

RECEIVED  
LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
99 JUN 21 AM 11:12

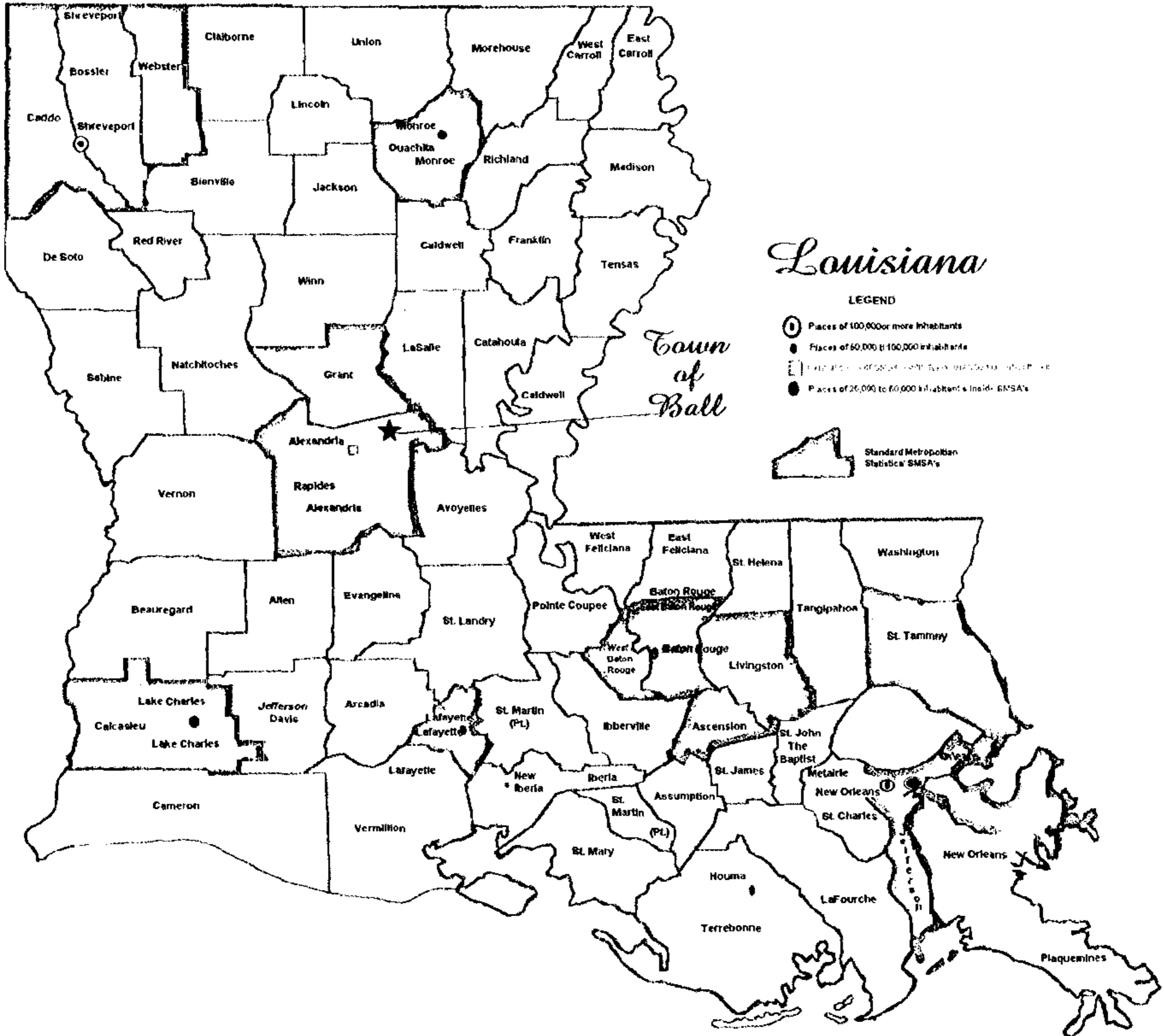
OFFICIAL  
FILE COPY  
DO NOT SIGN OUT  
(Xerox necessary  
copies from this  
copy and PLACE  
BACK IN FILE)

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL PURPOSE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the audited, or reviewed, entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

Release Date Jun 5 1999

**TOWN OF BALL  
BALL, LOUISIANA**



\* The Town of Ball was incorporated May 31, 1972, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Town operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. The accounting and reporting practices of the Town of Ball conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

**TOWN OF BALL  
TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Independent Auditor's Report On General Purpose Financial Statements.....	3
Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards.....	4-5
Combined Balance Sheet - All Funds Types And Account Groups - December 31, 1998.....	7-8
Combined Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes In Fund Balance - All Governmental Types - December 31, 1998.....	9
Combined Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes In Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) And Actual All Governmental Fund Types – December 31, 1998.....	10-11
Combined Statement Of Revenue And Expenses – All Proprietary Fund Types – Enterprise Funds – For The Year Ended December 31, 1998.....	12
Combined Statement Of Cash Flow – All Proprietary Fund Types – Enterprise Funds For The Year Ended December 31, 1998.....	13
Notes To Financial Statements.....	15-25
 <b>General Fund-</b>	
Balance Sheet For The Year Ended December 31, 1998.....	27
Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes In Fund Balance Budget (GAAP Basis) And Actual - December 31, 1998.....	28
 <b>Fire Department Special Revenue Fund-</b>	
Balance Sheet For The Year Ended December 31, 1998.....	30
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes In Fund Balance Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual – For The Year Ended December 31, 1998.....	31
 <b>Debt Service Fund-</b>	
Combining Balance Sheet For The Year Ended December 31, 1998 .....	33
Combining Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes In Fund Balance For The Year Ended December 31, 1998 .....	34
 <b>Capital Projects-</b>	
Combining Balance Sheet For The Year Ended December 31, 1998 .....	36
Combining Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balance For The Year Ended December 31, 1998 .....	37

**TOWN OF BALL**  
**TABLE OF CONTENTS**  
**(Continued)**

	<u>Page No</u>
Combining Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balance (Budget vs Actual) For The Year Ended December 31, 1998 .....	38-39
<b>Enterprise Fund-</b>	
Enterprise Fund - Combining Balance Sheet - December 31, 1998.....	41
Enterprise Fund - Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, And Changes In Retained Earnings – December 31, 1998.....	42
Enterprise Fund - Combining Statement Of Cash Flow - December 31, 1998.....	43
<b>General Fixed Asset Account Group-</b>	
Statement of General Fixed Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 1998 .....	45
Statement of Changes in General Fixed Assets - December 31, 1998.....	46
<b>General Long-Term Debt Account Group-</b>	
Statement Of General Long-Term Debt - December 31, 1998.....	48-49
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY DATA-</b>	
Schedule Of Expenditures Of Federal Awards For The Year Ended December 31, 1998.....	52
Bond Schedule - December 31, 1998 .....	53-54
General Fund- Schedule Of Expenditures Budget (GAAP Basis) And Actual (Unaudited) – For The Year Ended December 31, 1998 .....	55-56
Sewer Fund – Comparative Statement Of Revenues, Expenses And Changes In Retained Earnings For The Two Years Ended December 31, 1998 And December 31, 1997.....	57
Schedule Of Insurance In Force (Unaudited) .....	58
Schedule Of General Obligation Bonds - December 31, 1998 .....	59
Schedule Of Revenue Bonds Payable - December 31, 1998 .....	60
Schedule Of Notes and Other Payables - December 31, 1998 .....	61
Schedule Of Findings .....	62
Schedule Of Prior Year Findings.....	63
Graphs .....	64



# JOHN R. VERCHER PC

*Certified Public Accountant*

P.O. Box 1608

Jena, Louisiana 71342

Tel: (318) 992-6348

Fax: (318) 992-4374

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Honorable Roy Hebron, Mayor  
and Members of the Board of Aldermen  
Ball, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Ball, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

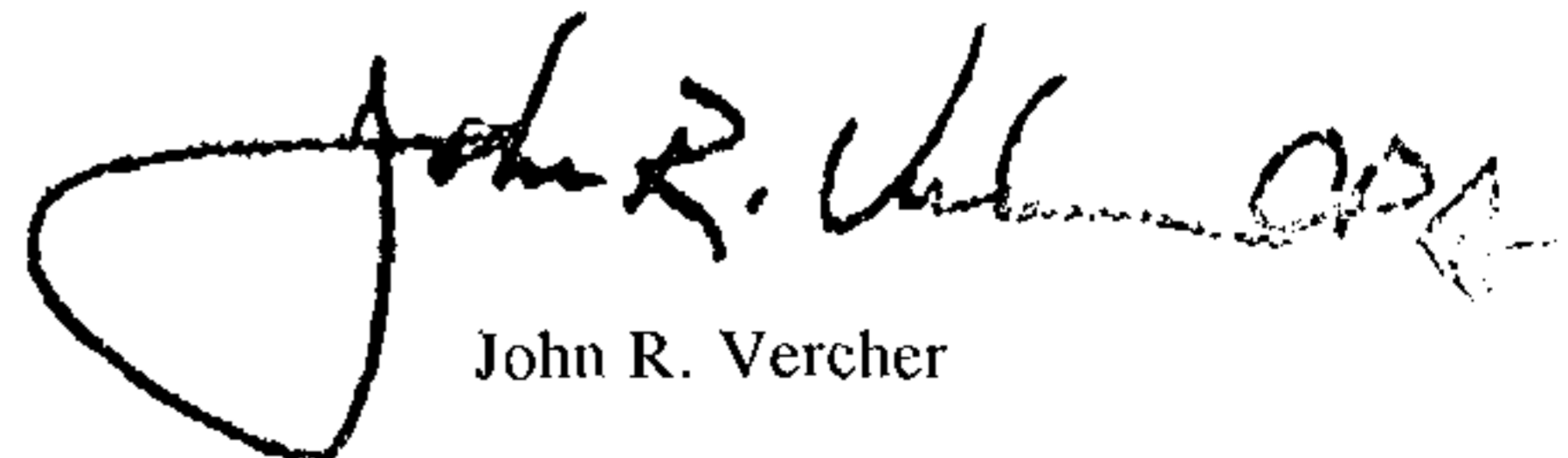
I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principals 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.

I was unable to determine what effect, if any, the year 2000 will have on the Town's computer system or what effect it will have on the Town's financial condition.

In my opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself as to the effects of the year 2000 question as discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and the cash flow of its proprietary and similar agency fund types for the year ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining, individual fund group, and comparative financial statements, schedules, graphs and supplementary information listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Ball. Such information, except for that portion marked "unaudited" on which I express no opinion, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

May 14, 1999  
Jena, Louisiana



John R. Vercher

MEMBER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
SOCIETY OF LOUISIANA CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

# JOHN R. VERCHER PC

*Certified Public Accountant*

P.O. Box 1608

Jena, Louisiana 71342

Tel: (318) 992-6348

Fax: (318) 992-4374

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Roy Hebron, Mayor  
and Members of the Board of Aldermen  
Ball, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of Town of Ball Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated May 14, 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**

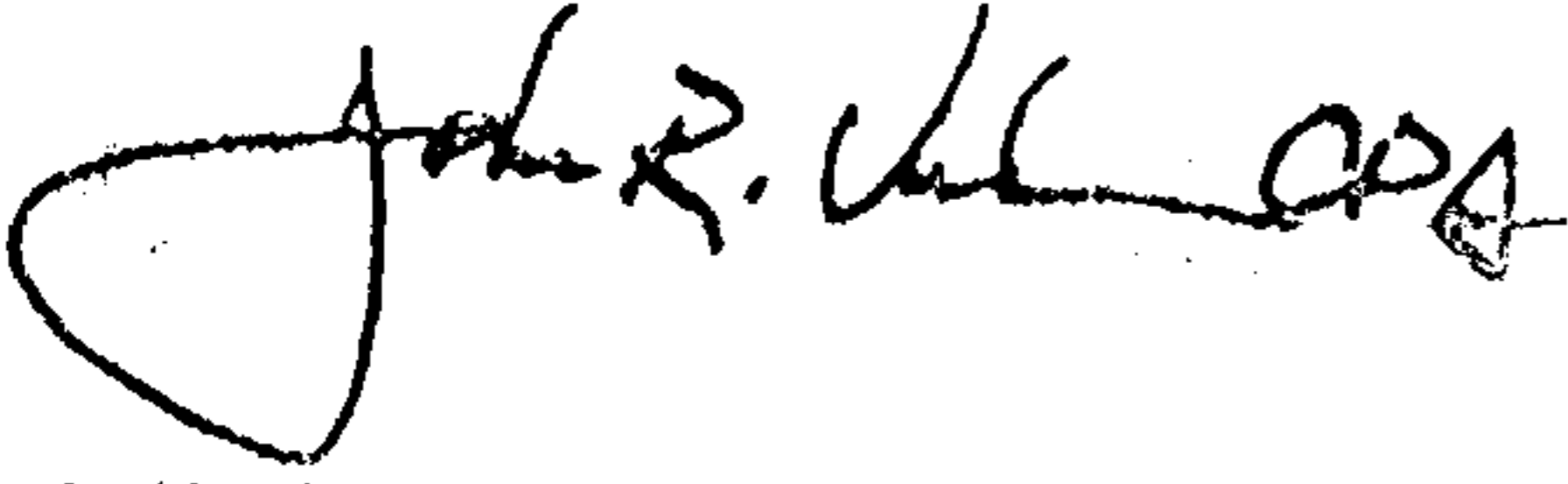
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Ball, Louisiana's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statements 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 test disclosed no instance of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards, except for the item discussed below and in "Schedule of Findings".

### **1998-1 Amended Budgets**

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Town of Ball, Louisiana'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 would not necessarily disclose all matters in 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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Vercher CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

John R. Vercher

Jena, Louisiana  
May 14, 1999

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(COMBINED STATEMENT - OVERVIEW)**



**TOWN OF BALL**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
**ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1998**

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
Cash	\$ 109,612	\$ 9,547	\$ 18,068	\$ 116,411
Investments	121,901	27,668	-0-	-0-
Receivables (Note 3)	30,245	-0-	16,207	34,048
Due From Other Funds	68,835	2,404	34,894	27,005
Land & Buildings (Note 4)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Vehicles & Equipment (Note 4)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Amount Available In Debt Service For Debt Retirement	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement Of General Long-Term Debt	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Restricted Assets:				
Utility Sinking Fund Cash	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Utility Reserve Fund Cash	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Utility Depreciation Fund Cash	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Customer Deposits	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Plant & Equipment (Note 8)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Construction in Progress	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 330,593</b>	<b>\$ 39,619</b>	<b>\$ 69,169</b>	<b>\$ 177,464</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTIONS, &amp; FUND BALANCE/RETAINED EARNINGS</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 23,206	\$ 624	\$ -0-	\$ 36,935
Due To Other Funds	2,404	-0-	44,053	-0-
Payable From Restricted Assets:				
Utility Deposits Due Customers	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bonds, Notes & Other Debt	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 25,610</b>	<b>\$ 624</b>	<b>\$ 44,053</b>	<b>\$ 36,935</b>
Fund Equities:				
Retained Earnings	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Reserved	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Unreserved	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Retained Earnings	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Investment in General Fixed Assets	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Contributed Capital (Note 9)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fund Balance	304,983	38,995	25,116	140,529
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 304,983</b>	<b>\$ 38,995</b>	<b>\$ 25,116</b>	<b>\$ 140,529</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 330,593</b>	<b>\$ 39,619</b>	<b>\$ 69,169</b>	<b>\$ 177,464</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

ENTERPRISE FUND	AGENCY FUND	ACCOUNTS GROUPS		TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
		GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	
\$ 46,780	\$ 85,176	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 385,594
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	149,569
46,968	-0-	-0-	-0-	127,468
17,048	7,731	-0-	-0-	157,917
-0-	-0-	692,396	-0-	692,396
-0-	-0-	746,422	-0-	746,422
-0-	-0-	-0-	25,116	25,116
-0-	-0-	-0-	743,138	743,138
133,083	-0-	-0-	-0-	133,083
44,606	-0-	-0-	-0-	44,606
44,590	-0-	-0-	-0-	44,590
17,540	-0-	-0-	-0-	17,540
6,254,713	-0-	-0-	-0-	6,254,713
1,134,854	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,134,854
<u>\$ 7,740,182</u>	<u>\$ 92,907</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,818</u>	<u>\$ 768,254</u>	<u>\$ 10,657,006</u>
\$ 19,087	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 79,852
18,553	92,907	-0-	-0-	157,917
22,921	-0-	-0-	-0-	22,921
915,502	-0-	-0-	768,254	1,683,756
<u>\$ 976,063</u>	<u>\$ 92,907</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 768,254</u>	<u>\$ 1,944,446</u>
\$ 120,690	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 120,690
44,590	-0-	-0-	-0-	44,590
(2,370,697)	-0-	-0-	-0-	(2,370,697)
<u>\$ (2,205,417)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ (2,205,417)</u>
-0-	-0-	1,438,818	-0-	1,438,818
8,969,536	-0-	-0-	-0-	8,969,536
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	509,623
6,764,119	-0-	1,438,818	-0-	8,712,560
<u>\$ 7,740,182</u>	<u>\$ 92,907</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,818</u>	<u>\$ 768,254</u>	<u>\$ 10,657,006</u>

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL TYPES**

*For the year ended December 31, 1998*

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Sales Tax	\$ 243,165	\$ 60,447	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 303,612
Intergovernmental	-0-	-0-	-0-	217,722	217,722
Ad Valorem Tax (Note 2)	38,110	-0-	48,593	-0-	86,703
Ward 10 Maintenance	70,846	-0-	-0-	-0-	70,846
Tobacco Tax	16,788	-0-	-0-	-0-	16,788
Franchise Fee	98,294	-0-	-0-	-0-	98,294
Building Permits	6,127	-0-	-0-	-0-	6,127
Traffic Fines	125,861	-0-	-0-	-0-	125,861
Collection Commissions	1,014	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,014
Interest Income	12,345	1,890	-0-	-0-	14,235
Miscellaneous	15,974	15,079	-0-	-0-	31,053
Occupational Licenses	48,973	-0-	-0-	-0-	48,973
Copy Fees	499	-0-	-0-	-0-	499
Impounding Fees	15	-0-	-0-	-0-	15
Income - Community Center	4,275	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,275
State Maintenance Contract	12,392	-0-	-0-	-0-	12,392
Grant	28,349	-0-	-0-	-0-	28,349
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 723,027</b>	<b>\$ 77,416</b>	<b>\$ 48,593</b>	<b>\$ 217,722</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,758</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
General & Administration	\$ 210,142	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 210,142
Police Department	238,475	-0-	-0-	-0-	238,475
Street Department	363,865	-0-	-0-	-0-	363,865
Community Center	11,510	-0-	-0-	-0-	11,510
Fire Department	-0-	81,582	-0-	-0-	81,582
Principal Retirement (Note 5)	-0-	-0-	15,086	-0-	15,086
Interest Expense	-0-	-0-	31,876	-0-	31,876
Public Works	-0-	-0-	-0-	214,803	214,803
Administration	-0-	-0-	-0-	36,970	36,970
Acquisition	-0-	-0-	-0-	13,781	13,781
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 823,992</b>	<b>\$ 81,582</b>	<b>\$ 46,962</b>	<b>\$ 265,554</b>	<b>\$ 1,218,090</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ (100,965)</b>	<b>\$ (4,166)</b>	<b>\$ 1,631</b>	<b>\$ (47,832)</b>	<b>\$ (151,332)</b>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	61,557	-0-	-0-	3,000	64,557
<b>Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures After Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ (39,408)</b>	<b>\$ (4,166)</b>	<b>\$ 1,631</b>	<b>\$ (44,832)</b>	<b>\$ (86,775)</b>
<b>Fund Balance - January 1</b>	<b>344,391</b>	<b>43,161</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>185,361</b>	<b>596,398</b>
<b>Fund Balance - December 31</b>	<b>\$ 304,983</b>	<b>\$ 38,995</b>	<b>\$ 25,116</b>	<b>\$ 140,529</b>	<b>\$ 509,623</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**

*For the year ended December 31, 1998*

	GENERAL FUND		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Sales Tax	\$ 237,506	\$ 243,165	\$ 5,659
Intergovernmental	18,000	-0-	(18,000)
Ad Valorem Tax (Note 2)	11,916	38,110	26,194
Ward 10 Maintenance	40,587	70,846	30,259
Tobacco Tax	16,788	16,788	-0-
Franchise Fee	82,888	98,294	15,406
Building Permits	6,851	6,127	(724)
Traffic Fines	109,752	125,861	16,109
Collection Commissions	1,014	1,014	-0-
Interest Income	2,527	12,345	9,818
Miscellaneous	3,637	15,974	12,337
Occupational Licenses	43,742	48,973	5,231
Copy Fees	50	499	449
Impounding Fees	80	15	(65)
Income – Community Center	5,372	4,275	(1,097)
State Maintenance Contract	12,392	12,392	-0-
Grant	-0-	28,349	28,349
Administration - Police	12,000	-0-	(12,000)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 605,102</b>	<b>\$ 723,027</b>	<b>\$ 117,925</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General & Administration	\$ 186,628	\$ 210,142	\$ (23,514)
Police Department	177,981	238,475	(60,494)
Street Department	234,941	363,865	(128,924)
Community Center	5,552	11,510	(5,958)
Fire Department	-0-	-0-	-0-
Public Works	-0-	-0-	-0-
Administration	-0-	-0-	-0-
Acquisition	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 605,102</b>	<b>\$ 823,992</b>	<b>\$ (218,890)</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ (100,965)</b>	<b>\$ (100,965)</b>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-0-	61,557	61,557
<b>Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures After Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ (39,408)</b>	<b>\$ (39,408)</b>
<b>Fund Balance – January 1</b>	<b>344,391</b>	<b>344,391</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Fund Balance – December 31</b>	<b>\$ 344,391</b>	<b>\$ 304,983</b>	<b>\$ (39,408)</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.





**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

*For the year ended December 31, 1998*

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Utility Revenues	\$ 427,252
Inspection Fees	300
Tap Fees	7,625
Wastewater Dump Fees	3,820
Ad Valorem Tax	33,478
Miscellaneous	6,010
	<hr/>
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 478,485</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Salaries & Labor	\$ 147,907
Office Supplies & Expense	7,092
Refunds	866
Small Tools	10,521
Repair & Maintenance	104,848
Fuel Expense	12,160
Electrical Expense	4,951
Pager & Telephone Service	1,178
Utilities	2,348
Insurance	25,111
Professional Fees	5,783
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	3,441
Prisoner Expense	1,473
Hay Cutting Expense	510
Dump Fees	36,325
Depreciation Expense	226,828
Plant Operating Expense	2,173
Employee Training	778
	<hr/>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 594,293</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (115,808)</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	
Interest Income	\$ 10,840
Interest Expense	(47,731)
	<hr/>
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (36,891)</b>
<b>Net Loss Before Operating Transfers</b>	<b>\$ (152,699)</b>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	10,000
	<hr/>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ (142,699)</b>
<b>Retained Earnings (Deficit) January 1</b>	<b>(2,062,718)</b>
	<hr/>
<b>Retained Earnings (Deficit) December 31</b>	<b>\$ (2,205,417)</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
ENTERPRISE FUNDS  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**

*For the year ended December 31, 1998*

<b>Cash From Operations:</b>	
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	\$ (152,699)
Transfers To Other Funds	10,000
	-----
<b>Net Income (Loss) After Transfers</b>	<b>\$ (142,699)</b>
 <b>Adjustments To Net Income (Loss)</b>	
Add – Depreciation	\$ 226,828
Increase (Decrease) In Accrued Interest	(717)
Decrease (Increase) In Accts. Receivable	(3,293)
Increase (Decrease) In Accounts Payable	2,734
	-----
<b>Net Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 225,552</b>
Cash Provided By Operations	\$ 82,853
Cash From Restricted Assets	2,955
Grants And Other Contributed Capital	359,889
	-----
<b>Total Cash Provided</b>	<b>\$ 445,697</b>
 <b>Cash Was Applied To:</b>	
Restricted Funds	\$ 23,990
Revenue Bonds & Notes	31,441
Fixed Assets	359,889
	-----
<b>Total Application of Cash</b>	<b>\$ 415,320</b>
<b>Net Increase In Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ 30,377</b>
<b>Cash Beginning Of Year</b>	<b>16,403</b>
	-----
<b>Cash End Of year</b>	<b>\$ 46,780</b>
	-----

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

*NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

The Town of Ball was incorporated May 31, 1972, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Town operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The accounting and reporting practices of the Town of Ball conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana revised statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Ball Volunteer Fire Department is considered a component unit of the Town of Ball, Louisiana. The transactions of the department are reported in a special revenue "fire" fund. Debts owed by the department are presented in the general long-term debt account group and department assets are presented in the general fixed asset account group.

The following is a description of certain significant policies and practices:

**Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the Town of Ball 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, into three generic types and two broad fund categories 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.

**Special Revenue Fund** - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific 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.

**Capital Projects Funds** - Capital projects funds are used to account for the purchase or construction of major capital facilities which are not financed by proprietary funds.

**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

**Trust and Agency Fund** - The Agency Fund is used as depository for collection of ad valorem taxes. Disbursements from the fund are made to the general fund, sewer fund and the debt service funds based on the millage rate for a particular year. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):**

**Fund Accounting (Continued)**

***PROPRIETARY FUNDS***

**Enterprise Funds** - Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations 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.

***Fixed Assets and Long-Term Liabilities***

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term debt liabilities 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 liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus, and all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets.

Long-term debt liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

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. Additions made from 1987 to 1998 in the amount of \$81,903 were estimated which represents 6% of general fixed assets.

**Basis of Accounting**

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. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

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.

**Component Units**

The Ball Volunteer Fire Department's board is composed of 7 commissioners, one being the mayor of the town and the remaining commissioners appointed by the mayor and approved by the board of aldermen. The department is thus considered a component unit of the town and the transactions of the Ball Volunteer Fire Department are presented



**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):**

in the financial statements as a special revenue fund. The commissioners, their terms of office and salary are as follows:

Name	Term of Office	Address	Salary
Roy Hebron	Continuous	5816 Clines Rd., Pineville, La. 71360	\$ -0-
Willie Bishop	Continuous	PO Box 800, Ball, La. 71405	-0-
Walt Chance	Continuous	PO Box 800, Ball, La. 71405	-0-
Charles Duprest	Continuous	PO Box 800, Ball, La. 71405	-0-
Jimmy Blalock	Continuous	PO Box 800, Ball, La. 71405	-0-
Roland Davis	Continuous	PO Box 800, Ball, La. 71405	-0-
Larry Wolley	Continuous	PO Box 800, Ball, La. 71405	-0-

**Total Column on Combined Statements - Overview**

Total column on the combined statements - overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does 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.

**2. TAXES**

**A. AD VALOREM TAXES:**

For the year ended December 31, 1998, 17.11 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$7,190,440 and were dedicated as follows:

General Corporate Purposes	5.48 mills
Debt Service	3.13 mills
Sewer Revenue Bonds	5.00 mills
1998 Debt Service	3.50 mills
	<hr style="width: 100%; border: none; border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>
Total	<u>17.11 mills</u>

Total taxes levied after exemptions were \$123,030. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. The Town of Ball bills and collects its own property taxes which are payable on December 31. Property tax revenues are recognized as revenues in the year in which they are levied.

**B. SALES TAXES:**

The Town has a 1 1/2-cent sales tax dedicated as follows:

Police	1/3 cent
Streets	2/3 cent
Fire Department	1/2 cent

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**3. RECEIVABLES**

A summary of receivables by fund at December 31, 1998 are as follows:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>Sanitation Fund</b>	<b>Sewer Fund</b>
Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable	\$ 13,397	\$ 16,207	\$ -0-	\$ 12,221
Accounts Receivable	16,848	-0-	17,266	24,597
Allowance for Bad Debts	-0-	-0-	(2,935)	(4,181)
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>\$ 30,245</b>	<b>\$ 16,207</b>	<b>\$ 14,331</b>	<b>\$ 32,637</b>

The allowance for bad debts for the sewer and sanitation fund has been established at 17% of total accounts receivable because of the large balance of past due accounts on the Town's books. Sewer and sanitation accounts in arrears at 12-31-98 equal \$6,872. The allowance for bad debts for the general fund was determined to be immaterial and, therefore, is not presented.

**4. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS:**

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<b>Land &amp; Buildings</b>	<b>Vehicle &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 624,606	\$ 642,579	\$ 1,267,185
Additions	67,790	105,743	173,533
Deletions	-0-	(1,900)	(1,900)
<b>Balance December 31, 1998</b>	<b>\$ 692,396</b>	<b>\$ 746,422</b>	<b>\$ 1,438,818</b>

**5. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT:**

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1998:

	<b>Premier Bank Sewer Fund</b>	<b>92-02 Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Sewer District # 1</b>	<b>Sewer Sewer Fund</b>	<b>1997 Sewer Improv.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonds Pay. 12/31/97	\$ 210,350	\$ 657,419	\$ 127,721	\$ 127,721	\$ 310,000	\$ 1,433,211
Additions	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bonds Retired	(7,127)	(13,023)	(2,543)	(2,543)	(10,000)	(35,236)
<b>Bonds Pay. 12/31/98</b>	<b>\$ 203,223</b>	<b>\$ 644,396</b>	<b>\$ 125,178</b>	<b>\$ 125,178</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,397,975</b>

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**5. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT - (Cont.)**

The following is a summary of notes and other debt transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 1998:

	Notes & Debts Payable At 12/31/97	New Debt	Principal Paid	Notes & Debts Payable At 12/31/98
John Deer Tractor – Bank One	\$ -0-	\$ 35,000	\$ 3,321	\$ 31,679
Firetruck FMHA Note	33,149	-0-	11,863	21,286
Firehouse FMHA Note	9,490	-0-	3,111	6,379
'98' Crown Victoria – Bank One – Police	-0-	20,169	1,130	19,039
Hibernia Chipper note	1,175	-0-	1,175	-0-
Ford Motor Credit Holland Tractor	14,997	-0-	5,727	9,270
Firetruck FMHA Note (New)	124,389	-0-	11,714	112,675
Rapides Bank Sanitation Note	42,326	-0-	11,291	31,035
'98' Crown Victoria – Bank One	-0-	19,388	1,818	17,570

Bonds payable at December 31, 1998 are comprised of the following:

General obligation bonds administered by the debt service fund:

Two 1983 issues of \$150,000 each due in annual installments of \$8,894 for each issue with the last payment due March 9, 2023; interest at 5% per annum. \$ 250,356

An issue of \$310,000, due in annual installments of \$29,825 increasing to \$30,975 with the last payment due March 1, 2016; interest at 10% per annum. 300,000

Revenue bonds administered by the sewer enterprise fund:

\$228,000 sewer revenue bonds due in annual installments of \$20,802 to a maturity date of March 9, 2023; interest at 5% per annum. 203,223

\$771,000 sewer revenue bonds due in annual installments of \$45,713 to a maturity date of March 9, 2023; interest at 5% per annum. 644,396

Notes and other debts payable administered by the general fund, fire fund, and sanitation fund:

Ford Motor Credit lease (New Holland Tractor-Loader) in the amount of \$23,075 payable in monthly installments of \$540 beginning July 19, 1997 and ending June 19, 2000; interest at 6.25% 9,270

Banks One lease in the amount of \$19,388 payable in monthly installments of \$453.11 beginning August 6, 1998 and ending July 6, 2002; interest at 5.75%. 17,570

Bank One police departments lease in the amount of \$20,169 payable in monthly installments of \$471.36 beginning October 30, 1998 and ending September 30, 2002; interest at 5.75%. 19,039

Bank One street departments lease in the amount of \$35,000 payable in monthly installments of \$575.93 beginning May 1, 1998 and ending April 1, 2004; interest at 5.75%. 31,679

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**5. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT - (Cont.)**

Farmers Home Administration fire truck note in the amount of \$100,000 payable in monthly installments of \$1,142 beginning February 17, 1993 and ending January 17, 2002; interest at 6.625%.	21,286
Farmers Home Administration firehouse note in the amount of \$32,200 payable in monthly installments of \$309 beginning April 13, 1988 and ending May 13, 2002; interest at 7.375%.	6,379
Farmers Home Administration fire truck note in the amount of \$140,000 payable in monthly installments of \$1,521 beginning July 24, 1997 and ending July 24, 2006; interest at 5.5%.	112,675
Rapides Bank sanitation garbage truck note in the amount of \$58,964 payable in monthly installments of \$1,115 beginning April 26, 1997 and ending June 26, 2001; interest at 5.6%.	31,035
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 1,646,908</u>

Debt service requirements including interest of Town in five year increments:

	Bonds	Notes	Total
1999-2003	\$ 560,990	\$ 258,230	\$ 819,220
2004-2008	565,577	49,455	615,032
2009-2013	558,603	-0-	558,603
2014-2018	426,432	-0-	426,432
2019-2023	317,505	-0-	317,505
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 2,429,107</u>	<u>\$ 307,685</u>	<u>\$ 2,736,792</u>

**6. COMPENSATED ABSENCES:**

The Town does not accumulate sick leave or vacation pay.

**7. FLOW OF FUNDS; RESTRICTIONS ON USE - ENTERPRISE FUNDS:**

*Sewer System Revenues*

Under the terms of the bond indenture on outstanding sewer revenue bonds dated March 9, 1983 and March 9, 1995, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operation of the Sewer System are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds and are to be set aside into the following special funds:

Out of the revenue, there shall be set aside into a "Sewer Plant and System Revenue Fund" amounts sufficient to provide for the payment of reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the system.

Each month there will be set aside into a "Bond and Interest Sinking Fund" an amount constituting 1/12 of the next maturing installment of principal and 1/12 of the next maturing installment of interest on the outstanding bonds. Such transfers shall be fully sufficient to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest installments as they become due and may be used only for such payments.



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**7. FLOW OF FUNDS; RESTRICTIONS ON USE - ENTERPRISE FUNDS - (Cont.)**

*Sewer System Revenues*

There shall also be set aside into a "Sewer Revenue Bond Reserve Fund" an amount equal to 5% of the amounts paid to the Revenue Fund until such time as there has accumulated in the reserve account an amount equal to the highest combined principal and interest requirement in any succeeding fiscal year on the outstanding principal amount of the bond. Such amounts may be used only for the payment of maturing bonds and interest coupons, in the event that sufficient funds are not on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund and as to which there would otherwise be default.

Funds will also be set aside into a "Depreciation and Contingency Fund" in the amount of \$285 per month. Money in this fund may be used for making extraordinary repairs or replacements to the system which are necessary to keep the system in operating condition and for which money is not available as a maintenance and operating expense. Money in this fund may also be used to pay principal and interest on the bonds falling due any time there is not sufficient money for payment in the other bond funds.

Funds set aside in the construction accounts are restricted to approve construction activity of the Town's sewer system.

All of the revenues received in any fiscal year and not required to be paid in such fiscal year into any of the above notes funds shall be regarded as surplus and may be used for any lawful corporate purpose.

**8. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - SEWER AND SANITATION FUNDS:**

The following schedules summarize original cost, accumulated depreciation and estimated depreciation rates of plant and equipment of the sewer fund as of December 31, 1998:

**Sewer Fund:**

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Straight Line</u>	<u>Prior</u>	<u>Depreciation Expense 12-31-98</u>	<u>Current Book Value</u>
Sewer System 1985	\$ 6,960,694	40	\$ 1,801,082	\$ 174,017	\$ 4,985,595
Additions to Sewer System Var.	1,877,513	Various	608,627	45,844	1,223,042
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,838,207</b>		<b>\$ 2,409,709</b>	<b>\$ 219,861</b>	<b>\$ 6,208,637</b>

**Sanitation:**

Equipment Various	\$ 69,635	5	\$ 6,967	\$ 16,592	\$ 46,076
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,907,842</b>		<b>\$ 2,416,676</b>	<b>\$ 236,453</b>	<b>\$ 6,254,713</b>

**9. CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL:**

Contributed capital consists of grants from the federal government as well as proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds for the construction of the sewer system.

Balance 12-31-97	\$ 8,609,647
Additions	359,889
<b>Balance 12-31-98</b>	<b>\$ 8,969,536</b>



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**10. CASH AND INVESTMENTS:**

All cash and investments (C.D.'s in excess of 90 days) are reported at cost and are on deposit at the following federally insured banks:

<u>Bank</u>	<b>Bank Statement Balance (Net Book Balance) At 12-31-98</b>
Hibernia National Bank	\$ 91,008
Bank One	703,626
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 794,634</b>

Amounts on deposit are secured by the following pledges:

<u>Description</u>	<b>Bank One Market Value</b>	<b>Hibernia Bank Market Value</b>
FDIC	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Municipal Securities	624,139	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 724,139</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>

**11. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING:**

A.) The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data in these financial statements:

1. The town clerk prepares a proposed budget for the General and Fire Funds and submits same to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen prior to the beginning of each year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and a public hearing is held.
3. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the year for which the budget is being adopted.
4. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
5. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended from time to time by the Board of Aldermen. The budgets were not amended for the year ended December 31, 1998.

B.) Capital project budgets are prepared on a "Project Wide" basis which may extend beyond one year. The budgets in these statements are the total project budget or remaining budgeted amounts.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**12. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:**

	1998	
	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General Fund	\$ 68,835	\$ 2,404
Debt Service Funds	34,894	44,053
Ad Valorem Tax Agency Fund	7,731	92,907
Fire Fund	2,404	-0-
Sewer Fund	17,048	18,553
Sewer Tax Millage	27,005	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 157,917</b>	<b>\$ 157,917</b>

**13. ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES:**

Name	Date of Service	Position	Annualized Salary
Roy Hebron	1/01/98 – 12/31/98	Mayor	\$ 28,690
Spencer Williams	1/01/98 – 12/31/98	Police Chief	22,452
Willie Bishop	1/01/98 – 12/31/98	Alderman	1,225
Curtis Robertson	1/01/98 – 12/31/98	Alderman	1,225
William Tyson	1/01/98 – 12/31/98	Alderman	1,225
Jerry Giddings	1/01/98 – 12/31/98	Alderman	1,225
Larry Wolley	1/01/98 – 03/30/98	Alderman	1,225
Jessie Doyle	4/21/98 – 12/31/98	Alderman	1,225

**14. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:**

Substantially all employees of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, are members of the following statewide retirement systems: Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, or Firefighter's Retirement System of Louisiana. These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

***A: Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)***

***Plan Description.*** The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. [All employees of the municipality are members of (Plan A) (Plan B)]. [or some employees of the municipality are members of Plan A and some are members of Plan B.]

All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are eligible to participate in the System. [Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. [Under Plan B, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service at or after age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2 percent of their final-average monthly salary in excess of \$100 for each year of creditable service.]

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**14. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: - (Cont.)**

***A: Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)-(Cont.)***

Furthermore, employees with at least 10 years of creditable service, but less than 30 years, may take early retirement benefits commencing at or after age 60, with the basic benefit reduced 3 percent for each year retirement precedes age 62, unless he has at least 30 years of creditable service. In any case, monthly retirement benefits paid under Plan B cannot exceed 100 percent of final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (504)925-4810.

***Funding Policy.*** [Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the Town of Ball is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 6.75 percent of annual covered payroll.] [Under Plan B, members are required by state statute to contribute 5.0 percent of their annual covered salary and the Town of Ball is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 3.75 percent of annual covered payroll.] Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one percent (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town of Ball are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. [The Town of Ball contributions to the System under Plan A for the years ending December 31, 1998, \$8,400 equal to the required contributions for each year.]

***B: Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System)***

***Plan Description.*** All full-time police department employees engaged in law enforcement are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service or at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 1/3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-2250, or by calling (504)929-7411.



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**14. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: - (Cont.)**

***B: Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System) - (Cont.)***

*Funding Policy.* Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5 percent of their annual covered salary and the Town of Ball is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.0 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirement of plan members and the Town of Ball are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Town of Ball contributions to the System for the year ending December 31, 1998 were \$9,930 equal to the required contributions for each year.

**15. AGENCY FUND**

The Agency Fund is used to collect ad valorem taxes assessed by the Town. Below is a summary of transaction activity in the fund during the year:

	<b>1998</b>
<b>Cash Balance 12-31-97</b>	<b>\$ 90,431</b>
Ad Valorem Taxes, Penalties & Interest Collected	116,409
Expenses Related To Tax Collections	(4,985)
Transfers To General Fund	(37,663)
Transfers to Sewer Fund & Debt Service	(79,016)
<b>Cash Balance 12-31-98</b>	<b>\$ 85,176</b>

**16. SEWER FUND RETAINED EARNINGS DEFICIT**

The deficit in sewer fund retained earnings of \$(2,258,351) is due primarily to depreciation taken on that portion of the sewer plant construction with grant and other contributed funds.

**17. EXCESS EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS**

The general fund overspent its 1998 budget by \$218,890 or 36% primarily because of a substantial unbudgeted increase in revenues.

**GENERAL FUND**

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



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash		\$ 109,612
Investments		121,901
Receivables		30,245
Due From Other Funds		68,835
		-----
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 330,593</b>
		-----
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Accounts Payable		\$ 23,206
Due To Fire		2,404
		-----
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$ 25,610</b>
		-----
Fund Balance		304,983
		-----
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 330,593</b>
		-----

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**  
*For the year ended December 31, 1998*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Sales Tax	\$ 237,506	\$ 243,165	\$ 5,659
Intergovernmental	18,000	-0-	(18,000)
Ad Valorem Tax (Note 2)	11,916	38,110	26,194
Ward 10 Maintenance	40,587	70,846	30,259
Tobacco Tax	16,788	16,788	-0-
Franchise Fee	82,888	98,294	15,406
Building Permits	6,851	6,127	(724)
Traffic Fines	109,752	125,861	16,109
Collection Commissions	1,014	1,014	-0-
Interest Income	2,527	12,345	9,818
Miscellaneous	3,637	15,974	12,337
Occupational Licenses	43,742	48,973	5,231
Copy Fees	50	499	449
Impounding Fees	80	15	(65)
Income – Community Center	5,372	4,275	(1,097)
State Maintenance Contract	12,392	12,392	-0-
Grant	-0-	28,349	28,349
Administration - Police	12,000	-0-	(12,000)
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 605,102</b>	<b>\$ 723,027</b>	<b>\$ 117,925</b>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General & Administration (Sch. 2)	\$ 186,628	\$ 210,142	\$ (23,514)
Police Department (Sch. 2)	177,981	238,475	(60,494)
Street Department (Sch. 2)	234,941	363,865	(128,924)
Community Center (Sch. 2)	5,552	11,510	(5,958)
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 605,102</b>	<b>\$ 823,992</b>	<b>\$ (218,890)</b>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ (100,965)</b>	<b>\$ (100,965)</b>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Transfers To	\$ -0-	\$ (13,000)	\$ (13,000)
Loans	-0-	74,557	74,557
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 61,557</b>	<b>\$ 61,557</b>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures After Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ (39,408)</b>	<b>\$ (39,408)</b>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Fund Balance – January 1</b>	<b>344,391</b>	<b>344,391</b>	<b>-0-</b>
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Fund Balance – December 31</b>	<b>\$ 344,391</b>	<b>\$ 304,983</b>	<b>\$ (39,408)</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

***SPECIAL REVENUE FUND***

To account for resources legally restricted to expenditure for specified current operating purposes.

1/2 cent sales tax dedication and other revenue of the Ball Volunteer Fire Department.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND  
BALANCE SHEET**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash		\$ 9,547
Investments		27,668
Due From General Fund		2,404
		-----
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>\$ 39,619</u></b>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Accounts Payable		\$ 624
Fund Balance		38,995
		-----
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		<b><u>\$ 39,619</u></b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Sales Tax	\$ 56,191	\$ 60,447	\$ 4,256
Other	8,139	16,969	8,830
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 64,330</u>	<u>\$ 77,416</u>	<u>\$ 13,086</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Insurance	\$ 9,791	\$ 8,754	\$ 1,037
Office Supplies	589	68	521
Postage	70	274	(204)
Repair & Maintenance	1,637	25,887	(24,250)
Vehicle Maintenance, Gas & Oil	3,054	4,126	(1,072)
Miscellaneous	2,644	-0-	2,644
Utilities	1,307	1,232	75
Dues	191	100	91
Debt Service	35,664	35,664	-0-
Equipment	6,670	-0-	6,670
Professional Fees	920	1,819	(899)
Bank Service Charge	149	150	(1)
Employee Training	1,040	933	107
Travel	604	75	529
Land	-0-	2,500	(2,500)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 64,330</u>	<u>\$ 81,582</u>	<u>\$ 17,252</u>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under)</b>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ (4,166)</u>	<u>\$ (4,166)</u>
<b>Fund Balance – January 1</b>	<u>43,161</u>	<u>43,161</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>Fund Balance – December 31</b>	<u>\$ 43,161</u>	<u>\$ 38,995</u>	<u>\$ (4,166)</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



*DEBT SERVICE FUNDS*

To accumulate monies for payment of the 1983 \$150,000 Sewer District No. 1 general obligation bonds and the 1983 \$150,000 Sewer System general obligation bonds, which are due in annual installments, plus interest, through maturity in 2023.

To accumulate monies for payment of 1996 \$310,000 Sewer Improvement general obligation bonds, which are due in annual installments, plus interest, through maturity in 2016.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
DEBT SERVICE FUND  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	<b>Town of Ball Sewer System</b>	<b>Sewer District No. 1</b>	<b>Sewer District No. 1</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 18,068	\$ 18,068
Taxes Receivable	3,825	3,825	8,557	16,207
Due From Agency Fund	7,840	7,840	8,393	24,073
Due From Sewer Fund	-0-	-0-	10,821	10,821
	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,665</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,665</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 45,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 69,169</u></b>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>				
Due To Other Funds	\$ 8,524	\$ 8,524	\$ 27,005	\$ 44,053
Fund Balance	3,141	3,141	18,834	25,116
	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,665</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,665</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 45,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 69,169</u></b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**DEBT SERVICE FUND**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

<u>Revenue</u>	Town of Ball Sewer System	Sewer District No. 1	Sewer District No. 1	Total
Ad Valorem Taxes (Note 2)	\$ 11,251	\$ 11,251	\$ 25,172	\$ 47,674
Interest	-0-	-0-	919	919
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 11,251</b>	<b>\$ 11,251</b>	<b>\$ 26,091</b>	<b>\$ 48,593</b>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Principal Retirement (Note 5)	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,543	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,086
Interest Expense	6,350	6,351	19,175	31,876
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 8,893</b>	<b>\$ 8,894</b>	<b>\$ 29,175</b>	<b>\$ 46,962</b>
<b>Excess Of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,358</b>	<b>\$ 2,357</b>	<b>\$ (3,084)</b>	<b>\$ 1,631</b>
<b>Fund Balance – January 1</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>21,918</b>	<b>23,485</b>
<b>Fund Balance – December 31</b>	<b>\$ 3,141</b>	<b>\$ 3,141</b>	<b>\$ 18,834</b>	<b>\$ 25,116</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

### *CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS*

To account for the purchase or construction of major capital facilities which are not financed by proprietary funds, special assessment funds or trust funds.

- \* LCDBG #107-600017 in the amount of \$ 729,595 for Sewer System Improvements.
- \* 1996 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$ 310,000 for Sewer System Improvements. Bonds to be serviced by an ad valorem tax dedicated to bonds.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1998**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>LCDBG 107-800191</u>	<u>LCDBG 107-600017</u>	<u>1997 Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash	\$ 2,887	\$ -0-	\$ 113,524	\$ 116,411
Due From Debt Service	-0-	-0-	27,005	27,005
Contracts Receivable	34,048	-0-	-0-	34,048
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 36,935</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 140,529</u>	<u>\$ 177,464</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>				
Contracts Payable	\$ 36,935	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 36,935
Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	140,529	140,529
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 36,935</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 140,529</u>	<u>\$ 177,464</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

*For The Year Ended December 31, 1998*

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>LCDBG 107-800191</u>	<u>LCDBG 107-600017</u>	<u>1997 Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Intergovernmental	\$ 131,033	\$ 81,273	\$ -0-	\$ 212,306
Interest Income	-0-	-0-	5,416	5,416
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 131,033</b>	<b>\$ 81,273</b>	<b>\$ 5,416</b>	<b>\$ 217,722</b>
 <u>Expenditures</u>				
Public Works	\$ 95,223	\$ 74,672	\$ 44,908	\$ 214,803
Administration	23,039	6,601	7,330	36,970
Acquisition	12,771	-0-	1,010	13,781
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 131,033</b>	<b>\$ 81,273</b>	<b>\$ 53,248</b>	<b>\$ 265,554</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures Before Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ (47,832)</b>	<b>\$ (47,832)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Operating Transfers In	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures &amp; Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ (44,832)</b>	<b>\$ (44,832)</b>
<b>Fund Balance – Beginning Of Year</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>185,361</b>	<b>185,361</b>
<b>Fund Balance – End Of Year</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 140,529</b>	<b>\$ 140,529</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**(BUDGET vs ACTUAL)**

*For The Year Ended December 31, 1998*

	<b>LCDBG 107-600017</b>			<b>1996 Bonds</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Intergovernmental	\$ 85,539	\$ 81,273	\$ (4,266)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Interest Income	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	5,416	5,416
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 85,539</b>	<b>\$ 81,273</b>	<b>\$ (4,266)</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 5,416</b>	<b>\$ 5,416</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Public Works	\$ 67,945	\$ 74,672	\$ (6,727)	\$ 189,676	\$ 44,908	\$ 144,768
Land Acquisition	7,686	-0-	7,686	-0-	1,010	(1,010)
Administration	9,908	6,601	3,307	-0-	7,330	(7,330)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 85,539</b>	<b>\$ 81,273</b>	<b>\$ 4,266</b>	<b>\$ 189,676</b>	<b>\$ 53,248</b>	<b>\$ 136,428</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>(189,676)</b>	<b>(47,832)</b>	<b>141,844</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
Operating Transfers In (Out)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures After Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>(189,676)</b>	<b>(44,832)</b>	<b>144,844</b>
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>185,361</b>	<b>185,361</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ (4,315)</b>	<b>\$ 140,529</b>	<b>\$ 144,844</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

LCDBG 107-800191		
Budget	Actual	Variance
\$ 142,882	\$ 131,033	\$ (11,849)
-0-	-0-	-0-
\$ 142,882	\$ 131,033	\$ (11,849)
\$ 110,010	\$ 95,223	\$ 14,787
10,098	12,771	(2,673)
22,774	23,039	(265)
\$ 142,882	\$ 131,033	\$ 11,849
-0-	-0-	-0-
\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	-0-	-0-
\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Total Memorandum Only		
Budget	Actual	Variance
\$ 228,421	\$ 212,306	\$ (16,115)
-0-	5,416	5,416
\$ 228,421	\$ 217,722	\$ (10,699)
\$ 367,631	\$ 214,803	152,828
17,784	13,781	4,003
32,682	36,970	(4,288)
\$ 418,097	\$ 265,554	\$ 152,543
(189,676)	(47,832)	141,844
\$ -0-	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
(189,676)	(44,832)	144,844
185,361	185,361	-0-
\$ (4,315)	\$ 140,529	\$ 144,844

### ***ENTERPRISE FUND***

To account for the operations of the Sanitation and Sewer System of the Town of Ball that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
ENTERPRISE FUNDS  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**

*December 31, 1998*

	Sewer Fund	Sanitation Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and C. D.'s	\$ 17,819	\$ 28,961	\$ 46,780
Accounts Receivable (Net)	32,637	14,331	46,968
Restricted Assets:			
Utility Sinking Fund Cash	133,083	-0-	133,083
Utility Reserve Fund Cash	44,606	-0-	44,606
Utility Depreciation Fund Cash	44,590	-0-	44,590
Customer Deposits	17,540	-0-	17,540
Due From Debt Service	17,048	-0-	17,048
Construction In Progress	1,134,854	-0-	1,134,854
Plant And Equipment (Net) Note 8)	6,208,637	46,076	6,254,713
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,650,814</b>	<b>\$ 89,368</b>	<b>\$ 7,740,182</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL AND RETAINED EARNINGS</b>			
Accounts Payable – Operating	\$ 13,688	\$ 5,399	\$ 19,087
Due To Other Funds	18,553	-0-	18,553
Payable From Restricted Assets:			
Accrued Interest	36,848	-0-	36,848
Utility Deposits Due Customers	22,921	-0-	22,921
Revenue Bonds Payable (Schedule 1)	20,151	-0-	20,151
Notes Payable Bank One	-0-	31,035	31,035
Revenue Bonds Payable	827,468	-0-	827,468
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 939,629</b>	<b>\$ 36,434</b>	<b>\$ 976,063</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL (NOTE 9)</b>	<b>\$ 8,969,536</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 8,969,536</b>
Retained Earnings:			
Reserved For Debt Service	\$ 120,690	\$ -0-	\$ 120,690
Reserved For Contingency	44,590	-0-	44,590
Unreserved	(2,423,631)	52,934	(2,370,697)
<b>TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>\$ (2,258,351)</b>	<b>\$ 52,934</b>	<b>\$ (2,205,417)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL AND RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>\$ 7,650,814</b>	<b>\$ 89,368</b>	<b>\$ 7,740,182</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES**  
**AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS**

*For The Year Ended December 31, 1998*

	Sewer Fund	Sanitation Fund	Total
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Utility Revenues	\$ 250,997	\$ 176,255	\$ 427,252
Inspection Fees	300	-0-	300
Tap Fees	7,625	-0-	7,625
Miscellaneous Income	-0-	6,010	6,010
Wastewater Dump Fees	3,820	-0-	3,820
Ad Valorem Tax	33,478	-0-	33,478
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 296,220</b>	<b>\$ 182,265</b>	<b>\$ 478,485</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Salaries & Labor	\$ 87,840	\$ 60,067	\$ 147,907
Refunds	-0-	866	866
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,980	4,112	7,092
Small Tools	10,521	-0-	10,521
Repair & Maintenance	86,162	18,686	104,848
Fuel Expense	6,805	5,355	12,160
Electrical Expense	4,951	-0-	4,951
Pager & Telephone Expense	1,178	-0-	1,178
Utilities	2,348	-0-	2,348
Insurance	11,641	13,470	25,111
Professional Fees	3,724	2,059	5,783
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	2,612	829	3,441
Prisoner Expense	1,331	142	1,473
Hay Cutting Expense	510	-0-	510
Dump Fees	-0-	36,325	36,325
Depreciation Expense	219,861	6,967	226,828
Plant Operating Expense	2,173	-0-	2,173
Employee Training	628	150	778
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 445,265</b>	<b>\$ 149,028</b>	<b>\$ 594,293</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ (149,045)</b>	<b>\$ 33,237</b>	<b>\$ (115,808)</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>			
Interest Income	\$ 9,988	\$ 852	\$ 10,840
Interest Expense	(45,648)	(2,083)	(47,731)
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (35,660)</b>	<b>\$ (1,231)</b>	<b>\$ (36,891)</b>
<b>Net Loss Before Operating Transfers</b>	<b>(184,705)</b>	<b>32,006</b>	<b>(152,699)</b>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	10,000	-0-	10,000
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ (174,705)</b>	<b>\$ 32,006</b>	<b>\$ (142,699)</b>
<b>Retained Earnings (Deficit) January 1</b>	<b>(2,083,646)</b>	<b>20,928</b>	<b>(2,062,718)</b>
<b>Retained Earnings (Deficit) December 31</b>	<b>\$ (2,258,351)</b>	<b>\$ 52,934</b>	<b>\$ (2,205,417)</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**

*For The Year Ended December 31, 1998*

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Cash From Operations:</b>			
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers	\$ (184,705)	\$ 32,006	\$ (152,699)
Transfers To Other Funds	10,000	-0-	(10,000)
<b>Net Income (Loss) After Transfers</b>	<u>\$ (174,705)</u>	<u>\$ 32,006</u>	<u>\$ (142,699)</u>
<b>Adjustments To Net Income (Loss)</b>			
Add – Depreciation	\$ 219,861	\$ 6,967	\$ 226,828
Increase (Decrease) In Accrued Interest	(717)	-0-	(717)
Decrease (Increase) In Accts. Receivable	(2,277)	(1,016)	(3,293)
Increase (Decrease) In Accounts Payable	2,270	464	2,734
<b>Net Adjustments</b>	<u>\$ 219,137</u>	<u>\$ 6,415</u>	<u>\$ 225,552</u>
Cash Provided By Operations	\$ 44,432	\$ 38,421	\$ 82,853
Cash From Restricted Assets	2,955	-0-	2,955
Grants And Other Contributed Capital	359,889	-0-	359,889
<b>Total Cash Provided</b>	<u>\$ 407,276</u>	<u>\$ 38,421</u>	<u>\$ 445,697</u>
<b>Cash Was Applied To:</b>			
Restricted Funds	\$ 23,990	\$ -0-	\$ 23,990
Revenue Bonds & Notes	20,151	11,290	31,441
Fixed Assets	359,889	-0-	359,889
<b>Total Application of Cash</b>	<u>\$ 404,030</u>	<u>\$ 11,290</u>	<u>\$ 415,320</u>
<b>Net Increase In Cash Flow</b>	<u>\$ 3,246</u>	<u>\$ 27,131</u>	<u>\$ 30,377</u>
<b>Cash Beginning Of Year</b>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1,830</u>	<u>16,403</u>
<b>Cash End Of year</b>	<u>\$ 17,819</u>	<u>\$ 28,961</u>	<u>\$ 46,780</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

***GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP***

To account for all general fixed assets owned by the Town of Ball and the Ball Volunteer Fire Department.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

**General Fixed Assets, At Cost (Note 4) -**

Land and Buildings	\$ 692,396
Vehicle and Equipment	746,422
	-----

<b>Total General Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,438,818</b>
	-----

**Investment in General Fixed Assets -**

From General Fund	\$ 596,734
From Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	26,500
From Fire – Special Revenue	301,998
From Municipal Building Capital Projects Fund	513,586
	-----

<b>Total Investment in General Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,438,818</b>
	-----

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

*For the year ended December 31, 1998*

<b>GENERAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>Balance 12-31-97</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Balance 12-31-98</b>
Land & Buildings	\$ 624,606	\$ 67,790	\$ -0-	\$ 692,396
Vehicle & Equipment	642,579	105,743	(1,900)	746,422
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 1,267,185</u>	<u>\$ 173,533</u>	<u>\$ (1,900)</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,818</u>
 <b>INVESTMENTS IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS</b>				
From General Fund	\$ 427,600	\$ 171,034	\$ (1,900)	\$ 596,734
From Revenue Sharing	26,500	-0-	-0-	26,500
From Fire (Special Revenue)	299,499	2,499	-0-	301,998
From Municipal Building – Capital Projects	513,586	-0-	-0-	513,586
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 1,267,185</u>	<u>\$ 173,533</u>	<u>\$ (1,900)</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,818</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT ACCOUNT GROUP**

To account for unmatured principal amounts on general obligation debt of the Town of Ball expected to be financed from governmental type funds. Payment of maturing obligations, including interest, are accounted for in the debt service funds, general fund and special revenue fire fund.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**STATEMENT OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT**

*December 31, 1998*

**AMOUNT AVAILABLE AND TO BE PROVIDED FOR  
THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT**

	<b>Town of Ball Sewer System</b>	<b>Sewerage District No. 1</b>	<b>'98' Crown Victoria Bank One Police</b>	<b>Sewer Improvement No. 1</b>
Amount Available in Debt Service For Debt Retirement	\$ 3,141	\$ 3,141	\$ -0-	\$ 18,834
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement Of General Long-Term Debt	122,037	122,037	17,570	281,166
	\$ 125,178	\$ 125,178	\$ 17,570	\$ 300,000
<b>GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT</b>				
Bond Payment (Schedule 1 & Note 5)	\$ 125,178	\$ 125,178	\$ 17,570	\$ 300,000

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

<u>FMHA Fire Truck</u>	<u>Ford Motor Credit Tractor</u>	<u>FMHA Fire Truck</u>	<u>FMHA Fire House</u>	<u>'98' Crown Victoria Bank One</u>	<u>John Deere Tractor Street</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 25,116
<u>112,675</u>	<u>9,270</u>	<u>21,286</u>	<u>6,379</u>	<u>19,039</u>	<u>31,679</u>	<u>743,138</u>
<u>\$ 112,675</u>	<u>\$ 9,270</u>	<u>\$ 21,286</u>	<u>\$ 6,379</u>	<u>\$ 19,039</u>	<u>\$ 31,679</u>	<u>\$ 768,254</u>
<u>\$ 112,675</u>	<u>\$ 9,270</u>	<u>\$ 21,286</u>	<u>\$ 6,379</u>	<u>\$ 19,039</u>	<u>\$ 31,679</u>	<u>\$ 768,254</u>

*SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS*

*SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE  
OF  
FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE*



TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Programs Title/ Federal Loans	CFDA #	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/ Louisiana Division of Administration		
Louisiana Community Development Block Grant # 107-60007	14.228	\$ 81,273
Louisiana Community Development Block Grant # 107-800191	14.228	\$ 131,033
	<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 212,306</u>

NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note A- Single Audit Requirements –

In July 1996, the Single audit Act Amendments of 1996 (1996 Act) were enacted and superseded the Single Audit Act of 1984. In June 1997 OMB issued a revised Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, to implement the changes from the 1996 Act and to rescind Circular A-128. The new requirements exempt an entity expending less than \$300,000 of federal funds from the requirements of Single Audit. Therefore, The Town of Ball is exempted from Single Audit Requirements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998.

Supplementary schedule. Presented for purposes of additional analysis only.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
BOND SCHEDULE**

*December 31, 1998*

	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Payment Dates</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Annual Serial Payment</u>
<b>GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS</b>					
Sewerage District No. 1 Town of Ball -	5%	3/9	3/9/83	3/9/2023	\$ 8,894/YR
Sewer System	5%	3/9	3/9/83	3/9/2023	8,894/YR
Sewer Improvements	10%	3/1	8/1/96	3/1/2016	29,825/YR
<b>TOTAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS</b>					
<b>REVENUE BONDS</b>					
Sewer System	5%	3/9	3/9/83	3/9/2023	45,713/YR
Sewer System	6.5%	3/9	5/2/94	3/9/2014	20,802/YR
<b>TOTAL SEWER REVENUE BONDS</b>					

<b>Bonds</b>			
<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired This Year</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 2,543	\$ 125,178
150,000	150,000	2,543	125,178
<u>310,000</u>	<u>310,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
<u>\$ 610,000</u>	<u>\$ 610,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,086</u>	<u>\$ 550,356</u>
\$ 771,000	\$ 771,000	\$ 13,023	\$ 644,396
<u>228,000</u>	<u>228,000</u>	<u>7,128</u>	<u>203,223</u>
<u>\$ 999,000</u>	<u>\$ 999,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,151</u>	<u>\$ 847,619</u>

TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
(Unaudited)

*For the year ended December 31, 1998*

Schedule 2

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>General and Administrative:</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 124,338	\$ 106,465	\$ 17,873
Professional Fees	5,500	6,676	(1,176)
Utilities & Telephone	13,399	16,396	(2,997)
Office Supplies	5,200	4,692	508
Dues & Subscriptions	2,000	3,101	(1,101)
Repair & Maintenance	7,000	13,472	(6,472)
Publications & Printing	2,000	2,124	(124)
Surety Bonds & Insurance	17,536	18,502	(966)
Travel	2,500	2,684	(184)
Miscellaneous Supplies	330	5,524	(5,194)
Outside Labor	1,200	1,652	(452)
Employee Training	1,200	941	259
Service Charge	425	365	60
Survey & Engineering	1,000	662	338
Fixed Asset Purchase	3,000	26,886	(23,886)
	<b>\$ 186,628</b>	<b>\$ 210,142</b>	<b>\$ (23,514)</b>
<b>Police Department:</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 113,043	\$ 121,830	\$ (8,787)
Vehicle & Equipment Operating & Maintenance	14,265	23,759	(9,494)
Utilities	2,000	3,537	(1,537)
Office Supplies	2,650	3,012	(362)
Insurance	17,217	21,241	(4,024)
Professional Fees	5,000	6,735	(1,735)
Uniforms	1,500	770	730
Training	500	788	(288)
Repair & Maintenance	7,500	3,602	3,898
Travel Expense	400	1,294	(894)
Coroner Expense	1,000	800	200
Dues	2,612	2,759	(147)
Miscellaneous	5,794	6,591	(797)
Equipment	4,500	41,757	(37,257)
	<b>\$ 177,981</b>	<b>\$ 238,475</b>	<b>\$ (60,494)</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL  
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 1998  
(Continued)

Schedule 2

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Street Department:</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 53,926	\$ 62,092	\$ (8,166)
Vehicle Expense	19,230	15,817	3,413
Repair and Maintenance	4,174	14,521	(10,347)
Insurance and Bonds	8,944	10,105	(1,161)
Street Material	113,507	142,804	(29,297)
Office Supplies	997	647	350
Impounding Expense	3,600	1,485	2,115
Travel	200	-0-	200
Publications	53	-0-	53
Park	16	-0-	16
Miscellaneous Operating	1,994	729	1,265
Uniforms	160	230	(70)
Tractor Payments	6,483	6,483	-0-
Service Charge	350	318	32
Equipment	11,681	35,000	(23,319)
Capital Improvements	-0-	65,290	(65,290)
Professional Fees	2,593	3,707	(1,114)
Backhoe Payments	7,033	4,637	2,396
	\$ 234,941	\$ 363,865	\$ (128,924)
<b>Total Street Department</b>			
<b>Community Center:</b>			
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -0-	\$ 5,193	\$ (5,193)
Utilities	3,927	3,602	325
Insurance	515	515	-0-
Repair and Maintenance	960	253	707
Service Charge	150	147	3
Refunds	-0-	1,800	(1,800)
	\$ 5,552	\$ 11,510	\$ (5,958)
<b>Total Police</b>			

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**SEWER FUND**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES**  
**AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS**  
*For The Two Years Ended December 31, 1998 and December 31, 1997*

	1998	1997
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>		
Utility Revenues	\$ 250,997	\$ 245,930
Inspection Fees	300	1,910
Tap Fees	7,625	33,347
Miscellaneous Income	-0-	15
Wastewater Dump Fees	3,820	1,960
Ad Valorem Tax	33,478	32,958
	\$ 296,220	\$ 316,120
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
Salaries & Labor	\$ 87,840	\$ 83,538
Refunds	-0-	2,481
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,980	6,038
Small Tools	10,521	4,098
Repair & Maintenance	86,162	43,068
Fuel Expense	6,805	8,323
Electrical Expense	4,951	52,460
Pager & Telephone Expense	1,178	1,141
Utilities	2,348	1,491
Insurance	11,641	8,888
Professional Fees	3,724	3,388
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	2,612	1,422
Prisoner Expense	1,331	1,752
Hay Cutting Expense	510	1,649
Depreciation Expense	219,861	221,315
Plant Operating Expense	2,173	7,470
Employee Training	628	1,349
	\$ 445,265	\$ 449,871
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$ (149,045)	\$ (133,751)
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>		
Interest Income	\$ 9,988	\$ 8,941
Interest Expense	(45,648)	(47,046)
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	\$ (35,660)	\$ (38,105)
<b>Net Loss Before Operating Transfers</b>	(184,705)	(171,856)
Operating Transfers In (Out)	10,000	8,000
<b>Net Loss</b>	\$ (174,705)	\$ (163,856)
<b>Retained Earnings (Deficit) January 1</b>	(2,083,646)	(1,919,790)
<b>Retained Earnings (Deficit) December 31</b>	\$ (2,258,351)	\$ (2,083,646)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA**  
**INSURANCE SCHEDULE**  
*(Unaudited)*

Schedule 3

<b>Description</b>	<b>Coverage</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Town Hall and Contents	Fire and Lighting, Ext. Coverage Vandalism and Malicious Mischief	\$515,000
Employees	Workmen's Compensation	\$100,000 – Statutory
Surety Bonds	Honesty Blanket Position	\$10,000
Surety Bonds	Tax Collector and Fire Chief	\$5,000
Joint Project for Improvement of Gravel Streets	Bodily Injury Property Damage	\$1,100 \$1,100
General Liability	Bodily Injury	\$500,000
General Liability	Property Damage	\$500,000
Automobile Liability	Bodily Injury	\$500,000
Surety	Position Bond - Clerk	\$70,000
Equipment Shop and Office	Property Damage	\$65,000
Fire Department	Property Damage	\$40,000
Senior Citizen Building	Liability	\$136,000

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

**DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Maturity schedule for an issue of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) of General Obligation Bonds of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, administered by the Debt Service Fund, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

Maturity schedule for an issue of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$310,000) of General Obligation Bonds of the Town of Ball, Louisiana administered by the Debt Service Fund, bearing interest at the rate of 10% per annum.

Date	General Obligation Bonds		
	\$300,000	\$310,000	Total
3/1999	\$ 17,788	\$ 29,175	\$ 46,963
3/2000	17,788	28,525	46,313
3/2001	17,788	27,875	45,663
3/2002	17,788	27,225	45,013
3/2003	17,788	26,575	44,363
3/2004	17,788	30,762	48,550
3/2005	17,788	29,788	47,576
3/2006	17,788	28,812	46,600
3/2007	17,788	27,838	45,626
3/2008	17,788	26,862	44,650
3/2009	17,788	25,888	43,676
3/2010	17,788	29,750	47,538
3/2011	17,788	28,450	46,238
3/2012	17,788	27,150	44,938
3/2013	17,788	25,850	43,638
3/2014	17,788	29,387	47,175
3/2015	17,788	27,763	45,551
3/2016	17,788	30,975	48,763
3/2017	17,788	-0-	17,788
3/2018	17,788	-0-	17,788
3/2019	17,788	-0-	17,788
3/2020	17,788	-0-	17,788
3/2021	17,788	-0-	17,788
3/2022	17,788	-0-	17,788
3/2023	17,788	-0-	17,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 444,700</b>	<b>\$ 508,650</b>	<b>\$ 953,350</b>

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE**

**DECEMBER 31, 1998**

\$771,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, maturity date of March 9, 2023, bearing interest at 5% per annum

\$229,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, maturity date of March 9, 2024, bearing interest at 9.625% per annum

March 9, of The Years	Annual Payment
3/1999	\$ 66,515
3/2000	66,515
3/2001	66,515
3/2002	66,515
3/2003	66,515
3/2004	66,515
3/2005	66,515
3/2006	66,515
3/2007	66,515
3/2008	66,515
3/2009	66,515
3/2010	66,515
3/2011	66,515
3/2012	66,515
3/2013	66,515
3/2014	66,515
3/2015	45,713
3/2016	45,713
3/2017	45,713
3/2018	45,713
3/2019	45,713
3/2020	45,713
3/2021	45,713
3/2022	45,713
3/2023	45,713
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,475,657</b>

**TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA  
NOTES AND OTHER DEBTS PAYABLE**

**DECEMBER 31, 1998**

\$100,000 FMHA (Fire Truck Note) bearing interest of 6.625% with the last payment due January 17, 2002.

\$32,200 FMHA (Fire House Note) bearing interest of 7.375% with the last payment due May 13, 2002.

\$23,075 payable to Ford Motor Credit (New Holland Tractor Note) bearing interest of 6.25% with the last payment due June 19, 2000.

\$140,000 payable to FMHA (New Fire Truck Note) bearing interest of 5.5% with the last payment due July 24, 2006.

\$58,964 payable to Bank One (Garbage Truck Note) bearing interest of 5.6% with the last note due June 26, 2001.

Banks One lease in the amount of \$19,388 payable in monthly installments of \$453.11 beginning August 6, 1998 and ending July 6, 2002; interest at 5.75%.

Bank One police departments lease in the amount of \$20,169 payable in monthly installments of \$471.36 beginning October 30, 1998 and ending September 30, 2002; interest at 5.75%.

Bank One street departments lease in the amount of \$35,000 payable in monthly installments of \$575.93 beginning May 1, 1998 and ending April 1, 2004; interest at 5.75%.

Date	Bank One Police Car	Fire Truck FMHA	Fire House FMHA	Bank One Crown Victoria	Ford Motor Credit Tractor	New Fire Truck FMHA	Bank One Garbage Truck	Bank One Street Lease
1999	\$ 5,656	\$ 13,704	\$ 3,708	\$ 5,437	\$ 6,480	\$ 18,252	\$ 13,380	\$ 6,911
2000	5,656	13,704	3,708	5,437	3,780	18,252	13,380	6,911
2001	5,656	13,704	3,708	5,437	-0-	18,252	6,690	6,911
2002	4,242	1,142	1,545	3,172	-0-	18,252	-0-	6,911
2003	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	18,252	-0-	2,304
2004	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	18,252	-0-	-0-
2005	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	18,252	-0-	-0-
2006	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	10,647	-0-	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,210</b>	<b>\$ 42,254</b>	<b>\$ 12,669</b>	<b>\$ 19,483</b>	<b>\$ 10,260</b>	<b>\$ 138,411</b>	<b>\$ 33,450</b>	<b>\$ 29,948</b>

# JOHN R. VERCHER PC

*Certified Public Accountant*

P.O.Box 1608  
Jena, Louisiana 71342  
Tel: (318) 992-6348  
Fax: (318) 992-4374

## *SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS* *For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

I have audited the component unit financial statement of the Town of Ball, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998 and have issued my report thereon dated May 14, 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 December 31, 1998 resulted in a qualified opinion.

### Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

#### a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses  Yes  No      Reportable Conditions  Yes  No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements  Yes  No

#### b. Federal Awards - (Non-Applicable)

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses  Yes  No      Reportable Conditions  Yes  No

Type of Opinion On Compliance      Unqualified       Qualified   
For Major Programs                      Disclaimer       Adverse

Are the findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)?

### Section II Financial Statement Findings

**1998-1. Amended Budgets:** The Town overspent its 1998 general fund budget by 36% during the year because revenues for the year were higher than anticipated. The Town's Voluntary Fire Department also overspent its budget by more than 5%. The local government budget law (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) requires that budgets should be amended when expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%.

**Recommendation:** The Town should amend its budget when actual revenues fail to meet budgeted revenues by more than 5% or when actual expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by more than 5% for the year.

**Town's Response:** The Town will begin amending budgets when there is an unfavorable variance of more than 5% for the year.

TOWN OF BALL, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

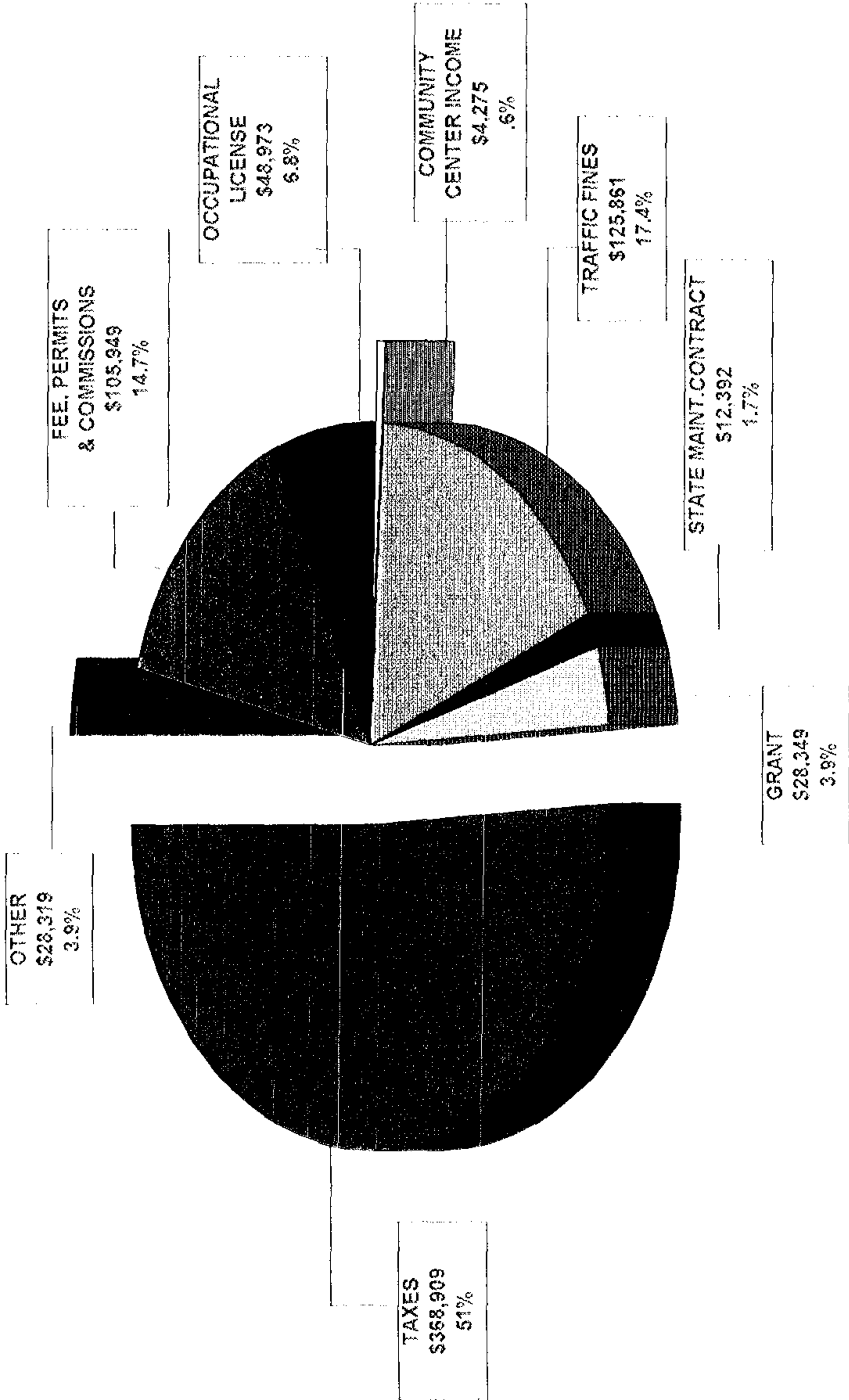
*For the Year Ended December 31, 1998*

<b>MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS</b>	
<b>1997-1 BUDGETS</b> <u>Situation:</u> The Town overspent its general fund budget by \$45,636 or 8.6% during the year primarily because revenues exceeded budget by \$159,195 or 30% and unbudgeted grant expenditures. The Town's budget was not amended during the year to take in account an increase in revenues and expenditures.	<b>PARTIALLY RESOLVED.</b> The Town is now preparing budgets for its general fund for each year but did not amend its 1998 budget when expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5% as required by the local government budget law.

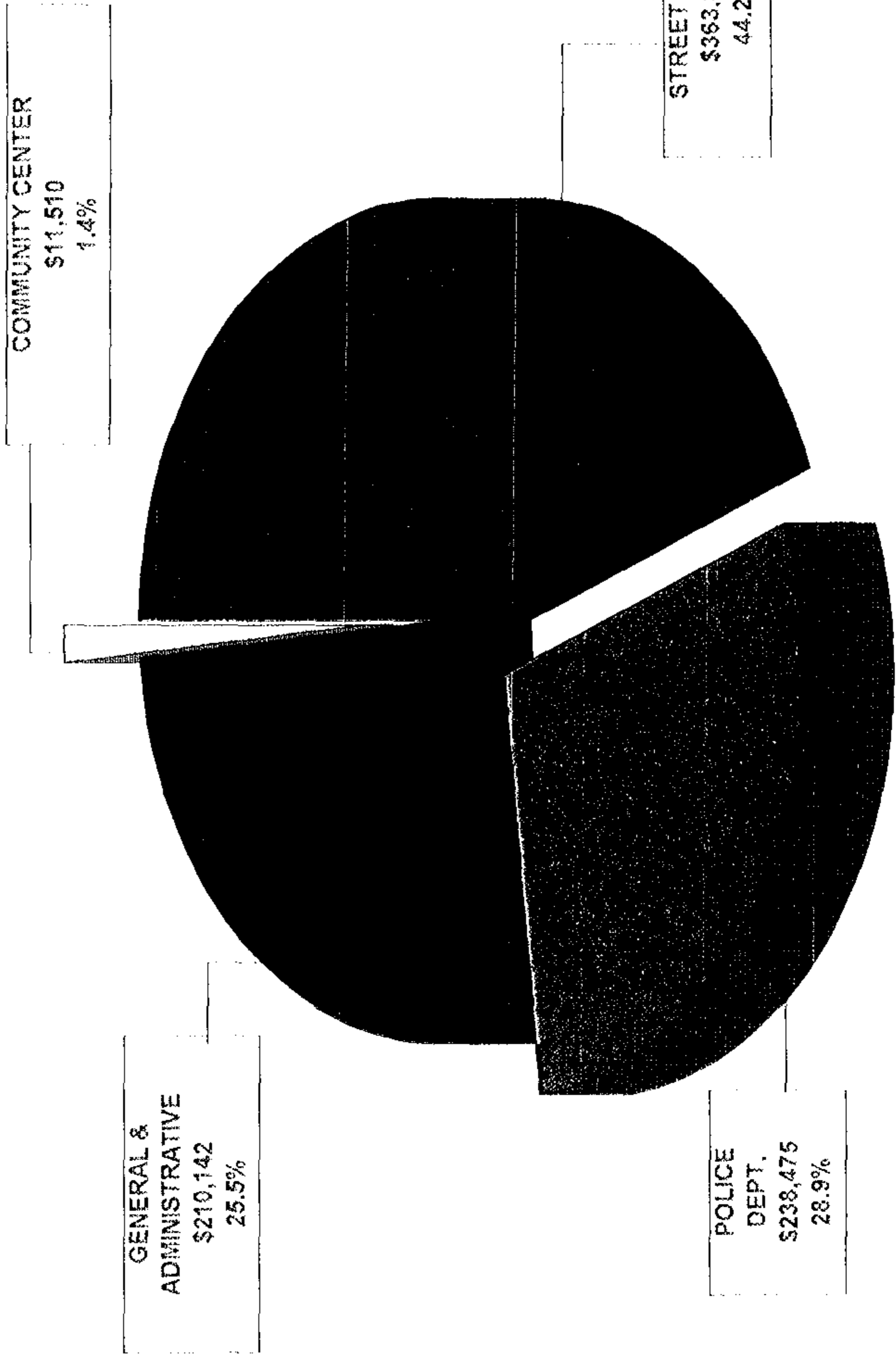


## GRAPHS

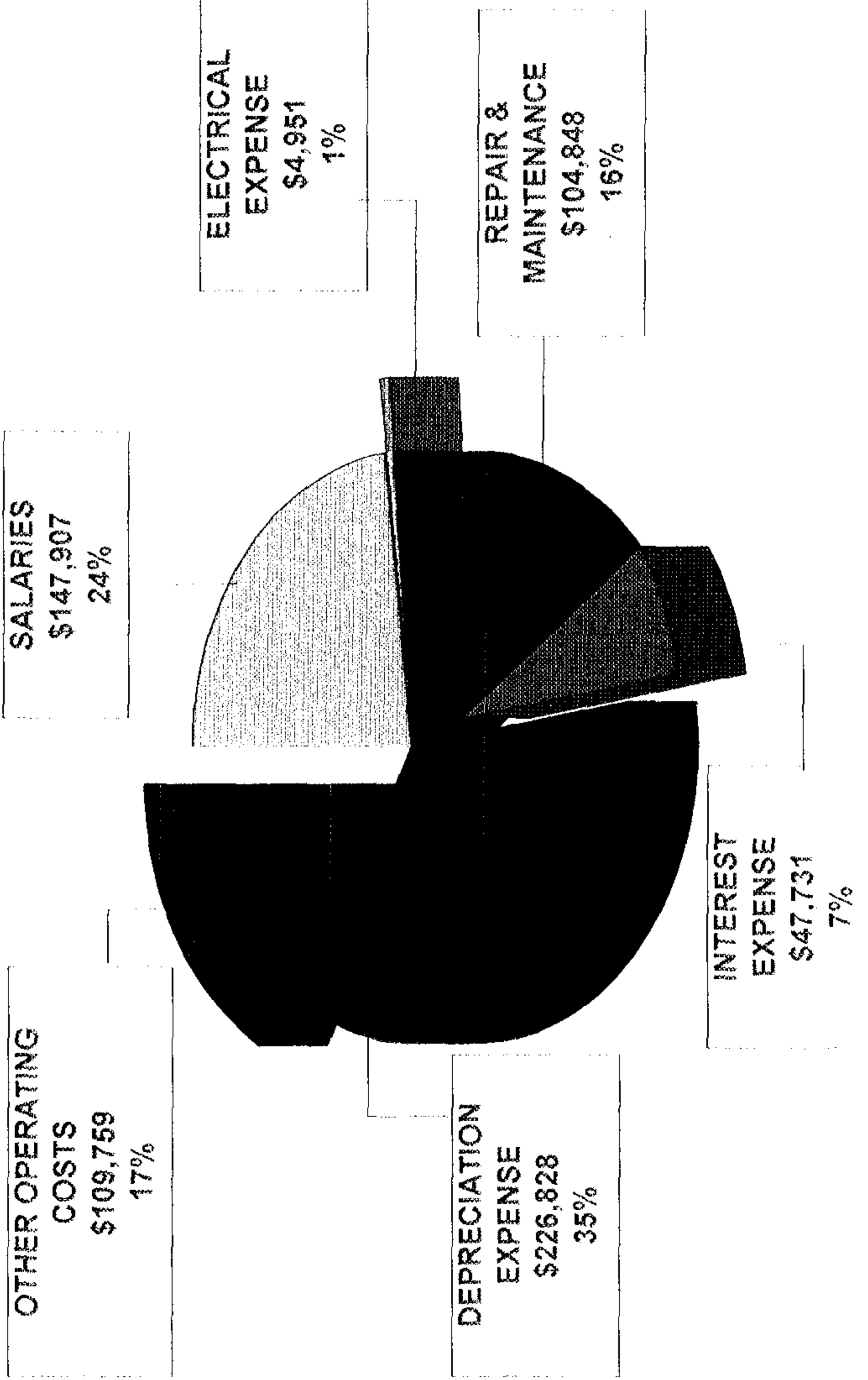
# BALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998



**BALL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**



# TOWN OF BALL ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998



# TOWN OF BALL FIRE FUND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

