal payments on capital leases	12,217	
Decrease in the liability for other postemployment benefits	86,042	
Increase in net pension liability	(290,402)	
Decrease in the liability for compensated absences	<u>(1,641)</u>	(193,784)
<p>Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits and pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore are not reported in the funds.</p>		
Decrease in deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits	(762)	
Increase in deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	184,595	
Increase in deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits	(72,621)	
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>28,083</u>	<u>139,295</u>
<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>		<b><u><u>\$(519,784)</u></u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 191,225	\$ 191,104	\$ 190,686	\$ (418)
Sales	695,000	557,555	630,829	73,274
Fines and forfeitures	798,010	391,600	404,935	13,335
Intergovernmental:				
Federal Government:				
Federal Emergency Management Agency	-	177,383	21,367	(156,016)
State of Louisiana:				
Video poker	6,000	3,000	1,946	(1,054)
Beer taxes	2,400	2,062	3,172	1,110
Appropriations from State	35,000	39,699	28,962	(10,737)
State supplemental pay	30,000	26,383	27,566	1,183
Parish Transportation Fund	21,500	24,173	19,685	(4,488)
Maintenance agreement	7,000	7,000	3,500	(3,500)
Lafourche Parish Council:				
Off track betting	1,000	441	457	16
Lafourche Housing Authority	8,000	7,494	7,494	-
Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 1	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
Licenses and permits - occupational licenses	115,000	87,073	87,059	(14)
Franchise fees	74,900	74,195	73,336	(859)
Charges for services	64,400	34,176	31,832	(2,344)
Investment income	63,250	31,122	31,362	240
Miscellaneous:				
Donations	1,750	1,000	1,000	-
Mineral royalties	7,500	4,680	3,193	(1,487)
Other	14,000	10,032	19,411	9,379
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2,140,935</b>	<b>1,675,172</b>	<b>1,587,792</b>	<b>(87,380)</b>

**Exhibit G  
(Continued)**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General government	401,511	469,525	481,002	(11,477)
Public safety	755,386	785,185	700,968	84,217
Streets and highways	277,340	267,802	273,908	(6,106)
Sanitation	17,618	12,415	12,112	303
Drainage and levee	158,395	129,240	137,710	(8,470)
Culture and recreation	178,194	147,514	150,921	(3,407)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	13,283	13,283	12,217	1,066
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	87	(87)
Capital outlay	128,755	93,683	76,367	17,316
Total expenditures	<u>1,930,482</u>	<u>1,918,647</u>	<u>1,845,292</u>	<u>73,355</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	210,453	(243,475)	(257,500)	(14,025)
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>				
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,129)</u>	<u>95,187</u>	<u>106,316</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 210,453</u>	<u>\$(254,604)</u>	<u>\$(162,313)</u>	<u>\$ 92,291</u>

See notes to financial statements.



**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

December 31, 2020

	<u>Sewerage Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
<b>Current</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 33,746
Receivables:	
Accounts (net, allowances for uncollectibles)	13,239
Due from other governmental units	<u>390,547</u>
Total current assets	<u>437,532</u>
<b>Capital Assets</b>	
Non-depreciable	1,127,564
Depreciable, net	<u>5,288,753</u>
Total capital assets	<u>6,416,317</u>
Total assets	<u>6,853,849</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Other post employment benefits	3,110
Pensions	8,206
Asset retirement obligation	<u>132,767</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>144,083</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>6,997,932</u>

**Exhibit H  
(Continued)**

Sewerage  
Fund

**LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

**Current**

Payable from current assets:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	293
Contracts payable	214,819
Due to other funds	477,510
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Total current liabilities	692,622

**Non-current**

Other post employment benefits	12,666
Net pension liability	38,956
Asset retirement obligation	137,000
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Total non-current liabilities	188,622

Total liabilities	881,244
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**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Other post employment benefits	2,815
Pensions	1,662
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Total deferred inflows of resources	4,477

Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	885,721
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**NET POSITION (DEFICIT)**

Net investment in capital assets	6,416,317
Unrestricted	(304,106)
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Total net position	<u>\$ 6,112,211</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	Sewerage Fund
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	
Sales and service charges	\$ 130,894
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Salaries	25,381
Payroll taxes	1,942
Retirement	(31,710)
Hospitalization insurance	(10,183)
Utilities and telephone	18,256
Repairs and maintenance	34,395
Truck	2,711
Legal and auditing	10,000
Other insurance	5,462
Travel	250
Depreciation and amortization	126,182
Miscellaneous	163
Total operating expenses	182,849
Operating loss	(51,955)
<b>Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	
Investment income	37
Intergovernmental grants	889,095
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	889,132
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	837,177
<b>Net Position</b>	
Beginning of year	5,275,034
End of year	\$ 6,112,211

See notes to financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Sewerage Fund</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 128,570
Cash payments to suppliers	(77,398)
Cash payments to employees for services and benefits	<u>(32,262)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>18,910</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities</b>	
Interfund lending	<u>37,019</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Financing Activities</b>	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(945,046)
Proceeds from intergovernmental capital grants	<u>903,038</u>
Net cash provided by capital and financing activities	<u>(42,008)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Investment income	<u>37</u>
<b>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	13,958
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	
Beginning of year	<u>19,788</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 33,746</u></u>

**Exhibit J  
(Continued)**

Sewerage  
Fund

**Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash  
provided by operating activities:**

Operating loss	<u>\$ (51,955)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	126,182
Other postemployment benefits	(17,678)
Pensions	(33,387)
(Increase) decrease in assets:	
Receivables	(2,325)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>(1,927)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>70,865</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u><u>\$ 18,910</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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### Town of Golden Meadow Louisiana

December 31, 2020

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

December 31, 2020

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Town of Golden Meadow complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this Note.

**a. Financial Reporting Entity**

The Town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana was incorporated July 17, 1950, under the provisions of Act 136 (Lawrason Act) of 1898, State of Louisiana. The Town operates under a Mayor-Town Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety, streets and highways, drainage, levee maintenance, sanitation, culture-recreation, sewerage, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

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

GASB Statement No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*," GASB Statement No. 39, "*Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*", and GASB Statement No. 61, "*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus and amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*" established the criterion for determining which component units should be considered part of the Town for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria are as follows:

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**a. Financial Reporting Entity (Continued)**

1. Legal status of the potential component unit including the right to incur its own debt, levy its own taxes and charges, expropriate property in its own name, sue and be sued and the right to buy, sell and lease property in its own name.
2. Whether the governing authority appoints a majority of the board members of the potential component unit.
3. Fiscal interdependency between the Town and the potential component unit.
4. Imposition of will by the Town on the potential component unit.
5. Financial benefit/burden relationship between the Town and the potential component unit.

Based on the previous criteria, the Town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana determined it has no component units.

**b. Basis of Presentation**

The Town's financial statements consist of the government-wide statements on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and the fund financial statements (individual major funds).

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities for the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The government-wide presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period.

Governmental Activities represent programs, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

Business-Type Activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services.



Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

b. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

**Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)**

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Indirect costs are not allocated by function for financial reporting in this statement; however, certain indirect costs have been directly allocated as administrative fees to grants and programs.

Program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. This includes internally dedicated resources such as a restricted property tax.

**Fund Financial Statements**

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

The daily accounts and operations of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, equity, revenues, expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds of the primary government are grouped, into generic fund types and two broad fund categories as follows:

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental activities presented as governmental funds in the fund financial statements:

**General Fund** - the General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for and reported in other funds. The General Fund is always a major fund.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

b. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

**Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Capital Projects Fund** - accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds). The Capital Projects Fund is reported as a major fund.

**Proprietary Funds**

Enterprise funds - are used to account for operations: (a) that are financed and operated similarly to private business enterprises, 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 periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes. The enterprise fund is presented in the business-type activities column in government-wide financial statements and the major funds section of the basic financial statements, the enterprise fund reported as a major fund in the fund financial statements is as follows:

**Sewerage Fund** - to account for and report sewer services to residents within the Sewer Service District of the Town. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for and reported in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing, and related debt service. Billing and collection activities are contracted with the Lafourche Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

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

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**c. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus**

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied.

**Fund Financial Statements**

All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (revenues and other financing resources) and decreases (expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. Governmental funds are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Governmental fund revenues resulting from exchange transactions are recognized in the fiscal year in which the exchange takes place and meets the government's availability criteria (susceptible to accrual). Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For this purpose the Town considers revenue to be available if collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Charges for services and fines and forfeitures are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the Town because they are generally not measurable or available until actually received.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town receives value without directly giving value in return, include sales tax, property tax, grants and donations. Ad valorem taxes are recognized as revenue of the period for which levied. The current year property taxes are being levied to finance the subsequent year's budgeted expenditures by Town ordinance and legally are not available for funding current year expenditures, accordingly property taxes levied in 2020 shall be recognized as revenue in 2021. The 2020 tax levy is recorded as the deferred inflows of resources in the Town's 2020 fund financial statements. Sales and use taxes are considered "measurable" when the underlying transaction occurs and meets the availability criteria. Anticipated refunds of such taxes are recorded as fund liabilities and reductions of revenue when they are

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**c. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus (Continued)**

**Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

measurable and valid. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include purpose and timing requirements, which specify the use and period when the resources can be used.

Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for the following: (1) principal and interest on long-term debt are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments, compensated absences, other postemployment benefits and net pension expense are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund type when paid with expendable financial resources. Allocations of cost such as depreciation and amortization are not recognized in the governmental funds.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. Proprietary funds are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting wherein revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable, and expenses are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable. Revenues resulting from transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

**d. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity**

**Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in regular and money market accounts.

Investment policies are governed by state statutes and bond covenants. Additional details on authorized investments of the Town are disclosed in Note 4.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include the investment in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), certificates of deposit and other securities with maturities of three months or less from date purchased.

Investments are stated at fair value as established by the open market, except for the LAMP investment, which is a local government 2a7-like pool administered by a non-profit corporation organized under State of Louisiana law, which is permitted to be carried at amortized cost.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**d. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

**Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (Continued)**

Securities traded in a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. There are no investments without an established market. Unrealized gains and losses on investments recorded at fair value are included in investment income.

**Accounts Receivable**

All tax and trade receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectables. The allowance for uncollectable is based on aging and specific identification. As of December 31, 2020, management considered all receivables to be fully collectible.

**Interfund Transactions**

In the financial statements, interfund activity is reported as either loans or transfers. Loans between funds are reported as interfund receivables (due from) and payables (due to) as appropriate. Transfers represent a permanent reallocation of resources between funds. In other words, they are not expected to be repaid. For reporting purposes, all interfund transactions between individual governmental funds have been eliminated in the government-wide financial statements. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, equipment and infrastructure assets (streets, roads, bridges, canals and sewer and drainage systems) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year and initial, individual cost of more than \$500. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. Capital assets with an estimated cost amounted to \$253,576 or 1.77% of the cost of capital assets used in governmental activities.

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

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**d. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

**Capital Assets (Continued)**

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects at completion of construction. At this point the project costs are moved out of construction-in-progress and capitalized. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business activities is expensed as incurred. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town did not incur interest expense on capital construction projects in the business activities.

Capital assets of the Town are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Type of Capital Assets	No. of Years
Buildings and improvements	10 - 40
Seawall	50
Christmas fixtures	10
Protection levee	25 - 40
Swimming pool and related equipment	5 - 40
Autos and trucks	5 - 7
Sidewalks, streets and drainage	7 - 40
Oakridge Park	15 - 40
Office furniture and fixtures	5 - 7
Departmental equipment	5 - 15

All infrastructure assets purchased by the Town since 1984 are recorded as capital assets and depreciated accordingly. All donated infrastructure accepted into the Town's maintenance program since 1984 has been capitalized and depreciated in accordance with the above capitalization policy.

In accordance with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality regulations the Town is legally required to dispose of its North and South Sewerage Treatment Plants. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 83-*Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, which required the Town to record estimated future asset retirement obligations at fair value. GASB Statement No. 83 requires the Town to record the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred with a corresponding increase in deferred outflows of resources. Subsequent to initial measurement, the asset retirement obligation is required to be measured each period to its fair value. Deferred outflows of resources are amortized using the straight line method over 34 years for

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**d. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

**Capital Assets (Continued)**

the North Sewer Treatment Plant and 29 years for the South Sewer Treatment Plant (the average remaining asset useful life at implementation of GASB Statement No. 83). Deferred outflows of resources for newly acquired assets are amortized over the asset's estimated useful life at acquisition. The Town's asset retirement obligation consists of the costs related to the removal of facilities and equipment and site restoration at the North Sewer Treatment Plant, \$94,500 and the South Sewer Treatment Plant, \$42,500. Payments of the asset retirement obligations are to be made using the unrestricted assets of the Sewerage Fund. As of December 31, 2020 no assets were restricted for payment of the liability.

**Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets and liabilities, the Statement of Net Position reports separate financial statement elements for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. The Town's deferred outflows of resources relate to asset retirement obligation, other postemployment benefits and pensions. Deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The Town has three items that qualify for reporting as deferred inflows of resources: property taxes, other postemployment benefits and pensions.

**Non-Current Liabilities**

Non-current liabilities consist of asset retirement obligation, compensated absences, other postemployment benefits and net pension liability.

The accounting treatment of non-current liabilities depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and in the proprietary fund types' financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**d. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

**Compensated Absences**

GASB Statement No. 16, "*Accounting for Compensated Absences*", requires governments to accrue compensated absences only to the extent it is probable that the employer will compensate employees for benefits through cash payments conditioned on the employees' termination or retirement.

In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund type statements, the total compensated absences liability for earned and unused annual leave and earned compensatory time is recorded as an expense, allocated on a functional basis, and a long-term obligation. In accordance with GASB Interpretation No. 6, "*Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures*" in Governmental Fund Financial Statements, no compensated absence liabilities are recorded as of December 31, 2020 in the governmental fund-type fund financial statements.

Employees with one year or more of service earn a total of five to ten days annual leave and ten days sick leave per year. Employees may not carry over or accumulate annual leave. Any sick leave not used during any calendar year can be carried over and accumulated without limit. Any sick leave accumulated at the time of termination of employment by the Town shall not be paid. The Town can award compensation time for participation in events outside of normal work duties, which can be used as sick leave or annual leave days and is payable upon termination of employment with the Town.

**Other Postemployment Benefits**

GASB Statement No. 75, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*" requires governments to accrue postemployment benefits to the extent it is probable the employer will provide benefits conditioned on the employees' retirement. The Town has recorded liabilities for postemployment health care benefits as of December 31, 2020.

In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund type fund statements, the other postemployment benefits liability is recorded as long-term obligations and allocated to expenses on a functional basis.



**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**d. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

**Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)**

In the governmental fund type fund financial statements other postemployment benefit expenditures are recognized in the amount contributed to the plan or expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Expendable available financial resources generally refer to other postemployment benefit payments due and payable as of the end of the year.

**Pensions**

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

**Equity**

**Government-Wide Statements**

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a) Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- b) Restricted net position - consists of assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflow of resources (net position) with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or other enabling legislation.
- c) Unrestricted net position - all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**d. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

**Government-Wide Statements (Continued)**

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. The Town's restricted net position results from the assessment and collection of dedicated ad valorem taxes.

**Fund Financial Statements**

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

- a) Non-spendable - amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to maintain intact.
- b) Restricted - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c) Committed - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town Council. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Town Council.
- d) Assigned - amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as either restricted or committed but are intended to be used for specific purposes. Amounts may be assigned by a majority vote of the Town Council or by the Town Clerk under the authorization of the Mayor.
- e) Unassigned - all other spendable amounts.

For the classification of governmental fund balances, the Town considers an expenditure to be made from the most restrictive first when more than one classification is available. The Town's fund balance was classified as restricted and unassigned as of December 31, 2020.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

**e. Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions. Those estimates affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. They may also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses of proprietary funds and the government-wide financial statements during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**f. New GASB Statements**

During the year ending December 31, 2020, the Town implemented the following GASB Statements:

Statement No. 83, "*Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*" addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the guidance in this Statement. This Statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for asset retirement obligations. The requirements of this Statement have been implemented prospectively.

Statement No. 84, "*Fiduciary Activities*" improves guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity; and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. An activity meeting the criteria should be reported in a fiduciary fund in the basic financial statements. This Statement also provides for recognition of a liability to the beneficiaries in a fiduciary fund when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. This Statement did not affect the Town's financial statements.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

f. New GASB Statements (Continued)

Statement No. 88, "*Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*" improves the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. The Statement clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. For notes to financial statements related to debt, this Statement also requires that existing and additional information be provided for direct borrowings and direct placements of debt separately from other debt. This Statement did not affect the Town's financial statements.

Statement No. 90, "*Majority Equity Interest*" improves the consistency and comparability of reporting government's majority equity interest in legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method. This Statement establishes that ownership of a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization results in the government being financially accountable for the legally separate organization and, therefore, the government should report that organization as component unit. This Statement did not affect the Town's financial statements.

Statement No. 95, "*Postponement for the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*" provides temporary relief to governments and other stockholders in light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. That objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain Statements and Implementation Guides to those dates reported below.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

f. New GASB Statements (Continued)

The GASB has issued the following Statements which will become effective in future years as follows:

Statement No. 87, "*Leases*" increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the Town's financial statements.

Statement No. 91, "*Conduit Debt Obligations*" provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 92, "*Omnibus 2020*" establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for specific issues related to leases, intra-entity transfers, postemployment benefits, government acquisitions and financing, insurance related activities of public risk pools, fair value measurements and derivative instruments. The requirements of this Statement apply to all financial statements of all state and local governments at date varying upon issuance to fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

f. New GASB Statements (Continued)

Statement No. 93, "*Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*" provides for those governments that have entered into agreements in which variable payments made or received depend on an interbank offered rate (IBOR) most notably, the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). As a result of global reference rate reform, LIBOR is expected to cease to exist in its current form at the end of 2021, prompting governments to amend or replace financial instruments for the purpose of replacing LIBOR with other reference rates. This Statement will preserve the consistency and comparability of reporting hedging derivative instruments and leases after governments amend or replace agreements to replace an IBOR. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Management has not as yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 94, "*Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*" improves financial reporting by addressing issues related to public - private and public - public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in the statement a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange like transaction. This Statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APAs). As defined in this Statement, an APA is an arrangement in which a government compensates an operator for services that may include designing, constructing, financing, maintaining or operating an underlying nonfinancial asset for a period of time in an exchange or exchange like transaction. The requirements of this Statement are effective for years beginning after June 15, 2022. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

Statement No. 96, "*Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements*" provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines an SBITA; (2) establishes that an SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of an SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding an SBITA. The requirements of this Statement are effective for the years beginning after June 15, 2022. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

**Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**f. New GASB Statements (Continued)**

Statement No. 97, "*Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting/or Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a Supersession of GASB Statement No. 32*" provides objectives to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans ( other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. The requirements of this Statement are effective for the years beginning after June 15, 2021. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

**Note 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budgetary Information**

The annual budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end. The Capital Projects Fund presents budgets by project as opposed to annual budgets and are therefore not reported in the accompanying financial report. The Town Council approves each project budget and maintains effective controls of costs.

The Town does not employ encumbrance accounting; under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation.

**Note 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)**

**Budgetary Information (Continued)**

The Town adheres to the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a) Not later than December 16<sup>th</sup>, a proposed operating budget for the year commencing the following January 1<sup>st</sup> shall be submitted to the Town Council. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b) The Town Council conducts public hearings to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c) All actions necessary to adopt and otherwise finalize and implement the budget for an ensuing year are taken prior to the end of the year in progress.
- d) The level of budgetary control is at the fund, department or project level and any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one fund, department or project to another or any amendment for amounts exceeding any current expenditure amount budgeted must be approved by the Town Council.
- e) All budgeted amounts, which are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year end.
- f) Budgets for all governmental fund types are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP, except for cash transfers. Cash transfers between bank accounts are charged to other financing sources and (uses).
- g) The budget was amended once during the year.

**Note 3 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Town. Assessed values are established by the Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana Law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed for the list of January 1, 2020. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. The assessed value, upon which the 2020 levy was based, was \$9,611,730.



**Note 3 - PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)**

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution (Article 7 Section 18) provided that land and improvements for residential purposes be assessed at 10% of fair market value; other property and electric cooperative properties, excluding land, are to be assessed at 15%; and public service properties, excluding land, are to be assessed at 25% of fair market value. Fair market value is determined by the elected assessor of the parish on all property subject to taxation except public service properties, which are valued by the Louisiana Tax Commission (LRS 47:1957). The correctness of assessments by the assessor is subject to the review and certification by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The Town has levied property taxes for maintenance of levees, drainage and streets and for general corporate purposes. The various tax rates for the year ended December 31, 2020 were as follows:

Description	Tax Rate Per \$1,000
Levee maintenance	\$5.09
Drainage maintenance	\$5.09
Street maintenance	\$5.00
General	\$5.97

As indicated in Note 1c, property taxes are recorded as revenue by the Town in the year the taxes finance budgeted expenditures. Property taxes, which are paid under protest, are recorded as revenue in the year the taxes are settled.

**Note 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States or other federally insured investments, certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the State of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations.

**Bank Deposits**

State law requires deposits (cash and certificates of deposits) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana, and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision, or with an unaffiliated bank, or with a trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

**Note 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Bank Deposits (Continued)**

The year end balances of deposits are as follows:

	Bank Balance	Reported Amount
Cash	\$ 1,783,627	\$ 1,843,583
Certificates of deposit	340,000	340,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,123,627</b>	<b>\$ 2,183,583</b>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town has a written policy for custodial credit risk, which reflects state law. As of December 31, 2020, \$1,469,045 of the Town's bank balance of \$2,123,627 was exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits were uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent, and are deemed to be held in the Town's name by state statutes.

As of December 31, 2020, cash was adequately collateralized in accordance with state law by securities held by unaffiliated banks for the account of the Town. The GASB, which promulgates the standards for accounting and financial reporting for state and local governments, considers these securities subject to custodial credit risk. Even though the deposits are considered subject to custodial credit risk under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

**Investments**

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities; guaranteed investment contracts and investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations; repurchase agreements; and LAMP.

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from interest rates, the Town's investment policy emphasizes maintaining liquidity to match specific cash flows.

Note 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

**Investments (Continued)**

Credit risk is defined as the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Town's investment policy requires the application of the prudent-investor rule. The policy states, *investments shall be made with the judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affair, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. Primary emphasis shall be placed upon the safety of principal secondly to maintain liquidity to meet operating requirements and finally to obtain the most favorable rate of return.*

The Town's investment policy limits investments to those discussed earlier in this note. LAMP has a Standard & Poor's Rating of AAAM.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investments in external investment pools are not exposed to custodial credit risk because of their natural diversification and the diversification required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

LAMP, a local government investment pool, is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. While LAMP is not required to be a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, its investment policies are similar to those established by Rule 2a7, which governs registered money market funds. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government or one of its agencies, enterprises or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The fair value of investments is determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized cost and fair value. For purposes of determining participants' shares, investments are valued at amortized cost. The fair value of participant's position is the same as the value of the pool shares. Because LAMP as of December 31, 2020, had a weighted average maturity of 51 days, it was presented as investment with a maturity of

**Note 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Investments (Continued)**

less than one year. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. Investments in LAMP as of December 31, 2020 amounted to \$2,694,757 and are reported as cash equivalents.

**Reconciliation**

A reconciliation of deposits and investments as shown on the Statement of Net Position is as follows:

Cash on hand	\$ 811
Reported amount of cash deposits	1,843,583
Reported amount of investments - certificates of deposit	340,000
Reported amount of investments - LAMP	<u>2,694,757</u>
Total	<u>\$4,879,151</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,539,151
Investments	<u>340,000</u>
Total	<u>\$4,879,151</u>

**Note 5 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables and the applicable allowances for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2020 were as follows:

	Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Receivables
Governmental activities:			
General Fund:			
Sales taxes	\$ 65,513	\$ -	\$ 65,513
Property taxes	75,857	-	75,857
Franchise fees	18,710	-	18,710
Other	<u>319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>319</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 160,399</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 160,399</u>
Business-type activities:			
Sewerage Fund:			
Accounts	<u>\$ 13,239</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,239</u>

**Note 5 - RECEIVABLES (Continued)**

An allowance based upon past experience has been established for customers' sewerage fees. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and other receivables are recognized as reductions to revenue at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectability of the particular receivable.

**Note 6 - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

Amounts due from other governmental units as of December 31, 2020 consisted of the following:

	Federal	State	Lafourche Parish School Board	Lafourche Parish Government	Totals
Governmental activities:					
General Fund	\$ -	\$9,989	\$ 63,731	\$4,773	\$ 78,493
Business-type activities:					
Sewerage Fund	\$ 390,547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 390,547

**Note 7 - RECONCILIATION OF DUE FROM (TO) OTHER FUNDS**

A reconciliation of due from (to) other funds as of December 31, 2020 is as follows:

	Due From	Due To
General Fund:		
Sewerage Fund	\$ 356,545	\$ -
Capital Projects Fund	120,965	-
Capital Projects Fund:		
General Fund	-	-
Sewerage Fund:		
General Fund	-	477,510
Totals	\$ 477,510	\$ 477,510

**Note 8 - CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance January 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2020
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 100,528	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,528
Construction in progress	80,158	21,406	(93,257)	8,307
Total capital assets not being depreciated	180,686	21,406	(93,257)	108,835
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	2,462,808	-	-	2,462,808
Seawall	5,002,635	-	-	5,002,635
Christmas fixtures	16,904	-	-	16,904
Protection levee	164,195	-	-	164,195
Swimming pool	531,676	-	-	531,676
Autos and trucks	266,534	41,678	(31,731)	276,481
Sidewalks, streets and drainage	3,625,540	93,257	-	3,718,797
Oakridge Park	1,486,781	13,283	-	1,500,064
Office furniture and fixtures	86,826	-	-	86,826
Equipment:				
Street department	337,773	-	-	337,773
Sanitation department	11,400	-	-	11,400
Police department	141,534	-	-	141,534
Total capital assets being depreciated	14,134,606	148,218	(31,731)	14,251,093
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(563,985)	(66,484)	-	(630,469)
Seawall	(494,842)	(100,053)	-	(594,895)
Christmas fixtures	(16,904)	-	-	(16,904)
Protection levee	(164,195)	-	-	(164,195)
Swimming pool	(324,538)	(19,648)	-	(344,186)
Autos and trucks	(214,518)	(31,301)	31,731	(214,088)
Sidewalks, streets and drainage	(2,578,428)	(92,651)	-	(2,671,079)
Oakridge Park	(749,691)	(52,936)	-	(802,627)
Office furniture and fixtures	(83,110)	(2,087)	-	(85,197)
Equipment:				
Street department	(217,879)	(18,693)	-	(236,572)
Sanitation department	(11,400)	-	-	(11,400)
Police department	(125,667)	(7,457)	-	(133,124)
Total accumulated depreciation	(5,545,157)	(391,310)	31,731	(5,904,736)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	8,589,449	(243,092)	-	8,346,357
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 8,770,135	\$ (221,686)	\$ (93,257)	\$ 8,455,192

**Note 8 - CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

	Balance January 1, 2020	Addition	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2020
Business type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	<u>\$ 2,187,685</u>	<u>\$ 1,101,838</u>	<u>\$ (2,161,959)</u>	<u>\$ 1,127,564</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Sewer system phase I	862,391	-	-	862,391
Sewer system phase II	1,083,020	-	-	1,083,020
Sewer system phase III	984,834	-	-	984,834
Sewer system phase IV	-	2,161,959	-	2,161,959
Sewer system phase V	1,021,041	-	-	1,021,041
Buildings - sewer system	464,442	-	-	464,442
Furniture and fixtures	4,846	-	-	4,846
Equipment and machinery	<u>56,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,006</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>4,476,580</u>	<u>2,161,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,638,539</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Sewer system phase I	(476,952)	(16,496)	-	(493,448)
Sewer system phase II	(475,154)	(19,731)	-	(494,885)
Sewer system phase III	(124,663)	(19,697)	-	(144,360)
Sewer system phase IV	-	(28,826)	-	(28,826)
Sewer system phase V	(10,210)	(20,421)	-	(30,631)
Buildings-sewer system	(110,303)	(11,612)	-	(121,915)
Furniture and fixtures	(4,846)	-	-	(4,846)
Equipment and machinery	<u>(25,707)</u>	<u>(5,168)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,875)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,227,835)</u>	<u>(121,951)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,349,786)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>3,248,745</u>	<u>2,040,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,288,753</u>
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,436,430</u>	<u>\$ 3,141,846</u>	<u>\$ (2,161,959)</u>	<u>\$ 6,416,317</u>

As of December 31, 2020, construction in progress in governmental activities consisted of the cost of the concrete parking area and sidewalks at a playground. Construction in progress of business activities as of December 31, 2020 consisted primarily of planning, design, engineering, right of ways, and contractor services for the Town's Sewer System Phase VI project.

**Note 8 - CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

The Town has active construction projects as of December 31, 2020. At year end the Town's commitments with contractors are as follows:

Project	Spent to Date	Remaining Commitment
Governmental type activities:		
Concrete parking area and sidewalk at Oakridge Park	\$ 8,307	\$ 16,614
Business type activities:		
Sewer Phase VI	\$895,591	\$264,709

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the Town as follows:

Governmental activities:		
General government		\$ 47,846
Public safety		50,189
Culture and recreation		82,662
Streets and highways		55,375
Drainage and levee		152,335
Sanitation		2,903
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities		\$ 391,310
Business type activities:		
Sewerage		\$ 121,951



**Note 9 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and other current liabilities of December 31, 2020 consisted of the following:

	<u>Vendors</u>	<u>Payroll and Related Costs</u>	<u>Court Bonds Posted</u>	<u>Liability for Work Completed on Contracts</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Governmental activities:					
General Fund	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ 26,458</u>	<u>\$ 19,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 46,398</u>
Business-type activities:					
Sewerage Fund	<u>\$ 58</u>	<u>\$ 235</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 214,819</u>	<u>\$ 215,112</u>

**Note 10 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**

The Town is in a lease agreement for financing the acquisition of a tractor. The lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of inception. The asset acquired through the capital lease has an aggregate cost of \$115,881 and accumulated depreciation of \$43,133 as of December 31, 2020. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town made lease payments of \$12,217 including \$87 of interest. As of December 31, 2020, there is no capital lease outstanding.

The following is a summary of the non-current liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	<u>Payable January 1, 2020</u>	<u>Obligations Retired</u>	<u>New Issues</u>	<u>Payable December 31, 2020</u>
Governmental activities:				
Lease obligations	\$ 12,217	\$ 12,217	\$ -	\$ -
Compensated absences payable	2,718	-	1,641	4,359
Net pension liability	1,189,126	-	290,402	1,479,528
Other postemployment benefits	<u>504,030</u>	<u>86,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,988</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$1,708,091</u>	<u>\$ 98,259</u>	<u>\$292,043</u>	<u>\$1,901,875</u>
Business-type activities:				
Net pension liability	\$ 76,525	\$ 37,569	\$ -	\$ 38,956
Other postemployment benefits	33,928	21,262	-	12,666
Asset retirement obligation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,000</u>	<u>137,000</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 110,453</u>	<u>\$ 58,831</u>	<u>\$137,000</u>	<u>\$ 188,622</u>

**Note 11 - RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING TRANSFERS**

A reconciliation of operating transfers for the year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund:		
Capital Projects Fund	\$95,187	\$ -
Capital Projects Fund:		
General Fund	-	95,187
	\$95,187	\$95,187

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute, budget or bond indentures requires collecting to the fund that statute, budget or bond indentures requires to expend them, and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorization.

**Note 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to workers compensation; torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and group health benefits for which the Town carries commercial insurance. The Town is covered under a general liability contract for claims. Any claims in excess of \$500,000 are to be paid by the Town. A suit is pending against the Town, its insurers and others. The Town has not provided for estimated losses from the aforementioned pending suit in its financial statements because the Town believes the ultimate settlement costs will not materially exceed the amounts provided by commercial insurance.

**Note 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS**

**Plan Description**

The Town provides certain continuing health care for its retired employees. The Town's OPEB Plan (the "Plan") is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Town. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Town. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions-Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria-Defined Benefit*.

**Note 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (Continued)**

**Plan Description (Continued)**

Medical benefits are provided through a comprehensive medical plan and are made available upon actual retirement. The employees are covered by a retirement system and eligibility requirement to receive retiree medical benefits is age 60 and 10 years of service; or, any age and 25 years of service.

Life insurance is not provided by the Plan.

**Employees Covered by Benefit Terms**

Inactive employees currently receiving benefit payments	2
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>15</u>
Total	<u><u>17</u></u>

The Town's total OPEB liability of \$430,654 (\$417,988 governmental activities and \$12,666 business activities) was measured as of December 31, 2020 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs**

The total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2020 was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Measurement date	December 31, 2020
Actuarial valuation date	January 1, 2020
Inflation	2.00%
Salary increases, including inflation	3.00%
Discount rate	2.12%
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% until 2030 then 4.50%

**Note 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Continued)**

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index as of September 30, 2020.

Mortality rates were based on the SOA RP-2014 Combined Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2020 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020.

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Activities</u>	
		<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2019,	<u>\$ 537,958</u>	<u>\$ 504,030</u>	<u>\$ 33,928</u>
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	(16,440)	2,150	(18,590)
Interest	14,050	13,637	413
Difference between expected and actual experience	(95,985)	(93,162)	(2,823)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	11,551	11,211	340
Benefit payments	<u>(20,480)</u>	<u>(19,878)</u>	<u>(602)</u>
Net changes	<u>(107,304)</u>	<u>(86,042)</u>	<u>(21,262)</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 430,654</u>	<u>\$ 417,988</u>	<u>\$ 12,666</u>

**Sensitivity to the total OPEB Liability to Change in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or higher than the current discount rate.

	<u>1.00% Decrease (1.12%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (2.12%)</u>	<u>1.00% Increase (3.12%)</u>
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 478,070</u>	<u>\$ 430,654</u>	<u>\$ 391,315</u>

**Note 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (Continued)**

**Sensitivity to the total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Cost Trend Rates**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower or higher than healthcare cost trend rates.

	<u>1.00% Decrease (4.50%)</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate (5.50%)</u>	<u>1.00% Increase (6.50%)</u>
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 391,018</u>	<u>\$ 430,654</u>	<u>\$ 478,745</u>

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town recognized OPEB credit of \$11,734. As of December 31, 2020, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 48,964	\$ (76,788)
Change in assumptions	<u>56,783</u>	<u>(18,928)</u>
Totals	<u>\$105,747</u>	<u>\$ (95,716)</u>

**Note 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (Continued)**

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	
2021	\$(11,346)
2022	(11,346)
2023	(11,346)
2024	(11,346)
2025	5,541
Thereafter	<u>49,874</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,031</u>

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS**

Employees of the Town, with the exception of the policemen, are members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. Full-time policemen, not participating in the Federal Social Security System, are members of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

**a) Municipal Employees' Retirement System**

**Plan Description.** The Town contributes to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana - Plan A (MERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by a Board of Trustees. MERS was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana. MERS provides benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns and cities within the State which do not have their own retirement system and which elect to become members of MERS. Effective June 30, 1970, the State Legislature provided an optional method for municipalities to cancel Social Security and come under the supplementary benefits in the MERS "Supplementary Plan". Effective, October 1, 1978, the "Regular" and "Supplementary" Plans were replaced and are now known as Plans "A" and "B". Plan A combines the original and supplementary plan for those municipalities participating in both plans, while Plan B participates in only the original plan. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)

a) Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

**Membership.** Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed for permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week.

**Benefits Provided.** MERS provides retirement, deferred retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are generally equal to 3.0% of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by the years of creditable service. Members hired before January 1, 2013 can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria: any age with 25 years of creditable service, age 60 with a minimum of ten years of creditable service, any age with five years of creditable service eligible for disability benefits, or survivor's benefits at the death of member. Also a member may receive actuarially reduced benefits at any age with 20 years of creditable service. Members hired on or after January 1, 2013 may retire providing the member meets one of the following: age 67 with seven or more years of creditable service, age 62 with ten or more years of creditable service, age 55 with 30 or more years of creditable service. A member may receive an actuarially reduced benefit at any age with 25 years of creditable service. Members with ten or more years of service who become disabled may receive retirement benefits determined in the same manner as retirement benefits. Death benefits are payable to eligible surviving dependents based on the deceased member's compensation and the dependent's relationship to the deceased member. The State Legislature authorized MERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP their status changes from active to retired even though they continue to work, draw their salary and defer the receipt of benefits for up to three years. During participation in DROP, employer contributions are paid into the DROP fund but employee contributions cease. The election to participate in DROP is irrevocable once participation begins. The monthly retirement benefits are paid in an interest earning DROP account. Upon termination of employment or the end of the specified period a member may elect a lump sum equal to his payments into the DROP account, an annuity equal to the balance in his DROP account or any method approved by the Board of Trustees. MERS provides permanent benefit increases, cost of living adjustments (COLA) as approved by the State Legislature.

**Contributions.** According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. The actual employer contribution rate is determined July 1<sup>st</sup> each year and was 27.75% for the six months ended June 30, 2020; and 29.50% for the six months ended December 31, 2020.

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**a) Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

In accordance with state statute, MERS receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations.

Contributions to MERS from the Town were \$144,733 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Actuarial Assumptions.** A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

<b>Valuation Date</b>	June 30, 2020
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>	Entry Age Normal Cost
<b>Actuarial Assumptions</b>	
<b>Expected Remaining</b>	
<b>Service Lives</b>	3 years
<b>Investment Rate of Return</b>	6.950%, net of investment expense
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	2.500%
<b>Projected Salary Increases</b>	
<b>1 to 4 years of service</b>	6.400%
<b>More than 4 years of service</b>	4.500%
<b>Mortality Rates</b>	
<b>Annuitant and Beneficiary</b>	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
<b>Employee</b>	PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
<b>Disabled Lives</b>	PubG-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
<b>Cost of Living Adjustments</b>	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by MERS and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.



**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**a) Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.60% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.00% for the year ended December 31, 2020. Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class based on the Fund's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Public equity	53.00%	2.33%
Public fixed income	38.00%	1.67%
Alternatives	9.00%	0.40%
Total	100.00%	4.40%
Inflation		2.60%
Expected arithmetic nominal return		7.00%

**Discount Rate.** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.95%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by Public Retirement System Actuarial Committee taking into consideration the recommendation of System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, MERS's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**a) Municipal Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

**Sensitivity of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.** The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability using the discount rate of 6.95%, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.95%) or one percentage-point higher (7.95%) than the current rate:

	1.00% Decrease (5.95%)	Current Discount Rate (6.95%)	1.00% Increase (7.95%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,304,760	\$1,002,975	\$747,802

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position.** The Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, [www.la.state.la.us](http://www.la.state.la.us).

**b) Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System**

**Plan Description.** The Town contributes to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. MPERS was established by Act 189 of the 1973 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana. MPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by accessing the MPERS website: [www.lampers.org](http://www.lampers.org) or on the Office of the Louisiana Legislative auditor's website: [lla.state.la.us](http://lla.state.la.us).

**Membership.** MPERS is mandatory for any eligible full time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrests and not paying social security.

**Benefits Provided.** MPERS provides retirement, deferred retirement, disability and death benefits. Members hired before January 1, 2013 can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria: any age with 25 years of creditable service, age 50 with a minimum of 20 years of creditable service, or 12 years of creditable service at age 55. Upon the death of an active member, or disability retiree,

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**b) Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

MPERS benefits to the surviving spouse range from 40% to 60% of the member's average final compensation. Each surviving child under the age of 18 receives benefits equal to the greater of 10% of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month. Retirement benefits are generally equal to 3.33% of the member's monthly average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months) multiplied by the years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of final salary. Members hired on or after January 1, 2013 eligibility for regular retirement, early retirement and survivor benefits are based on Hazardous Duty or Non-Hazardous Duty sub plans. Under the Hazardous Duty sub plan member meets eligibility requirements in one of the following: at any age with 25 years of creditable service or at age 55 with 12 years of creditable service. Under the Non-Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after being a member of MPERS and has 30 years of creditable service at any age, or has 25 years of creditable service at age 55, or ten years of creditable service at age 60. Under each sub plan a member is eligible for early retirement at age 55 and 20 years of credible service. Under the Hazardous and Non-Hazardous sub plans, the benefit rates are 3% and 2.5%, respectively, of the average final compensation during the highest 60 consecutive months per number of years of creditable service. Upon the death of an active member, or disability retiree the surviving spouse benefits range from 25% to 55% of the member's average final compensation. Each surviving child under the age of 18 receives the same benefit as members hired before January 1, 2013. The State Legislature authorized MPERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). A member has the option to enter DROP upon regular retirement. When a member enters DROP the employer and employee contributions cease. The amount deposited into the DROP account is equal to the benefit computed under MPERS. The duration of DROP is up to three years. If employment is terminated after the DROP period the participant may receive his benefit as lump sum or an annuity. If employment is not terminated, active contributing membership in MPERS shall resume and additional retirements benefits based on the additional service shall be available. MPERS provides an Initial Benefit Option to members who are eligible for regular retirement and have not participated in DROP. The program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 36 months of regular retirement benefit however the regular monthly retirement benefit is reduced for life. MPERS provides permanent benefit increases, cost of living adjustments (COLA) not to exceed 3% to all regular retirees, disability, survivors and beneficiaries. An additional 2% COLA is available to all who are 65 years old.

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**b) Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

**Contributions.** According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. The actual employer contribution rate is determined July 1<sup>st</sup> each year and was 32.50% for the six month period ended June 30, 2020 and 33.75% for the six months ended year ended December 31, 2020.

In accordance with state statute, MPERS receives insurance premium tax monies as employer contributions. The tax is considered support from non-contributing entities.

Contributions to MPERS from the Town were \$52,798 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Actuarial Assumptions.** A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

<b>Valuation Date</b>	June 30, 2020
<b>Actuarial Cost Method</b>	Entry Age Normal Cost
<b>Actuarial Assumptions</b>	
<b>Expected Remaining</b>	
<b>Service Lives</b>	4 years
<b>Investment Rate of Return</b>	6.950%, net of investment expense
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	2.500%
<b>Projected Salary Increases</b>	
<b>1-2 years of service</b>	12.300%
<b>More than 2 years of service</b>	4.700%
<b>Mortality Rates</b>	
<b>Annuitant and Beneficiary</b>	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019.
<b>Employee</b>	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019.
<b>Disabled Lives</b>	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019.
<b>Cost-of-Living Adjustments</b>	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost-of-living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**b) Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

Estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class based included in MPERS' target allocation as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	48.50%	3.08%
Fixed income	33.50%	0.54%
Alternatives	18.00%	1.02%
Total	100.00%	4.64%
Inflation		2.55%
Expected arithmetic nominal return		7.19%

**Discount Rate.** The discount rate used to measure the collective pension liability was 6.950%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by Public Employee Retirement System Administration of the Town taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, MPERS's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**b) Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (Continued)**

**Sensitivity of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.** The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability using the discount rate of 6.950%, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.950%) or one percentage-point higher (7.950%) than the current rate:

	1.00% Decrease (5.950%)	Current Discount Rate (6.950%)	1.00% Increase (7.950%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$724,236	\$515,509	\$341,023

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position.** The Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020. Access to the report can be found at the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, [www.la.state.la.us](http://www.la.state.la.us).

**c) Combined**

**Pension Liabilities.** As of December 31, 2020, the Town reported a liability of \$1,518,484 (\$1,479,528 in governmental activities and \$38,956 in business-type activities) for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 for the MERS and MPERS plans, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the Town's proportion was .231987% of MERS, which was an increase of .00532% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019. At June 30, 2020, the Town's proportion was .055777% of MPERS, which was an increase of .020706% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

**Pension Expense.** For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Town recognized pension expense of \$282,804, (\$314,512 governmental activities and \$(31,708) business type activities).

**Note 14 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**c) Combined (Continued)**

**Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.** As of December 31, 2020, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 465	\$ (25,991)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	161,932	-
Changes in proportion	141,358	(42,080)
Changes in assumptions	29,123	(12,722)
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>108,404</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 441,282</u>	<u>\$ (80,793)</u>

The Town reported \$108,404 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>
2021	\$ 53,535
2022	95,154
2023	76,980
2024	<u>26,416</u>
Total	<u>\$252,085</u>



**Note 15 - ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAY**

The Town recognizes as revenues and expenditures salary supplements, which includes the police, which the State of Louisiana has paid directly to the Town's employees. As of December 31, 2020, the total on-behalf payments made amounted to \$27,566.

**Note 16 - CONTINGENCIES**

The Town received funding under grants from various Federal and state governmental agencies. The agency grants specify the purpose for which the grant monies are to be used; the grants are subject to audit by the granting agency or its representative.

As of December 31, 2020, the Town was defendant to a lawsuit. In the opinion of Town management, the ultimate outcome of these legal matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Town's financial position.

**Note 17 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that effect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 7, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOWN'S  
TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ (16,440)	\$ 16,616	\$ 19,705
Interest	14,050	17,290	14,574
Difference between expected and actual experience	(95,985)	60,896	10,064
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	11,551	50,262	(25,278)
Benefit payments	<u>(20,480)</u>	<u>(20,518)</u>	<u>(19,448)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	(107,304)	124,546	(383)
Total OPEB liability, beginning of year	<u>537,958</u>	<u>413,412</u>	<u>413,795</u>
Total OPEB liability, end of year	<u>\$430,654</u>	<u>\$537,958</u>	<u>\$413,412</u>
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$851,281</u>	<u>\$789,358</u>	<u>\$766,367</u>
Total OPEB liability, as a percentage of covered employee payroll	<u>50.59%</u>	<u>68.15%</u>	<u>53.94%</u>
Notes to schedule			
Changes in benefit terms:	None	None	None
Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflected the effects of changes in the discount rate each period - discount rate	<u>2.12%</u>	<u>2.74%</u>	<u>4.10%</u>

The schedule is provided beginning with the Town's year ended December 31, 2018 and is intended to show a ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE  
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - MERS**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	<u>0.231987%</u>	<u>0.226663%</u>	<u>0.258214%</u>	<u>0.248596%</u>	<u>0.234037%</u>	<u>0.227073%</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$1,002,975</u>	<u>\$947,148</u>	<u>\$1,069,181</u>	<u>\$1,039,982</u>	<u>\$959,250</u>	<u>\$811,140</u>
Town's covered employee payroll	<u>\$443,401</u>	<u>\$419,597</u>	<u>\$471,429</u>	<u>\$453,547</u>	<u>\$418,071</u>	<u>\$387,559</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	<u>226.200%</u>	<u>225.728%</u>	<u>226.796%</u>	<u>229.300%</u>	<u>229.447%</u>	<u>209.295%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>64.52%</u>	<u>64.68%</u>	<u>65.60%</u>	<u>62.49%</u>	<u>62.11%</u>	<u>66.18%</u>

The schedule is provided beginning with the Town's year ended December 31, 2015 and is intended to show a ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE  
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - MPERS**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	<u>0.055777%</u>	<u>0.035071%</u>	<u>0.036080%</u>	<u>0.036591%</u>	<u>0.033803%</u>	<u>0.023926%</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$515,509</u>	<u>\$318,503</u>	<u>\$305,023</u>	<u>\$319,455</u>	<u>\$316,829</u>	<u>\$187,435</u>
Town's covered employee payroll	<u>\$172,281</u>	<u>\$104,044</u>	<u>\$106,477</u>	<u>\$109,235</u>	<u>\$94,689</u>	<u>\$63,998</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	<u>299.226%</u>	<u>306.123%</u>	<u>286.468%</u>	<u>292.447%</u>	<u>334.600%</u>	<u>292.876%</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>70.94%</u>	<u>71.01%</u>	<u>71.89%</u>	<u>70.08%</u>	<u>66.04%</u>	<u>70.73%</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS - MERS****Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 144,733	\$ 112,135	\$ 114,762	\$ 109,177	\$ 93,354	\$ 78,300
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>144,733</u>	<u>112,135</u>	<u>114,762</u>	<u>109,177</u>	<u>93,354</u>	<u>78,300</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 504,353</u>	<u>\$ 417,022</u>	<u>\$ 452,851</u>	<u>\$ 459,410</u>	<u>\$ 438,340</u>	<u>\$ 396,455</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	<u>28.70%</u>	<u>26.89%</u>	<u>25.34%</u>	<u>23.76%</u>	<u>21.30%</u>	<u>19.75%</u>

The schedule is provided beginning with the Town's year ended December 31, 2015 and is intended to show a ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

**SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS - MPERS****Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 52,798	\$ 48,341	\$ 31,990	\$ 34,533	\$ 32,971	\$ 22,378
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>52,798</u>	<u>48,341</u>	<u>31,990</u>	<u>34,533</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>22,378</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 159,276</u>	<u>\$ 149,154</u>	<u>\$ 101,566</u>	<u>\$ 110,512</u>	<u>\$ 107,632</u>	<u>\$ 73,663</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	<u>33.15%</u>	<u>32.41%</u>	<u>31.50%</u>	<u>31.25%</u>	<u>30.63%</u>	<u>30.38%</u>

The schedule is provided beginning with the Town's year ended December 31, 2015 and is intended to show a ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**COMPENSATION PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

For the year ended December 31, 2020

2020			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Per Diem*</u>
Joey Bouziga	Mayor	\$ 57,805	\$ -
Ashton Cheramie	Councilman	-	6,612
Willis Toups	Councilman	-	6,336
Lindberg Lorraine	Councilman	-	6,612
Jody Cheramie	Councilman	-	5,785
Laci Latiolais	Councilwoman	-	6,611
Totals		<u>\$ 57,805</u>	<u>\$ 31,956</u>

\* Per diem paid at the rate of \$551 for the regular monthly meeting. There are no additional per diem fees paid for attendance at special meetings of the Town.



**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER  
PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

For the year ended December 31, 2020

**Agency Head Name:** Joey Bouziga, Mayor

<b>Purpose</b>	
Salary	\$ 57,805
Benefits - insurance	234
Benefits - retirement	16,547
Benefits - other	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Meals	-
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	<u>\$ 74,586</u>

**JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE -**  
**COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY AS REQUIRED**  
**BY ACT 87 OF THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

December 31, 2020

	<u>First Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Second Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2020</u>
Beginning balance of amounts collected	\$ -	\$ -
Collections:		
Bond fees	200	1,100
Criminal Court Costs - fees	156,021	188,873
Criminal Court Fines - contempt	28,881	19,214
Civil Court Fines - other	1,936	2,298
Other	295	6,117
Total collections	<u>187,333</u>	<u>217,602</u>
Disbursements to Governments and Nonprofits:		
Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spine Cord Injury Trust Fund - fees from criminal fines	3,705	5,400
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement - fees from criminal fines	2,368	2,634
Louisiana Judicial College - fees from criminal fees	370	540
Treasurer, State of Louisiana - case management information system	2,223	3,240
Crimestoppers - fees from criminal fines	550	-
Amounts Retained By Collecting Agency:		
Amounts "self-disbursed" to collecting agency:		
Bond fees	200	1,100
Criminal Court Costs - fees	146,805	177,059
Criminal Fines - contempt	28,881	19,214
Criminal Fees - other	1,936	2,298
Other	295	6,117
Total disbursements to governments and nonprofits	<u>187,333</u>	<u>217,602</u>
Ending balance of amounts collected but not disbursed/retained	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE -**  
**RECEIVING ENTITY AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87**  
**OF THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

December 31, 2020

	<u>First Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Second Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2020</u>
Receipts from:		
Lafourche Parish Sheriff - bond fees	\$ 3,300	\$ 400
Department of Motor Vehicles - Criminal Court costs/fees	<u>538</u>	<u>675</u>
Total receipts	<u><u>\$ 3,838</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,075</u></u>

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION SECTION**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION (1)****Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**Last Ten Years  
(Unaudited)

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Government</u>	<u>Public Safety Police</u>	<u>Streets and Highways</u>	<u>Sanitation</u>	<u>Drainage and Levee</u>	<u>Culture and Recreation</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2011	\$307,029	\$578,796	\$231,686	\$20,270	\$155,908	\$164,602	\$60,815	\$1,519,106
2012	\$374,422	\$593,862	\$195,676	\$21,154	\$146,089	\$158,468	\$65,290	\$1,554,961
2013	\$297,280	\$623,850	\$233,328	\$9,259	\$164,129	\$152,073	\$52,124	\$1,532,043
2014	\$357,176	\$590,497	\$256,058	\$14,290	\$157,039	\$133,899	\$31,714	\$1,540,673
2015	\$361,372	\$616,383	\$211,608	\$13,475	\$191,114	\$147,890	\$271,706	\$1,813,548
2016	\$388,930	\$640,895	\$244,840	\$16,654	\$175,335	\$153,087	\$24,816	\$1,644,557
2017	\$384,995	\$666,613	\$243,600	\$12,550	\$179,739	\$152,002	\$24,612	\$1,664,111
2018	\$425,646	\$715,293	\$251,508	\$16,412	\$148,888	\$135,663	\$24,612	\$1,718,022
2019	\$423,684	\$701,513	\$236,131	\$14,389	\$115,973	\$155,822	\$24,612	\$1,672,124
2020	\$481,002	\$700,968	\$273,908	\$12,112	\$137,710	\$150,921	\$12,304	\$1,768,925

## Note:

- (1) Includes General, Debt Service, and Capital Projects Funds (amounts do not include the Capital Outlay expenditures of the funds).

**GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE BY SOURCE (1)****Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**Last Ten Years  
(Unaudited)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Fines and Forfeitures</u>	<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>	<u>License, Permits, and Franchises</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Investment Income</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2011	\$760,773	\$585,627	\$188,949	\$174,574	\$43,658	\$6,141	\$46,418	\$1,806,140
2012	\$942,948	\$636,782	\$172,392	\$167,472	\$47,143	\$6,429	\$616,060	\$2,589,226
2013	\$1,185,760	\$598,663	\$1,371,251	\$186,690	\$52,605	\$4,914	\$56,014	\$3,455,897
2014	\$1,253,213	\$516,041	\$828,899	\$197,099	\$66,227	\$3,374	\$38,985	\$2,903,838
2015	\$1,100,132	\$902,182	\$703,371	\$223,042	\$53,440	\$5,634	\$71,550	\$3,059,351
2016	\$986,562	\$603,041	\$1,593,350	\$182,833	\$49,325	\$12,796	\$30,078	\$3,457,985
2017	\$816,086	\$770,925	\$688,454	\$164,595	\$57,589	\$24,783	\$57,041	\$2,579,473
2018	\$913,069	\$925,526	\$119,916	\$159,045	\$47,004	\$56,513	\$34,987	\$2,256,060
2019	\$1,000,069	\$660,531	\$434,997	\$170,181	\$53,944	\$74,932	\$28,793	\$2,423,447
2020	\$821,515	\$404,935	\$214,123	\$160,395	\$31,832	\$31,362	\$23,604	\$1,687,766

Note:

(1) Includes General, Debt Service, and Capital Projects Fund.

**PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS****Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**Last Ten Years  
(Unaudited)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Tax Levy</u>	<u>Current Collections</u>	<u>Percent of Levy Collected</u>	<u>Delinquent Tax Collections</u>	<u>Total Tax Collections</u>	<u>Percent of Total Tax Collections to Tax Levy</u>	<u>Outstanding Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Percent of Delinquent Taxes to Tax Levy</u>
2011	\$186,174	\$171,924	92.3%	\$2,714	\$174,638	93.8%	\$11,536	6.2%
2012	\$186,466	\$166,189	89.1%	\$6,785	\$172,974	92.8%	\$13,492	7.2%
2013	\$201,673	\$149,030	73.9%	\$10,673	\$159,703	79.2%	\$41,970	20.8%
2014	\$195,138	\$144,060	73.8%	\$44,781	\$188,841	96.8%	\$6,297	3.2%
2015	\$213,815	\$172,037	80.5%	\$37,161	\$209,198	97.8%	\$4,617	2.2%
2016	\$200,884	\$120,911	60.2%	\$78,573	\$199,484	99.3%	\$1,400	0.7%
2017	\$193,202	\$146,154	75.6%	\$44,256	\$190,410	98.6%	\$2,792	1.4%
2018	\$192,901	\$98,222	50.9%	\$93,212	\$191,434	99.2%	\$1,467	0.8%
2019	\$192,707	\$147,152	76.4%	\$42,812	\$189,964	98.6%	\$2,743	1.4%
2020	\$203,286	\$127,425	62.7%	\$0	\$127,425	62.7%	\$75,861	37.3%

**PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

December 31, 2020  
(Unaudited)

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>2020 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Texas Petroleum Investments	Oil & Gas	\$ 901,410	9.38%
State Bank & Trust Co.	Bank	666,640	6.94%
Lafourche Telephone Co.	Telephone	552,630	5.75%
United Community Bank	Bank	327,990	3.41%
Leboeuf Properties	Supermarket	277,300	2.89%
LA Shrimp and Processing	Equipment	205,170	2.13%
Gaubert Oil Co. Inc.	Convenience Store	180,650	1.88%
Rouse's Market	Supermarket	177,920	1.85%
The Vindez Corporation (Dollar General)	Retail	115,250	1.20%
Entergy	Electric	81,080	0.84%
Totals		<u>\$ 3,486,040</u>	<u>36.27%</u>



**RATIO OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED  
VALUE AND NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

Last Ten Years  
(Unaudited)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Gross Bonded Debt</u>	<u>Debt Service Monies Available</u>	<u>Net Bonded Debt</u>	<u>Percent of Net Bonded Debt to Assessed Value</u>	<u>Net Bonded Debt Per Capital</u>
2011	2,193	\$8,802,570	\$253,777	\$14,400	\$239,377	2.72%	109.16
2012	2,101	\$8,816,370	\$251,085	\$14,400	\$236,685	2.68%	112.65
2013	2,071	\$9,535,360	\$248,259	\$14,400	\$233,859	2.45%	112.92
2014	2,076	\$9,226,370	\$245,305	\$14,400	\$230,905	2.50%	111.23
2015	2,060	\$10,109,430	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2016	2,038	\$9,497,770	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2017	2,000	\$9,134,570	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2018	2,000	\$9,056,370	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2019	2,000	\$9,041,100	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2020	2,000	\$9,611,730	-	-	-	0.00%	-

**RATIO OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES FOR  
GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES**

**Town of Golden Meadow**

Louisiana

Last Ten Years  
(Unaudited)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>	<u>Total General Expenditures*</u>	<u>Ratio of Debt Service to Total General Expenditures</u>
2011	\$2,571	\$11,485	\$14,056	\$1,519,106	0.9%
2012	\$2,692	\$11,364	\$14,056	\$1,554,961	0.9%
2013	\$2,826	\$11,230	\$14,056	\$1,532,043	0.9%
2014	\$2,954	\$11,102	\$14,056	\$1,540,673	0.9%
2015	\$245,305	\$3,933	\$249,238	\$1,813,548	13.7%
2016	-	-	-	\$1,644,557	0.0%
2017	-	-	-	\$1,664,111	0.0%
2018	-	-	-	\$1,718,022	0.0%
2019	-	-	-	\$1,672,124	0.0%
2020	-	-	-	\$1,768,925	0.0%

\* Includes General Fund, Debt Service Fund (amounts do not include the Capital outlay expenditures of the funds).

**MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS****Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**December 31, 2020  
(Unaudited)

Date of incorporation	July 17, 1950
Form of government	Mayor - Council
Area	4 square miles
Miles of street	11.5
Number of street lights	419
Fire protection: (volunteer firemen)	
Number of stations	2
Number of firemen	30
Police protection:	
Number of stations	1
Number of policemen and officers	4
Municipal sewer department:	
Number of consumers - December 31, 2017	378
Recreation and culture:	
Number of parks	1 with 40 acres
Number of libraries	1
Employees:	
Excluding policemen and summer pool workers	8

**INSURANCE IN FORCE****Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**December 31, 2020  
(Unaudited)

Name of Insurer	Policy Period		Details of Coverage	Amount
	From	To		
Lloyd's of London	7/21/2020 - 7/21/2021		Commercial property Multi-Purpose Building and Emergency Center Tenant improvements and betterments Wind/Hail Named Storm	\$1,900,000 \$50,000 \$25,000 3% or \$50,000
Continental Insurance Company	12/21/2019 - 12/21/2022		Public Employee's Blanket Bond	\$10,000
Travelers Casualty and Surty	1/1/2017 - 1/1/2021		Public Official's Bond - Chief of Police	\$5,000
CNA Surety	12/1/2020 - 12/1/2021		Official Bond and Oath-Town Clerk	\$10,000
Western Surety Company	10/1/2019 - 10/1/2022		Public Official's Bond - Mayor and Town Council Members	\$10,000
Louisiana Municipal Risk Management Agency	1/1/2020 - 1/1/2021		Workmen's Compensation	LA Statutes
Lloyd's/Lane & Associates	3/6/2020 - 3/6/2021		Automobile Collision/Comprehension - Various Autos Total (actual CV for cost of repair/replacement, whichever is less) Deductible - specified perils Deductible - collision	\$242,466 \$250 \$250
Scottsdale Insurance Company	2/11/2020 - 2/11/2021		Commercial Inland Marine Coverage - Equipment Total Physical damage Deductible	\$223,881 \$1,000
Lloyd's of London	11/20/2020 - 11/20/2021		DMV Building 80% Replacement Cost 80% Contents Deductible Wind and Hail - 5% deductible	\$151,700 \$52,000 \$2,500
Wright National Flood	12/19/2020 - 12/19/2021		Flood Insurance DMV Building Contents Deductible	\$200,000 \$100,000 \$1,250
Wright National Flood	8/20/2020 - 8/20/2021		Flood Insurance Town Hall-Building Town Hall-Contents Deductible	\$500,000 \$100,000 \$2,000
Wright National Flood	8/26/2020 - 8/26/2021		Flood Insurance Senior Citizen-Building Senior Citizen-Contents Deductible	\$100,000 \$50,000 \$1,000

**Table 8  
(Continued)**

Name of Insurer	Policy Period		Details of Coverage	Amount
	From	To		
St. Paul Travelers P&C	1/7/2020 - 1/7/2021		Water Pumping Station - Dursette Street Limit per accident Spoilage Deductible	\$2,500,000 \$25,000 \$2,500
Louisiana Citizens Property	8/25/2020 - 8/25/2021		Commercial Fire, Wind and Hail - 80% Deductible 80% Co-Insurance Wind and Hail - 5% deductible Swimming Pool Bathhouse Town Maintenance Building Pumping Station Park - Dressing/Restrooms Senior Citizens Building Senior Citizens Ceramic Shop Pavilion	\$2,500 \$75,000 \$45,000 \$15,000 \$40,000 \$90,000 \$15,000 \$60,000
Louisiana Municipal Risk Management Agency Liability Pool	5/1/2020 - 5/1/2021		Comprehensive Liability Coverage under the LMA Plan: 1 Comprehensive General Liability Medical Payments: Deductible - per person Deductible - per accident Deductible - per occurrence 2 Automobile Liability Deductible 3 Law Enforcement Officers' Comprehensive Liability Deductible 4 Public Official's Errors and Omissions Liability Deductible	\$500,000 \$1,000 \$10,000 \$50,000 \$500,000 \$ - \$500,000 \$1,000 \$500,000 \$1,000
Burns and Wilcox, Limited	5/5/2020 - 5/5/2021		Electronic Data Processing Equipment All Risks Covered Deductible	\$14,600 \$5,000
Lloyd's of London	11/12/2020 - 11/12/2021		Commercial Property Maintenance Building Cover Over Fuel Tank Deductible	\$100,000 \$30,000 \$2,500
Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation	11/12/2020 - 11/12/2021		Commercial Wind & Hail Coverage Maintenance Building Cover Over Fuel Tank 80% Co-Insurance Wind and Hail - 5% deductible	\$100,000 \$30,000

**SPECIAL REPORTS OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**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**

To the Honorable Joey Bouziga, Mayor  
and Members of the Town Council,  
Town of Golden Meadow,  
Golden Meadow, Louisiana.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana (the "Town") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 7, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material, misstatement of the Town's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding 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 a material weakness. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.*

Certified Public Accountants.

Houma, Louisiana,  
June 7, 2021.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE**  
**FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL**  
**CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY**  
**THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Honorable Joey Bouziga, Mayor  
and Members of the Town Council,  
Town of Golden Meadow,  
Golden Meadow, Louisiana.

**Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana (the "Town") with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement*, that could have a direct and material effect on the Town's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2020. The Town's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the compliance for the Town's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. Those standards and the *Uniform Guidance* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Town's compliance.

### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2020.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirement referred to above. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each federal major program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with *Uniform Guidance*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control* over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness* in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph in this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of *Uniform Guidance*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Bougeois Bennett, L.L.C.*

Certified Public Accountants.

Houma, Louisiana,  
June 7, 2021.

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

**Town of Golden Meadow**

Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Award/ Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Provided To Subreceptants</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Commerce:</b>				
Economic Development				
Administration				
Public Works and Economic				
Adjustment Assistance 2008				
Disaster Supplement #2				
	11.307	08-79-05120		<u>\$ 780,204</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:</b>				
Pass-through:				
State of Louisiana				
Division of Administration				
Office of Community				
Development				
CDBG Disaster Recovery				
Municipalities Infra-				
structure Program				
	14.228	29 MIPC 2301		<u>108,891</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security:</b>				
Pass-through:				
State of Louisiana				
Department of Homeland Security				
Disaster Grants- Public Assistance				
Hurricane Barry				
	97.036	4458-DR-LA		<u>21,368</u>
Totals			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 910,463</u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF  
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

**Town of Golden Meadow  
Louisiana**

For the year ended December 31, 2020

**Note 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the SEFA) includes the federal award activity of the Town under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2020. The information in this SEFA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of *Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirement, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*. Because the SEFA presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Town.

**Note 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (1) Expenditures reported on the SEFA are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the *Uniform Guidance*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- (2) The Town has elected not to use the 10% *de minimis* indirect cost rate as allowed under the *Uniform Guidance*.

**Note 3 - FINDINGS OF NONCOMPLIANCE**

There were no federal award findings or questioned costs reported during the audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Note 4 - NONCASH ASSISTANCE**

No Federal awards were expended in the form of noncash assistance during the fiscal year.

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

a) Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified?  Yes  No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness?  Yes  None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?  Yes  No

b) Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified?  Yes  No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be a material weakness?  Yes  None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: unmodified

- Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance Requirements?  Yes  No

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results (Continued)**

c) Identification of Major Programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
11.307	Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance 2008 Disaster Supplement #2

Dollar threshold used to distinguish  
between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? \_\_\_ Yes X No

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

No financial statement findings were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

There were no Federal award findings or questioned costs reported during the audit for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**REPORTS BY MANAGEMENT**



**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR**  
**FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**Town of Golden Meadow**  
Louisiana

For the year ended December 31, 2020

**Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Basic Financial Statements**

**Internal Control**

No material weaknesses were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 2019.

No significant deficiencies were reported during the audit for year ended December 31, 2019.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

No compliance findings material to the basic financial statements were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 2019.

**Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards**

**Department Of Housing And Urban Development**

**2019-001 Community Development Block Grant, Municipalities Infrastructure Program, CFDA 14.228, Grant No. 29 MIPC 2301, Pass through Louisiana Division of Administration Office of Community Development**

**Recommendation:** Policies, procedures and controls surrounding contractor eligibility should be strengthened. For any future federal assistance program requiring an administrative services contract, the Town must take appropriate measures to ensure contractor clearance is performed prior to awarding a contract. Evidence of the clearance procedures performed should be maintained in the contract file.

**Management's Response: Resolved.** The Town was not aware administrative service contractors were required to be checked for debarment and suspension. The Town has checked subcontractors and administrative service contractor's clearance on federally funded projects to ensure compliance.

**Section III - Management Letter**

A management letter was not issued in connection with the audit for the year ended December 31, 2019

# **MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

## **Town of Golden Meadow Louisiana**

For the year ended December 31, 2020

### **Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Basic Financial Statements**

#### **Internal Control**

No material weaknesses were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 2020.

No significant deficiencies were reported during the audit for year ended December 31, 2020.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

No compliance findings material to the basic financial statements were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 2020.

### **Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards**

No internal control or compliance findings material to federal awards were noted during our audit for the year ended December 31, 2020.

### **Section III Management Letter**

A management letter was not issued in connection with the audit for the year ended December 31, 2020