ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen[†] of the Town of Maurice Maurice, Louisiana

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Maurice as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Maurice, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our Responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Maurice and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedules on pages 36-39 and the schedule of employer's share of net pension liability and employer contributions on pages 40-41 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen of the Town of Maurice Page 3

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Maurice's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and the supplementary information on pages 44-54 and pages 60-67 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of insurance in force on page 68 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The schedule of insurance in force 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2022 on our consideration of the Town of Maurice's internal control over financial reporting and on our test 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 effectiveness of the Town of Maurice's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the Town of Maurice's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated December 21, 2022 on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

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Opelousas, Louisiana December 21, 2022

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

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	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	OVERNMENTALBUSINESS-TYPEACTIVITIESACTIVITIES	
-			TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,730,694	\$ 76,204	\$ 1,806,898
Investments	394,223	13,889	408,112
Interest receivable	190'	39	229
Receivables (net of allowances for			
uncollectibles)	221,913	81,495	303,408
Restricted assets	-	532,512	532,512
Prepaid insurance	12,583	26,178	38,761
Capital assets (net)	7,574,993	18,595,779	26,170,772
<u>Total assets</u>	9,934,596	19,326,096	29,260,692
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension related	213,452	52,101	265,553
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	54,683	128,378	183,061
Sales tax payable	-	194	194
Unearned revenue	292,546	-	292,546
Payable from restricted assets Bonds payable	-	113,299	113,299
Due within one year	-	213,447	213,447
Due in more than one year		10,069,704	10,069,704
Lease payable			
Due within one year	2,866	-	2,866
Due in more than one year	8,597	-	8,597
Net pension liability	442,715	159,392	602,107
<u>Total liabilities</u>	801,407	10,684,414	11,485,821
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension related	257,730	50,446	308,176
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for	7,563,530	8,312,628	15,876,158
Debt service	-	297,078	297,078
Sales tax dedications	1,703,081	-	1,703,081
Unrestricted (deficit)	(177,700)	33,631	(144,069)
Total net position	9,088,911	8,643,337	17,732,248

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

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

		FEES, FINES	PROGRAM REVENU	IES	•	PENSES) REVENUES GES IN NET POSITIC	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CON TRBUTIONS	GOVERNMENTAL	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIMTIES	TOTAL
Governmental Activities General government Public safety <u>Total governmental activities</u>	\$ 864,510 510,287 1,374,797	\$ 336,448 411,986 748,434	\$ 6,084 6,084	\$ 2,494,256 2,494,256	\$ 1,972,278 (98,301) 1,873,977	\$ - 	\$ 1,972,278 (98,301) 1,873,977
Business-type Activities Water and sewer <u>Total business-type</u> <u>activities</u>	1,623,660	<u>954,367</u> 954,367	<u>_</u>	<u>1,444,112</u> 1,444,112	<u> </u>	<u>774,819</u> 774,819	<u>774,819</u> 774,819
Total primary government	2,998,457	1,702,801	6,084	3,938,368	1,873,977	774,819	2,648,796
	General Revenues Taxes Sales taxes, levied for Franchise taxes Property taxes Non-employer pension re Interest and investment of State beer tax Gain (Loss) on disposal Miscellaneous Transfers <u>Total general revenue</u> Change in net position	evenue earnings of assets es and transfers			1,168,836 113,978 46,553 18,653 3,126 3,632 40,364 (147,000) 1,248,142 3,122,119	- 6,875 648 (1,868) - 147,000 	1,168,836 113,978 46,553 25,528 3,774 3,632 (1,868) 40,364
	Net position - July 1, 2021				5,966,792	7,715,863	13,682,655
	Net position - June 30, 202	22			9,088,911	8,643,337	17,732,248

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund has a greater number and variety of revenue sources than any other fund, and its resources normally finance a wider range of activities. The resources of the General Fund are ordinarily largely expended and replenished on an annual basis.

1975 SALES TAX FUND-SEWER AND WATER

To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to the construction and maintenance of the sewer and water system as well as the payment of principal and interest on bonds incurred for the sewer system.

1975 SALES TAX FUND-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to capital improvements.

1989 SALES TAX FUND

To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to public safety law enforcement.

ENTERPRISE FUND

The Utility Fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner 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.

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

	GENERAL	1975 SALES TAX FUND SEWER AND WATER	1975 SALES TAX FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1989 SALES TAX FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 563,704	\$ 592,315	\$ 568,791	\$ 5,884	\$ 1,730,694
Investments	51,327	342,896	÷ 000,101	÷ 0,001	394,223
Receivables, net of allowance					
for uncollectibles					
Taxes	27,268	64,882	64,880	64,883	221,913
Prepaid insurance	12,583				12,583
Interest receivable	190				190
<u>Total assets</u>	655,072	1,000,093	633,671	70,767	2,359,603
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 33,053	\$ 1,450	\$ -	\$-	\$ 34,503
Due to LA Law Enforcement Commission	2,054	-	-	-	2,054
Retirement payable	9,559	-	-	-	9,559
Payroll taxes payable	8,067	· –	-	-	8,067
Unearned revenue	292,546				292,546
Bond deposit	500				500
<u>Total liabilities</u>	345,779	1,450			347,229
<u>FUND BALANCES</u> Fund balances Restricted					
Sales tax dedications	-	998,643	633,671	70,767	1,703,081
Nonspendable	12,583	-	-	-	12,583
Unassigned	296,710	-	-	-	296,710
Total fund balances	309,293	998,643	633,671	70,767	2,012,374
Total liabilities and fund balances	655,072	1,000,093	633,671	70,767	2,359,603

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS' BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

Total fund balances for governmental funds at June 30, 2022		\$ 2,012,374
Deferred outflows		213,452
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2022	\$ 8,328,382	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2022	(753,389)	7,574,993
Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2022 Lease Payable		(11,463)
Net pension liability		(442,715)
Deferred inflows		(257,730)
Net position at June 30, 2022		9,088,911

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES. EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	GENERAL	TA ;	75 SALES AX FUND SEWER D WATER	TA C	75 SALES X FUND APITAL OVEMENTS	1989 SALES TAX FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 160,531	\$	389,612	\$	389,612	\$389,612	\$ 1,329,367
Licenses and permits	331,428		-		-	-	331,428
Intergovernmental	330,987		· -		-	-	330,987
Fines and forfeits	411,986		-			-	411,986
Investment income	756		1,804		535	31	3,126
Miscellaneous	40,364				-		40,364
Total revenues	1,276,052		391,416		390,147	389,643	2,447,258
EXPENDITURES Current							
General and administrative	710,406		16,188		-	-	726,594
Public safety	548,091		-		-	-	548,091
Debt service	2,866		-		-	-	2,866
Capital outlay	728,900		-		-	-	728,900
Total expenditures	1,990,263		16,188		_	-	2,006,451
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(714,211)		375,228		390,147	389,643	440,807
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Operating transfers in	755,303		-		-	-	755,303
Operating transfers out	-		(147,000)		(352,303)	(403,000)	(902,303)
Inception of Capital Lease	14,329		-		-	-	14,329
Total other financing sources (uses)	769,632		(147,000)		(352,303)	(403,000)	(132,671)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	55,421		228,228		37,844	(13,357)	308,136
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year, as restated	253,872		770,415		595,827	84,124	1,704,238
FUND BALANCES, end of year	309,293		998,643	-	633,671	70,767	2,012,374

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

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Total net change in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2022 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ 308,136
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.	\$ 728,900	
Depreciation expense for year ended June 30, 2022.	(169,479)	559,421
Donated Capital contributions are not reported in the governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the fair market value of those		
assets is recognized as revenue.		2,178,005
Capital lease payments considered as an expenditure on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance		2,866
Inception of capital lease		(14,329)
Pension expense is based on employer contributions in the government funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, but is an actuarially calculated expense on the Statement of Activities.		69,367
Non-employer contributions to retirement systems for the benefit of the town employees.		18,653
Total change in net position for the year ended June 30, 2022 per Statement of Activities		3,122,119

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

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND JUNE 30. 2022

	ENTERPRISE FUND
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 76,204
Investments - Certificate of deposit	13,889
Interest receivable	39
Receivables net of allowance for uncollectibles	
accounts	81,495
Prepaid insurance	26,178
Total current assets	197,805
RESTRICTED ASSETS	
Utility deposits-cash	113,707
Sewer System Improvements-cash	10,609
Water System Improvements-cash	43,914
Debt Reserve-cash	83,662
Water Payment Reserve-cash	5,031
Water Short Lived Asset Reserve-cash	6,581
Sewer Short Lived Asset Reserve-cash	2,287
Water Revenue Bond Sinking Fund Series 2008-cash	12,380
Water Revenue Bond Sinking Fund Series 2021-cash	49,771
Sewer Revenue Bond Sinking Fund Series 2011-cash	5,053
Sewer Operational and Maintenance Contingency-cash	32,329
Sewer Short-Lived Assets Fund Series 2011-cash	167,188
Total restricted assets	532,512
PROPERTY. PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT	
Utility plant and depreciable assets (net	
of accumulated depreciation)	18,595,779
Total property, plant, and equipment	18,595,779
Total assets	19,326,096
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	52,101
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES (from current assets)	_
Accounts payable	68,530
Interest payable	57,158
Sales tax payable	194
State safe drinking water fee	2,690
Bonds payable within one year	196,014
Total	324,586
CURRENT LIABILITIES (from restricted assets)	
Customers' deposits	113,299
Bonds payable within one year	17,433
	130,732
<u>Total</u>	

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

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BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND – (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2022

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE FUND
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES Bonds payable Net pension liability <u>Total long-term liabilities</u>	\$ 10,069,704 <u>159,392</u> 10,229,096
Total liabilities	10,684,414
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	50,446
<u>NET POSITION</u> Net Investment in capital assets Restricted for debt service Unrestricted	8,312,628 297,078 33,631
Total net position	8,643,337

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE FUND
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for services	
Water services	\$ 434,669
Sewer services	380,448
Miscellaneous income	
Water and sewer connection fees	104,450
State safe drinking water fee	10,616
Other	24,184
Total operating revenues	954,367
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
Personal service	335,494
Supplies	131,362
Other expenses	309,474
Depreciation and amortization	636,786
Total operating expenses	1,413,116
OPERATING LOSS	(458,749)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	648
Loss on disposal of assets	(1,868)
Non-employer pension revenue	6,875
Interest expense	(210,544)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(204,889)
LOSS BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS	(663,638)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (OUT)	
Capital contributions	1,444,112
Operating transfers in	147,000
Total operating transfers in (out)	1,591,112
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	927,474
NET POSITION, beginning of year	
NET POSITION, end of year	8,643,337

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

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	ENTERPRISE FUND
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from customers	\$ 961,198
Cash paid to suppliers	(409,888)
Cash paid to employees	(338,199)
Net cash provided in operating activities	213,111
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	4 47 00 4
Operating transfers to/from other funds	147,004
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	147,004
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING	
ACTIVITIES	
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(762,475)
Principal paid on loans	(174,056)
Proceeds from bonds	718,102
Interest paid	(242,489)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(460,918)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest collected	571
Net cash provided by investing activities	571
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(100,232)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	708,948
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	608,716
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH	
PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating loss	<u>\$ (458,749)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided (used) by operating	
activities	200 700
Depreciation	636,786
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(12,569)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid insurance Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,018
Increase (decrease) in safe drinking water payable	29,918
Increase (decrease) in sales tax payable	390 (378)
Increase (decrease) in customer's deposits	19,400
Increase (decrease) in ret pension liability	(2,705)
Total adjustments	671,860
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Net cash provided by operating activities	213,111
NONCASH TRANSACTIONS	
Capital contributions for donated infrastructure	\$ 1 444 113
Capital Contributions for Monated infrastructure	<u>\$ 1,444,113</u>

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

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Maurice, Louisiana was incorporated on December 27, 1911 and operates under a mayor-council form of government.

The accompanying financial statements of the Town of Maurice, Louisiana have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in the subsequent subsection of this note.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of the Town of Maurice, Louisiana.

A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Town of Maurice is a primary government and has no component units. The accompanying basic financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Town and do not present information on any other governmental unit.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS(GWFS).

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Town of Maurice, the primary government, as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Net Position at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and; therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a)fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated 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, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

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

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

Governmental Funds

<u>General Fund.</u> The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Funds.</u> Special Revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

<u>1975 Sales Tax Fund Sewer and Water.</u> To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to the construction and maintenance of the sewer and water system as well as the payment of principal and interest on bonds incurred for the sewer system.

<u>1975 Sales Tax Fund Capital Improvements.</u> To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to capital improvements.

<u>1989 Sales Tax Fund.</u> To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to public safety law enforcement.

The Town reports the following major proprietary fund:

Enterprise Fund

<u>Utility Fund.</u> The Utility Fund accounts for water and sewer services to residents of the Town of Maurice. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund including, but not limited to, operations, construction, administration, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS (CONTINUED)

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The proprietary fund utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objective of this measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

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

Property tax, sales tax, franchise tax, intergovernmental revenue, and investment earnings are considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available when cash is received.

The proprietary fund utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used.

Services for water are recorded as revenue when billed to the customers on a monthly route reading cycle. At the end of the year, utility services which have been rendered from the latest date of each route reading cycle to the year-end which are unbilled are not recorded due to the immateriality at June 30, 2022.

PROGRAM REVENUES

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the Town's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Town's general revenues.

ALLOCATION OF INDIRECT EXPENSES

The Town reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately in the Statement of Activities.

NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Louisiana statutes authorize the Town to invest in United States Treasury obligations, bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and backed by the United States; bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by United States government instrumentalities, which are federally sponsored; and certificates of deposit.

Bank deposits must be secured by federal depository insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities must at all times equal or exceed 100% of the uninsured amount on deposit with the bank.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Town's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the Town or the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Town's cash and investments was \$2,747,522. The bank balance of cash was \$2,388,554 and of investments was \$408,112. Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost, which approximates market. At June 30, 2022, approximately \$724,854 of the bank balance was covered by FDIC insurance. Deposits in the amount of \$2,071,812 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the Town's name. The Town does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

E. <u>CASHAND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Town considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

F. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

During the course of operations numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

G. <u>INVENTORY</u>

The Town practices the policy of recording materials and supplies as expenditures or expenses when acquired. The Town does not record any of these items as inventory because the amount of the items in stock is insignificant.

H. <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether they are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

H. <u>CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)</u>

Prior to GASB No. 34, governments were not required to report general infrastructure assets. The Town of Maurice will capitalize infrastructure expenditures as incurred.

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The Town maintains a threshold level of \$300 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	10 - 40 years
Furniture and equipment	3 - 25 years
Vehicles	5 - 20 years
Water and sewer system	7 - 40 years

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

It is the policy of the Town to expense material amounts of interest resulting from borrowings in the course of the construction of fixed assets.

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as facilities acquisition and construction expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

I. ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debt through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information available indicates the uncollectibility of the particular receivables.

J. ENCUMBRANCES

The Town does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

K. <u>COMPENSATED ABSENCES</u>

Employees of the Town of Maurice earn vacation and sick leave on a calendar year basis. Accrued unused sick leave, earned by an employee can be carried forward to succeeding calendar years, not to exceed 90 days. Unused vacation cannot be carried forward to the next calendar year. Upon termination, unused vacation and sick leave is forfeited. Therefore, there is no provision for compensated absences at year-end.

L. <u>BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING</u>

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

1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year the Mayor submits to the Town Council an operating and capital budget for the succeeding year.

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

L. <u>BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)</u>

- 2. A public meeting is scheduled by the Town Council after allowing for at least 10 days notice to the public at the time the budget is initially submitted to the Town Council.
- 3. The budget must be finally adopted by the Council no later than the last day of the preceding fiscal year.
- 4. The Mayor and Town Council may authorize transfers of budgetary amounts within departments and revisions requiring alteration of levels of expenditures or transfers between departments.
- 5. Operating appropriations, to the extent not expended or encumbered, lapse at year-end. Capital appropriations continue in force until the project is completed or deemed abandoned.
- 6. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The budgeted amounts shown in these financial statements as of June 30, 2022, were properly amended during a public meeting held on June 15, 2022.

M. <u>RESTRICTED ASSETS</u>

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits of the proprietary fund that are restricted by creditors. The restricted assets include utility meter deposits from customers and cash accounts set up as requirements of bonds payable.

N. LONG-TERM DEBT

The accounting treatment of long-term debt 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.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

O. <u>REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXPENSES</u>

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenues and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing or investing activities.

NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

O. <u>REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXPENSES</u> (CONTINUED)

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character Proprietary Fund - By Operating and Nonoperating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the Statement of Activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

P. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- <u>Net investment in capital assets</u> Consist of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2. <u>Restricted net position</u> Consist of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. <u>Unrestricted net position</u> All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance reports aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

a) <u>Restricted fund balance</u> – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions for enabling legislation.

NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. <u>EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS</u> (CONTINUED)

- 2. <u>Committed fund balance</u> These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board of Aldermen the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Aldermen removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- 3. <u>Assigned fund balance</u> This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Town's "intent" to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Aldermen, Mayor and Town Clerk have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.
- 4. <u>Unassigned fund balance</u> This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

Q. ESTIMATES

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

R. <u>COMPARATIVE DATA</u>

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the individual fund financial statements. However, comparative data has not been presented in all statements because their inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

S. <u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

NOTE (2) - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2022 consist of the following:								
	Govern	mental B	Business-type					
	Activities		Activities		Total			
Accounts Taxes	\$	- \$ 21,913	81,495	\$	81,495 221,913			
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<u>Total</u>	22	21,913	81,495	·	303,408	:		

The accounts receivable of the Town of Maurice's Utility Fund consisted of billed utility services. An aging schedule is as follows:

	Sewer June 30, 2022		Water Jur	ne 30, <u>2022</u>
Days	Amounts	Approximate Number of Accounts	Amounts	Approximate Number of Accounts
Current	\$ 37,300	758	\$ 42,062	805
31-60	1,003	34	1,130	34
61-90	-		-	
91 and older	6,914	76	7,797	76
Less: Allowance for Doubtful accounts	(6,914)		(7,797)	
<u>Total</u>	38,303	868	43,192	915

The total number of current sewer users at June 30, 2022 is 868. At June 30, 2022, there were 782 residential and 86 commercial users.

The total number of current water users at June 30, 2022 is 915 at June 30, 2022 there were 813 residential and 102 commercial users.

The sewer rates at June 30, 2022 were as follows:

Over 2,000 gallons, \$6.66 per 1,000 gallons

Over 2,000 gallons, \$6.66 per 1,000 gallons

Residential users at 06/30/22: Flat \$16.00 per 2,000 gallons or less

The water rates at June 30, 2022 were as follows:

Over 2,000 gallons, \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons Commercial users at 06/30/22:

Flat \$21.00 per 2,000 gallons or less Over 2,000 gallons, \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons

NOTE (3) - PENSION PLANS

Commercial users at 06/30/22:

Residential users at 06/30/22:

Flat \$12.00 per 2,000 gallons or less

Flat \$12.00 per 2,000 gallons or less

The Town participates in two cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans, each administered by separate public employee retirement systems. Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of all plans administered by these public employee retirement systems to the State Legislature. These plans are not closed to new entrants. Substantially all Town employees participate in one of the following retirement systems:

NOTE (3) - PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

PLAN DESCRIPTIONS

<u>Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:1731 and 11:1781. The Town participates in Plan B.

<u>State of L'ouisiana - Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in the LRS 11:2211 and 11:2220.

The system's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. Interest income is recognized when earned. Ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing monies are recognized in the year collected by the tax collector. A brief summary of eligibility and benefits of the plans are provided in the following table:

	MERS	MPERS
Final average salary	Highest 60 months	Highest 36 months (1) or highest 60 months (2)
Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits	30 years at any age 10 years at age 60	25 years at any age 12 years at age 55 20 years at any age (3) 30 years at any age (4) 25 years at age 55 (4) 10 years at age 60 (4)
Benefit percent per years of service	2.00%	2.50% - 3.00% (5)

(1) Membership prior to January 1, 2013

(2) Membership commencing January 1, 2013

(3) With actuarial reduced benefits

(4) Under Non Hazardous Duty sub plan commencing January 1, 2013

(5) As of January 1, 2013, Non Hazardous Duty Plan rate is 2.50% and Hazardous Duty Plan rate is 3.00%; Prior to January 1, 2013, rate is 3.33%

CONTRIBUTIONS

Article X, Section 29(E)(2)(a) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the Legislature the authority to determine employee contributions. Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. In addition, MERS receives a percentage of ad valorem taxes collected by parishes and MPERS receives a percentage of insurance premium taxes from the state. These entities are not participating employers in the pension systems and are considered to be non-employer contributing entities. Contributions of employees, employers, and non-employer contributing entities effective for the year ended June 30, 2022 for the plans in which the Town is a participating employer were as follows:

NOTE (3) - PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Plan	Active Member Contribution Percentage	Employer Contribution Percentage	Non Co	Amount from Non-employer Contributing Entities		mployer	mployee tribtutions
MERS MPERS	5.00% 10.00%	15.50% 29.75%	\$	10,174 15,354	\$	60,300 78,308	\$ 19,451 25,591
				25,528		138,608	 45,042

NET PENSION LIABILITY

At June 30, 2022, the Town's net pension liability is comprised of its proportionate share of the net pension liability relating to each of the cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans in which the Town is a participating employer. The Town's net pension liability for each plan was measured as of the plan's measurement date, June 30, 2021, 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 proportionate share of the net pension liability for each of the plans in which it participates was based on the Town's required contributions in proportion to total required contributions for all employers. As of the most recent measurement date, the Town's proportion for each plan and the change in proportion from the prior measurement date were as follows:

Plan	Sh	portionate are of Net sion Liability	Proportionate Share (%) of Net Pension Liability	Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Measurement Date		
MERS MPERS	\$	235,797 366,310 602,107	0.407031% 0.068719%	-0.001482% 0.002100%		

Since the measurement date of the net pension liability was June 30, 2021, the net pension liability is based upon fiduciary net position for each of the plans as of those dates. Detailed information about each pension plan's assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the Town's net pension liability is available in the separately issued plan financial reports for those fiscal years. The financial report for each plan may be accessed on their website as follows:

MERS – <u>http://www.mersla.com/</u> MPERS – <u>http://www.lampers.org/</u>

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

The following table provides information concerning actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the total net pension liability for each of the retirement plans in which the Town is a participating employer:

NOTE (3) - PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

	MERS	MPERS
Date of experience study on which significant assumptions are based	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2018	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2019
Expected remaining service lives	3	4
Inflation rate	2.50%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	4.90% - 7.4%	4.70% - 12.30%
Projected benefit changes including COLAs		
	None	None
Source of mortality assumptions	(1), (2), (3)	(4), (5), (6)

(1) PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.

(2) PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.

(3) PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.

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

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

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

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS

The pension plans in which the Town participates have the authority to grant cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an ad hoc basis. Pursuant to LRS 11:242(B), the power of the Board of Trustees of the statewide systems (MERS and MPERS) to grant a COLA if effective in calendar years that the legislature fails to grant a COLA, unless in the legislation granting a COLA, the legislature authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide an additional COLA. The authority to grant a COLA by the Board is subject to the funded status and interest earnings. The effects of the benefit changes made as a result of the COLAs is included in the measurement of the total pension liability as of the measurement date at which the ad hoc COLA was granted and the amount is known and reasonable estimable.

DISCOUNT RATE

The discount rates used to measure the Town's total pension liability for each plan and the significant assumptions used in the determination of the discount rate for each plan are as follows:

	MERS	MPERS
Discount rate	6.850%	6.750%
Change in discount rate from prior valuation	-0.100%	-0.200%
Plan cash flow assumptions	(1)	(1)
Rates incorporated in the discount rate:		
Long-term rate of return	6.850%	6.750%
Periods applied	All	All
Municipal bond rate	N/A	N/A

(1) Plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and sponsor contributions will be made at the actuarially determined rates

NOTE (3) – PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

DISCOUNT RATE (CONTINUED)

The discount rates used to determine the Town's total pension liability for each plan is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits. For MERS and MPERS, the long-term expected rate of return for each plan 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 expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by added expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized for each plan in the following tables:

	ME	MERS		ERS
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	53.00%	2.31%	55.50%	3.47%
Fixed Income	38.00%	1.65%	30.50%	0.59%
Alternative	9.00%	0.39%	14.00%	1.01%
Total	100.00%	4.35%	100.00%	5.07%
Inflation		2.60%		2.22%
Expected Nominal Return		6.95%		7.29%

PENSION EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense over a number of years. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Town recognized \$66,536 in pension expense related to all retirement plans in which it participates. MERS and MPERS recognized revenues in the amount of \$25,528 in ad valorem taxes and insurance premiums collected from non-employer contributing entities. The pension expense and revenues are summarized by plan in the following table:

Plan	Pensi	Pension Expense		evenues
MERS MPERS	\$	53,501 13,035	\$	10,174 15,354
	. <u></u>	66,536	<u></u>	25,528

NOTE (3) -- PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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PENSION EXPENSE, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

At June 30, 2022, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deterred Outflows of Resources				
	MERS	MPERS	Total		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$-	\$-	\$-		
Changes of assumptions	9,543	40,567	50,110		
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	_	_	-		
Changes in proportion and differences between actual contributions and proportionate share of contributions	7,225	69,610	76,835		
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	60,300	78,308	138,608		
Total	77,068	188,485	265,553		

	Deferred Inflows of Resources							
	N	IERS	MPERS		RSMPERS			Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	9,730		\$ 11,281	\$	21,011		
Changes of assumptions		-		10,449		10,449		
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		63,722		171,038		234,760		
Changes in proportion and differences between actual contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,176		40,780	•	41,956		
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		-		-		-		
Total ,		74,628	=	233,548	_	308,176		

Deferred outflows of resources of \$265,553 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ending June 30, 2022. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions to be recognized in pension expense are as follows: Year ended

June 30	MERS	MPERS	Total		
2022	\$ (4,668)	\$ (35,181)	\$ (39,849)		
2023	(14,265)	(1,089)	(15,354)		
2024	(16,527)	(28,181)	(44,708)		
2025	(22,392)	(58,928)	(81,320)		
Total	(57,852)	(123,379)	(181,231)		

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NOTE (3) - PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

SENSITIVITY TO CHANGES IN THE DISCOUNT RATE

The following presents the Town's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plans, calculated using their respective discount rates, as well as what the Town's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

			Net Pension Liability					
	Current	-	Current					
Plan	Discount Rate	1% Decrease		Discount Rate		1% Increase		
MERS	6.850%	\$	361,761	\$	235,797	\$	129,254	
MPERS	6.750%		638,420		366,310		139,190	
Total			1,000,181	<u>. </u>	602,107		268,444	

PAYABLES TO THE PENSION PLAN

At June 30, 2022, the Town did not have a payable to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) but the Town did have a payable to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) in the amount of \$7,238 for the employer's portion of contractually required contributions to the pension plans for the month of June.

ESTIMATES

The process of preparing the schedule of employer allocations and schedule of pension amounts in conformity with accounting principles generally. accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

NOTE (4) - UNEARNED REVENUE

Unearned revenue of \$292,546 at June 30, 2022 consists of federal awards received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) on March 11, 2021, to provide governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery. The Town is required to spend these funds in accordance with assistance listing 21.027 guidance. These funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. The Town expects to receive a second tranche payment under the ARPA.

NOTE (5) - AD VALOREM TAXES

Each taxing district in the parish sets its own millage based on election results and various guidelines. The tax roll is then prepared by the Parish Assessor, who submits the information to the Town. The Town then bills and collects its own property taxes. The ad valorem tax is due on or before December 31 and becomes delinquent on January 1. The Town levied 2.41 mills general alimony tax for the year ended June 30, 2022 on property with assessed valuation totaling \$19,363,139. Total tax levied was \$46,665. Ad valorem tax receivable at June 30, 2022 was \$63 net of an allowance for uncollectable accounts of \$95.

NOTE (6) - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, for the Town of Maurice is as follows:

	Balances	A dditions	Diamagala	Transfers and	Balances
	_July 1, 2021	Additions	<u> Disposals </u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	June 30, 2022
Governmental activities					
Land	\$ 1,200	\$ 250,000	\$-	\$-	\$ 251,200
Buildings and improvements	412,781	-	-	-	412,781
Equipment	130,116	27,761	4,239	-	153,638
Furniture and fixtures	80,315	11,263	2,960	-	88,618
Vehicles	223,789	-	415	-	223,374
Other structures and improvements	4,580,890	2,617,881			7,198,771
<u>Totals at historical cost</u>	5,429,091	2,906,905	7,614		8,328,382
Less accumulated depreciation					
Buildings and improvements	117,581	10,817	-	-	128,398
Equipment	76,273	6,374	4,239	-	78,408
Furniture and fixtures	65,243	5,785	2,960	-	68,068
Vehicles	88,910	21,507	415	-	110,002
Other structures and improvements	243,517	124,996			368,513
Total accumulated depreciation	591,524	169,479	7,614		753,389
Governmental activities					
Capital assets, net	4,837,567	2,737,426			7,574,993

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

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General government Public safety	\$ 142,010 27,469
Total	 169,479

NOTE (6) - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Balances July 1, 2021	Additions	Disposals	Transfers and Adjustments	Balances June 30, 2022
Business-type activities					
Land	\$ 433,432	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 433,432
Sewer system	13,008,295	722,052	-	18,244	13,748,591
Water system	6,716,836	838,597		-	7,555,433
Vehicles	82,512	-	-	-	82,512
Machinery and equipment	268,875	[.] 188,898	9,239	-	448,534
Buildings	82,786	-	3,200	-	79,586
Total at historical cost	20,592,736	1,749,547	12,439	18,244	22,348,088
Less accumulated depreciation					
Sewer system	1,255,219	371,243	-	-	1,626,462
Water system	1,604,786	233,558	-	-	1,838,344
Vehicles	41,110	11,409	-	_	52,519
Machinery and equipment	179,772	18,185	9,239	-	188,718
Buildings	45,208	2,391	1,333	-	46,266
Total accumulated depreciation	3,126,095	636,786	10,572		3,752,309
Business-type, activities					
Capital assets, net	17,466,641	1,112,761	1,867	18,244	18,595,779
	Balances _July 1, 2021	Additions	Disposals	Transfers andAdjustments	Balances June 30, 2022_
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NOTE (7) - SALES TAXES

Construction in process

One half (1/2) of the proceeds of the 1975 1% sales and use tax is dedicated to constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating and maintaining a new sanitary sewer and water system for the Town of Maurice, and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings; therefore, title to which shall be in the public, said tax to be subject to funding into bonds by the Town and/or used to pay principal and interest on any bonds or funded indebtedness of the Town incurred for the sewer and water systems to the extent and in the manner permitted by the laws of Louisiana. The remaining one half (1/2) is dedicated to capital improvements.

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18,244 \$

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Proceeds of the 1989 1/2% sales tax are dedicated to fund law enforcement, including salaries, equipment and other necessary operating expenses.

(18,244) \$

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NOTE (8) - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Transfers consisted of the following at June 30, 2022:

	Transfers In		Transfers Out_	
Major Funds				
Governmental Funds				
General	\$	755,303	\$	-
1975 Sales Tax Sewer and Water		-		147,000
1975 Sales Tax Capital Improvements		-		352,303
1989 Sales Tax		-		403,000
Proprietary Fund				
Utility Fund		147,000		-
		902,303		902.303

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the utility fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

NOTE (9) - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

On January 24, 2008, the Town issued \$250,000 of Certificates of Revenue Bond Series 2008, of which \$213,000 bears interest at the rate of -0-%. The bond has a final maturity of January 1, 2033.

For the payment of the principal and the interest on the Revenue Bonds Series 2008, a Sinking Fund must be established and maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent bank of the Town. The Town shall deposit in said Sinking Fund monthly in advance on or before the 20th day of each month a sum equal to one-sixth of the next interest payment date and a sum equal to one-twelfth of the principal falling due on the next principal payment date.

On June 30, 2011, the Town issued \$1,314,000 of Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2011 of which bears interest at a rate of 3.38%. The bonds have a final maturity of July 5, 2051.

On July 5, 2011, the Town issued \$100,000 of Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2011 which bears interest at a rate of 3.25%. The bonds have a final maturity of July 5, 2051.

On September 17, 2020, the Town issued \$7,214,000 of Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2020 No R-1 which bears interest at the rate of 1.875% with a final maturity of September 17, 2060.

Under the terms of the Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2011 and 2020 the following funds are to be maintained by the Town:

For the payment of the principal and the interest on the Bonds, a Debt Service Fund must established and maintained with monthly payments in the amount of 1/12 of the principal and interest for the immediately preceding bond year.

The Reserve Fund is established to care for extensions, additions, improvements, renewals and replacements necessary to properly operate the system. The Town is required to make monthly payments in the amount of \$506 from October 2020 to August 2021 and \$2,684 starting in September 2021 into the Reserve Fund until \$60,624 has been accumulated therein. The payments commence in the month following completion of and acceptance of the sewer system improvements.

The Contingency Fund is established to care for extensions, additions, improvements, renewals, and replacements necessary to properly operate the system. The Town is required to make monthly payments in the

NOTE (9) - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

amount of \$254 into the Debt Service Fund until \$60,624 has been accumulated then it shall increase to \$507 per month. The payments commence in the month following completion of and acceptance of the sewer system improvements.

The Asset Fund is established to provide for the maintenance and replacement of short-lived assets of the system and is to be funded in monthly installments in the amount of \$2,638 on the 20th day of each month. The payments commence in the month following completion of and acceptance of the sewer system improvements.

On June 24, 2021, the Town issued \$2,210,000 of Water Revenue Bonds Series 2021 No R-1 of which bears interest at a rate of 2.25% with a final maturity of June 24, 2061.

For the payment of the principal and the interest on the Bonds, a Debt Service Fund must be established and maintained with monthly payments in the amount of 1/12 of the principal and interest for the immediately preceding bond year.

The Reserve Fund is established to care for extensions, additions, improvements, renewals, and replacements necessary to properly operate the system. The Town is required to make monthly payments in the amount of \$415 from July 2021 to June 2022 and \$712 starting in July 2022 into the Reserve Fund until \$85,404 has been accumulated therein. The payments commence in the month following completion of and acceptance of the sewer system improvements.

The Asset Fund is established to provide for the maintenance and replacement of short-lived assets of the system and is to be funded in monthly installments in the amount of \$544.12 on the 20th day of each month. The payments commence in the month following completion of and acceptance of the sewer system improvements.

A summary of changes in long-term debt is as follows:

Description of Debt	Balances 7/1/21	Additions	Reductions	Balances 6/30/22
Revenue Bonds Series 2008 at 4.5%	\$ 43.000	\$ -	\$ 21.000	\$ 22,000
Sewer Revenue Bonds	φ 4 5,000	Ψ -	φ 21,000	φ 22,000
Series 2011 No R-1 at 3.38%	1,056,998	-	20,733	1,036,265
Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2011 No R-2 at 3.25%	86,720	-	1,743	84,977
Water Revenue Bonds				
Series 2021 No. R-1 at 2.25%	2,210,000	-	25,998	2,184,002
Sewer Revenue Bonds				
Series 2020 No. R-1 at 1.875%	6,342,387	718,102	104,582	6,955,907
	9,739,105	718,102	174,056	10,283,151

NOTE (9) - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Maturities of long-term debt are scheduled as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 213,447	\$ 266,740	\$ 480,187
2024	195,560	211,912	407,472
2025	199,766	207,706	407,472
2026	204,068	203,404	407,472
2027	208,467	199,005	407,472
2028-2032	1,111,907	925,453	2,037,360
2033-2037	1,237,961	799,399	2,037,360
2038-2042	1,379,199	658,161	2,037,360
2043-2047	1,537,593	499,768	2,037,361
2048-2052	1,652,776	322,948	1,975,724
2053-2057	1,574,089	160,151	1,734,240
Thereafter	768,318	22,860	791,178
Total	10,283,151	4,477,507	14,760,658

CAPITAL LEASE

On April 15, 2022, the Town of Maurice entered into a capital lease for four tasers for the police department. The lease is for a period of five years and requires annual principal only payments of \$2,866. The capitalized cost of \$14,329 less accumulated depreciation of \$955 is included in capital assets. Depreciation expense for the tasers was \$955.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year ending	Lease
June 30,	payment
2023	\$ 2,866
2024	2,866
2025	2,866
2026	2,865
	11,463

NOTE (10) - OTHER POST -- EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Town of Maurice does not provide any post-employment benefits to retirees other than pension and therefore is not required to report under GASB Statement No. 75, <u>Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions.</u>

NOTE (11) - FUND BALANCE CONSTRAINTS

The constraints on fund balance as listed in aggregate in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are detailed according to balance classification.

Fund Balance:	Gover	nmental Funds
Nonspendable Prepaid Insurance	\$	12,583
Restricted Sales tax dedications		1,703,081
Committed		-
Assigned Unassigned		- 296,710
Ū	<u> </u>	<u></u>
Total Fund Balance		2,012,374

NOTE (12) - UNCERTANTIES

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease ("Covid-19") as a pandemic. We expect this matter may negatively impact the results of the Town of Maurice's operations and financial position, but the related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

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NOTE (13) - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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Subsequent events were evaluated though December 21, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As of December 21, 2022, there were no subsequent events noted.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Bu Original	dget Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 125,560	\$ 153,907	\$ 160,531	\$ 6,624
Fines	336,567	401,711	411,986	10,275
Licenses and permits	318,835	282,078	331,428	49,350
Intergovernmental	23,211	330,486	330,987	501
Investment income	198	523	, 756	233
Miscellaneous	13,296	30,814	40,364	9,550
Total revenues	817,667	1,199,519	1,276,052	76,533
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating				
General and administrative	592,346	782,875	710,406	72,469
Public safety	522,523	555,900	548,091	7,809
Debt Service	-	-	2,866	(2,866)
Capital outlay	452,500	667,161	728,900	(61,739)
Total expenditures	1,567,369	2,005,936	1,990,263	15,673
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER				
	(740 702)	(906 417)	(714 011)	02.206
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(749,702)	(806,417)	(714,211)	92,206
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Operating transfers in				
from 1989 Sales Tax Fund	260,000	403,000	403,000	-
from 1975 Sales Tax Capital Improvements	430,000	352,302	352,303	1
Inception of capital lease	-	-	14,329	14,329
Total other financing sources	690,000	755,302	769,632	14,330
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(59,702)	(51,115)	55,421	106,536
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FUND BALANCE, beginning of year, as restated	236,450	253,872	253,872	
FUND BALANCE, end of year	176,748	202,757	309,293	106,536
	170,740	202,101		

See Independent Auditor's Report.

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE 1975 SALES TAX FUND SEWER AND WATER FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Buc Original	lget Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES Taxes Sales tax collection Interest income <u>Total revenues</u>	\$ 240,000 200 240,200	\$ 364,989 1,700 366,689	\$ 389,612 1,804 391,416	\$ 24,623 104 24,727
EXPENDITURES Current operating General and administrative <u>Total expenditures</u>	<u> </u>	<u>19,162</u> 19,162	<u>16,188</u> 16,188	2,974 2,974
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	223,068	347,527	375,228_	27,701
OTHER FINANCING USES Operating transfers out to Utility Fund <u>Total other financing uses</u>	(220,000) (220,000)	<u>(147,000)</u> (147,000)	<u>(147,000)</u> (147,000)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	3,068	200,527	228,228	27,701
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	702,095	770,415	770,415	<u> </u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year	705,163	970,942	998,643	27,701

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE 1975 SALES TAX FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Bud Original	get Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES Taxes Sales tax collection Interest income <u>Total revenues</u>	\$ 240,000 <u>485</u> 240,485	\$ 364,989 <u>533</u> 365,522	\$ 389,612 535 390,147	\$ 24,623 2 24,625_
EXPENDITURES Total expenditures	<u> </u>		<u>-</u>	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	240,485	365,522	390,147	24,625
OTHER FINANCING USES Operating transfers out to General Fund <u>Total other financing uses</u>	(430,000) (430,000)	(352,302) (352,302)	<u>(352,303)</u> (352,303)	<u>(1)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(189,515)	13,220	37,844	24,624
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	545,047	595,827	595,827	
FUND BALANCE, end of year	355,532	609,047	633,671	24,624

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See Independent Auditor's Report.

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE 1989 SALES TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Bud Original	get Final	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>REVENUES</u> Taxes				
Sales tax collection Interest	\$ 240,000	\$ 364,989	\$ 389,612 <u>31</u>	\$ 24,623 (1)
<u>Total revenues</u> EXPENDITURES	240,015	365,021	389,643	24,622
Total expenditures		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	240,015	365,021	389,643	24,622
OTHER FINANCING USES Operating transfers out to General Fund Total other financing uses	<u>(260,000)</u> (260,000)	(403,000) (403,000)	<u>(403,000)</u> (403,000)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(19,985)	(37,979)	(13,357)	24,622
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	33,384	84,124	84,124	_
FUND BALANCE, end of year See Independent Auditor's Report.	13,399	46,145	70,767	24,622

PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Schedule for Municipal Employee Retirement System:

				Employer's Prorportionate	
				Share of the Net	Plan Fiduciary Net
	Employer's	Employer's		Pension Liability as	Position as a
	Proportion of	Proportionate	Employer's	a Percentage of its	Percentage of the
Fiscal	the Net Pension	Share of the Net	Covered Employee	Covered Employee	Total Pension
Year*	Liability	Pension Liability	Payroll	Payroll	Liability
2022	0.40703%	\$ 235,797	\$ 389,031	60.61%	79.14%
2021	0.40851%	370,205	312,813	118.35%	66.26%
2020	0.38029%	332,686	290,724	114.43%	66.14%
2019	0.33040%	279,464	244,855	114.13%	65.60%
2018	0.36306%	314,130	269,479	116.57%	62.49%
2017	0.35476%	294,061	260,634	112.83%	63.34%
2016	0.36757%	249,816	255,039	97.95%	68.70%
2015	0.35216%	165,340	233,986	70.66%	76.94%

Schedule for Municipal Police Employee Retirement System:

	Employer's Proportion of	Employer's Proportionate	Employer's	Employer's Prorportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the
Fiscal	the Net Pension	Share of the Net	Covered Employee	•	Total Pension
Year*	Liability	Pension Liability	Payroll	Payroll	Liability
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2022	0.06872%	\$ 366,310	\$ 263,220	139.16%	84.09%
2021	0.06662%	615,716	209,652	293.68%	70.94%
2020	0.05293%	481,165	165,456	290.81%	71.01%
2019	0.07284%	615,811	214,965	286.47%	71.89%
2018	0.07266%	634,318	216,901	292.45%	70.08%
2017	0.06560%	614,857	209,007	294.18%	66.04%
2016	0.05865%	459,493	131,609	349.13%	70.70%
2015	0.05742%	359,237	130,511	275.25%	76.90%

*The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

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

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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Schedule for Municipal Employee Retirement System:

				Cont	(b) tributions in					
			(a)	Re	elation to		(a-b)			Contributions as a
		5	Statutorily	st	tatutorily	Сс	ontribution	Employer's		percentage of
	Fiscal	F	Required	r	equired	D	eficiency		Covered	Covered Employee
_	Year*	C	ontribution	CO	ntribution	(Excess)	En	ployee Payroll	Payroll
	2022	\$	60,300	\$	60,300	\$	-	\$	389,031	15.50%
	2021		48,486		48,486		-		312,813	15.50%
	2020		44,322		44,322		-		316,583	14.00%
	2019		40,701		40,701		-		290,724	14.00%
	2018		32,443		32,443		-		244,855	13.25%
	2017		29,643		29,643		-		269,479	11.00%
	2016		24,760		24,760		-		260,634	9.50%
	2015		24,229		24,229		-		255,039	9.50%

Schedule for Municipal Police Employee Retirement System;

			Cont	(b) tributions in						
		(a)	Re	elation to		(a-b)			Contributions as a	
	S	tatutorily	s	tatutorily	Со	ntribution		Employer's	percentage of	
Fiscal	R	equired	r	equired	D	eficiency		Covered	Covered Employee	
 Year*	Co	ntribution	со	ntribution	(Excess)	En	nployee Payroll	Payroll	
2022	\$	78,308	\$	78,308	\$	-	\$	263,220	29.75%	
2021		70,758		70,758		-		209,652	33.75%	
2020		63,872		63,872		-		196,530	32.50%	
2019		53,360		53,360		-		165,456	32.25%	
2018		66,102		66,102		-		214,965	30.75%	
2017		68,866		68,866		-		216,901	31.75%	
2016		61,657		61,657		-		209,007	29.50%	
2015		49,489		49,489		-		157,109	31.50%	

*Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year.

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

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

(1) <u>Pension Plans</u>

Changes of assumptions -- Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the plans. These assumptions include the rate of investment return, mortality of plan members, rate of salary increase, rates of retirement, rates of termination, rates of disability, and various other factors that have an impact on the cost of the plan.

Amounts reported in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 for the various pension plans reflect the following changes used to measure the total pension liabilities:

	ME	RS	MPEF	MPERS		
Valuation Date	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021		
Investment Rate of Return (Discount Rate)	6.950%	6.850%	6.950%	6.750%		
Inflation rate	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%		

(2) <u>Budget</u>

Basis of Accounting

See Note 1 for basis of accounting.

Budgetary Practices

See Note 1 for budgetary adoption procedures.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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GENERAL FUND

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The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund has a greater number and variety of revenue sources than any other fund, and its resources normally finance a wider range of activities. The resources of the General Fund are ordinarily largely expended and replenished on an annual basis.

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 563,704	\$ 224,34
Investments	51,327	51,10
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles		
Taxes	27,268	23,76
Prepaid insurance	12,583	12,34
Interest receivable	190	19
Total assets	655,072	311,75
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 33,053	\$ 41,08
Payroll taxes payable	8,067	7,00
Retirement payable	9,559	7,87
Due to LA Law Enforcement Commission	2,054	1,41
Unearned revenue	292,546	-
Bond deposit	500	50
<u>Total liabilities</u>	345,779	57,88
FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable	12,583	12,34
Unassigned	296,710	241,52
Total fund balance	309,293	253,87
Total liabilities and fund balance	655,072	311,75
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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

		2022		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Variance	•
			Favorable	2021
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 153,907	\$ 160,531	\$ 6,624	\$ 133,049
Fines	401,711	411,986	10,275	371,108
Licenses and permits	282,078	331,428	49,350	311,360
Intergovernmental	330,486	330,987	501	32,936
Investment income	523	756	233	472
Miscellaneous	30,814	40,364	9,550	24,443
<u>Total revenues</u>	1,199,519	1,276,052	76,533	873,368
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating				
General and administrative	782,875	710,406	72,469	582,027
Public safety	555,900	548,091	7,809	421,936
Debt Service	-	2,866	(2,866)	-
Capital outlay	667,161	728,900	(61,739)	330,915
Total expenditures	2,005,936	1,990,263	15,673	1,334,878
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES				
UNDER EXPENDITURES	(806,417)	(714,211)	92,206	(461,510)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Operating transfers in				
from 1989 Sales Tax Fund	403,000	403,000	_	272,016
from 1975 Sales Tax Capital Improvements	352,302	352,303	1	228,887
Inception of capital lease		14,329	14,329	- 220,007
Total other financing sources	755,302	769,632	14,330	500,903
	(51 115)	55 421	106,536	39,393
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(51,115)	55,421	100,000	39,393
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year, as restated	253,872	253,872	<u> </u>	214,479
FUND BALANCE, end of year	202,757	309,293	106,536	253,872
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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE DETAILED SCHEDULES OF REVENUES BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	2022						
	E	Budget		Actual	Fa	ariance avorable favorable)	2021 Actual
							-
TAXES							
Property tax	\$	46,575	\$	46,553	\$	(22)	\$ 41,362
Franchise - electric	Ψ	91,812	Ψ	95,417	Ψ	3,605	74,212
Franchise - cable television		8,687		11,728		3,041	12,233
Franchise - gas		6,833		6,833		0,0	5,242
Total taxes		153,907		160,531		6,624	133,049
	<u> </u>	100,007		100,001		0,021	
FINES							
Fines		401,711		411,986		10,275	371,108
Total fines		401,711		411,986		10,275	371,108
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LICENSES AND PERMITS							
Occupational licenses		112,245		135,260		23,015	95,489
Building permits		169,833		196,168		26,335	215,871
Total licenses and permits		282,078		331,428		49,350	311,360
INTERGOVERNMENTAL							
State beer tax		3,708		3,632		(76)	3,923
Maintenance service fees		5,020		5,020		-	5,020
State grants		270,748		271,325		577	13,988
Parish Government		44,927		44,927		-	-
Federal grants	<u> </u>	6,083		6,083		-	10,005
<u>Total intergovernmental</u>		330,486		330,987	<u> </u>	501	32,936
INVESTMENT INCOME Interest income		523		756		233	472
		525		750	·	233	412
MISCELLANEOUS							
Accident reports		1,073		999		(74)	827
Other		29,741		39,365		9,624	23,616
<u>Total miscellaneous</u>		30,814		40,364		9,550	24,443
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Total revenues	1	,199,519		1,276,052	<u> </u>	76,533	873,368
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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA <u>GENERAL FUND</u> COMPARATAIVE DETAILED SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES <u>BUDGET AND ACTUAL</u> FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

		2022		
		 	Variance	
			Favorable	2021
	Budget	 Actual	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>	Actual
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE				
Personal services				
Salaries	\$ 201,614	\$ 206,140	\$ (4,526)	\$ 172,395
Payroll taxes	14,927	15,309	(382)	11,907
Retirement	19,634	19,996	(362)	18,905
Supplies				
Office supplies and postage	11,600	10,803	797	9,154
Uniform and mats rental	4,500	4,773	(273)	4,291
Maintenance supplies	3,100	2,506	5 94	1,381
<u>Other</u>				
Medical	-	640	(640)	825
Insurance	65,000	65,918	(918)	57,492
Utilities	43,500	42,572	928	36,284
Automobile expense	6,100	7,185	(1,085)	5,550
Telephone	4,500	4,538	(38)	4,491
Security service	650	575	75	240
Professional expense	302,141	226,940	75,201	171,775
Repairs and maintenance	23,614	22,007	1,607	13,194
Miscellaneous	2,400	1,860	540	1,381
Parks and recreation	2,316	2,310	6	3,014
Dues and subscriptions	4,000	3,879	121	3,326
Advertising	5,000	5,091	(91)	3,890
Travel expense	2,000	1,555	445	589
Trash collection	2,200	2,201	(1)	1,333
Historical Society	11,484	11,484	-	13,988
Equipment rental	3,100	2,859	241	2,862
LA Law Enforcement Commission	2,700	2,705	(5)	2,475
Crime lab	29,000	28,710	290	27,610
Continued education	1,045	1,045	-	(75)
Maurice Volunteer Fire Department	8,000	8,000	-	5,000
Vermilion Parish Development	750	750	-	750
V.P. drug task force	8,000	8,000	-	8,000
Election cost	-	 55	(55)	
Total general and administrative	782,875	 710,406	72,469	582,027

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE DETAILED SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

		2022		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	2021 Actual
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Personal services				
Salaries	\$ 296,030	\$ 301,828	\$ (5,798)	\$ 228,351
Payroll taxes	9,690	9,688	2	8,224
Retirement	75,080	78,308	(3,228)	70,757
<u>Other</u>				
Automobile equipment and maintenance	40,000	27,441	12,559	29,243
Communications	7,500	7,650	(150)	5,827
Gas - autos	33,000	34,853	(1,853)	23,590
Insurance	40,000	39,324	676	34,411
Miscellaneous	15,000	4,585	10,415	787
Police supplies	7,000	10,086	(3,086)	3,799
Telephone	8,500	9,609	(1,109)	6,357
Travel	2,000	1,817	183	-
Dues and subscriptions	4,800	4,776	24	2,969
Continued education	2,200	2,005	195	570
Professional services	2,800	2,580	220	2,435
Uniforms	4,800	4,409	391	2,112
Repairs and maintenance	7,500	9,132	(1,632)	2,504
<u>Total public safety</u>	555,900	548,091	7,809	421,936
Debt Service	<u>_</u>	2,866	(2,866)	
Capital outlay	667,161	728,900	<u>(61,739)</u>	330,915
Total expenditures	2,005,936	1,990,263	15,673	<u>1,334,878</u>
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

1975 SALES TAX FUND-SEWER AND WATER

To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to the construction and maintenance of the sewer and water system as well as the payment of principal and interest on bonds incurred for the sewer system.

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1975 SALES TAX FUND-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to capital improvements.

1989 SALES TAX FUND

To account for proceeds of the 1/2% sales and use tax levied by the Town. These proceeds are dedicated to public safety law enforcement.

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	1975 SALES TAX FUND SEWER AND	1975 SALES TAX FUND CAPITAL	1989 SALES		TALS
	WATER	IMPROVEMENT	<u>S</u> TAX FUND	2022	2021
ASSETS					
Cash Investments Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	\$ 592,315 342,896	\$	l \$ 5,884 -	\$ 1,166,990 342,896	\$ 925,830 341,357
Taxes Interest receivable	64,882 	64,880) 64,883 	194,645 	184,323 255
<u>Total assets</u>	1,000,093	633,671	70,767	1,704,531	1,451,765
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
<u>LIABILITIES</u> Accounts payable <u>Total liabilities</u>	<u> </u>	\$	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,450</u> 1,450	<u>\$ </u>
FUND BALANCES Fund balances Restricted					
Sales tax dedications <u>Total fund balances</u>	<u>998,643</u> 998,643	<u>633,671</u> 633,671		1,703,081 1,703,081	<u>1,450,366</u> 1,450,366
Total liabilities and fund balances See Independent Auditor's Report.	1,000,093	633,671	70,767	1,704,531	1,451,765

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

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	1975 SALES TAX FUND SEWER AND WATER	1975 SALES TAX FUND CAPITAL <u>IMPROVEMENTS</u>	1989 SALES TAX FUND		ALS
REVENUES Taxes Sales tax collections Interest income <u>Total revenues</u>	\$ 389,612 1,804 391,416	\$ 389,612 	\$ 389,612 31 389,643	\$1,168,836 	\$ 893,565 6,131 899,696
EXPENDITURES Current operating General and administrative <u>Total expenditures</u> EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>16,188</u> <u>16,188</u> 375,228			<u>16,188</u> <u>16,188</u> 1,155,018	14,940 14,940 884,756
OTHER FINANCING USES Operating transfers out to General Fund to Utility Fund <u>Total other financing uses</u> NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(147,000) (147,000) 228,228	(352,303) (352,303) 37,844	(403,000) 	(755,303) (147,000) (902,303) 252,715	(513,466) (193,863) (707,329) 177,427
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	770,415	595,827	84,124	1,450,366	1,272,939
FUND BALANCES, end of year	998,643	633,671	70,767	1,703,081	1,450,366
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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - 1975 SALES TAX FUND SEWER AND WATER COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

			Variance Favorable	2021
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Sales tax collection	\$ 364,989	\$ 389,612	\$ 24,623	\$ 297,855
Interest income Total revenues	1,700	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>5,581</u> 303,436
Totarrevenues			24,727	
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating General and administrative				
Office supplies	8,232	7,113	1,119	6,677
Professional services	10,930	9,075	1,855	8,263
<u>Total expenditures</u>	19,162	16,188	2,974	14,940
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
EXPENDITURES	347,527	375,228	27,701	288,496
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating transfers out				
to Utility Fund	(147,000)	(147,000)	••	(193,863)
Total other financing uses	(147,000)	(147,000)		(193,863)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	200,527	228,228	27,701	94,633
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	770,415	770,415		675,782
FUND BALANCE, end of year	070 040	008 642	27 704	770 445
·	970,942	998,643	27,701	770,415
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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - 1975 SALES TAX FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	2022			
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	2021 Actual
<u>REVENUES</u> Taxes				
Sales tax collection Interest income	\$ 364,989 533	\$ 389,612 535	\$ 24,623 <u>2</u>	\$ 297,855 530
<u>Total revenues</u>	365,522	390,147	24,625	298,385
EXPENDITURES Total expenditures	<u>-</u>		<u> </u>	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	365,522	390,147	24,625	298,385
OTHER FINANCING USES Operating transfers out to General Fund <u>Total other financing uses</u>	<u>(352,302)</u> (352,302)	(352,303) (352,303)	<u>(1)</u> (1)	<u>(241,450)</u> (241,450)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	13,220	37,844	24,624	56,935
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	595,827	595,827	<u> </u>	538,892
FUND BALANCE, end of year See Independent Auditor's Report.	609,047	633,671	24,624	595,827

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - 1989 SALES TAX FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

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		2022		
REVENUES	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	2021 Actual
Taxes Sales tax collection Interest income <u>Total revenues</u>	\$ 364,989 32 365,021	\$ 389,612 <u>31</u> 389,643	\$ 24,623 (1) 24,622	\$297,855 20 297,875
EXPENDITURES Total expenditures	<u> </u>		<u>-</u>	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	365,021	389,643	24,622	297,875
<u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u> Operating transfers out to General Fund <u>Total other financing uses</u>	<u>(403,000)</u> (403,000)	<u>(403,000)</u> (403,000)		(272,016) (272,016)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(37,979)	(13,357)	24,622	25,859
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	84,124	84,124	<u> </u>	58,265
FUND BALANCE, end of year See Independent Auditor's Report.	46,145	70,767	24,622	84,124

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

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen of the Town of Maurice Maurice, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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 Maurice, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the Town of Maurice's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-1 and 2022-2 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Maurice, Louisiana'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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing</u> Standards.

Town of Maurice's Response to Findings

The Town of Maurice's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The Town of Maurice's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

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

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Opelousas, Louisiana December 21, 2022

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES JUNE 30, 2022

I. Summary of Audit Results

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Town of Maurice as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.
- Two significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards.</u>
- 3. No instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Town of Maurice were reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standard</u>.
- 4. No management letter was issued for the Town of Maurice, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.
- 5. There was no single audit under the Uniform Guidance.
- II. Findings Financial Statement Audit

2022-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties within the Accounting System

Condition: Certain accounting duties were not adequately segregated for a proper system of checks and balances. The Town clerk prepares the disbursement checks, is one of the two required signatories on checks, distributes the checks, records the transactions in the accounting system, and reconciles the bank accounts. Office employees also have mostly unrestricted access to system applications and data.

Criteria: Proper internal controls dictate that duties be segregated so that no one individual performs or controls all duties related to the accounting system.

Cause: There is inadequate segregation of duties within the accounting system.

Effect: Without adequate segregation of duties and oversight, errors or fraud could occur and not be detected, increasing the risk of loss or theft of Town assets.

Recommendation: The Town should ensure that no single individual controls all facets of the accounting system and that adequate supervision is implemented. Separating incompatible duties and performing supervisory review is significant in reducing risk. It is also recommended that the Mayor remove the signatory authority of the clerk and assign to a designated alderman. Management also should review access by employees in detail and restrict access to applications which are not necessary for their specific duties.

Corrective action plan: Due to limited resources, human and financial, increased segregation of duties is limited. The Mayor now being in office full-time, supervision of all facets of accounting has increased. Aldermen are not available during workday to allow us to efficiently process payments by removing signature authority of clerk. All accounts require two signatures, Mayor, Clerk and/or Mayor Pro-tem in emergency situations. Mayor opens all bank statements, reviews statements prior to clerk reconciling. Mayor reviews all bank reconciliations once completed.

Contact person: Wayne Theriot, Mayor

TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2022

II. Findings – Financial Statement Audit (Continued)

2022-2 Internal Controls over Capital Assets

Condition: The Town's capital assets were not tagged, and a complete physical inventory had not been conducted.

Criteria: Proper internal controls prevent fraud and errors that could occur and not be detected. Good controls require that assets be tagged for ownership and identification purposes, and that assets are inventoried and reconciled to the detailed records at least annually.

Cause: The Town's capital assets were not tagged, and a complete physical inventory had not been conducted.

Effect: Without strong internal controls over capital assets, errors or fraud could occur and not be detected, increasing the risk of loss or theft.

Recommendation: The Town should tag all capital assets and take a complete physical inventory each fiscal year.

Corrective action plan: The Town will implement an asset control program including a system of tagging for applicable assets. Assets will be listed by departments and reconciled at the end of each fiscal year. Lack of human resources has delayed this project.

Contact person: Wayne Theriot, Mayor

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2022

- SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

 2021-1
 Inadequate Segregation of Duties within the Accounting System

 Repeat comment
 2021-2

 2021-2
 Internal Controls over Capital Assets

 Repeat comment
 Repeat comment

 SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

 N/A
 N/A
- SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER

N/A

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SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION – PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	SEWER			WATER				TOTAL			
ASSETS		2022		2021		2022		2021		2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS	•	05 004	•	70.400	•	50 570	•	407.005	•	70.004	* 075 104
Cash	\$	25,631	\$	78,136	\$	50,573	\$	197,295	\$	76,204	\$ 275,431
Investments - Certificate of deposit		6,944		6,882		6,945		6,883		13,889	13,765
Prepaid insurance Receivables net of allowance for uncollectable		13,089		13,598		13,089		13,598		26,178	27,196
		20.202		22.005		42 402		25.044		04 405	60.000
Accounts		38,303		33,085		43,192		35,841		81,495	68,926
Interest Total current appate		19		43		20		44		39	87
Total current assets		83,986		131,744	•	<u>113,819</u>		253,661		197,805	385,405
RESTRICTED ASSETS											
Utility deposits-cash		56,854		47,101		56,853		47,102		113,707	94,203
Sewer System Improvements-cash		10,609		10,579		-		· _		10,609	10,579
Water System Improvements-cash		-		-		43,914		70,048		43,914	70,048
Debt reserve-cash		64,052		57,919		19,610		-		83,662	57,919
Water Payment Reserve-cash		-		-		5,031		51		5,031	51
Water Short Lived Asset Reserve-cash		-		-		6,581		51		6,581	51
Sewer Short Lived Asset Reserve-cash		2,287		-		-		-		2,287	-
Water Revenue Bond Sinking Fund Series 2008-cash				-		12,380		11,880		12,380	11,880
Water Revenue Bond Sinking Fund Series 2021-cash		-		-		49,771		55		49,771	55
Sewer Revenue Bond Sinking Fund Series 2011-cash		5,053		5,053		-		-		5,053	5,053
Sewer Operational and Maintenance Contingency-cash		32,329		32,297		· _		-		32,329	32,297
Sewer Short-Lived Assets Fund Series 2011-cash		167,188		151,381		-		-		167,188	151,381
Total restricted assets		338,372		304,330		194,140		129,187		532,512	433,517
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT											
Utility plant and depreciable assets (net											
of accumulated depreciation)	1:	2,500,408	1	2,053,837		6,095,371		5,412,804	1	8,595,779	17,466,641
Total property, plant, and equipment		2,500,408		2,053,837		6,095,371		5,412,804		8,595,779	17,466,641
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Total assets	1	2,922,766	1	2,489,911		6,403,330		5,795,652	_1	9,326,096	18,285,563
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		26,050		42,264		26,051	•	42,265		52,101	84,529

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION – PROPRIETARY FUND (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	SEWER		WATE	R	тот	AL
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
CURRENT_LIABILITIES (from current assets)						
Accounts payable	\$ 34,264	\$ 19,308	\$ 34,266	\$ 19,305	\$ 68,530	\$ 38,613
Interest Payable	7,433	89,103	49,725	-	57,158	89,103
Sales tax payable	-	-	194	572	194	572
State safe drinking water fee	-	-	2,690	2,300	2,690	2,300
Bonds payable within one year	150,345	100,796	45,669	9,121	196,014	109,917
Total	192,042	209,207	132,544	31,298	324,586	240,505
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> (from restricted assets)						
Construction payable	-	130,566	-	-	-	130,566
Retainage payable	-	308,225	-	-	-	308,225
Customers' deposits	56,649	46,949	56,650	46,950	113,299	93,899
Bonds payable within one year	5,753	5,588	11,680	11,345	17,433	16,933
Total	62,402	491,328	68,330	58,295	130,732	549,623
Total current liabilities	254,444	700,535	200,874	89,593	455,318	790,128
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES						
Bond payable	7,921,751	7,380,255	2,147,953	2,232,000	10,069,704	9,612,255
Net pension liability	79,696	123,726	79,696	123,727	159,392	247,453
Total long-term liabilities	8,001,447	7,503,981	2,227,649	2,355,727	10,229,096	9.859.708
Total liabilities	8,255,891	8,204,516	2,428,523	2,445,320	10,684,414	10,649,836
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	25,223	2,196	25,223	2,197	50,446	4,393
NET POSITION						
Net Investment in capital assets	4,422,559	4,128,407	3,890,069	3,160,338	8,312,628	7,288,745
Restricted for debt service	265,856	241,597	31,222	102	297,078	241,699
Unrestricted	(20,713)	(44,541)	54,344	229,960	33,631	185,419
Total net position	4,667,702	4,325,463	3,975,635	3,390,400	8,643,337	<u>7,715,863</u>

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	SE	EWER	WAT	TER	TOTAL		
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
OPERATING REVENUES	• • • • • • • •	A A (A A A A	• • • • • • • •			•	
Charges for services Miscellaneous income	\$ 380,448	\$ 340,989	\$ 434,669	\$ 387,292	\$ 815,117	\$ 728,281	
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Connection fees	52,225	41,625	52,225	41,625	104,450	83,250	
State safe drinking fee	-	-	10,616	9,245	10,616	9,245	
Other	12,092	9,057	12,092	9,057	24,184	18,114	
Total operating revenues	444,765	391,671	509,602	447,219	954,367	838,890	
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Personal Service							
Salaries	138,364	110,295	138,364	110,295	276,728	220,590	
Payroll Taxes	10,585	8,438	10,585	8,438	21.170	16,876	
Retirement	18,798	26,845	18,798	26,845	37,596	53,690	
Other					.,		
Materials and supplies	2,732	2,413	128,630	88,660	131,362	91,073	
Repairs and maintenance	6,345	14,028	21,908	16,160	28,253	30,188	
Equipment rental	1,072	1,073	1,072	1,072	2,144	2,145	
Electricity	45,866	31,551	15,697	9,738	61,563	41,289	
Insurance	13,271	11,714	13,782	4,330	27,053	16,044	
Automobile expense	2,782	3,137		-	2,782	3,137	
Dues and subscriptions	5,000	2,688	5,000	2,688	10,000	5,376	
Travel	431	273	431	273	862	546	
Telephone	2,339	1,237	2,339	1,237	4,678	2,474	
Continuing education	1,390	355	1,390	355	2,780	710	
Professional services	26,000	35,338	26,000	35,338	52,000	70,676	
Bad debt expense	2,711	. 74	2,711	74	5,422	148	
Advertising	377	410	377	410	754	820	
Other operating expenses	41,360	33,293	69,823	45,644	111,183	78,937	
Depreciation and amortization	387,241	202,478	249,545	202,365	636,786	404,843	
Total operating expenses	706,664	485,640	706,452	553,922	1,413,116	1,039,562	
OPERATING LOSS	(261,899)	(93,969)	(196,850)	<u>(106,703)</u>	<u>(458,749)</u>	(200,672)	

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – PROPRIETARY FUND – (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	SE	WER	WAT	ER	TOTAL	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)						
Interest income	\$ 324	\$ 399	\$ 324	\$ 400	\$ 648	\$ 799
Grant proceeds	-	14,763	-	38,000	· _	52,763
Non-employer pension revenue	3,437	3,797	3,438	3,797	6,875	7,594
Gain/loss on sale of equipment	(934)	(202,385)	(934)	(202,385)	(1,868)	(404,770)
Interest expense	(208,945)	(154,562)	(1,599)	(36,750)	(210,544)	(191,312)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(206,118)	(337,988)	1,229	(196,938)	(204,889)	(534,926)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS	(468,017)	(431,957)	(195,621)	(303,641)	(663,638)	(735,598)
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OPERATING						
TRANSFERS IN (OUT)						
Capital Contributions	722,056	404,347	722,056	404,349	1,444,112	808,696
Operating transfers in	88,200	12,563	58,800	193,863	147,000	206,426
Total operating transfers in (out)	810,256	416,910	780,856	598,212	1,591,112	1,015,122
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	342,239	(15,047)	585,235	294,571	927,474	279,524
NET POSITION, beginning of year	4,325,463	4,340,510	3,390,400	3,095,829	7,715,863	7,436,339
NET POSITION, end of year	4,667,702	4,325,463	3,975,635	3,390,400	8,643,337	7,715,863

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO GOVERNING BODY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

NAME	<u>TERM</u>	POSITION	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
Wayne Theriot	1/1/19 - 12/31/22	Mayor	\$ 33,900
Phyllis Johnson	1/1/19 - 12/31/22	Alderwoman	6,000
Warren Rost	1/1/19 - 12/31/22	Alderman	6,000
Jonathan Schlicher	1/1/19 - 12/31/22	Alderman	6,000
Magan Lalanda	4/23/22 - 12/31/22	Alderwoman	1 000
Megan Lalande	4123122 - 1213 1122	Alderwoman	1,000
Troy Catalon	4/23/22 - 12/31/22	Alderman	1,000
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Total compensa	ation,		53,900

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Agency Head Name: Wayne Theriot, Mayor

Purpose	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 33,900
Benefits-insurance	749
Benefits-retirement	-
Benefits	-
Carallowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	107
Travel	176
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	15
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE JUNE 30, 2022

	Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2021	Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2022
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ -	_\$ 206,877_
Collections		
Civil Fees	-	-
Bond Fees	-	-
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
Pre-trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	217,370	219,527
Criminal Fines - Contempt	-	-
Criminal Fines - Other		
Restitution	-	4
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)	-	-
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	-	-
Other (do not include collections that fit into more specific categories above)		
Total Collections	217,370	219,531
Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits		
Treasurer, State of Louisiana, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	2,814	2,642
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	1,564	1,512
Louisiana Supreme Court, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	364	336
15th Judicial District Indigent Defender Board, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	5,450	6,700
Vermillion Parish Crime Stoppers	272	1,272
Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection	-	-
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	29	27
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency	-	-
Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
Bond Fee Refunds	-	-
Restitution Payments to Indiviuals	-	-
Other Disbursements to Individuals	-	-
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies		-
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	10,493	12,489
Total Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not disbursed/Retained	206,877	413,919
Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed	-	
Other Information:		
Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected	- -	-
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Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period	-	

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - ALL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022 MATURITY INTEREST DATE RATE

<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u> 1975 Sales Tax Fund Gulf Coast Bank Gulf Coast Bank	2/26/2023 4/8/2023	0.45% 0.45%	\$ 147,081 195,815
ENTERPRISE FUND Utility Fund Bank of Abbeville	10/15/2022	0.40%	13,889
<u>GENERAL FUND</u> Bank of Abbeville	7/26/2022	0.40%	51,327
TOTAL INVESTMENTS - ALL FU	NDS		408,112
ENTERPRISE FUND Utility Fund Bank of Abbeville GENERAL FUND Bank of Abbeville	10/15/2022 7/26/2022	0.40%	13,88 51,32

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TOWN OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE • FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

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				Policy Period	
Insurer	Coverage	Risk Covered	Coverage Limits	From	To
LMRMA	Employees	Workers compensation	\$500,000	1/1/2022	1/1/2023
LMRMA	General liabilities	Bodily injury & property damage	500,000	5/1/2022	5/1/2023
	Law enforcement officer	Personal injury & property damage	500,000	5/1/2022	5/1/2023
	Errors and omissions	Errors and omissions	500,000	5/1/2022	5/1/2023
	Auto	Bodily injury & property damage	500,000	5/1/2022	5/1/2023
Rod Prejean & Associates	Equipment	Catastrophe	177,576	10/7/2021	10/7/2022
Certain Underwriters Lloyd's of London	Auto	Collision	Various	6/1/2022	6/1/2023
State Farm	Property Property Property Property Property	Newly acquired personal property New construction Personal property off premises Pollutant cleanup & removal Personal effects	100,000 250,000 15,000 10,000 2,500	6/7/2022	6/7/2023
State Farm	Employees	Surety bond (Mayor) Surety bond (Alderwoman) Fidelity bond (Mayor) Fidelity bond (Muncipal Clerk) Fidelity bond (Maintenance Employee) Fidelity bond (Mayors Court Clerk) Fidelity bond (Alderwoman) Fidelity bond (Alderwoman) Fidelity bond (Permit Tech) Surety bond (Permit Tech) Surety bond (Utility Clerk) Surety bond (Assistant Clerk) Surety bond (Mayors Court Clerk) Surety bond (Muncipal Clerk)	50,000 75,000 250,000 10,000 10,000 10,000 60,000 60,000 60,000 60,000 2,000 75,000 75,000 75,000 50,000	1/1/2019 1/1/2019 9/15/2021 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 1/6/2022 4/23/2019 12/14/2021 12/16/2021 11/1/2021 5/1/2022 6/2/2022	1/1/2023 1/1/2023 9/15/2022 9/15/2022 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 1/6/2023 12/31/2022 12/14/2022 12/16/2022 12/16/2022 11/1/2022 5/1/2023 6/2/2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen of the Town of Maurice Maurice, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The Town of Maurice's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Town of Maurice has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

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

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

b) Purchasing, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

c) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

d) Receipts/Collections, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

h) *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

k) Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

I) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

The Town has written policies and procedures that address the functions noted above.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

Obtained and reviewed minutes of the board for the fiscal period noting that the board met monthly.

b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds7. Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

Obtained and reviewed minutes of the board for the fiscal period noting that the minutes did not include budget-to-actual comparisons for monthly financial statements.

c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Obtained the prior year audit report and reviewed the unassigned fund balance in the general fund and noted it did not have a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.

 Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

Bank reconciliations and statements are reviewed monthly by the mayor who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks.

c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

There was documentation that reconciling items outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date had been researched.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

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

Obtained listing of deposit sites, there is only one deposit site, and received management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

Employees responsible for cash collections do share cash drawers/registers.

 Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

The mayor's court clerk is responsible for preparing bank deposits, the municipal clerk reviews deposits and compares them to the accounting system, and the maintenance workers make deposits at the bank. Deposits are made by employees that do not collect cash.

c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

The municipal clerk is responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers and she does not collect cash.

d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

The municipal clerk is responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger, and she does not collect cash. Reconciliations are reviewed and verified by the mayor.

Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

All employees who have access to cash are bonded.

- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

No exceptions noted.

b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

No exceptions noted.

c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions noted.

d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

No exceptions noted.

e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

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

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

Obtained listing from management, there is only one location that process payments.

- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with nonpayroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

Two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order /making the purchase.

b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments.

c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

The employee responsible for processing payments is not prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files.

d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

The assistant clerk is responsible for mailing payments and does not have signature authority and is not responsible for processing payments.

- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

No exceptions noted.

b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

The Town does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P-cards.

- 12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal periód. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]

The Town does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P-cards.

b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

The Town does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P-cards.

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether

management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

The Town does not have credit cards, debit cards, fuel cards, or P-cards.

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

- 14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

No exceptions noted.

b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

No exceptions noted.

c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).

No exceptions noted.

d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted.

Contracts

- 15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

No exceptions noted.

b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

No exceptions noted.

c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).

The contract was not amended.

d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

Payroll and Personnel

16. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

Obtained listing of employees and elected officials employed during the fiscal period and confirmed that the listing is complete per management. Randomly selected 5 employees and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - e) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

No exceptions noted.

a) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

No exceptions noted.

b) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

No exceptions noted.

c) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

18. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the

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employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

No employees were terminated during the year.

19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Obtained management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid and associated forms have been filed by the required deadlines. The Town does not offer health insurance.

Ethics

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

Obtained ethics certificates for the selected employees.

d) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

No changes to the ethics policy during the year.

Debt Service

21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.

No bonds, notes, or other debt instruments were issued during the year.

22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

All scheduled debt service payments were made and debt reserves were maintained as required by debt covenants.

Fraud Notice

23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing,

obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Management has asserted that the Town did not have any misappropriations of public funds or assets.

24. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Required notice was posted on the entity's premises. The Town does not have a website.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 25. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

Sexual Harassment

26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Each selected employee completed sexual harassment training.

27. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

The policy is posted on the premises.

- 28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions noted. All of the above requirements of R.S. 42:344 were included in the report.

We were engaged by the Town of Maurice to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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Board or Finance Committee

2b. When the Town obtains more human resources the budget will be added to the monthly financial statements.

Collections

5a. The Town has hired additional staff and remodel its collection site in order to provide better segregation of collection duties.

Non-Payroll Disbursements

9c. The Town plans on assigning an individual the task of periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.