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TOWN OF GIBSLAND, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mayor and Board of Aldermen Town of Gibsland Gibsland, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gibsland as of and for the two years ended June 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

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

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Gibsland as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations and the changes in fund balances and for the two years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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November 19, 1999

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TOWN OF GIBSLAND Combined Balance Sheets - All Fund Types and Account Groups For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

	Governmental			General Fixed	
	Fund Type	<u>Proprietary</u>	Proprietary Fund Type		
	General	Water	Sewer	Account	(Memo)
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Group	Totals
ASSETS					
Unrestricted assets:			*** *********************************		41222
Cash and equivalents	\$47,878	\$40,370	\$50,762		\$139,010
Accounts receivable	1,586	11,275	13,546		26,407
Due from other funds	17,265	107,176	18,800		143,241
Property, plant, and				40-0-0-0	0.510.006
equipment		1,120,561	1,162,307	\$228,068	2,510,936
Accumulated depreciation	<u> </u>	(450,732)	(384,324)		(835,056)
Total unrestricted assets	66,729	828,650	861,091	228,068	1,984,538
Restricted assets:					
Cash - customer deposits		3,948			3,948
Cash - FmHA requirements		<u>78,098</u>	30,702		108,800
Total restricted assets	0	82,046	30,702	0	112,748
TOTAL ASSETS	\$66,729	<u>\$910,696</u>	\$891,793	<u>\$228,068</u>	<u>\$2,097,286</u>
Liabilities and Fund Equity					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and taxes					
payable	\$7,577	\$3,714	\$2,382		\$13,673
Due to other funds	40,488	28,396	74,644		143,528
Notes payable - current		11,000	8,000		19,000
Notes payable - long-term		337,000	399,113		736,113
Accrued interest		11,588	17,387		28,975
Customer deposits		3,948			3,948
Total liabilities	48,065	395,646	501,526	0	945,237
Fund Equity:					
Investment in general				***	200.060
fixed assets				\$228,068	228,068
Contributed capital - grants		595,763	443,739		1,039,502
Retained earnings:					
Reserved for debt retirements		78,003			78,003
Unreserved		(158,716)	(53,472)		(212,188)
Fund balance - unreserved - undesignated	18,664			000000	18,664
Total fund equity	18,664	515,050	390,267	228,068	1,152,049
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND			* - *	40000000	60.007.00 6
FUND EQUITY	\$66,729	\$910,696	\$891,793	\$228,068	<u>\$2,097,286</u>

Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund For the year ended June 30, 1999

REVENUES	
Occupational license	\$16,640
Sales tax	68,914
Franchise fees	17,481
Tobacco tax and beer tax	6,694
Property tax	36,190
Fines and forfeitures	10,952
Interest income	1,982
Other income	90
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	158,943
EXPENDITURES	
General government	53,741
Public safety - police	36,656
Operations and maintenance - street	26,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	117,297
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	41,646
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)	
Operating transfer out	(17,207)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)	(17,207)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER	
FINANCING SOURCE OVER EXPENDITURES	
AND OTHER FINANCING USE	24,439
FUND BALANCE (Deficit), BEGINNING	(5,775)
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$18,664

Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Cash Basis - General Fund For the year ended June 30, 1999

			Variance
		General	Favorable
	Budget	<u>Fund</u>	(Unfavorable)
REVENUES			***
Occupational license	\$13,000	\$16,640	\$3,640
Sales tax	40,000	68,914	28,914
Franchise fees	18,000	17,481	(519)
Tobacco tax and beer tax	3,800	6,694	2,894
Property tax	29,500	36,190	6,690
Fines and forfeitures	6,000	10,952	4,952
Interest income		1,982	1,982
Other income	36,000	90	(35,910)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	146,300	158,943	12,643
EXPENDITURES			
General government	71,000	53,741	17,259
Public safety - police	40,800	36,656	4,144
Operations and maintenance - street	20,500	26,900	(6,400)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	132,300	117,297	15,003
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	14,000	41,646	27,646
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)			
Operating transfer out	(14,000)	(17,207)	(3,207)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)	(14,000)	(17,207)	(3,207)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCE OVER EXPENDITURES			
AND OTHER FINANCING USE	0	24,439	24,439
FUND BALANCE (Deficit), BEGINNING	0	(5,775)	(5,775)
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$18,664</u>	<u>\$18,664</u>

Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Cash Basis - General Fund

For the year ended June 30, 1998

	Budget	General Fund	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	- Dudget		(Omavorable)
Occupational license	\$15,000	\$14,365	(\$635)
Sales tax	41,750	52,597	10,847
Franchise fees	18,000	19,095	1,095
Tobacco tax and beer tax	4,300	6,713	2,413
Property tax	40,000	40,797	797
Fines and forfeitures	8,200	11,110	2,910
Interest income		222	222
Other income	_38,000_	3,330	(34,670)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	165,250	148,229	(17,021)
EXPENDITURES			
General government	87,250	42,829	44,421
Public safety - police	43,000	45,461	(2,461)
Operations and maintenance - street	20,500	21,535	(1,035)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	150,750	109,825	40,925
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	14,500	38,404	23,904
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)			
Operating transfer out	(14,500)	(19,987)	(5,487)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)	(14,500)	(19,987)	(5,487)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCE OVER EXPENDITURES			
AND OTHER FINANCING USE	0	18,417	18,417
FUND BALANCE (Deficit), BEGINNING	0_	(24,192)	(24,192)
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$0</u>	_(\$5,775)	(\$5,775)

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings - Proprietary Fund Type For the year ended June 30, 1999

	Water	Sewer	(Memo)
CARRELIN & TURN I (C. 11.1.12.11.13.11.11.17)	Fund	Fund	<u>Totals</u>
OPERATING REVENUES Fees	\$128,358	\$88,041	\$216,399
Other income		1,028	1,028
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	128,358	89,069	217,427
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and related benefits	28,173	28,049	56,222
Maintenance and repairs-plant	1,347	9,055	10,402
Insurance		1,508	1,508
Chemicals	182	11,989	12,171
Sales tax	4,857	200	5,057
Depreciation	28,996	25,826	54,822
Legal and accounting	1,000		1,000
Utilities	15,370	3,476	18,846
Telephone	857	363	1,220
Vehicle expense	2,653	3,899	6,552
Miscellaneous	9,416	6,545	15,961
Supplies	7,879	20,971	28,850
Equipment	523		523
Other		12,536	12,536
NSF checks and bank charges		278	278_
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	101,253	124,695	225,948
Operating income (loss)	27,105	(35,626)	(8,521)
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)			
Interest income	3,057	760	3,817
Operating transfer in from General fund		17,207	17,207
Grant		94,000	94,000
Interest expense	(12,905)	(18,441)	(31,346)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	(9,848)	93,526	83,678
NET INCOME (LOSS)	17,257	57,900	75,157
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	497,793	332,365	830,158
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$515,050</u>	\$390,265	\$905,315

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings - Budget and Actual Cash Basis - Water Fund For the year ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Water Fund	Variance Favorable
OPERATING REVENUES	<u> </u>	1 UIIU	(Unfavorable)
Fees	\$112,450	\$128,071	\$15,621
Other income	3,500	,	(3,500)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	115,950	128,071	12,121
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and related benefits	24,200	28,173	(3,973)
Maintenance and repairs-plant	1,000	1,347	(347)
Insurance	3,500		3,500
Chemicals	450	182	268
Sales tax		4,857	(4,857)
Legal and accounting		1,000	(1,000)
Utilities	18,000	15,370	2,630
Telephone	1,300	857	443
Vehicle expense	4,000	2,653	1,347
Miscellaneous	1,000	2,568	(1,568)
Supplies	3,500	7,879	(4,379)
Equipment		523	(523)
Revenue bond	41,000		41,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	97,950	65,409	32,541
Operating income (loss)	18,000	62,662	44,662
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)			
Interest income		3,057	3,057
Interest expense	(18,000)	(17,955)	45
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	(18,000)	(14,898)	3,102
NET INCOME (LOSS)	0	47,764	47,764
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	0	497,793	497,793
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$0</u>	\$545,557	\$545,557

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings - Budget and Actual Cash Basis - Water Fund For the year ended June 30, 1998

		Water	Variance Favorable
	Budget	Fund	(Unfavorable)
OPERATING REVENUES			
Fees	\$96,200	\$129,708	\$33,508
Other income	4,420	3,691	(729)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	100,620	133,399	32,779
OPERATING EXPENSES			(1.000)
Salaries and related benefits	22,000	23,203	(1,203)
Maintenance and repairs-plant		255	(255)
Insurance	1,100	6,130	(5,030)
Chemicals	20	2.055	(2.055)
Legal and accounting	4 = 000	3,955	(3,955)
Utilities	15,000	15,569	(569)
Telephone	1,000	1,290	(290)
Vehicle expense	4,000	2,137	1,863
Miscellaneous	500	8,932	(8,432) (11,232)
Supplies	2,000	13,232	(2,054)
Equipment	27.000	2,054	37,000
Revenue bond	37,000	76 757	5,863
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	82,620	76,757	
Operating income (loss)	18,000	56,642	38,642
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)		2011	0.044
Interest income		2,944	2,944
Interest expense	(17,000)	(16,662)	338
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	(17,000)	(13,718)	3,282
NET INCOME (LOSS)	1,000	42,924	41,924
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	0	489,061	489,061
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$531,985</u>	<u>\$530,985</u>

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings - Budget and Actual Cash Basis - Sewer Fund For the year ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Sewer Fund	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
OPERATING REVENUES			<u> </u>
Fees	\$89,000	\$88,041	(\$959)
Other income	50_	1,028	<u>978</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	89,050	89,069	19
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and related benefits	31,000	28,049	2,951
Maintenance and repairs-plant	5,000	9,055	(4,055)
Insurance	9,800	1,508	8,292
Chemicals	5,000	11,989	(6,989)
Utilities	6,000	3,476	2,524
Telephone	2,000	363	1,637
Vehicle expense	3,000	3,899	(899)
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,202	(202)
Supplies	18,000	20,971	(2,971)
Other	7,250	4,543	2,707
NSF checks and bank charges	 	277	(277)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	89,050	86,332	2,718
Operating income (loss)	0	2,737	2,737
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)			
Interest income		760	760
Operating transfer in from General fund		17,207	17,207
Grant		94,000	94,000
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	0	111,967	111,967
NET INCOME (LOSS)	0	114,704	114,704
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	0	332,365	332,365
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$0</u>	\$447,069	\$447,069

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Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings - Budget and Actual Cash Basis - Sewer Fund For the year ended June 30, 1998

	Budget	Sewer <u>Fund</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
OPERATING REVENUES			
Fees	\$79,000	\$77,356	(\$1,644)
Other income	50	1,248	1,198_
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	79,050	78,604	(446)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and related benefits	27,000	23,100	3,900
Maintenance and repairs-plant	5,000	7,360	(2,360)
Insurance	8,800	4,593	4,207
Chemicals	4,000	5,835	(1,835)
Utilities	6,000	3,731	2,269
Telephone	1,000	440	560
Vehicle expense	2,000	2,253	(253)
Miscellaneous	2,000	6,547	(4,547)
Supplies	17,000	23,743	(6,743)
Other	6,250	1,414	4,836
NSF checks and bank charges	-	216	(216)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	79,050	79,232	(182)
Operating income (loss)	0	(628)	(628)
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)			
Interest income		528	528
Legal and accounting - net		3,696	3,696
Operating transfer in from General fund		19,987	19,987
Grant		53,969	53,969
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	0	78,180	78,180
NET INCOME (LOSS)	0	77,552	77,552
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	0	305,294	305,294
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$0	\$382,846	\$382,846

Statements of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund Type For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Income		(\$8,521)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net		
Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	\$54,822	
Increase in accounts receivable	(1,248)	
Increase in accrued interest	11,297	
Increase in accounts payable	3,195	
Increase in customer deposits	50	
Increase in interfund payable	8,268	
Increase in interfund receivable	(6,622)	
NET CASH (USED BY) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		61,241
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributed capital - CDBG	94,000	
Construction in progress	(93,791)	
Additions to Property, Plant, & Equipment	(430)	
NET CASH (USED BY) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(221)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Operating transfer	17,207	
Principal reductions	(23,952)	
Interest payments	(31,346)	
Interest income	3,817	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(34,274)
NET INCREASE IN CASH		26,746
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		177,134
CASH AT END OF YEAR		\$203,880
SUMMARY		
Operating account		\$91,132
Restricted		112,748
		\$203,880
Expenditures for interest - cash basis		\$17,955
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Expenditures for taxes - cash basis		\$3,303

A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town of Gibsland, Louisiana, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by or dependent on the Town executive and legislative branches (the Mayor and Board of Aldermen), except for the Gibsland Housing Authority. Control by or dependence on the Town was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town of Gibsland 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 comprises 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, into two generic fund types and one broad fund category as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund - 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.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Enterprise Fund - 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 purpose.

Fixed Assets Account Group - The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund type operations are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus and 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 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 ("infrastructure") fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, sidewalks, and drainage improvements, are not capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

All fixed assets are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

General Long Term Debt - 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. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from Enterprise Funds. At June 30, 1999, the Town had no General Long-Term Debt.

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 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. An exception to this general rule is principle and interest on long-term debt is recognized when due.

Budgets And Budgetary Accounting

The Town adopted a budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999 and June 30, 1999 for the General fund and both proprietary funds. The town follows the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements. During the May meeting, the town clerk submits to the board of aldermen a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and expenses and the means of financing them. During the June meeting, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance. The public is invited to attend all meetings. The town clerk is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures or expenses of any fund must be approved by the board of aldermen. Appropriations lapse at the end of the year.

Advances to Other Funds

Amounts shown as "advances" to other funds are not expected to be available or spendable during the next accounting cycle. However, amounts designated as "due from other funds" are considered "available spendable resources."

Bad debts

Unpaid amounts for utility and sewer bills are generally not significant. The Town considers all debts to be collectible and does not write off any amounts.

Fixed Assets - Proprietary Fund

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary funds are charged as an expense against operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful life using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 5-40 years.

Compensated Absences

Accumulated vacation, sick pay and other employee benefits and pensions are not material and are therefore not accrued.

Memorandum only - total columns

Total columns on the combined statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analyses. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows 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.

See accompanying auditor's report.

B. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Town's cash at June 30, 1999, are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. Category 1 includes cash that is insured or registered, or securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered cash and investments, with securities held by the counter party or by its trust department or agent, but in the Town's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered cash and investments, with securities held by the counter party or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name. In accordance with GASB 3, this category includes certificates of deposit or money market accounts that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name, although balances so collateralized meet the requirements of state law.

		Category		Bank
	1	2	3	Balance
Cash in bank	\$100,000	\$127,876	0	\$227,876
Certificates of deposit	23,882	0	0_	23,882
Total	\$123,882	<u>\$127,876</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$251,758

C. AD VALOREM TAXES

The Town considers ad valorem taxes receivable at December 31 and recognized income in the year of assessment.

For the year ended June 30, 1999, total taxes originally levied were \$20,301, of which approximately \$12,755 was assessed on residential property, \$4,708 was assessed on public service property, and \$2,838 was assessed on commercial property and dedicated entirely for general purposes.

For the year ended June 30, 1999, total taxes originally levied were \$17,798, of which approximately \$11,182 was assessed on residential property, \$4,128 was assessed on public service property, and \$2,488 was assessed on commercial property, and dedicated entirely to the Sewer Proprietary Fund to pay off debt.

For the year ended June 30, 1998, total taxes originally levied were \$20,301, of which approximately \$11,819 was assessed on residential property, \$4,507 was assessed on public service property, and \$3,975 was assessed on commercial property and dedicated entirely for general purposes.

For the year ended June 30, 1998, total taxes originally levied were \$19,169, of which approximately \$11,161 was assessed on residential property, \$4,255 was assessed on public service property, \$3,753 was assessed on commercial property and dedicated entirely to the Sewer Proprietary Fund to pay off debt.

Property Tax Calendar

Assessment Date	June 30, 1998
Levy Date	October 31, 1998
Tax Bills Mailed	October 15, 1998
Date Taxes Are Due	December 31, 1998
Penalties and Interest Are Added	December 31, 1998
Lien Date	January 15, 1999
Anticipated Tax Sale	February 24, 1999

Assessed values are established by the Bienville Parish Tax Assessor each year.

D. FIXED ASSETS

A summary of the changes in fixed assets for the two years ended June 30, 1999, is shown below:

	General Fixed Asset Account Group				
		Building		Furniture	
		and		and	
	<u>Land</u>	Improvements	Vehicles	Equipment	Total
Balance, June 30, 1997 Additions - 1998 Deletions - 1998	\$23,643	\$45,515	\$20,100	\$138,810	\$228,068 0 0
Balance, June 30, 1998 Additions - 1998 Deletions - 1998	23,643	45,515	20,100	138,810	228,068 0 0
Balance, June 30, 1999	\$23,643	<u>\$45,515</u>	\$20,100	\$138,810	\$228,068

	Proprietary Funds		
	Balance June 30, 1997	Additions Deletions	Balance June 30, 1998
Land	\$49,175		\$49,175
Buildings	7,935		7,935
Sewer system	1,016,360		1,016,360
Water system	911,811		911,811
Equipment	7,500		7,500
Improvements	142,460		142,460
Vehicle		2,500	2,500
Construction in progress		50,906	50,906

		Propriet	ary Funds	
	Balance		,	Balance
	June 30,			June 30,
	1997	Additions	Deletions	1998
Subtotal	2,135,241	53,406	0	2,188,647
Less accumulated depreciation	(724,312)	(55,922)		(780,234)
Total	\$1,410,929	(\$2,516)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,408,413</u>
	Balance			Balance
	June 30,			June 30,
	1998	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>1999</u>
Land	\$49,175			\$49,175
Buildings	7,935			7,935
Sewer system	1,016,360			1,016,360
Water system	911,811			911,811
Equipment	7,500	430		7,930
Improvements	142,460			142,460
Vehicle	2,500			2,500
Construction in progress	50,906_	93,791		144,697_
Subtotal	2,188,647	94,221	0	2,282,868
Less accumulated depreciation	(780,234)	(54,823)		(835,057)
Total	\$1,408,413	\$39,398	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,447,811</u>
	V	ater	Sewer	Total
Land	\$4	9,175		\$49,175
Buildings		7,935		7,935
Sewer system		\$	1,016,360	1,016,360
Water system	91	1,811		911,811
Equipment		7,930		7,930
Improvements	14	12,460		142,460
Vehicle		1,250	1,250	2,500
Construction in progress			144,697	144,697
Subtotal	·	•	1,162,307	2,282,868
Less accumulated depreciation	(4:	50,732)	(384,325)	(835,057)
Total	\$60	59,829	<u>\$777,982</u>	<u>\$1,447,811</u>

E. LONG TERM DEBT - PROPRIETARY FUND

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the Town for the two years ended June 30, 1999:

	<u>Water</u>	Sewer	Total
Balance, June 30, 1997	\$370,000	\$436,065	\$806,065
Principal payments - 1998	(11,000)	(16,000)	(27,000)
Principal payments - 1999	(11,000)	(12,953)	(23,953)
Balance, June 30, 1999	<u>\$348,000</u>	\$407,112	\$755,112

Notes payable at June 30, 1999, consists of one notes payable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farmers Home Administration. The basic data on the notes is summarized below:

		Water	Sewer	Total
Loan 91-01	11/20/80 5.00%	\$310,000		\$310,000
Loan 91-05	11/20/80 5.00%	38,000		38,000
Loan 92-01	07/15/83 5.00%		\$81,000	81,000
Loan 92-02	07/15/83 5.00%		166,000	166,000
Loan 92-03	11/20/80 5.00%		80,947	80,947
Loan 92-06	08/08/85 6.75%		79,165	79,165
Total		\$348,000	\$407,112	\$755,112

F. Interfund Receivables and Payables

At June 30, 1999, interfund receivables and payables were as follows:

	Duc From	Due <u>To</u>
General Fund	\$17,265	\$40,488
Sewer Utility Fund	107,176	28,396
Water Utility Fund	18,800	74,357
Total	<u>\$143,241</u>	<u>\$143,241</u>

G. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLAN

The Town does not provide pension or retirement plan benefits to any employee.

H. ENTERPRISE FUNDS DEFICIT

The deficit in the Proprietary Fund retained earnings - unreserved is created mainly by depreciation. The deficits are expected to be removed in the subsequent years revenues.

1. PER DIEM PAYMENTS TO MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

The following is a schedule of per diem payments for the two years ended June 30, 1999:

	June 30,1999	June 30,1998
Odell Key	\$1,180	\$735
Joe R. Youngblood, Jr	500	350
Dawson Anglin	363	350
Judy Shaffer	125	213
Mary Rochelle	500	337
Karl Pentecost		112
Olen Jackson	200	
Travis Crawford	325_	
Total	\$3,193	\$2,097

J. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Town has set up the Gibsland Housing Authority. That entity is a legally separate entity from the Town of Gibsland, which is not financially responsible for the Gibsland Housing Authority. For the two years ended June 30, 1999, there were no related party transactions.

K. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The compilation report reissued for the year ended June 30, 1998, had a capital projects fund set up to record grant activity in progress. It has been determined that the grant is actually for the sewer fund. The June 30, 1998 balances are adjusted as follows:

		General
		Fixed
	Cash	Assets
Capital Fund:		
Balance, June 30, 1998	\$3,063	\$50,906
Adjustment	_(\$3,063)	(50,906)
Balance, June 30, 1998 - Adjusted	<u>\$0</u>	\$0

	Cash	Fixed Assets
Sewer Fund:		
Balance, June 30, 1998	\$30,545	\$1,016,360
Adjustment	3,063	50,906
Balance, June 30, 1998 - Adjusted	\$33,608	\$1,067,266

The Capital Projects fund has been deleted from this report.

L. YEAR 2000 COMPUTER SYSTEMS COMPLIANCE

The management of Town of Gibsland has reviewed the software systems and related applications used to assess its requirements regarding the "Year 2000 Issue" which, if unresolved, could have a significant impact on the Town's operations. The Town has made and will continue to make the expenditures necessary to ensure that its software systems and applications continue to function properly before, during, and after the year 2000. These expenditures, which are expensed as incurred, have not been and are not expected to be material to the Town's financial position or results of operations.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES

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TOWN OF GIBSLAND

Balance Sheet - General Fund

For the Years Ended June 30, 1999 and 1998

	June 30, 1999	June 30, 1998
ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	\$47,878	\$24,057
Accounts receivable	1,586	1,586
Due from other funds	17,265	15,906
TOTAL ASSETS	\$66,729	\$41,549
Liabilities and Fund Equity		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and taxes payable	\$7,577	\$6,836
Due to other funds	40,488	40,488
Total liabilities	48,065	47,324
Fund Equity:		
Fund balance (deficit) - unreserved-designated	18,664	(\$5,775)
Total fund balances	18,664	(5,775)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$66,729	\$41,549

See accompanying auditor's report and notes.

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Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund For the Years Ended June 30, 1999 and 1998

	June 30, 1999	June 30, 1998
REVENUES		
Occupational license	\$16,640	\$14,365
Sales tax	68,914	52,597
Franchise fees	17,481	19,095
Tobacco tax and beer tax	6,694	6,713
Fines and forfeitures	10,952	11,110
Interest income	1,982	222
Other revenue	90	3,330
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	122,753	107,432
EXPENDITURES		
General government	53,741	42,829
Public safety - police	36,656	45,461
Operations and maintenance - street	26,900	21,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	117,297	109,825
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE		
Operating transfer in	18,983	20,810
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCE	18,983	20,810
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	24,439	18,417
FUND DEFICT, BEGINNING	(5,775)	(24,192)
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$18,664</u>	(\$5,775)

See accompanying auditor's report and notes.

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TOWN OF GIBSLAND
Balance Sheet - Water Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 1999 and 1998

	June 30, 1999	June 30, 1998
ASSETS		
Unrestricted assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$40,370	\$30,947
Accounts receivable	11,275	12,979
Due from other funds	107,176	85,145
Property, plant, and equipment	1,120,561	1,120,131
Accumulated depreciation	(450,732)	(421,735)
Total unrestricted assets	828,650	827,467
Restricted assets:		
Cash - customer deposits	3,948	3,898
Cash - FmHA requirements	78,098	83,647
·Total restricted assets	82,046	87,545
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$910,696</u>	\$915,012
Liabilities and Fund Equity		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and taxes payable	\$3,714	\$1,406
Due to other funds	28,396	43,125
Notes payable - current	11,000	11,000
Notes payable - long-term	337,000	348,000
Accrued interest	11,588	9,790
Customer deposits	3,948	3,898
Total liabilities	395,646	417,219
Fund Equity:		
Contributed capital	595,763	595,763
Retained earnings:		
Reserved for Debt Retirements	78,003	78,003
Unreserved	(158,716)	(175,973)
Total fund equity	515,050	497,793
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$910,696	\$915,012

See accompanying auditor's report and notes.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings - Water Fund For the Years Ended June 30, 1999 and 1998

	June 30, 1999	June 30, 1998
OPERATING REVENUES		
Fees	\$128,358	\$125,082
Other income		3,691
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	128,358	128,773
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and related benefits	28,173	23,203
Office expenses		4,836
Maintenance and repairs-plant	1,347	255
Insurance		6,130
Chemicals	182	
Sales tax	4,857	
Depreciation	28,996	30,305
Legal and accounting	1,000	3,955
Utilities	15,370	15,569
Telephone	857	1,290
Vehicle expense	2,653	2,137
Miscellaneous	9,416	3,157
Supplies	7,879	13,232
Equipment	523	2,054
NSF checks and bank charges		200_
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	101,253	106,323
Operating Income	27,105	22,450
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)		
Interest income	3,057	2,944
Interest expense	(12,905)	(16,662)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	(9,848)	(13,718)
NET INCOME	17,257	8,732
RETAINED EARNINGS, BEGINNING	497,793	489,061
RETAINED EARNINGS, ENDING	\$515,050	\$497,793

See accompanying auditor's report and notes.

TOWN OF GIBSLAND Balance Sheet - Sewer Fund For the Years Ended June 30, 1999 and 1998

	June 30, 1999	June 30, 1998
ASSETS		
Unrestricted assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$50,762	\$33,607
Accounts receivable	13,546	10,594
Due from other funds	18,800	34,209
Property, plant, and equipment	1,162,307	1,068,516
Accumulated depreciation	(384,324)	(358,499)
Total unrestricted assets	861,091	788,427
Restricted assets:		
Cash - FmHA requirements	30,702	25,035
Total restricted assets	30,702	25,035
TOTAL ASSETS	\$891,793	\$813,462
Liabilities and Fund Equity		
Liabilities:		.
Accounts payable and taxes payable	\$2,382	\$1,495
Due to other funds	74,644	51,647
Notes payable - current	8,000	8,000
Notes payable - long-term	399,113	412,065
Accrued interest	17,387	7,888
Total liabilities	501,526	481,095
Fund Equity:		
Contributed capital	443,739	349,739
Retained earnings - unreserved	(53,472)	(17,372)
Total fund equity	390,267	332,367
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$891,793	\$813,462

See accompanying auditor's report and notes.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Retained Earnings - Sewer Fund For the Years Ended June 30, 1999 and 1998

	June 30, 1999	June 30, 1998
OPERATING REVENUES		
Fees	\$88,041	\$75,387
Other income	1,028_	948
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	89,069	76,335
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and related benefits	28,049	23,100
Office expenses		781
Maintenance and repairs-plant	9,055	7,360
Insurance	1,508	4,593
Chemicals	11,989	5,835
Contract labor	200	633
Depreciation	25,826	25,617
Utilities	3,476	3,731
Telephone	363	440
Vehicle expense	3,899	2,253
Miscellaneous	6,545	8,042
Supplies	20,971	23,743
Other	12,536	
NSF checks and bank charges	278_	216
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	124,695	106,344
Operating Loss	(35,626)	(30,009)
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)		
Interest income	760	528
Legal and accounting - net		3,996
Operating transfer in from General fund	17,207	19,987
Grants	94,000	53,969
Interest expense	(18,441)	(21,400)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)	93,526	57,080
NET LOSS	57,900	27,071
RETAINED EARNINGS, BEGINNING	332,365	305,294
RETAINED EARNINGS, ENDING	\$390,265	\$332,365

See accompanying auditor's report and notes.

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Mayor and Board of Aldermen Town of Gibsland Gibsland, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the Town of Gibsland as of and for the two years ended June 30, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated November 19, 1999. I conducted my 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Gibsland's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Town of Gibsland's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. 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 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, I noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that I have reported to management of Town of Gibsland, in a separate letter dated November 19, 1999.

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William D. Edwards, CPA

November 19, 1999

Schedule 1

TOWN OF GIBSLAND SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

I have audited the financial statements of Town of Gibsland as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated November 19, 1999. I conducted my 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. My audit of the financial statements as of November 19, 1999 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

A. Summary of Audit Results

1.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements
Int	ernal Control Material Weaknesses Yes <u>X</u> No Reportable Yes <u>X</u> No
Co	mpliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes _X No
2.	Federal Awards
	Internal Control Material Weaknesses Yes _X No Reportable Yes _X No
	Type of Opinion On Compliance Unqualified Qualified For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse
	Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)? Yes _X_ No
3.	Identification of Major Programs:
	CFDA Number(s) Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)
	N/A
Do	llar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$300,000
ls tl	ne audited a "low-risk" audited, as defined by OMB Circular A-133? Yes X No

B. Financial Statements Findings

None

C. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None

TOWN OF GIBSLAND SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

A. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

98-1. For the year ended June 30, 1998, the Sewer Fund actual expenses exceeded budgeted expenses by more than 5%.

Recommendation: I recommend that the Town periodically review actual to budget and amend its budget as needed.

Conclusion:

Resolved

B. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

None

C. MANAGEMENT LETTER

None

Town of Gibsland

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ODIS ODELL KEY, Mayor

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

Town of Gibsland hereby submits the following corrective action plan as referenced in the management letter:

99-1. Town of Gibsland has implemented a new process which started in September, 1999. The recommendation and our new process will be discussed at our next board meeting.

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS

Certified Public Accountant A Professional Accounting Corporation Member: AICPA / Society of LCPA'S

MANAGEMENT LETTER

I have audited the financial statements of Town of Gibsland as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated November 19, 1999. I conducted my 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.

As part of my examination, I have issued my report on the financial statements, dated November 19, 1999, and my report on internal control and compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts, dated November 19, 1999.

During the course of my examination, I became aware of the following matter which represent immaterial deviations of compliance or suggestions for improved controls.

Suggestion 99-1. During my fieldwork, I could not trace transactions from the daily cash receipts of the Water and Sewer funds directly to individual deposit slips and then to the bank account. This was the result of the grouping of receipts in an effort to split the water portion from the sewer portion of the checks, even though each of these checks include both water and sewer payments. In addition, some cash receipts do not get deposited to the proper bank account. I recommend that management make daily deposits to one of the utility accounts and then transfer the portion due to the other utility fund based on the distribution shown on the daily cash receipts summary. Also the individual receipts for non-utility receipts should be identified clearly, and deposited to the proper bank account.

I recommend management address the foregoing issue as an improvement to operations and the administration of public programs. I am available to further explain the suggestion or help implement the recommendation.

William D. Edwards, CPA

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November 19, 1999

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