

Village of Rosedale, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2003

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Village of Rosedale, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Village of Rosedale, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued

by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that 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 principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose 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 Village of Rosedale, Louisiana as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 15, 2004 on my consideration of the Village of Rosedale's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Rosedale, Louisiana. Such information 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.

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W. Kathleen Beard, CPA June 15, 2004

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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

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Village of Rosedale, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Rosedale, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued my report thereon dated June 15, 2004. I have conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Rosedale, Louisiana's general purpose 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 the Village of Rosedale, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose 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 general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. 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 mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Rosedale, Louisiana and the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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W. Kathleen Beard Certified Public Accountant June 15,2004

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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Combined Balance Sheet All Fund Types and Account Groups December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for 2002 (Restated)

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	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special - Revenue - Fire Protection	Capital - Projects - LCDBG	
ASSETS:	SPALLAL MI			
Cash and cash equivalents -				
Cash on hand and in banks	\$14,877	\$14,121	\$504	
Investments in LAMP	81,462	83,269	400 (
Receivables -	01,102	,		
Sales taxes	13,981	5,039	ť	
Franchise taxes	4,621	0		
Accounts receivable - customers	0	Ō		
Other receivables - employees	83	Ō	ł	
Tax refund receivable	983	Ō		
Due from other funds	5,963	Ō		
Due from other governmental units	54,997	1,872		
Grant funds receivable	0	0		
Prepaid expenses	Ō	Ō		
General fixed assets	Ō	Ō		
Fixed assets (net)	Ó	Ó		
Other assets	0	. 0		
Amount to be provided for capital lease payments	0	30,474		
Amount to be provided for compensated absences	0	0		
Total Assets	\$176,965	\$134,775	\$50	
LIABILITIES:			_	
Accounts payable	\$7,222	\$449	\$	
Accrued liabilities	6,179	138		
Due to other funds	0	373	50	
Due to other governments	0	2,219		
Retainage payable	0	0		
Contract payable	16,735	0		
Capital Lease Payable	0	30,474		
Liabilities for compensated absences	3,364	0		
Total Liabilities	33,500	33,652	50	
FUND EQUITY:				
Contributed Capital (net)	0	0		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	0	0		
Retained Earnings	0	0	1 	
Fund Balances -				
Unreserved	143,465	101,123		

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Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$176,965	\$134,775	\$504
Total Fund Equity	143,465	101,123	0
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Proprietary Fund Types	Accounts	Groups	<u>Totals (Memoran</u>	dum Only)
	Generai	General		
- Enterprise -	Fixed	Long-Term		Restated
Water System	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>2003</u>	2002
\$8,960	\$0	\$0	\$38,463	\$106,094
19,945	ΨV	ΨU	184,676	246,917
, 0	0	0	19,020	22,345
0	0	0	4,621	3,837
6,435	0	0	6,435	6,507
0	0	0	83	106
0	0	0	983	0
212	0	0	6,175	5,624
0	0	0	56,868	3,600
0	0	0	0	43,245
0	0	0	0	0
0	2,225,828	0	2,225,828	2,623,681
714,912	0	0	714,912	144,327
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	32,178	62,652	91,512
0	0	3,774	3,774	3,774
\$750,4 64	\$2,225,828 ========	\$35,952 ==========	\$3,324,488	\$3,301,569
\$378	\$0	\$0	\$8,049	\$5,944
38	0	0	6,355	3,243
5,298	0	0	6,175	5,624
0	0	0	2,219	6,037
0	0	0	0	55,464
0	0	0	16,735	36,000
0	0	32,178	62,652	91,512
0	0	3,774	7,138	12,225
5,714	0	35,952	109,323	216,049
671,797	0	0	671,797	197,709
6	2,225,828	Ő	2,225,828	2,623,681
72,953	2,220,020	0	72,953	47,746
0	0	0	244,588	216,383
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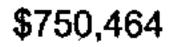
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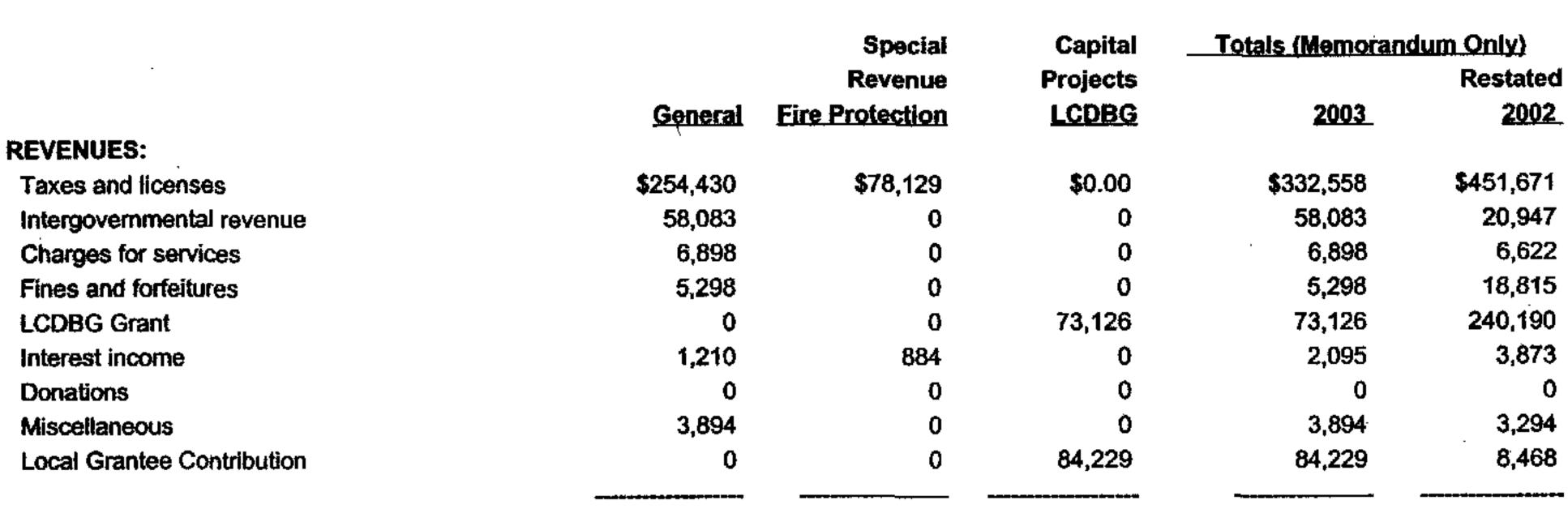
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\$35,952

Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types Year ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for 2002 Restated



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157,355

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566,181

Total revenues

753,879

EXPENDITURES:

Current -

End of Year	\$143,465	\$101,123	(\$0)	\$244,588	\$216,383
Residual Equity Transfer Out - Capital Projects	(10,283)	0	- 0	(10,283)	(500)
Beginning of Year	146,906	104,027	(34,550)	216,383	270,506
FUND BALANCE:					
Excess Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)	6,842	(2,905)	34,550	38,488	(53,623)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(9,548)	2,536	0	(7,012)	(7,380)
Operating transfers (out)	(9,548)	0	0	(9,548)	(12,845)
Operating transfers in	0	2,536	0	2,536	5,466
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	16,390	(5,440)	34,550	45,500	(46,243)
Total expenditures	313,423	84,453	122,805	520,681	800,123
Debt service	0	33,976	0	33,976	33,976
Capital outlay	70,159	12,420	122,805	205,384	478,070
Public works	115,136	0	0	115,136	121,000
Public safety	29,056	38,057	0	67,113	79,345
General government	99,072	0	0	99,072	87,732

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Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget - Actual - General and Special Revenue Fund Types Year ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for 2002

	General Fund				
	Revised Budget		Variance Favorable Jnfavorable)	Actual 2002	
REVENUE:					
Taxes and licenses	\$244,500	\$254,430	\$9,930	\$340,739	
Intergovernmental revenue	113,011	58,083	(54,928)	20,947	
Charges for services	6,900	6,898	(2)	6,622	
Fines & Forfeitures	5,000	5,298	298	18,815	
Federal grant - FEMA	0	0	0	0	
Interest income	1,200	1,210	10	2,851	
Miscellaneous	4,000	3,894	(106)	3,266	
Total revenues	374,611	329,813	(44,798)	393,240	
EXPENDITURES:			-		
Current -					
General government	103,510	99,072	4,438	87,732	
Public safety	31,600	29,056	2,544	37,693	
Public works	121,100	115,136	5,964	121,000	
Capital outlay	118,000	70,159	47,841	185,418	
Debt service	0	0	0	0	
Total expenditures	374,210	313,423	60,787	431,843	
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	401	16,390	15,989	(38,603)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	-				
Proceeds of Capital Lease	0	0	0	0	
Operating transfers in	0	0	0	0	
Operating transfers (out)	(11,000)	(9,548)	1,452	(12,845)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(11,000)	(9,548)	1,452	(12,845)	
Excess Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over					
(Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)	(10,599)	6,842	17,441	(51,448)	
FUND BALANCES:					
Beginning of Year	146,906	146,906	0	198,854	
Residual Equity Transfer Out - Capital Projects	(10,283)	(10,283)	(0)	(500)	
End of Year	\$126,025	\$143,465	\$17,440	\$146,906	

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Special Rev	Special Revenue Fund - Fire Protection Variance						
Revised <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual (U</u>	Actual 2002					
\$82,000	\$78,129	(\$3,871)	\$110,932				
0	0	Ŭ Ó	0				
0	0	0	0				
0	0	0	0				
0	0	0	0				
900	884	(16)	1,022				
0	0	Ó	28				
82,900	79,013	(3,887)	111,982				

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0	0	0	0
39,000	38,057	943	41,652
0	0	0	0
	-	-	9,444
33,976	33,976	0	33,976
86,400	84,453	1,947	85,072
(3,500)	(5,440)	(1,940)	26,910
0	0	0	0
3,500	2,536	964	5,466
0	0	0	0
3,500	2,536	964	5,466
0	(2,905)	(976)	32,375
104.027	104.027	(0)	71,652
0	0	0	0
\$104,027	\$101,123	(\$2,904)	\$104,027
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Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in **Retained Earnings - Proprietary Fund** Year ended December 31, 2003 With Comparative Totals for 2002

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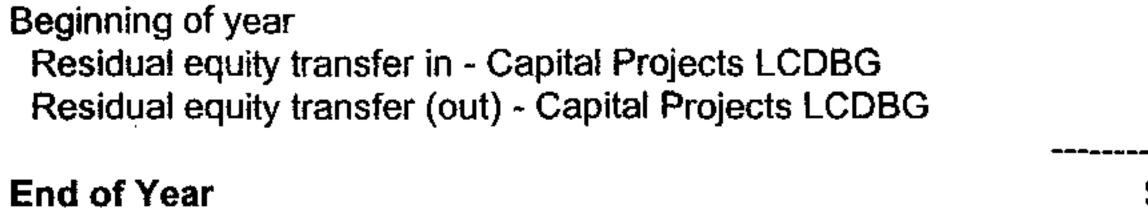
Enterprise Fund - Water System

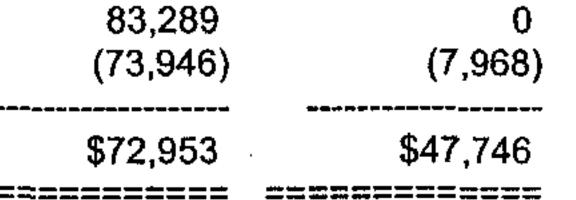
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
OPERATING REVENUES Water sales	\$20.066	\$40,392
Connection/reconnection fees	\$39,966 4,398	40,392 2,425
Miscellaneous income	4,390	2,425
Total Operating Revenue	44,527	42,974
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Water purchases	1,934	0
Salaries and related benefits	7,012	7,080
Current used in pumping	4,194	2,745
Depreciation	50,934	22,768
Maintenance of pumping equipment	1,010	2,846
Maintenance of lines and hydrants	5,392	949
Supplies and small tools	362	40
Office supplies and postage	2,566	1,211
Insurance	2,237	1,689
Professional fees	1,000	1,065
Computer services	0	225
Sales tax	523	1,592
Other .	1,392	749
Total Operating Expense	78,555	42,960
Operating Income (Loss)	(34,028)	14
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest revenue	829	1,334
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	829	1,334
Net Income (Loss) before operating transfers	(33,198)	1,348
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN/(OUT)		
General fund	7,012	7,379
Net Income (Loss)	(26,186)	8,727
Depreciation on fixed assets acquired by contributions	42,050	13,814
Increase (Decrease) in Retained Earnings	15,864	22,541

RETAINED EARNINGS

33,173 47,746

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

Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund Types Year ended December 31, 2003

With Comparative Totals for 2002

Enterprise Fund - Water System

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	@ 4 4 000	¢ 40.077
Cash received from customers	\$44,600	\$42,077
Cash payments for goods and services	(20,922)	(13,718)
Cash payments for salaries	(7,012)	(7,080)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	16,665	21,279
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating subsidy transfers from general fund	7,012	7,379
Loan from General Fund	298	5,000
Loan repayments to General Fund	0	(956)
Loan to Special Revenue - Fire	(137)	0
- Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Noncapital financing activities	7,173	11,423
- CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(621,520)	0
Residual equity transfers from Capital Projects Fund (LCDBG)	83,289	0
Residual equity transfers to Capital Projects Fund (LCDBG)	(73,946)	(7,968)
Capital Contributions from Capital Projects Fund	472,669	0
Capital Contributions from General Fund	43,469	0
Loan to Capital Projects Fund (LCDBG)	(74)	0
Loan repayments from Capital Projects Fund (LCDBG)	0	3,927
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(96,113)	(4,041)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest on Investments	829	1,334
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities	829	1,334
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(71,445)	29,994
	(11,443)	23,334
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	100,351	70,356
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	\$28,905	\$100,351
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH	• =========	
PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income (loss)	(\$34,028)	\$14
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash		-
provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation	50,934	22,768
Net Changes in Assets and Liabilities -	-	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable - customers	172	(897)
(Increase) decrease in NSE receivable	(100)	ົ່ດ້

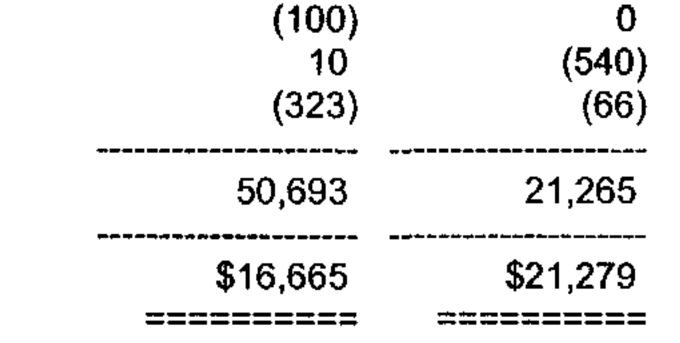
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(Increase) decrease in NSF receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities

Total adjustments

Net Cash provided by (used for) operating activities

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



Introduction

The Village of Rosedale was incorporated August 2, 1955, under the provisions of Title 33, Chapter 2, Part 1, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (Lawrason Act - Act No. 36 of 1898). The "Village" operates under a Mayor - Board of Aldermen form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, recreation, public improvements, and general administrative services.

The accounting and reporting practices of the Village of Rosedale, Louisiana conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and to the industry audit, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units* published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As allowed in Section P80 of GASB's *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, the Village has elected not to apply to its proprietary activities Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee of Accounting Procedure issued after November 30, 1989. The Village of Rosedale has not adopted the provisions of GASB 34.

- 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
 - A. Reporting Entity

The Village's combined financial statements include the accounts of all Village operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Village's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's <u>Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting</u> <u>Standards</u>, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Village holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Village appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Village is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Village
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Village

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Village of Rosedale has no component units.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Village are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The transactions of each fund or account group are summarized by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which include its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are ordered into two major categories: governmental and proprietary. Funds within each major category are grouped by fund type in the combined financial statements. The funds and account groups used by the Village are shown as follows:

<u>Governmental Funds Types:</u> Governmental Funds are those through which general governmental functions of the Village are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Village's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities (except those accounted for in Proprietary Funds) are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The following are the Village's Governmental Fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the main operating fund of the Village. It is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue resources (other than assessments, expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds) being financed from grants or transfers from other funds.

<u>Proprietary Fund Types:</u> Proprietary Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives are a determination of net income, financial position and changes in cash flow. All assets and liabilities associated with a Proprietary Fund's activities are included on its balance sheet. Proprietary Fund equity is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings. The following are the Village's Proprietary Funds:

Enterprise Fund - Used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing water services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed through user charges.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Measurement focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All Governmental Fund Types (General, Special Revenue and Capital Projects Funds) use a current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Revenues susceptible to accrual are sales and franchise taxes, charges for services, and intergovernmental revenues. Sales taxes collected and held by the parish at year end on behalf of the government are also recognized as revenue. All other Governmental Fund Type revenues are recognized when received.

The Proprietary Fund Types are accounted for on an economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are earned. Expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

- 1. A proposed budget is prepared and submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The proposed budget is published in the official journal and made available for public inspection. A public hearing is called to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 2. The budget is adopted through passage of a ordinance prior to commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- 3. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require approval from the Board of Aldermen.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

- D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)
 - 4. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a GAAP basis, therefore, these funds utilize the same basis of accounting for both budgetary purposes and actual results. The Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual for presents a comparison of budgetary data and actual results of operations for which budgets are legally adopted. Captial Projects Funds are budgeted over the life of the project and not on an annual basis, therefore budgetary data for this fund has not been presented in the accompanying financial statements.
 - 5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

6. The level of budgetary control is total appropriations.

E. Fund Changes and Transactions Between Funds

Legally authorized transfers are treated as operating transfers and are included in the results of operations of both Governmental and Proprietary Funds. Advances between funds which are expected to be repaid are classified as the current receivable/liabilities, "Due to/from other funds".

The Village allocates to the Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds a percentage of salaries and wages and related costs of personnel who perform services for the Fire Department and Water System but were paid through the General Fund.

During the year ending December 31, 2003, the Village allocated \$9,547 in salaries to those funds. The Special Revenue and Enterprise Fund allocations were classified as "Operating Transfers In -General Fund.

F. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is not employed by the Village of Rosedale.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Investments

State statutes authorize the Village of Rosedale to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, or certificates or time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a non-profit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer and organized under the state laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. Investments are stated at cost.

H. Accounts Receivable

Bad debts are charged to operations in the year in which the account is determined uncollectible. If the reserve method of accounting for uncollectible accounts were used, it would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

I. Property, Plant and Equipment

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Groups:</u> Fixed assets used in Governmental Fund Type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Asset Account Group, rather than in Governmental Funds. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems are capitalized along with other general fixed assets for reporting purposes. No depreciation has been provided on any of the remaining assets. Interest has also not been capitalized on fixed assets in the Governmental Fund Type operations. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value o the date donated.

<u>Proprietary Fund Types:</u> Property, plant and equipment owned by the Proprietary Funds are recorded at cost or, if contributed property, at their fair market value at the time of contribution. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses; renewals and betterments are capitalized. Interest has not been capitalized during the construction period on property, plant and equipment in the proprietary fund.

Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Water System/Improvements20 yearsEquipment5 years

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

J. Statement of Cash Flows

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Proprietary Fund considers cash balances above the day to day needs and funds set aside for portfolio strategy reasons invested in demand deposits, certificates of deposit, obligations of the U.S. Treasury, federal agencies, or U.S. government instrumentalities with original maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. Investments in Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) are also considered cash equivalents. LAMP assets are restricted to maturities of 90 days or less, at balance sheet date.

K. Compensated Absences

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Employees of the Village earn personal leave (vacation or sick leave) at various rates depending upon length of employment. The maximum leave time which may be accumulated is an amount equal to the number of days which can be earned by the employee during a twenty-four month period. Employees who resign or retire, or who are dismissed from employment shall not be paid for accrued leave.

Compensatory leave may be earned by a full-time employee and by the municipal clerk at time and one-half for overtime work and for work required on an observed holiday whenever the employee or clerk is not paid compensation for such work. Any employee who accrues two hundred forty hours of compensatory leave shall, for any additional overtime hours or work, be paid overtime compensation at time and one-half rate. Upon separation, each employee shall be paid the value of his accrued compensatory leave in a lump sum.

L. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Village's financial position and operations. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data has not been presented in each of the statements, since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

M. Total Columns on Combined Statements - Overview

Total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and is not comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

2. Deposits (Cash) and Investments

Cash (deposits) is comprised of demand deposits in banks. At year end the book balance of the Village's deposits totaled \$38,858 and the bank balance was \$43,102 which was insured from risk by federal deposit insurance. Cash also includes petty cash of \$100.

Investments held at December 31, 2003 include \$184,676 invested in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP)(see Summary of Significant Accounting Policies). In accordance with GASB Codification Section I50.165, the investment in LAMP at is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section I50.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U. S. Treasury, the U. S. government or one of its agencies, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. LAMP issues a publicly available financial report that included financial statements and required supplementary information for MPERS. The report may be obtained by calling 1-800-272-8162.

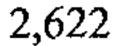
3. Intergovernmental Revenue and Receivables

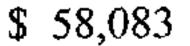
Amounts due from other governmental units consist of the following: General Fund -

Beer taxes due from the State of Louisiana	\$ 186
Highway Maintenance from LA Dept. of Transportation	3,449
Sidewalk Grant from LA Dept of Transportation	51,361
Special Revenue Fund - Fire Protection	
Village of Grosse Tete	1,872
	\$ 56,868
Intergovernmental revenue consists of the following:	
General Fund -	
Louisiana Beer Tax	\$ 1,292
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	2,808
Louisiana Dept of Transportation	51,361

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State Fire Insurance Rebate





4. Fixed Assets

A summary of the general fixed asset group is as follows:

]	Balance					B	alance
		<u>01/01/03</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>itions</u>	Dele	tions	_1	<u>2/31/03</u>
Land	\$	172,336	\$	0	\$	0	\$	172,336
Buildings		522,304		0 .		0		522,304
Improvements other		·						,
than buildings		658,275		0		0		658,275
Equipment		780,344	2	6,853		3,810		803,387
Construction in progress - LCDBG		476,622	12	2,805	59	9,427		· 0
Construction in progress - Sidewalks		13,800		5,726		0		69,526

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\$ 2,623,681	\$ 205,384	\$ 603,237	\$ 2,225,828
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A summary of proprietary fund type property, plant and equipment at December 31, 2003 follows:

Enterprise Fund - Water System:

	Balance			Balance
	01/01/03	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>12/31/03</u>
Water System	\$ 481,627	\$ 620,691	\$0	\$ 1,102,318
Equipment	8,654	828	0	9,482
	\$ 490,281	\$ 621,519	\$ 0	\$ 1,111,800
Accumulated Depreciation	(345,954)		•	(396,888)
Net Property, plant & equipment	\$ 144,327	\$ 621,519	\$0	\$ 714,912
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5. Interfund Transactions

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Interfund receivables and payables at December 31, 2003 are as follows:

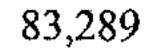
	Interfund <u>Receivable</u>	Interfund <u>Payable</u>
General Fund:		
Special Revenue - Fire Protection	\$ 235	\$
Capital Projects - LCDBG	430	
Enterprise Fund - Water	5,298	
Special Revenue - Fire Protection:		
General Fund		235
Enterprise Fund - Water System		137
Capital Projects - LCDBG:		
General Fund		430
Enterprise Fund - Water System		74
Enterprise Fund - Water System:		
General Fund		5,298
Special Revenue - Fire Protection	137	
Capital Projects - LCDBG	74	
	\$ 6,175	\$ 6,175

Interfund transfers In /(Out) are detailed as follows:

Operating Transfers:	General <u>Fund</u>	Special Revenue <u>Fire</u>	Capital Projects LCDBG	Enterprise Fund - <u>Water System</u>
Salaries	(\$ 9,548)	\$ 2,536		\$ 7,012
	(\$ 9,548)	\$ 2,536	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ 7,012

Residual Equity Transfers:

Local Grantee Contribution 10,283) 73,946) 84,229 (



Capital Projects LCDBG

(\$ 10,283) \$ 84,229 9,343 \$ 0 \$

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6. Capital Lease

The Village of Rosedale purchased a fire truck with a purchase price of \$180,914 through a 5 year lease purchase agreement at an interest rate of 5.59%. The annual minimum lease payments are scheduled below in addition to interest payments totaling \$5,301.

Year Ending		
December 31,		Principal Payment
2004		\$ 30,474
2005		32,177
	Total	\$ 62,651

7. Pension Plans

Municipal Employees' Retirement System -

Plan Description Substantially all of the Village of Rosedale's full time employees participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("MERS") - Plan "A", a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Louisiana Municipal Employee's Retirement System. All Village full-time employees are eligible to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with 30 years of credited service and at or after 60 with 10 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 % of their final compensation for each year of creditable service. Final compensation is the employee's average highest compensation for 36 consecutive months. Benefits fully vest on reaching 10 years of service. Vested employees may retire before age 60 and receive reduced retirement benefits. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by State statute. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for MERS. The report may be obtained by calling 1-225-925-4810.

Funding Policy The payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$ 58,660; the Village's total payroll was \$152,142. Covered employees are required by State statute to contribute 9.25% of their salary to the System. The Village is required by the same statute to contribute 8% (January through June) and 11% (July through December) of the employee's eligible compensation quarterly to the System. The contribution requirement for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$11,082 which consisted of \$5,656 from the Village and \$5,426 from employees.

7. Pension Plans (Continued)

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System -

Plan Description The police chief of the Village of Rosedale is a member of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS), a cost sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-11:2233. Any member is eligible for normal retirement after he has been a member of the System for 2 years, if he has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50 or has 12 years creditable service and is age 55. Benefits rates are 3 1/3% of average final compensation per number of years of creditable service no to exceed 100% of final salary. The plan also provides for disability benefits calculated a 3% of average final compensation multiplied by years of creditable service, but not less than forty percent nor more than sixty percent of average final

compensation. The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for MPERS. The report may be obtained by calling 1-225-929-7411.

Funding Policy The payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$9,260, the Village's total payroll was \$152,142. Covered employees are required by State statute to contribute 7.5% of their salary to the plan. The Village is required by the same statute to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to pay benefits when due. The contribution requirement for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$1,819, which consisted of \$1,124 from the Village and \$695 from employees; these contributions represent 9% (January through June) and 15.25% (July through December) and 7.5% of covered payroll respectively.

8. Risk Management

The Village purchases commercial insurance to protect against risk of loss in these areas: workers' compensation liability, general liability, law enforcement liability, public officials errors and omissions, automobile liability and physical damage coverage and property fire coverage.

9. Contingent Liabilities

The Village participates in certain federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

10. Construction Commitments

The Village of Rosedale was granted a Sidewalk Improvement Grant through the LA Department of Transportation and provides that the Village will be reimbursed 95% of the construction cost. The contract amount of the project was \$96,529. Additionally the Village is required to pay all engineering fees. As of December 31, 2003, the Village had paid construction costs of \$53,901 and engineering fees of \$15,480. The project is expected to be complete in early 2004 with payments totaling \$43,348. The Village expects reimbursement from LA DOTD totaling \$91,703 for the project.

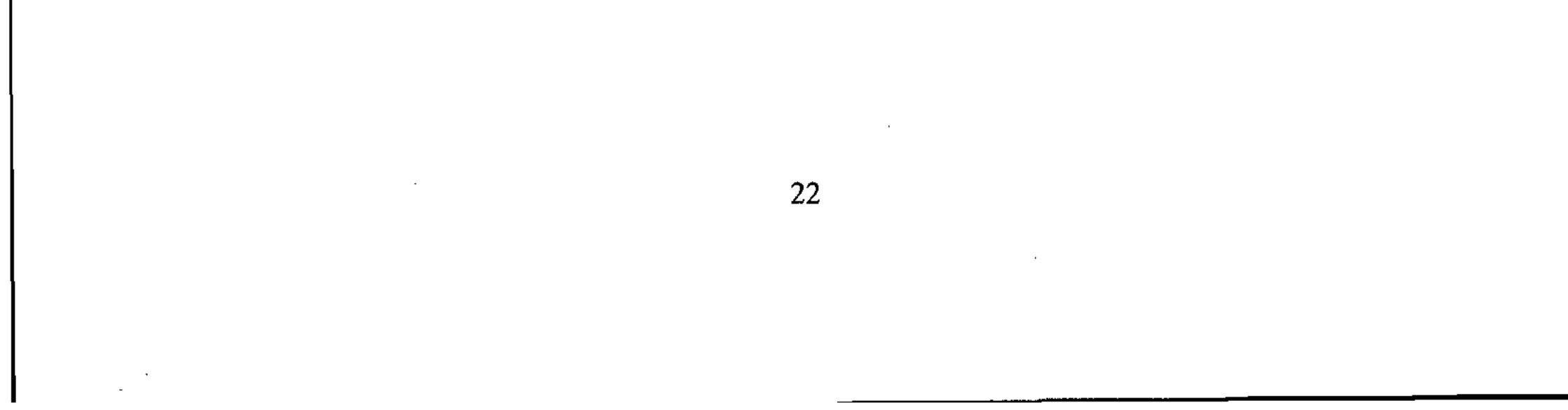
11. Contributed Capital

The Village of Rosedale Enterprise Fund - Water System reports contributed capital from various sources detailed as follows:

Municipality	\$ 429,722
Federal Grants	613,692
State Grants	30,000
	\$ 1,073,413
Less: Amortization	(401,616)
Net Contributed Capital	\$ 671,797

12. Economic Dependence

The Village of Rosedale receives 72% of its total revenue from parish sales tax. Proceeds of the 1% and 2/3% sales and use tax are dedicated to be used by the Village to pay the cost of capital outlay projects, to maintain and operate public facilities, to administer local governments, and to provide other lawful services. Proceeds of the 2/3% sales and use tax are dedicated for fire protection for the Village.



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13. LCDBG Grant

The Village of Rosedale was granted a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$472,669. The purpose of the grant is to improve the existing water system including a new 400 gpm water well, a new 7500 gallon pressure tank and 8 inch water mains and hydrants necessary to connect the new well to the existing distribution system.

The Village entered into construction and engineering contracts totaling \$448,461, of which 100% is to be financed with grant funds. As a condition of the grant, the Village agreed to pay all administrative costs related to the project and certain pre-agreement costs consisting of engineering fees for project plans and specifications. As of December 31, 2003, the project was complete at a total cost of \$599,427 of which \$472,669 was paid by grant funds and \$126,758 was paid by the Village of Rosedale.

13. Federal and State Grants

The Village of Rosedale expended federal and state funds under the following grants during the year ended December 31, 2003:

Federal Grants:

<u>Grant Name</u>	Agency Name	<u>CFDA #</u>	Funds <u>Expended</u>
Community Development Block Grant Law Enforcement Equipment	U. S. Dept. of Housing& DevelopmentU. S. Dept. of JusticeTotal Federal Grants	14.228 16.592	<pre>\$ 73,126 <u>1,800</u> \$ 74,926</pre>
<u>State Grants:</u>			Funds
<u>Grant Name</u>	Agency Name		Expended
 Sidewalk Improvements Grant 	La. Dept. of Transportation		\$ 51,361
Law Enforcement Equipment	La. Commission on		~
- –	Law Enforcement		1,008
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Total State Grants

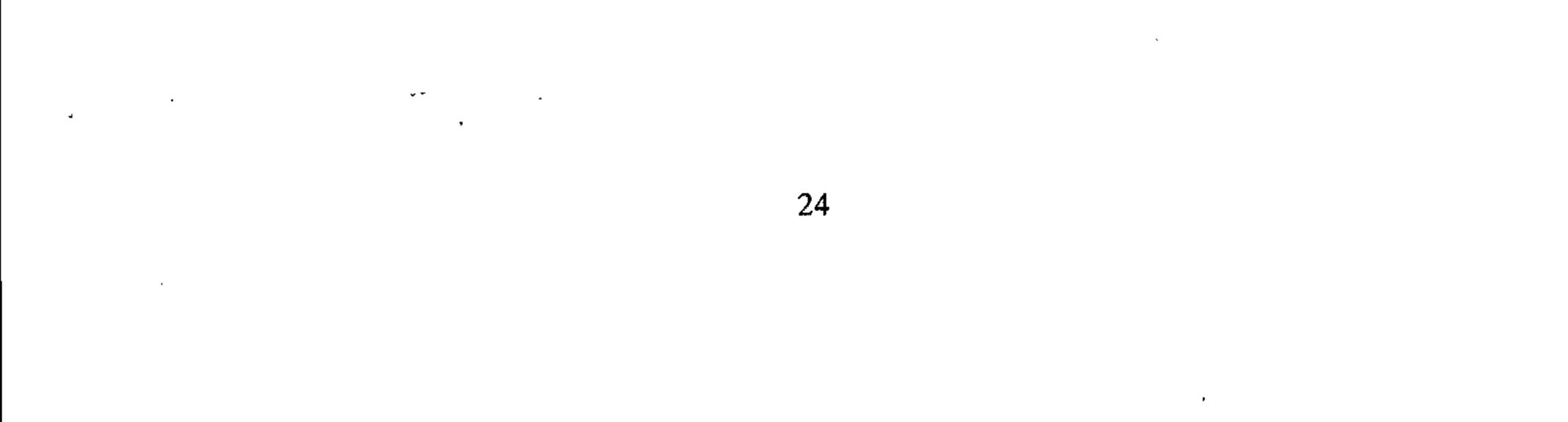
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14. Restatement of Prior Year Totals

Prior year totals in the Capital Project Fund - LCDBG have been corrected to reflect the overstatement of prior year revenue resulting from the accrual of revenue reported as "Other Assets" in the amount of \$34,550. This revenue accrual was related to the accrual of retainage payable due on construction contracts. However, due to lack of grant funds available at the end of the grant, the actual retainage due at completion of the project was paid by the Village of Rosedale.

Consequently, prior year "Other Asset" was restated to \$0 and grant revenue was decreased by \$34,550 resulting in fund balance of (\$34,550). Current year excess revenues over expenditures was \$34,550, therefore, fund balance at December 31, 2003 was \$0.



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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES

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Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Schedule of Per Diem and Paid to the Mayor and Board Members Year ended December 31,2003

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Mayor -Lawrence J. Badeaux

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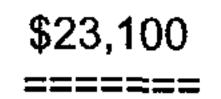
Members of the Board of Aldermen -

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Kevin Gant	4,600
Randel J. Badeaux	4,600
Phillip Faveroth, Jr.	4,600





Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance General Fund - Budget and Actual Year ended December 31, 2003

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revonues:			
Sales tax apportionments	210,000	216,767	6,767
Utilities franchise tax	16,000	19,331	3,331
Cable TV franchise tax	4,000	4,056	56
Occupational licenses	14,500	14,275	(225)
State beer tax	1,000	1,291	291
LA Law Enforcement Grants	2,808	2,808	0
LA Rural Development Grant	15,000	0	(15,000)
LA DOTD Sidewalk Grant	91,703	51,361	(40,342)
State fire insurance rebate	2,500	2,622	122
Highway Maintenance	6,900	6,898	(2)
Traffic violations/fines	5,000	5,298	298
Cernetary income	3,500	3,810	310
Interest earned on investments	1,200	1,210	10
Miscellaneous revenues	500	84	(416)
Total Revenues	374,611	329,813	(44,799)

Expenditures:

Current -General Government -

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General Government -				
Mayor's salary	9,600	9,300	300	
Councilmenbers' salaries	14,400	13,800	600	
Clerk's salary	18,160	17,820	340	
Office salaries	12,000	12,367	(367)	
Retirement expense	3,600	3,973	(373)	
Payroll tax expense	1,350	691	659	
Compensated absences expense	0	393	(393)	
Unemployment compensation	250	233	17	
Penalties - payroli tax	0	26	(26)	
Legal services	2,000	1,435	565	
CPA professional services	3,700	3,700	0	
Contract labor	0	85	(85)	
Dues	1,300	1,149	151	
Conventions, conferences, seminars and travel	4,000	3,557	443	
Maintenance of equipment	1,000	833	167	
Maintenance of Town Hall	5,000	4,289	711	
Vehicle expense	100	18	82	
Janitorial and kitchen supplies	500	311	189	
Insurance	5,000	4,552	448	
Office expense and supplies	1,200	1,560	(360)	
Printing and legal publications	3,000	2,621	379	
Postage	750	892	(142)	
Communications	4,000	3,439	561	
Utilities	2,500	2,466	34	
Election expense	0	156	(156)	
Decorations maintenance and repair	1,000	1,004	(4)	
Coronor	500	100	400	
LCLE - CVRF	50	0	50	
LCLE - LETA	150	130	20	
LRS THI/SCI	300	295	5	
Treasurer Stat CMIS	100	65	35	
Emergency prepardness	3,000	2,482	518	
Cemetary expense	3,500	3,800	(300)	
Social and Recreation programs	500	448	52	
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Miscellaneous	1,000	1,081	(81)
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Total General Government	103,510	99,072	4,438

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Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance General Fund - Budget and Actual Year ended December 31, 2003

General Fund Variance Favorable **Budget** (Unfavorable) <u>Actual</u> Expenditures(Continued): Current (Continued) -Police Department -Salaries and wages 17,000 15,810 1,190 Retirement expense 1,200 1,190 10 Payroll tax expense 21 250 229 Uniforms and accessories 318 400 82 Vehicle expense 3,000 2,850 150 Maintenance of equipment 200 168 32 Insurance 6,000 5,563 437 Communications 2,500 2,299 201 Supplies and expenses 300 29 271 Dues 100 100 Conventions 250 210 40 Training 200 138 62 Miscellaneous 50

Total Police Department

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Streets and Sanitation

Streets and Sanitation -			
Salaries and wages	63,500	58,206	5,294
Retirement expense	2,000	2,553	(553)
Payro# tax	4,200	4,166	34
Compensated absences expenses	0	520	(520)
Uniforms and accessories	4,000	3,697	303
Insurance	6,000	5,466	534
Supplies and small tools	3,000	3,563	(563)
Maintenance of equipment	14,000	13,190	`810 ´
Maintenance of streets & sidewalks	2,000	2,172	(172)
Maintenance to buildings & grounds	1,000	330	670
Maint building - utilities	2,500	1,715	785
Communications	600	496	104
Street lighting	10,000	11,062	(1,062)
Vehicle expense	5,000	5,294	(294)
Animal, mosquito and rodent control	3,000	2,538	46 2
Training	100	166	(66)
Miscellaneous	200	0	200
Total Streets & Sanitation	121,100	115,136	5,964
Capital Outlays -			
Capital outlay - General Government	2,000	1,863	137
Capital outlay - Water System Improvements	0	0	0
Capital outlay - Police	3,500	3,070	430
Capital outlay - Streets & Sanitation	112,500	65,226	47,274
Total Capital outlays	118,000	70,159	47,841
Total Expenditures	374,210	313,423	60,787
Excess Revenues over (under) Expenditures	401	16,390	15,989

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Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance General Fund - Budget and Actual Year ended December 31, 2003

	General Fund		
•	<u>Budget</u>	Actual	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable</u>)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating transfers In/(out) -			
Special Revenue - Fire - salaries and related benefits	(3,500)	(2,536)	(964)
Enterprise Fund - Water salaries and related benefits	(7,500)	(7,012)	488
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(11,000)	(9,548)	(476)
Excess Revenues and Other Financing			
Sources over (under) Expenditures and			
Other Financing(Uses)	(10,599)	6,842	17,441
Begining Fund Balance Residual equity transfers In(Out)	146,906	146,906	(0)
Capital Projects Fund - LCDBG Local Contribution	(10,283)	(10,283)	0
Ending Fund Balance	\$126,025	\$143,465	\$17,440
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Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Special Revenue Fund - Budget and Actual Year ended December 31, 2003

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	Iberville Parish Sales Tax - Fire Protection			
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Revenues:			(00.074)	
Sales tax apportionment	\$82,000	\$78,129	(\$3,871)	
Interest income	900	884	(16)	
Total Revenues	82,900	79,013	(3,887)	
Expenditures:				
Current- Public safety -		7 500	000	
 Salaries and labor 	8,500	7,598	902	
Payroll tax expense	350	410	(60)	
Conventions & travel	3,000	3,022	(22)	
Supplies and small tools	500	884	(384)	
Building, grounds maintenance	750	664	86	
Vehicle maintenance	2,500	2,077	423	
Equipment repairs & maintenance	1,000	1,246	(246)	
CPA Professional services	1,500	1,425	75 429	
Communications	2,000	1,862	138	
Training - Fire Schools/Seminars	800	1,079	(279) 228	
Uniforms and accessories	500	272	273	
Utilities	3,000	2,727		
Office supplies	300	131	169	
Iberville firefighters - joint cost	1,500	1,769	(269)	
Professional fees	200	0	200	
Miscellaneous	300	413	(113) 32	
Insurance	12,000	11,968	190	
Dues	300	110	(399)	
Social & welfare programs		<u>399</u>		
Total Current	39,000	38,057	943	
Debt service -	00.004	00.004	0	
Principal	28,861	28,861	. 0	
Interest	5,116	5,116	0	
Total Debt service	33,976	33,976	0	
Capital outlay -	13,424	12,420	1,004	
Total Capital outlay	13,424	12,420	1,004	
Total Expenditures	86,400	84,453	1,947	
Excess Revenues Over (under) Expenditures	(3,500)	(5,440)	(1,940)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating transfers In (Out) - General	3,500	2,536	(964)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,500	2,536	(964)	
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)	(0)	(2,905)	(2,904)	

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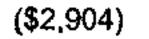
Fund Balance:

Beginning Fund Balance

Ending Fund Balance

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Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Schedule of Audit Findings December 31, 2002

Schedule 4

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Current Year Findings:

A. Summary of Audit Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Rosedale.

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- 2. No reportable conditions were disclosed during the audit of the general purpose financial statements in the report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the general purpose financial statements of the Village of

Rosedale were disclosed during the audit.

B. Findings - Financial Statements Audit

There were no findings.

Village of Rosedale, Louisiana Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings December 31, 2002

Schedule 5

Prior Year Findings:

<u>Finding 2002 - 1</u> An employee of the Village of Rosedale used the Village's credit card to pay for personal purchases. There were 57 separate charges totaling \$4,062.11. The first charge was dated 9/16/2002, the last was dated 11/17/2002.

<u>Criteria:</u> Article 7 Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution states that funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or any political subdivision shall not be loaned, pledged or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private.

<u>Recommendation</u>: In the event a new credit card account is opened, the Village should formally adopt a policy

for use of the credit cards in paying for purchases. Employees trusted with use of the credit card should be notified in writing of the policy. Employees should have access to credit cards only at times when carrying on specific Village business and not carry them around all the time. The employment status of the employee should be officially finalized as soon as possible.

<u>Resolution</u>: The employee repaid the Village for all personal charges appearing on that statement and subsequent statements (October and November) in November. The employee was terminated by the Village of Rosedale. The credit card has been cancelled and the Village no longer has a general credit card. The Village will adopt a formal policy whereby any future credit card will be held in the Town Hall by a bonded employee and issued only for specific use. Employees will be provided a written copy of the policy. The District Attorney has taken no action.