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The Honorable Charles J. Benoit, Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen
Village of Mermentau, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana, as of June 30, 1998, and for the year then ended. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material An audit includes examining, on a test basis, misstatement. evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose We believe that our audit financial statement presentation. provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana, as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued a report dated October 8, 1998 on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana. Such information, except for the Schedule of Insurance in Force marked "unaudited," on which we express no opinion, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial information for the preceding fiscal year which is included for comparative purposes was taken from the financial report for that year in which we expressed an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997.

BROUSSARO, POCHÉ, LEWIS & BREAUX, L.L.P.

Crowley, Louisiana October 8, 1998 GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS June 30, 1998 With Comparative Totals for June 30, 1997

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>General</u>	Special <u>Revenue</u>	Debt <u>Service</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,333	\$105,063	\$ 14,798
Investments, at cost	40,052	-	11,024
Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles):			
Accounts	5 5	_	-
Accrued interest	636	-	63
Due from other funds	-	_	-
Due from other governments	_	3,778	-
Prepaid expenses	-	_	_
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-
Investments, at cost	_	***	-
Fixed assets (net of accumulated			
depreciation)	_	***	-
Amount available in debt service			
funds	-	-	-
Amount to be provided for retirement			
of general long-term debt	_		
	<u>\$117.076</u>	<u>\$108,841</u>	<u>\$ 25,885</u>

Pi	coprietary	•							
<u>F</u>	rund Type		Accour	nt Groups	3				
			General	Gener	al		Tota	als	
			Fixed	Long-T	erm		(Memorar	ndum	Only)
<u>E</u>	<u>nterprise</u>		Assets	Deb	<u>t_</u> _		1998		1997
\$	137,271	\$	-	\$	-	\$	333,465	\$	305,364
	_		-		_		51,076		48,645
	17,277		-		-		17,332		15,044
	752		~		-		1,451		1,353
	344		_		-		344		71 7
	•		-		-		3,778		4,077
	1,756				~		1,756		1,799
	21,868		~		~		21,868		21,232
	56,915		~		-		56,915		54,195
	649,211		158,413		~		807,624		843,197
	_		~	25,	193		25,193		20,705
				0	201		0 251		1.6 7.07
		_			<u>351</u>		<u>8,351</u>	 -	16,787
\$	<u>885,394</u>	<u>\$</u>	158,413	<u>\$33,</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>\$1</u>	<u>.329,153</u>	\$1	,333,115

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS June 30, 1998 With Comparative Totals for June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>General</u>	Special <u>Revenue</u>	Debt <u>Service</u>	
Accounts payable Other payables Accrued interest Payable from restricted assets: Customers' deposits Accrued interest Notes payable (current portion) Due to other funds Notes payable (long-term portion)	\$ 3,274 509 - - - 344 ————		\$ -692	
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 4,127</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 692</u>	
FUND EQUITY Contributed capital Investment in general fixed assets Retained earnings: Reserved for revenue note retirement and customers'	\$ -	\$ - -	\$ - -	
deposits Unreserved	-	-	-	
Fund balances: Reserved for debt service Unreserved:	_	-	25,193	
Undesignated (deficit) Total equity	<u>112,949</u> \$112,949	<u>108,841</u> \$108,841	<u>-</u> \$ 25,193	
	<u>\$117,076</u>	<u>\$108,841</u>	<u>\$ 25,885</u>	

Proprietary Fund Type		t Groups		
Tana Type	General	General	Tot	als
	Fixed	Long-Term		ndum Only)
Enterprise	_Assets_ ·	Debt	1998	1997
	<u></u>			<u> </u>
\$ 4,755	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,029	\$ 984
718	_	-	1,227	1,390
-	-	-	692	773
6,985	_	_	6,985	6,135
3,419	-	_	3,419	3,696
22,351	-	4,022	26,373	24,784
_	_	-	344	717
200,373		29,522	229,895	<u>255,564</u>
<u>\$ 238,601</u>	\$	<u>\$ 33,544</u>	<u>\$ 276,964</u>	<u>\$ 294,043</u>
\$ 538,479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 538,479	\$ 558,445
-	158,413	-	158,413	156,264
46,028	_	_	46,028	44,671
62,286		_	62,286	58,465
***	-	-	25,193	20,705
-	<u> </u>		221,790	200,522
\$ 646,793	\$ 158,413	\$	\$1,052,189	\$1,039,072
\$ 885,39 <u>4</u>	<u>\$ 158,413</u>	<u>\$ 33,544</u>	<u>\$1,329,153</u>	<u>\$1,333,115</u>

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	<u>General</u>
Revenues:	·
Taxes	\$ 5,969
Licenses and permits	55,998
Intergovernmental	7,811
Fines and forfeits	2,244
Culture and recreation	950
Interest	3,513
Other	2,589
	\$ 79 <u>.074</u>
Expenditures:	
Current:	
General government	\$ 22,947
Public safety	13,396
Public works	34,054
Culture and recreation	2,469
Capital outlay	4,616
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	_
Interest and fiscal charges	<u> </u>
	<u>\$ 77.482</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 1,592
Fund balances, beginning	<u>111,357</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$112,949</u>

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~ ' 3	- 1 ·	Totals		
Special	Debt	<u> Memorandur</u>	-	
<u>Revenue</u>	Service	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>	
\$ 21,244	\$ 10,233	\$ 37,446	\$ 37,870	
-	-	55,998	51,998	
_	_	7,811	7,474	
_	_	2,244	2,864	
_	_	950	670	
	529	4,042	3,859	
		2,589	1,045	
\$ 21,244	\$ 10,762	\$111,080	\$105,780	
\$ 1,568	\$ 950	\$ 25,465	\$ 22,460	
_	_	13,396	11,811	
_	_	34,054	29,093	
_	_	2,469	2,246	
-	_	4,616	610	
	2 040	2 040	2 (00	
_	3,948	3,948	3,600	
	1,376	1,376	1,731	
<u>\$ 1,568</u>	<u>\$ 6,274</u>	<u>\$ 85,324</u>	<u>\$ 71,551</u>	
\$ 19,676	\$ 4,488	\$ 25,756	\$ 34,229	
89,165	20,705	221,227	186,998	
<u>\$108,841</u>	\$ 25,193	<u>\$246,983</u>	<u>\$221,227</u>	

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES Year Ended June 30, 1998

	General Fund			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Revenues: Taxes Licenses Intergovernmental Fines and forfeits Culture and recreation Interest Other	\$ 5,000 34,200 7,100 2,000 600 1,800 1,000	\$ 5,969 55,998 7,811 2,244 950 3,513 2,589	\$ 969 21,798 711 244 350 1,713 1,589	
Other	\$ 51,700	\$ 79,074	\$ 27,374	
Expenditures: Current: General government Public safety Public works Culture and recreation Capital outlay	\$ 22,000 20,875 40,400 2,938 6,487 \$ 92,700	\$ 22,947 13,396 34,054 2,469 4,616 \$ 77,482	\$ (947) 7,479 6,346 469 1,871 \$ 15,218	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$(41,000</u>)	<u>\$ 1,592</u>	\$ 42,592	
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	\$ 15,000 \$ 15,000	\$ - \$	\$(15,000) 	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$(26,000)	\$ 1,592	\$ 27,592	
Fund balances, beginning	111,357	<u>111,357</u>		
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 85,357</u>	<u>\$112,949</u>	<u>\$ 27,592</u>	

	Special Revenue	Fund
Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
\$ 17,000	\$ 21,244	\$ 4,244
-	÷	-
- - -	<u> </u>	
\$ 17,000	\$ 21,244	\$ 4,244
\$ 2,000	\$ 1,568 -	\$ 432
- - \$ 2,000	- <u>-</u> \$ 1,568	<u>-</u> \$ 432
<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,676</u>	<u>\$ 4,676</u>
\$ - (15,000) \$(15,000)	\$ - <u>-</u> \$ -	\$ - 15,000 \$ 15,000
\$ -	\$ 19,676	\$ 19,676
<u>89,165</u>	<u>89,165</u>	
<u>\$ 89,165</u>	<u>\$108.841</u>	<u>\$ 19,676</u>

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 1997

•	Utility Fund	
	1998	<u> 1997</u>
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	¢101 E04	<u>ሮ ዓ</u> ር ለኃይ
Other	\$101,504	\$ 99,039
OCHOL	<u>6,119</u>	<u>6,108</u>
	<u>\$107,623</u>	<u>\$105,147</u>
Operating expenses:		
Personal services	\$ 28,379	\$ 23,534
Supplies and materials	8,872	8,123
Depreciation	38,180	38,758
Heat, light and power	8,968	8,856
Bad debts	1,277	· -
Other services and charges	27,385	27,220
	\$113,061	\$106,491
		-
Operating loss	\$ (5,438)	\$ (1,344)
Non-operating revenues (expenses):		
Interest revenue	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,770
Interest expense	(13,300)	(13,738)
	\$ (9,350)	\$ (9,968)
	,·	
Net loss	\$(14,788)	\$(11,312)
Add depreciation on fixed assets acquired by grants, entitlements, and shared revenues externally restricted for capital acquisitions and construction that reduces contributed		
capital	<u>19,966</u>	19,966
Increase in retained earnings	\$ 5,178	\$ 8,654
Retained earnings, beginning	103,136	94,482
Retained earnings, ending	<u>\$108,314</u>	<u>\$103,136</u>

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year Ended June 30, 1998 With Comparative Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	<u> 1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss)	\$ (5,438)	\$ (1,344)
to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation	38,180	38,758
Changes in assets and liabilities:	(2,418)	(1,011)
Increase in receivables Decrease in due from other funds	373	1,557
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	43	(430)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	4,755	(183)
Increase (decrease) in other payable and liabilities	<u>617</u>	(637)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 36,112</u>	<u>\$ 36,710</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	3	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	\$ (458)	\$ -
Principal paid on revenue notes payable	(20,132)	(19,361)
Interest paid	(13.576)	(13,987)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>\$ (34,166</u>)	<u>\$ (33,348</u>)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of certificates of deposit	\$(104,542)	\$ (99,557)
Proceeds from maturities of certificates	101,822	96,963
of deposit Interest received	3,892	3,723
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>\$ 1,172</u>	<u>\$ 1,129</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,118	\$ 4,491
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	156.021	<u> 151,530</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 159,139</u>	<u>\$ 156,021</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Village of Mermentau was incorporated November 11, 1899, under the provisions of Section 11 of Act Number 136 of the State of Louisiana. The Village operates under a Mayor-Aldermen form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police), highways and streets, sanitation, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The accounting policies of the Village of Mermentau conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

Fund accounting:

The accounts of the Village are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, 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. The various funds are grouped in the financial statements in this report as follows:

Governmental Funds

General fund:

The general fund is the general operating fund of the Village. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special revenue funds:

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.

Debt service funds:

Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise funds:

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Proprietary funds are reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting. This standard requires that all applicable GASB pronouncements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins (ARBs) issued on or before November 30, 1989 be applied to proprietary activities unless they (FASB Statements and Interpretations, APB Opinions, and ARBs) conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

GASB Statement No. 20 also states that for proprietary activities, management may elect to apply all FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except for those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Proprietary activities under the control of the Village have elected not to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, unless they are adopted by GASB.

Fixed assets and long-term liabilities:

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds. Public domain general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including drainage systems, are not capitalized along with other general fixed assets. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental funds.

The two account groups are not "funds." They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results of operations.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types is limited to exclude amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities. They are instead reported as liabilities in the general long-term debt account group.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Plant 20-40 years
Lines 50 years
Equipment 3-15 years

Effective July 1, 1996, the Village has elected to apply GASB's Codification, Section G60.116 which allows enterprise funds to close out depreciation expense recognized on assets contributed by governments outside the financial reporting entity (i.e., grants, entitlements, or shared revenues) to contributed capital rather than to retained earnings.

Basis of accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Taxpayer-assessed income, gross receipts, and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when in the hands of intermediary collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Anticipated refunds of such taxes are recorded as liabilities and reductions of revenue when they are measurable and their validity seems certain.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay, and other employee amounts which are not accrued; and (2) principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

All proprietary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Budgets and budgetary accounting:

The Village follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- 1. The Mayor submits to the Aldermen a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. The budget is then legally enacted through passage of an ordinance. Budgetary control is maintained at the individual fund level.

- 4. The Mayor is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Aldermen. All appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.
- 5. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Aldermen in open meeting.

Investments:

Investments which include certificates of deposit are stated at cost.

Bad debts:

Uncollectible amounts due from customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts by the use of the allowance method of accounting for bad debts.

Cash and cash equivalents:

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Village considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Total columns on Combined Statements - Overview:

Total columns on the Combined Statements - Overview are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

Note 2. Property Taxes

The Village levies a tax of 19 mills on all property within its corporate limits. Taxes are levied in October and are payable by December 31. For the year ended June 30, 1998, taxable property within the Village was assessed at \$925,680.

Tax millage is dedicated as follows:

General corporate purposes 7 mills
Retirement of bonds 12 mills

Note 3. Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance June 30, <u>1997</u>	<u>A</u> dd	<u>itions</u>	<u>(Dele</u>	etions)	Balance June 30, <u>1998</u>
General fixed						
assets, at cost:						
Land	\$ 18,515	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 18,515
Buildings	46,325		-		-	46,325
Improvements other						
than buildings	20,384		-		_	20,384
Equipment	71,040		4,616	(2,467)	73,189
	<u>\$156,264</u>	<u>\$</u>	4,616	\$ (2,467)	\$158,413

A summary of proprietary fund type property, plant, and equipment at June 30, 1998 and 1997 follows:

	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Land	\$ 22,082	\$ 22,082
Water plant	172,110	172,110
Water lines	94,834	94,834
Sewer plant	64,304	64,304
Sewer lines	161,625	161,625
Equipment	15,887	15,428
Wastewater treatment pond	<u>505,472</u>	505,472
	\$1,036,314	\$1,035,855
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>387,103</u>	348,922
Net	<u>\$ 649,211</u>	<u>\$ 686,933</u>

Note 4. Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of transactions relating to long-term debt of the Village for the year ended June 30, 1998.

		Revenue and Certíficate	
	General Obligation	of <u>Indebtedness</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notes payable at June 30, 1997 Notes paid Notes payable at June 30, 1998	\$ 37,492 <u>(3,948</u>) <u>\$ 33,544</u>	\$242,856 <u>(20,132</u>) <u>\$222,724</u>	\$280,348 _(24,080) \$256,268

Notes payable at June 30, 1998 are comprised of the following individual notes:

General obligation notes:

\$35,000 1968 Water system notes due in annual installments of \$1,802 through 2006, including interest at 4-1/8%	\$ 11,182
\$35,000 1968 Sewer system notes due in annual installments of \$1,802 through 2006, including interest at 4-1/8%	11,181
\$35,000 1968 Sewer District 1-A notes due in annual installments of \$1,802 through 2006, including interest at 4-1/8%	<u> 11,181</u> \$ 33,544
Revenue notes and certificate of indebtedness:	
\$175,000 1968 Water revenue notes due in annual installments of \$9,420 through 2007, including interest at 4-1/8%	\$ 64,541
\$110,600 1968 Sewer revenue notes due in annual installments of \$6,120 through 2007, including interest at 4-1/8%	42,183
\$135,000 Certificate of indebtedness, Series 1995A, due in two varying installments per year through 2005, including interest at 6.75%	<u>116,000</u>
	\$222.724

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of June 30, 1998, including interest payments of \$59,154 follows:

		Revenue and Certificate	
Year Ending	General	of.	
June 30	Obligation	<u>Indebtedness</u>	<u>Total</u>
1999	\$ 5,406	\$ 33,999	\$ 39,405
2000	5,406	34,223	39,629
2001	5,406	34,379	39,785
2002	5,406	34,468	39,874
2003	5,406	34,489	39,895
Thereafter	<u>12.535</u> <u>\$ 39.565</u>	<u>104,299</u> \$275,857	<u>116,834</u> \$315,422

The debt service fund has \$25,193 available to service the general obligation notes.

Under the terms of the note indentures on the outstanding utility revenue notes, the notes are secured by the facilities constructed with the note proceeds. In addition, revenues are to be deposited in funds as indicated below.

All revenues must be deposited into the revenue fund. On the first day of each month, there must be transferred from this fund into the operation and maintenance fund an amount sufficient to pay all operating expenses for that month and to make a reasonable provision for the repair and maintenance of the system.

After the transfer to the operation and maintenance fund each month, the balance of funds remaining in the revenue fund must be sufficient to meet the following requirements:

- 1. Revenue note fund Provide sufficient funds to equal one-twelfth of the amount of principal and interest becoming due on next payment date.
- 2. <u>Reserve funds</u> Contribute \$75 monthly until \$4,600 is accumulated in the waterworks reserve fund and \$40 monthly until \$2,600 is accumulated in the sewerage reserve fund.
- 3. Depreciation fund Contribute \$75 monthly to the waterworks depreciation fund and \$40 monthly to the sewerage depreciation fund as long as the respective revenue notes remain outstanding. Such funds shall be used to defray the cost of major repairs of damage caused by unforseen catastrophe and replacements made necessary by depreciation of the system. These funds may be transferred to a revenue note fund, but only to the extent that the remaining balance not be reduced below an amount sufficient to cover the aforementioned costs for the current and next ensuing year.

In lieu of establishing a revenue note fund, the Village is paying onetwelfth of the next amount of principal and interest due directly to the lender, thereby meeting the requirement of the revenue note fund. The required and actual balances in the reserve and depreciation funds at June 30, 1998 are as follows:

			Actual Amount
	Required	Actual	Over (Under)
	Balance	<u>Balance</u>	Requirement
Waterworks reserve	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,600	\$ -
Waterworks depreciation	26,100	27,683	1,583
Sewerage reserve	2,600	2,600	_
Sewerage depreciation	<u> 13,920</u>	<u>13,920</u>	
	\$ 47,220	<u>\$ 48.803</u>	<u>\$ 1,583</u>

Under the terms of the outstanding certificate of indebtedness, the proceeds of the debt are restricted for construction purposes and will be repaid with the pledge of the excess of annual revenues over the subsequent years above statutory, necessary and usual charges to the payment of the cost of public improvements provided all such dedications do not exceed the estimated excess of revenues above statutory, necessary and usual charges for the year. In addition, the Village is to establish a sinking fund and provide sufficient funds equal to one-sixth (1/6) of the interest falling due on the next interest payment date and one-twelfth (1/12) of the principal falling due on the next principal payment date. As of June 30, 1998, the Village has sufficient funds in the certificate of indebtedness sinking fund.

Note 5. Interfund Receivables, Payables

Interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 1998 were:

Fund	Interfund <u>Receivables</u>	Interfund <u>Payables</u>	
General fund Enterprise-water and sewer utility fund	\$ - <u>344</u> \$_344	\$ 344 <u>-</u> \$ 344	

Note 6. Dedication of Sales Tax Proceeds

Proceeds of the 1% sales and use tax are dedicated to the following purposes:

- 1. Defraying the cost of improving, maintaining and operating the fire protection of the Village;
- 2. Defraying the cost of improving and maintaining the streets and thoroughfares of the Village:
- 3. Defraying the cost of improving, maintaining and operating the drainage system of the Village;
- 4. Defraying the cost of improving, operating and maintaining the water system of the Village; and
- 5. Defraying the cost of improving, maintaining and operating the sewerage system of the Village.

Note 7. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash and certificates of deposit. The Village may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit of state banks having their principle office in the State of Louisiana, or any other federally insured investment. The Village may also invest in shares of any homestead and building and loan association in any amount not exceeding the federally insured amount. The deposits at June 30, 1998 were secured fully by federal deposit insurance and securities pledged in the name of the Village by their fiscal agent.

Note 8. Pension Plan

Several Village employees are covered under the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. Details concerning this plan follow:

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana:

Plan description:

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS) as established and provided for by R.S.11:1731 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS). The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the Village are members of Plan B.

Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five hours per week, not participating in another public funded retirement system and under age sixty (60) at date of employment. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the System. Under Plan B, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of credited service or at or after age 55 with 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2 percent of their final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

Funding policy:

Plan members are required to contribute 5.0% of their annual covered salary and the Village is required to contribute 2.75% as established by the state statute. The Village's contributions to the System for the years ended June 30, 1998, 1987 and 1996 were \$789, \$894 and \$1,026, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 9. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The receivable recorded in the enterprise fund is net of the allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,137 and \$1,860 as of June 30, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

Note 10. Enterprise Fund Operations

Operations of the Village of Mermentau Utility System consist of water and sewer utilities. Operating expenses which cannot be identified as applicable to a single department have been allocated on the basis of gross utility sales in the individual departments.

Operating results of the individual utilities for the year ended June 30, 1998 were as follows:

	Water Utility <u>Fund</u>	Sewer Utility <u>Fund</u>	Total Enterprise <u>Funds</u>
Operating revenues	<u>\$ 49,948</u>	<u>\$ 57,675</u>	<u>\$107,623</u>
Depreciation expense	<u>\$ 7,388</u>	<u>\$_30,792</u>	<u>\$ 38,180</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 4,436</u>	<u>\$ (9,874</u>)	<u>\$ (5,438</u>)
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 3,671</u>	<u>\$(18,459</u>)	<u>\$(14,788</u>)
Bonds payable	<u>\$ 64,541</u>	<u>\$158,183</u>	\$222,724

At June 30, 1998, service was provided to the following number of customers:

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Residential	288	266
Commercial	10	10
	<u> 298</u>	<u>276</u>

Note 11. Contributed Capital and Retained Earnings

The change in the Village's contributed capital account for the enterprise fund is as follows:

Beginning balance, contributed capital \$558,445

Less: Current year depreciation from contributed sources

(19,966)

Ending balance, contributed capital

\$538,479

Effective July 1, 1996, the Village has elected to apply GASB's Codification, Section G60.116 which allows enterprise funds to close out depreciation expense recognized on assets contributed by governments outside the financial reporting entity (i.e., grants, entitlements, or shared revenues) to contributed capital rather than to retained earnings.

Note 12. Contingencies

The Village of Mermentau operates a Sanitary Wastewater Disposal System under an NPEDS permit. The NPEDS permit and the state permit under which the discharge is regulated has been the subject of scrutiny by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Quality. The Village is under an order to upgrade its facility in order to comply with the permit and the expected more stringent permit discharges. The Village has been cited for past violations and a compliance order was issued. The Village has completed the building and rehabilitation of the sewer pond and the addition of a marsh/rockweed filter to achieve those limits. The Village continues to make efforts to comply with the permit limitations for discharge and to maintain the plant in accordance with those standards.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS
AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

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GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in other funds.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1998 and 1997

ASSETS	. <u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,333	\$ 74,566
Certificates of deposit	40,052	38,146
Accounts receivable	55	185
Accrued interest receivable	<u>636</u>	600
	<u>\$117,076</u>	<u>\$113,497</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,274	\$ 984
Other payables	509	439
Due to other fund	344	<u>717</u>
	\$ 4,127	\$ 2,140
FUND BALANCE		
Reserved for drainage improvements	\$ -	\$ -
Unreserved	<u>112,949</u>	<u>111,357</u>
	<u>\$112,949</u>	<u>\$111,357</u>
	<u>\$117,076</u>	\$113,497

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended June 30, 1998
With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998		<u> 1997</u>
			Variance-	
			Favorable	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,969	\$ 969	\$ 6,114
Licenses and permits:	,	, , , , , , , ,	7 202	φ 0 ,114
Occupational licenses	8,500	22,951	14,451	27,316
Trailer permits	100	240	140	220
Utility franchise	19,000	19,342	342	18,367
Gas franchise	3,500	3,531	31	3,953
Cable franchise	1,100	7,330	6,230	-
Telephone franchise	2,000	2,604	604	2,142
Intergovernmental:		,		2,112
Tobacco tax	4,000	4,109	109	4,109
Beer tax	1,000	986	(14)	1,066
Housing authority payment in			(/	1,000
lieu of taxes	1,000	1,583	583	1,166
Maintenance agreement	1,100	1,133	33	1,133
Fines:				-,200
Fines and court cost	2,000	2,244	244	2,864
Culture and recreation:	·	, –	2.1	2,004
Hall rentals	600	950	350	670
Interest income	1,800	3,513	1,713	3,356
Other	1,000	2,589	1,589	1,045
	\$ 51,700	\$ 79,074	\$ 27,374	\$ 73,521
		<u></u>	*	<u> </u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,947	\$ (947)	\$ 19,163
Public safety	20,875	13,396	7,479	11,811
Public works	40,400	34,054	6,346	29,093
Culture and recreation	2,938	2,469	469	2,246
Capital outlay	6,487	4,616	1,871	610
	<u>\$ 92,700</u>	\$ 77,482	\$ 15,218	\$ 62,923
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over				
expenditures (subtotals forward)	\$(41,000)	\$ 1,592	\$ 42,592	\$ 10,598

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended June 30, 1998
With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

	1998 Variance-		<u> 1997</u>	
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures (subtotals forwarded)	\$(41,000)	\$ 1,592	\$ 42,592	\$ 10,598
Other financing sources: Operating transfers in	15,000	<u> </u>	<u>(15,000</u>)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures	\$(26,000)	\$ 1,592	\$ 27,592	\$ 10,598
Fund balance, beginning	111,357	111,357		100,759
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 85,357</u>	<u>\$112,949</u>	\$ 27,592	<u>\$111,357</u>

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS)

Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998	<u> </u>	<u> 1997</u>
			Variance- Favorable	
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Current:				
General government:				
Utilities	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,957	\$ (457)	\$ 2,722
Office supplies	800	504	296	604
Officials' salaries	1,800	1,800	-	1,800
Payroll taxes	200	82	118	68
Insurance	200	1,590	(1,390)	1,480
Repairs and maintenance	500	411	89	440
Retirement	300	165	135	196
Publications	300	244	56	96
Tax roll preparation	100	149	(49)	116
Tax collector	100	87	13	86
Legal and accounting	5,000	5,737	(737)	3,300
City clerk and assistants	6,000	6,024	(24)	6,024
Conventions and seminars	2,500	1,951	549	150
Other	1,700	1,246	4 <u>5</u> 4	2,081
	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,947	\$ (947)	\$ 19,163
Public safety:				
Police:				
Salaries	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,200	\$ (200)	\$ 3,840
Payroll taxes	150	79	71	66
Insurance	1,000	2,040	(1,040)	1,880
Gas and oil	500	374	126	360
Supplies	1,000	1,485	(485)	1,423
Repairs and maintenance	1,000	1,369	(369)	564
Other	4,100	2,239	1,861	676
Flood control:	•	•		
Utilities	1,300	1,242	58	1,234
Salaries	50 0	150	350	306
Payroll taxes	25	_	25	_
Repairs and maintenance	6,900	39	6,861	1,462
Other	400	179	221	
	\$ 20.875	\$ 13,396		\$ 11.811
Totals forward	<u>\$ 42,875</u>	<u>\$ 36,343</u>	\$ 6,532	<u>\$ 30,974</u>

VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) Year Ended June 30, 1998 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998		<u> 1997</u>
			Variance-	
			Favorable	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Totals forwarded	\$ 42,875	<u>\$ 36,343</u>	\$ 6,532	\$ 30,974
Current:				
Public works:				
Labor	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,972	\$ (1,972)	\$ 10,767
Payroll taxes	400	337	63	239
Street lights	7,500	7,830	(330)	7,385
Repairs and maintenance	3,500	1,733	1,767	1,451
Materials	5,500	4,735	765	3,187
Retirement	500	237	263	275
Gas and oil	900	726	174	908
Engineering	_	-	-	1,500
Insurance	7,000	2,212	4,788	1,919
Chemicals for weed control	600	609	(9)	676
Other	2,500	1,663	837	<u> 786</u>
	\$ 40,400	\$ 34,054	\$ 6,346	\$ 29,093
Culture and recreation:				
Utilities	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,712	\$ (112)	\$ 1,276
Repairs and maintenance	1,238	740	498	937
Other	100	<u> 17</u>	83	33
	<u>\$ 2,938</u>	<u>\$ 2,469</u>	\$ 469	\$ 2,246
Capital outlays	<u>\$ 6,487</u>	\$ 4,616	<u>\$ 1,871</u>	\$ 610
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 92.700</u>	<u>\$ 77,482</u>	<u>\$ 15,218</u>	\$ 62,923

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Sales Tax Fund - to account for the proceeds from the Village's one (1) percent sales and use tax.

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VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SALES TAX FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1998 and 1997

ASSETS	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Due from other governments	\$105,063 <u>3,778</u>	\$ 85,088 <u>4,077</u>
	<u>\$108,841</u>	<u>\$ 89,165</u>
FUND BALANCE		
Unreserved	<u>\$108,841</u>	<u>\$ 89,165</u>

VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SALES TAX FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL Year Ended June 30, 1998 With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

	· 	1998		1997
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues: Taxes: Sales taxes	<u>\$ 17,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,244</u>	\$ 4,244	<u>\$ 21,275</u>
Expenditures: Current: General government: Collection fee Legal and accounting Repairs and maintenance	\$ 500 1,500 \$ 2,000	\$ 318 1,250 - \$ 1,568	\$ 182 250 	\$ 315 900 1,432 \$ 2,647
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 15,000	\$ 19,676	\$ 4,676	\$ 18,628
Other uses: Operating transfers out	15,000	<u> </u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u> </u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other uses	\$ -	\$ 19,676	\$ 19,676	\$ 18,628
Fund balance, beginning	<u>89,165</u>	<u>89,165</u>		70.537
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 89,165</u>	<u>\$108,841</u>	<u>\$ 19,676</u>	\$ 89,165

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DEBT SERVICE FUND

Debt Service Fund - To accumulate monies for payment of \$105,000 of 4-1/8% water and sewer system improvement notes and Sewer District 1-A notes dated March 20, 1968. Property tax of 12 mills is levied to finance repayment of this debt.

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VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA DEBT SERVICE FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1998 and 1997

ASSETS	. <u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Certificate of deposit Accrued interest receivable	\$ 14,798 11,024 <u>63</u>	\$ 10,921 10,499 <u>58</u>
	<u>\$ 25,885</u>	\$ 21,478
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES Accrued interest	\$ 692	\$ 773
FUND BALANCE Designated for debt retirement	<u>25,193</u>	20,705
	<u>\$ 25,885</u>	\$ 21,478

VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA DEBT SERVICE FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE Years Ended June 30, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Revenues:		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 10,233	\$ 10,481
Interest on investments	<u>529</u>	503
	\$ 10,762	\$ 10,984
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government:		
Accounting	\$ 950	\$ 650
Debt service:		
Principal retirement	3,948	3,600
Interest coupons	1,376	1,731
	\$ 6,274	<u>\$ 5,981</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 4,488	\$ 5,003
Fund balance, beginning	20,705	<u>15,702</u>
Fund balance, ending	\$ 25,193	\$ 20,705

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ENTERPRISE FUND

Utility Fund - To account for the provision of water and sewer services to the residents of the Village. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1998 and 1997

ASSETS	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$137,271	\$134,789
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful		
accounts of \$3,137 in 1998 and \$1,860 in 1997	17,135	13,810
Other receivables	142	1,049
Accrued interest receivable	752	695
Prepaid expenses	1,756	1,799
Due from other funds	344	<u>717</u>
Total current assets	\$157,400	<u>\$152,859</u>
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Certificate of indebtedness sinking fund	\$ 21,868	\$ 21,232
Certificates of deposit:		
Sewerage reserve	2,600	2,600
Sewerage depreciation	13,920	13,440
Waterworks reserve	4,600	4,600
Waterworks depreciation	27,683	25,840
Customers' meter deposits	8,112	<u>7,715</u>
	<u>\$ 78,783</u>	<u>\$ 75,427</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, at cost, net of accumulated		
depreciation 1998 \$387,103; 1997 \$348,922	\$649,211	<u>\$686,933</u>
	\$885,394	<u>\$915,219</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u> 1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities (payable from current assets):		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,755	\$ -
Other payables	718	951
Commont listics (washing from a this total and the	\$ 5,473	<u>\$951</u>
Current liabilities (payable from restricted assets):	ė c 005	ć (13c
Customers' deposits Accrued interest	\$ 6,985	\$ 6,135
Water revenue notes payable (due in one year)	3,419 6,887	3,696 6,629
Sewer revenue notes payable (due in one year)	4,464	4,296
Certificate of indebtedness notes payable	1,101	4,2,50
(due in one year)	11,000	10.000
	\$ 32,755	\$ 30,756
Total current liabilities	\$ 38,228	\$ 31,707
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (due after one year):		
Water revenue notes payable	\$ 57,654	\$ 64,059
Sewer revenue notes payable	37,719	41,872
Certificate of indebtedness notes payable	105,000	116,000
	\$200,373	\$221,931
FUND EQUITY		
Contributed capital	\$538,479	\$558,445
Retained earnings:		
Reserved for revenue note retirement and	46 000	44 671
customers' deposits Unreserved	46,028	44,671
Uniteset ved	<u>62,286</u> \$646,793	<u>58,465</u> \$661,581
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	<u>\$885,394</u>	<u>\$915,219</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL

Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998		<u> 1997</u>
			Variance- Favorable	
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Operating revenues:				
Charges for services:				
Water revenue	\$ 43,000	\$ 47,133	\$ 4,133	\$ 46,086
Sewer revenue	49,000	54,371	5,371	52,953
Other:				
Connection fees	1,000	1,035	35	920
Penalties	1,500	1,745	245	1,740
Miscellaneous	900	3,339	2,439	<u>3,448</u>
	\$ 95,400	\$ <u>107,623</u>	<u>\$ 12,223</u>	<u>\$105,147</u>
Operating expenses:				
Personal services:				
Labor	\$ 18,000	\$ 27,410	\$ (9,410)	\$ 22,684
Payroll taxes	450	583	(133)	427
Retirement expense	500	386	114	423
Supplies and materials:				2 700
Office supplies	3,000	3,511	(511)	3,106
Chemicals	5,500	5,361	139	5,017
Depreciation	21,964	38,180	(16,216)	38,758
Heat, light and power	8,000	8,968	(968)	8,856
Bad debts	-	1,277	(1,277)	-
Other services and charges:				
Repairs and maintenance	9,100	13,945	(4,845)	12,533
Insurance	4,500	6,124	(1,624)	5,104
Legal and accounting	4,000	3,988	12	5,075
Engineering fees	1,000	967	33	953
Other	3,500	2,361	<u>1,139</u>	<u>3,555</u>
	\$ 79,514	\$113,061	\$(33,5 <u>47</u>)	\$106,491
Operating income (loss)				
Subtotals forward	<u>\$ 15,886</u>	\$ (5,438)) \$\(\(\frac{1}{21},\frac{324}{324}\)	\$ (1,344)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS -BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL

Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

•		1998		<u> 1997</u>
	Dudget	Notus 1	Variance- Favorable	∧ α t u a l
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Operating income (loss) Subtotals forwarded	<u>\$ 15,886</u>	<u>\$ (5,438</u>)	<u>\$(21,324</u>)	<u>\$ (1,344</u>)
Non-operating revenues (expense):				
Interest revenue	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,950	\$ 1,950	\$ 3,770
Interest expense	<u>(12,336</u>)	<u>(13,300</u>)	<u>(964</u>)	(13,738)
	<u>\$(10,336</u>)	<u>\$ (9,350</u>)	<u>\$ 986</u>	<u>\$ (9,968</u>)
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 5,550</u>	\$(14,788)	<u>\$(20,338</u>)	\$(11,312)
Add depreciation on fixed assets acquired by grants, entitlements, and shared revenues externally restricted for capital acquisitions and construction that reduces				
contributed capital		19,966		<u> 19,966</u>
Increase in retained earnings		\$ 5,178		\$ 8,654
		•		
Retained earnings, beginning		103,136		94,482
Retained earnings, ending		<u>\$108,314</u>		<u>\$103,136</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended June 30, 1998 and 1997

	1998_	1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss)	\$ (5,438)	\$ (1,344)
to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation Changes in assets and liabilities:	38,180	38,758
Increase in receivables	(2,418)	(1,011)
Decrease in due from other funds	373	1,557
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	43	(430)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	4,755	(183)
Increase (decrease) in other payable and liabilities	617	(637)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 36,112	<u>\$ 36,710</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	\$ (458)	\$ -
Principal paid on revenue notes payable Proceeds from issuance of certificate of indebtedness	(20,132)	(19,361)
Interest paid	<u>(13,576</u>)	(13,987)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>\$ (34,166</u>)	\$ (33,348)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of certificates of deposit	\$(104,542)	•
Proceeds from maturities of certificates of deposit	101,822	•
Interest received	3,892	3,723
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>\$ 1,172</u>	<u>\$ 1,129</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,118	\$ 4,491
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>156,021</u>	<u>151,530</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 159,139</u>	<u>\$ 156,021</u>

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS GROUP OF ACCOUNTS

To account for fixed assets not used in proprietary fund operations.

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VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA GENERAL FIXED ASSETS GROUP OF ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Balance July 1,	•		Balance June 30,
	1997	Additions	Reductions	1998
General fixed assets:				
Land	\$ 18,515	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,515
Buildings	46,325	-	-	46,325
Improvements other than buildings	20,384	-	-	20,384
Equipment	<u>71,040</u>	4,616	<u>(2,467</u>)	73,189
	<u>\$156,264</u>	<u>\$_4,616</u>	<u>\$ (2,467</u>)	<u>\$158,413</u>
Investment in general fixed assets from	m:			
General fund revenues	\$149,662	\$ 4,616	\$ (2,467)	\$151,811
Federal revenue sharing fund	<u>6,602</u>			6,602
	<u>\$156,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,616</u>	<u>\$ (2,467</u>)	<u>\$158,413</u>

GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS

To account for general long-term liabilities of governmental funds.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT June 30, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
AMOUNT AVAILABLE AND TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE PAYMENT OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT		
Amount available in debt service fund	\$ 25,193	\$ 20,705
Amount to be provided from ad valorem taxes	<u>8,351</u>	<u> 16,787</u>
Total available and to be provided	\$ 33,544	<u>\$ 37,492</u>
GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT PAYABLE		
Notes payable:		
Due within one year	\$ 4,022	\$ 3,859
Due after one year	<u>29,522</u>	<u>33,633</u>
Total notes payable	<u>\$ 33,544</u>	\$ 37,492

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Balance July 1, <u>1997</u>	General Obligation Notes <u>Retired</u>	Debt Service Fund Operations	Balance June 30, 1998
Amount available in debt service fund	\$ 20,705	\$ -	\$ 4,488	\$ 25,193
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt	<u>16,787</u>	(3,948)	(4,488)	<u>8,351</u>
Total available and to be provided	<u>\$ 37,492</u>	<u>\$ (3,948</u>)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 33,544</u>
General long-term debt payable	<u>\$ 37,492</u>	<u>\$ (3,948</u>)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 33,544</u>

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE June 30, 1998 Unaudited

<u>Insurer</u> <u>Assets Covered</u>

Louisiana Municipal Risk Management City Hall building contents

Audubon Insurance Company All property of Village, except underground drainage, roads,

bridges, trees, currency notes, historical records, vehicles including tractors and buildings

in course of construction

Louisiana Municipal Risk Employees

Management

Audubon Insurance Company 1989 Chevrolet S-10 pickup 1991 Ford Crown Victoria

<u>Risks Covered</u>	<u>Limits</u>	Expiration Date	
Commercial general liability (80%) co-insurance):			
Premises/operations Fire, Legal liability Medical	\$500,000 \$50,000 \$1,000/person \$10,000/accident	10-06-98	
Fire, lightning and extended coverage, 90% co-insurance	\$812,250	09-12-98	
Workmen's compensation Employer's liability	Statutory \$500,000	02-14-99	
Bodily injury Property damage Uninsured motorist	\$50M/\$100M \$10,000 \$250M/\$100M	10-03-98	

SCHEDULE OF UTILITY RATES

The rates in effect for the year ended June 30, 1998 were:

<u>Water</u>

First 3,000 gallons per month \$ 9.00

Over 3,000 gallons or each part

thereof

<u>Sewerage</u>

Based on water used:

First 3,000 gallons per month \$ 7.00

Over 3,000 gallons or each part

thereof

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO ELECTED OFFICIALS Year Ended June 30, 1998

<u>Name</u>	Amount
Charles J. Benoit Troy Cormier Willis Broussard	\$ 720 3 <i>6</i> 0 360
David Fruge'	360 \$1,800

The schedule of compensation paid to elected officials was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Legislature.

The aldermen receive compensation of \$30 per month, and the mayor receives \$60 per month.

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Members of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable Charles J. Benoit, Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen Village of Mermentau, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the <u>Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide</u>.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 98-1.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements

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The Honorable Charles J. Benoit, Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen
Town of Iota, Louisiana

and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Village of Mermentau, Louisiana's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 98-2, 98-3, and 98-4.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we consider items 98-2, 98-3, and 98-4 to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of management, federal awarding agencies, and the Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

BROUSSARD, POCHÉ, LEWIS : BREAUX, L.L.P.

Crowley, Louisiana October 8, 1998

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Year Ended June 30, 1998

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Mermentau Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 1998 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

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a.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
	Internal Control Material Weaknesses <u>x</u> Yes No Reportable Conditions <u>x</u> Yes No
	Compliance \underline{x} Yes \underline{x} No
b.	Federal Awards
	The Village has a federal award under a loan guarantee with U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Development of \$138,436 which is below the Single Audit threshold.

c. Identification of Major Programs

The Village has a federal award under a loan guarantee with U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Development of \$138,436 which is below the Single Audit threshold.

Section II Financial Statement Findings

98-1 Compliance: Budget

Finding: For the year ended June 30, 1998, actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than five percent in the Utility Fund.

Cause: Management did not compare budgeted items to actual items at year-end or amend the budget to be within the five percent limitation.

Suggestion and response: We recommend that management closely monitor the budget and make every effort possible to stay within the five percent limitation by amending the budget as deemed necessary. The Village's management has agreed to monitor the budget closely and make amendments when necessary to comply with the five percent limitation.

Questioned costs \$ - 0 -

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Year Ended June 30, 1998

Section II Financial Statement Findings (continued)

- 98-2 Internal Control: Segregation of Duties
 - Finding: As in previous years, our review of the internal control structure indicated inadequate segregation of duties in all areas of the financial cycle.
 - Cause: Inadequate segregation of duties is due to the limited number of personnel performing the administrative functions.
 - Suggestion and response: The Village of Mermentau, Louisiana's management has evaluated this inadequacy and concluded the related costs versus benefits to be achieved does not justify the additional personnel it would require to establish an adequate segregation.

Questioned Costs <u>\$ - 0 -</u>

- 98-3 Internal Control: Subsidiary Ledger
 - Finding: As in previous years, the accounts receivable subsidiary ledger maintained for the enterprise funds does not agree with the general ledger.
 - Cause: The general ledger balance is not reconciled to the subsidiary ledger and some entries are booked in one but not in the other.
 - Suggestion and response: We recommend that the accounts receivable subsidiary ledger be reconciled to the general ledger account on a monthly basis and the Village's management has agreed to do this.

Questioned costs <u>\$ - 0 -</u>

- 98-4 Internal Control: Police Tickets
 - Finding: Our test of fines revealed the fact that not all sequentially numbered police tickets were present and accounted for.

Cause: Police officers sometimes throw away voided tickets.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS Year Ended June 30, 1998

Suggestion and response: We recommend that all ticket copies, both voided and issued, be kept and accounted for and the Village's management agrees. Police officers will be reminded that all ticket copies must be kept, including voided tickets.

Schedule 5

VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS Year Ended June 30, 1998

I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

1997- Inadequate Segregation of Duties

This same finding is included in the current year's schedule of findings and questioned costs as 98-2. The Village has provided as much segregation as possible with resources available.

1997 - Subsidiary Ledger

Finding:

The accounts receivable subsidiary ledger maintained for the enterprise fund does not agree with the general ledger.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the ending general ledger balance of accounts receivable be reconciled on a monthly basis to the subsidiary ledger.

Current status:

The accounts receivable subsidiary ledger maintained for the enterprise fund still does not agree with the general ledger. This finding is included in the current year's schedule of findings and questioned costs as 98-3.

1997 - Office of Rural Development's Water and Waste Loan and Grant Program

Finding:

In our review of insurance coverage, it was discovered that the Village did not have fidelity bond coverage as required by their bond agreement with Rural Development.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Village immediately obtain such insurance coverage.

Current status:

The Village now has fidelity bond coverage as required by Rural Development.

II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

The prior year's report did not meet the requirements of OMB Circular A-133.

Schedule 5 (Continued)

VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (CONTINUED) Year Ended June 30, 1998

III Management Letter

The prior year's report did not include a management letter.

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VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU

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VILLAGE OF MERMENTAU, LOUISIANA

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN Year Ended June 30, 1998 CLERK & TREASURER
Bonnie Dugas

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

98-1 Compliance: Budget

It is recommended that management closely monitor the budget and make every effort possible to stay within the five percent limitation by amending the budget when necessary.

Management will make every effort possible to monitor the budget during the year and make amendments when necessary to stay within the five percent limitation.

1997; 98-2 Internal Control: Segregation of Duties

Management has ensured as much segregation as possible based on available resources. However, adequate segregation is not deemed to be feasible.

1997; 98-3 Internal Control: Subsidiary Ledger

It is recommended that the accounts receivable subsidiary ledger be reconciled to the general ledger account each month.

Management has agreed to reconcile the general ledger balance for accounts receivable to a printout of aged receivables at the end of each month to ensure that all adjustments and activity have been correctly posted to each ledger.

98-4 Internal Control: Police Tickets

It is recommended that all ticket copies be kept and accounted for.

Management will notify all police officers that all ticket copies are to be handed in, including those tickets that have been voided.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

The Village's federal awards did not meet the requirements of OMB Circular A-133.

Section III Management Letter

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A management letter was not issued.

Responsible Party: Charles Benoit, Mayor