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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and Aldermen  
 of the Village of Maurice  
 Maurice, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, there of for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note (2) to the financial statements, the Village has implemented a new financial reporting model as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, as of June 30, 2004.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 8, 2004, on our consideration of the Village of Maurice's internal control over financial reporting and our 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 our audit.

The Honorable Mayor and Aldermen  
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The Village of Maurice has not presented management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Village of Maurice's basic financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2004. The schedules for the year ended June 30, 2004 as listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2004 and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

*John S. Dowling & Co*

Opelousas, Louisiana  
December 8, 2004

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2004

|   | <u>GOVERNMENTAL</u><br><u>ACTIVITIES</u> | <u>BUSINESS-TYPE</u><br><u>ACTIVITIES</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>     |
|---|--|---|------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>   |  |   |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             | \$307,901                                | \$1,692                                   | \$309,593        |
| Investments   | 690,995                                  | 10,234                                    | 701,229          |
| Receivables (net of allowances<br>for uncollectibles) | 58,656                                   | 8,811                                     | 67,467           |
| Restricted assets                                     |  | 6,034                                     | 6,034            |
| Capital assets (net)                                  | <u>512,610</u>                           | <u>1,985,577</u>                          | <u>2,498,187</u> |
| <u>Total assets</u>                                   | <u>1,570,162</u>                         | <u>2,012,348</u>                          | <u>3,582,510</u> |
| <br><u>LIABILITIES</u>                                |  |   |                  |
| Accounts payable and accrued<br>expenses              | \$18,110                                 | \$12,827                                  | \$30,937         |
| Payable from restricted assets                        |  | 6,034                                     | 6,034            |
| Long-term liabilities                                 |  |   |                  |
| Due in more than one year                             | <u>207,660</u>                           |   | <u>207,660</u>   |
| <u>Total liabilities</u>                              | <u>225,770</u>                           | <u>18,861</u>                             | <u>244,631</u>   |
| <br><u>NET ASSETS</u>                                 |  |   |                  |
| Invested in capital assets,<br>net of related debt    | 512,610                                  | 1,985,577                                 | 2,498,187        |
| Unrestricted  | <u>831,782</u>                           | <u>7,910</u>                              | <u>839,692</u>   |
|   | <u>1,344,392</u>                         | <u>1,993,487</u>                          | <u>3,337,879</u> |
| <u>Total net assets</u>                               | <u>1,570,162</u>                         | <u>2,012,348</u>                          | <u>3,582,510</u> |

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



VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2004

| FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS                                    | PROGRAM REVENUES |   |  | NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND<br>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS |                            |                             |              |
|---|------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|   | EXPENSES         | FEEs, FINES<br>AND<br>CHARGES FOR<br>SERVICES | OPERATING<br>GRANTS AND<br>CONTRIBUTIONS | CAPITAL<br>GRANTS AND<br>CONTRIBUTIONS               | GOVERNMENTAL<br>ACTIVITIES | BUSINESS-TYPE<br>ACTIVITIES | TOTAL        |
| Governmental Activities                               |                  |   |  |  |                            |                             |              |
| General government                                    | \$276,039        | \$60,702                                      |  |  | \$ (215,337)               |                             | \$ (215,337) |
| Public safety   | 176,422          | 164,735                                       |  |  | (11,687)                   |                             | (11,687)     |
| Total governmental<br>activities                      | 452,461          | 225,437                                       | -0-                                      | -0-  | (227,024)                  | -0-                         | (227,024)    |
| Business-type Activities                              |                  |   |  |  |                            |                             |              |
| Water and sewer                                       | 242,571          | 82,132  |  | \$91,337   |                            | \$ (69,102)                 | (69,102)     |
| Total business-<br>type activities                    | 242,571          | 82,132  | -0-                                      | 91,337   | -0-                        | (69,102)                    | (69,102)     |
| Total primary government                              | 695,032          | 307,569                                       | -0-                                      | 91,337   | (227,024)                  | (69,102)                    | (296,126)    |
| General Revenues                                      |                  |   |  |  |                            |                             |              |
| Taxes   |                  |   |  |  |                            |                             |              |
| Sales taxes, levied for general purposes              |                  |   |  |  | 276,200                    |                             | 276,200      |
| Franchise taxes                                       |                  |   |  |  | 38,643                     |                             | 38,643       |
| Property taxes  |                  |   |  |  | 17,670                     |                             | 17,670       |
| Interest and investment earnings                      |                  |   |  |  | 14,983                     | 1,830                       | 16,813       |
| Vermilion Parish Police Jury -<br>for fire department |                  |   |  |  | 13,164                     |                             | 13,164       |
| State revenue sharing                                 |                  |   |  |  | 556                        |                             | 556          |
| State beer tax  |                  |   |  |  | 5,538                      |                             | 5,538        |
| Miscellaneous   |                  |   |  |  | 23,502                     | 79                          | 23,581       |
| Transfers   |                  |   |  |  | (162,692)                  | 162,692                     |              |
| Total general revenues and transfers                  |                  |   |  |  | 227,564                    | 164,601                     | 392,165      |
| Change in net assets                                  |                  |   |  |  | 540                        | 95,499                      | 96,039       |
| Net assets - July 1, 2003                             |                  |   |  |  | 1,343,852                  | 1,897,988                   | 3,241,840    |
| Net assets - June 30, 2004                            |                  |   |  |  | 1,344,392                  | 1,993,487                   | 3,337,879    |

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONSGENERAL FUND

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

1975 SALES TAX FUND

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

1989 SALES TAX FUND

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

MAYOR'S COURT FUND

To account for traffic fines and the expense related to their collection before being transferred to the General Fund.

ENTERPRISE FUND

The Utility Fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2004

|  | <u>GENERAL</u> | 1975<br><u>SALES TAX</u><br><u>FUND</u> | 1989<br><u>SALES TAX</u><br><u>FUND</u> | MAYOR'S<br><u>COURT</u><br><u>FUND</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>     |
|--|----------------|---|---|--|------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>  |                |   |   |  |                  |
| Cash   | \$28,091       | \$124,484                               | \$1,000                                 | \$154,326                              | \$307,901        |
| Investments  | 208,769        | 482,226                                 |   |  | 690,995          |
| Receivables, net of allowance<br>for uncollectibles  |                |   |   |  |                  |
| From other governments                               | 3,112          |   |   |  | 3,112            |
| Taxes  | 8,120          | 31,130                                  | 15,565                                  |  | 54,815           |
| Interest   |                | 564                                     |   |  | 564              |
| Other  | <u>165</u>     |   |   |  | <u>165</u>       |
| <u>Total assets</u>                                  | <u>248,257</u> | <u>638,404</u>                          | <u>16,565</u>                           | <u>154,326</u>                         | <u>1,057,552</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>                   |                |   |   |  |                  |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u>                                   |                |   |   |  |                  |
| Accounts payable                                     | \$8,241        | \$1,212                                 |   | \$2,282                                | \$11,735         |
| Due to LA Law Enforcement<br>Commission              |                |   |   | 314                                    | 314              |
| Payroll taxes payable                                | 1,452          |   |   |  | 1,452            |
| Retirement payable                                   | <u>4,609</u>   |   |   |  | <u>4,609</u>     |
| <u>Total liabilities</u>                             | <u>14,302</u>  | <u>1,212</u>                            | <u>-0-</u>                              | <u>2,596</u>                           | <u>18,110</u>    |
| <u>FUND BALANCES</u>                                 |                |   |   |  |                  |
| Fund balance   |                |   |   |  |                  |
| Unreserved, undesignated                             | <u>233,955</u> | <u>637,192</u>                          | <u>\$16,565</u>                         | <u>151,730</u>                         | <u>1,039,442</u> |
| <u>Total fund balance</u>                            | <u>233,955</u> | <u>637,192</u>                          | <u>16,565</u>                           | <u>151,730</u>                         | <u>1,039,442</u> |
| <u>Total liabilities</u><br><u>and fund balances</u> | <u>248,257</u> | <u>638,404</u>                          | <u>16,565</u>                           | <u>154,326</u>                         | <u>1,057,552</u> |

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VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS' BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2004

|   |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Total fund balances for governmental funds at:<br>June 30, 2004 |                  | \$1,039,442      |
| Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2004                         | \$739,882        |                  |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation as of<br>June 30, 2004           | <u>(227,272)</u> | 512,610          |
| Long term liabilities at June 30, 2004                          |                  | <u>(207,660)</u> |
| Net assets at June 30, 2004                                     |                  | <u>1,344,392</u> |

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VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

|   | 1975           | 1989           |                    | TOTAL     |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
|   | SALES TAX FUND | SALES TAX FUND | MAYOR'S COURT FUND |           |
| REVENUES  | GENERAL        |                |                    |           |
| Taxes   | \$56,313       | \$184,133      | \$92,067           | \$332,513 |
| Licenses and permits  | 60,702         |                |                    | 60,702    |
| Intergovernmental   | 19,258         |                |                    | 19,258    |
| Fines and forfeits  | 4,077          | 9,571          | \$164,735          | 164,735   |
| Investment income   | 4,725          |                | 1,335              | 14,983    |
| Miscellaneous   |                |                | 18,777             | 23,502    |
| Total revenues  | 145,075        | 193,704        | 184,847            | 615,693   |
| EXPENDITURES  |                |                |                    |           |
| Current   |                |                |                    |           |
| General and administrative  | 224,483        | 7,839          | 35,173             | 267,495   |
| Public safety   | 153,333        |                |                    | 153,333   |
| Debt service  |                | 9,838          | 4,919              | 14,757    |
| Capital outlay  | 4,905          | 97             | 2,410              | 7,412     |
| Total expenditures  | 382,721        | 17,774         | 37,583             | 442,997   |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES                     | (237,646)      | 175,930        | 147,264            | 172,696   |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)  |                |                |                    |           |
| Operating transfers in  | 196,838        |                |                    | 196,838   |
| Operating transfers out   |                | (162,692)      | (112,595)          | (359,530) |
| Total other financing sources (uses)  | 196,838        | (162,692)      | (112,595)          | (162,692) |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | (40,808)       | 13,238         | 2,905              | 10,004    |
| FUND BALANCES, beginning of year  | 274,763        | 623,954        | 117,061            | 1,029,438 |
| FUND BALANCES, end of year  | 233,955        | 637,192        | 151,730            | 1,039,442 |

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VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

|   |          |               |
|---|----------|---------------|
| Total net change in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2004 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances |          | \$10,004      |
| Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances                     | \$7,412  |               |
| Depreciation expense for year ended June 30, 2004   | (31,633) | (24,221)      |
| Debt service which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances                       |          | <u>14,757</u> |
| <u>Total change in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2004 per Statement of Activities</u>  |          | <u>540</u>    |

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VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
JUNE 30, 2004

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY  
ENTERPRISE FUND

| <u>ASSETS</u>  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>  |                  |
| Cash   | \$1,692          |
| Investments - Certificate of deposit                                   | 10,234           |
| Receivables net of allowance for uncollectibles                        |                  |
| Accounts   | 8,629            |
| Interest   | 182              |
| <u>Total current assets</u>  | <u>20,737</u>    |
| <u>RESTRICTED ASSETS</u>   |                  |
| Cash   |                  |
| Customers' deposits  | 6,034            |
| <u>Total restricted assets</u>   | <u>6,034</u>     |
| <u>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT</u>                                  |                  |
| Utility plant and depreciable assets (net of accumulated depreciation) | 1,985,577        |
| <u>Total assets</u>  | <u>2,012,348</u> |
| <br><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>                                  |                  |
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES (from current assets)</u>                       |                  |
| Accounts payable   | \$11,665         |
| State safe drinking water fee  | 1,051            |
| Sales taxes payable  | 111              |
| <u>Total</u>   | <u>12,827</u>    |
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES (from restricted assets)</u>                    |                  |
| Customers' deposits  | 6,034            |
| <u>Total</u>   | <u>6,034</u>     |
| <u>Total current liabilities</u>                                       | <u>18,861</u>    |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u>  |                  |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt                        | 1,985,577        |
| Unrestricted   | 7,910            |
| <u>Total net assets</u>  | <u>1,993,487</u> |
| <u>Total liabilities and net assets</u>                                | <u>2,012,348</u> |

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



VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

|  | <u>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY</u><br><u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u> |
|--|---|
| <u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>              |   |
| Charges for services                   |   |
| Water services                         | \$50,686  |
| Sewer services                         | 26,031  |
| Miscellaneous income                   |   |
| Water and sewer connection fees        | 4,340   |
| Safe drinking water fee                | 1,075   |
| Grant income                           | 91,337  |
| Other income                           | 79  |
| <u>Total operating revenues</u>        | <u>173,548</u>  |
| <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>              |   |
| Personal service                       | 31,007  |
| Supplies                               | 636   |
| Other expenses                         | 123,325   |
| Depreciation                           | 87,603  |
| <u>Total operating expenses</u>        | <u>242,571</u>  |
| <u>OPERATING LOSS</u>                  | <u>(69,023)</u>   |
| <u>NONOPERATING REVENUES</u>           |   |
| Interest income                        | 1,830   |
| <u>Total nonoperating revenues</u>     | <u>1,830</u>  |
| <u>LOSS BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS</u> | <u>(67,193)</u>   |
| <u>OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (OUT)</u>    |   |
| Operating transfers in                 | 162,692   |
| <u>Total operating transfers in</u>    | <u>162,692</u>  |
| <u>NET INCOME</u>                      | 95,499  |
| <u>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</u>   | <u>1,897,988</u>  |
| <u>NET ASSETS, end of year</u>         | <u>1,993,487</u>  |

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

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY  
ENTERPRISE FUND

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>   |                  |
| Cash received from customers  | \$82,809         |
| Cash paid to suppliers  | (118,358)        |
| Cash paid to employees  | (31,007)         |
| <u>Net cash used in operating activities</u>  | <u>(66,556)</u>  |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>                                |                  |
| Operating transfers in from other funds   | 162,692          |
| <u>Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities</u>                           | <u>162,692</u>   |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>                       |                  |
| Cash received from grant  | 91,337           |
| Acquisition of plant and equipment  | (209,480)        |
| Customers' deposits   | 664              |
| <u>Net cash used by capital and related financing activities</u>                      | <u>(117,479)</u> |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>   |                  |
| Interest collected on interest-bearing deposits                                       | 1,825            |
| Acquisition of investments  | (249)            |
| <u>Net cash provided by investing activities</u>                                      | <u>1,576</u>     |
| <u>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>                                      | <u>(19,767)</u>  |
| <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</u>                                   | <u>27,493</u>    |
| <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year</u>   | <u>7,726</u>     |
| <u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>    |                  |
| Income from operations  | \$(69,023)       |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities |                  |
| Grants  | (91,337)         |
| Depreciation  | 87,603           |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable  | 689              |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable   | 5,603            |
| Increase (decrease) in sales taxes payable  | (209)            |
| Increase (decrease) in state safe drinking water payable                              | 118              |
| <u>Total adjustments</u>  | <u>2,467</u>     |
| <u>Net cash provided by operating activities</u>                                      | <u>(66,556)</u>  |

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

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The accompanying financial statements of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In the government-wide financial statements (GWFS) and the fund financial statements for the proprietary funds, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions on or before November 30, 1989 have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. For Enterprise funds, GASB Statements Nos. 20 and 34 provide the Village the option of electing to apply FASB pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989. The Village has elected not to apply those pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in the subsequent subsection of this note. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the Village of Maurice implemented the new financial reporting requirements of GASB Statements Nos. 33 and 34. As a result, an entirely new financial presentation format has been implemented.

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

A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Village of Maurice for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the Village to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Village.
2. Organizations for which the Village does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Village.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

The Village of Maurice is a primary government and the accompanying basic financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Village and do not present information on any other governmental unit.

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

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

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

Fund Financial Statements. The accounts of the Village are organized and operated on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The various funds of the Village are classified into two categories - governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Village or meets the following criteria:

1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
2. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

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

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - Continued

The Village reports the following major governmental funds:

Governmental Funds

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

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

The Village reports the following major proprietary fund:

Enterprise Fund

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

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

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

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

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

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

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

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

At year-end, the carrying amount of the Village's cash and investments was \$1,016,856. The bank balance of cash was \$338,475 and of investments was \$701,229. Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost, which approximates market. Cash and certificates of deposit are secured through the pledge of bank-owned securities or federal depository insurance. At June 30, 2004, approximately \$212,161 of the bank balance is covered by FDIC insurance and \$827,544 is covered by securities held by the pledging financial institution in the Village of Maurice's name. This collateral is considered under generally accepted governmental accounting principles to be a Category 2 credit risk. Pledged securities in Category 2 includes securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name.

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

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

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

INVENTORY

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

Capital Assets

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

Prior to GASB No. 34, governments were not required to report general infrastructure assets. The Village of Maurice did not capitalize infrastructure expenditures. During the current fiscal year, the Village began a policy to capitalize infrastructure.

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

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

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

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

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

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



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

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

BAD DEBTS

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts by direct write-off at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The receivable for ad valorem taxes at June 30, 2004 was adjusted for an estimated amount deemed uncollectible.

BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

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

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

The budgeted amounts shown in these financial statements as of June 30, 2004, were properly amended during a public meeting held on June 16, 2004.

ENCUMBRANCES

The Village does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

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

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

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets include cash and interest-bearing deposits of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to the utility meter deposits.

LONG-TERM DEBT

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

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

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

REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXPENSES

Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

Expenditures/Expenses

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

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

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

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

Interfund Transfers

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

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

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

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

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

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

Estimates

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

NOTE (2) - CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For the year ended June 30, 2004, the Village has implemented GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. GASB Statement No. 34 creates new basic financial statements for reporting on the Village's financial activities. The financial statements now include government-wide financial statements prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, and fund financial statements which present information for individual major funds rather than by fund type which has been the mode of presentation in previously issued financial statements. The Village also implemented GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions, No. 37, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments: Omnibus, No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures, and Interpretation No. 6, Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements. At June 30, 2003, there was no effect on fund balance as a result of implementation of GASB Statement No. 33.

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NOTE (2) - CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 34 caused the opening fund balance at July 1, 2003 to be restated in terms of "net assets" as follows:

|   |           |                  |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Total fund balances - Governmental Funds -<br>at July 1, 2003         |           | \$1,029,438      |
| Add: Cost of capital assets at<br>July 1, 2003                        | \$732,470 |                  |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation at<br>July 1, 2003                     | (195,639) | 536,831          |
| Less: Sales tax credit due to Dowell-<br>Schlumberger at July 1, 2003 |           | (222,417)        |
| Net assets at July 1, 2003  |           | <u>1,343,852</u> |

NOTE (3) - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2004 consist of the following:

|                        | <u>Governmental</u><br><u>Activities</u> | <u>Business-type</u><br><u>Activities</u> | <u>Total</u>  |
|------------------------|--|---|---------------|
| From other governments | \$3,112                                  |   | \$3,112       |
| Taxes                  | 54,815                                   |   | 54,815        |
| Interest               | 564                                      |   | 564           |
| Other                  | 165                                      |   | 165           |
| Accounts               |  | \$8,811                                   | 8,811         |
| <u>Total</u>           | <u>58,656</u>                            | <u>8,811</u>                              | <u>67,467</u> |

NOTE (4) - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

Village employees are eligible to be members of one of the following retirement systems: Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana or Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System. In addition to employee payroll deductions, Village funds are remitted to the retirement systems and are recorded as expenditures. These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement systems (PERS), administered and controlled by a separate board of trustees. Contributions of participating agencies are pooled within the systems to fund accrued benefits, with contribution rates approved by the Louisiana Legislature.

Summary of Benefits

Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description: Substantially all full-time employees of the Village are members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, Plan B. The retirement system is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, statewide retirement system which is administered and controlled by a separate board of trustees. It provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to participating, eligible employees. Contributions of participating agencies are pooled within the system to fund accrued benefits, with contribution rates approved by state statute. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to Municipal Employees' Retirement System, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 925-4810.

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NOTE (4) - RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Funding Policy: Plan B members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System are required by state statute to contribute 5% of their annual covered salary and the Village (as the employer) is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current employer rate is 7.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the employer are established by, and may be amended by, state law. As required by state law, 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 employer contribution is additionally funded by the State of Louisiana through the annual legislative appropriation. The Village of Maurice's employer contributions to Municipal Employees' Retirement System for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003, 2002, were \$9,644, \$7,926, \$5,304, respectively, and were equal to the required contribution for each year.

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description: Two full-time employees are currently members of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. The retirement system is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan which was created for full-time municipal police officers in Louisiana. The system is administered by a Board of Trustees and includes a representative from the Retirement Committee of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee or their designees to serve as voting ex-officio members of the Board.

Membership is mandatory for any full-time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrest, providing he does not have to pay social security and providing he meets the statutory criteria.

Any member is eligible for normal retirement, if he has 25 years of creditable service at any age; has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50; or has 12 years creditable service and is age 55. The individual also must be a member of the system for one year.

Benefit rates are three and one-third percent of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary. The Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to Municipal Employees' Retirement System, P. O. Box 6614, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70896-6614 or by calling (225) 925-4878.

Funding Policy: Contributions for all members are established by state statute at 7.50% of earnable compensation. The contributions are deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the participating municipality. Contributions for all employers are established by state statute at 15.25% of the employee's earnable compensation excluding overtime but including state supplemental pay. In addition, according to state statute, the system receives the difference in the actuarially required employer contribution and the estimated actual employer contributions in insurance premium tax. This tax is appropriated by the legislature each year based on an actuarial study. The Village of Maurice's employer contributions to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System for the years ended 2004, 2003 and 2002 were \$8,197, \$4,903, \$4,660, respectively, and were equal to the required contribution for each year.

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NOTE (5) - AD VALOREM TAXES

Each taxing district in the parish sets its own millage based on election results and various guidelines. The tax roll is then prepared by the Parish Assessor, who submits the information to the Village. The Village then bills and collects its own property taxes. The ad valorem tax is due on or before December 31 and becomes delinquent on January 1. The Village levied 3.05 mills general alimony tax for the year ended June 30, 2004 on property with assessed valuation totaling \$5,938,060. Total tax levied was \$18,112. Ad valorem tax receivable at June 30, 2004 was \$430.

NOTE (6) - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, for the Village of Maurice are as follows:

|   | <u>Balances</u><br><u>June 30, 2003</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Disposals</u> | <u>Balances</u><br><u>June 30, 2004</u> |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|---|
| Governmental activities                           |   |                  |                  |   |
| Land  | \$1,200                                 |                  |                  | \$1,200                                 |
| Buildings and improvements                        | 46,117                                  |                  |                  | 46,117                                  |
| Equipment   | 90,486                                  |                  |                  | 90,486                                  |
| Furniture and fixtures                            | 21,605                                  | \$7,412          |                  | 29,017                                  |
| Vehicles  | 293,220                                 |                  |                  | 293,220                                 |
| Other structures and<br>improvements              | <u>279,842</u>                          |                  |                  | <u>279,842</u>                          |
| <u>Totals at historical<br/>        cost</u>      | <u>732,470</u>                          | <u>7,412</u>     | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>739,882</u>                          |
| Less accumulated depreciation                     |   |                  |                  |   |
| Buildings and improvements                        | 17,488                                  | 1,152            |                  | 18,640                                  |
| Equipment   | 39,562                                  | 6,877            |                  | 46,439                                  |
| Furniture and fixtures                            | 11,709                                  | 3,561            |                  | 15,270                                  |
| Vehicles  | 114,879                                 | 19,184           |                  | 134,063                                 |
| Other structures and<br>improvements              | <u>12,001</u>                           | <u>859</u>       |                  | <u>12,860</u>                           |
| <u>Total accumulated<br/>        depreciation</u> | <u>195,639</u>                          | <u>31,633</u>    | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>227,272</u>                          |
| Governmental activities                           |   |                  |                  |   |
| Capital assets, net                               | <u>536,831</u>                          | <u>(24,221)</u>  | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>512,610</u>                          |

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| General government | \$8,544       |
| Public safety      | <u>23,089</u> |
| <u>Total</u>       | <u>31,633</u> |

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NOTE (6) - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

|   | <u>Balances</u><br><u>June 30, 2003</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Disposals</u> | <u>Balances</u><br><u>June 30, 2004</u> |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|---|
| Business-type activities                        |   |                  |                  |   |
| Land  | \$51,943                                |                  |                  | \$51,943                                |
| Sewer system                                    | 1,439,146                               | \$341,610        |                  | 1,780,756                               |
| Water system                                    | 1,226,517                               | 32,500           |                  | 1,259,017                               |
| Vehicles  | 37,718                                  |                  |                  | 37,718                                  |
| Machinery and equipment                         | 88,391                                  | 1,367            |                  | 89,758                                  |
| Buildings                                       | 75,467                                  |                  |                  | 75,467                                  |
| <u>Total at historical</u><br><u>cost</u>       | <u>2,919,182</u>                        | <u>375,477</u>   | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>3,294,659</u>                        |
| Less accumulated depreciation                   |   |                  |                  |   |
| Sewer system                                    | 733,964                                 | 29,573           |                  | 763,537                                 |
| Water system                                    | 406,925                                 | 40,615           |                  | 447,540                                 |
| Vehicles  | 30,199                                  | 4,013            |                  | 34,212                                  |
| Machinery and equipment                         | 46,617                                  | 11,515           |                  | 58,132                                  |
| Buildings                                       | 3,774                                   | 1,887            |                  | 5,661                                   |
| <u>Total accumulated</u><br><u>depreciation</u> | <u>1,221,479</u>                        | <u>87,603</u>    | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>1,309,082</u>                        |
| Business-type, capital assets,<br>net           | <u>1,697,703</u>                        | <u>287,874</u>   | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>1,985,577</u>                        |

NOTE (7) - SALES TAXES

Proceeds of the 1975 1% sales and use tax are dedicated to constructing, acquiring, extending, improving, operating and maintaining a new sanitary sewer and water system for the Village of Maurice, and purchasing and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings; therefore, title to which shall be in the public, said tax to be subject to funding into bonds by the Village and/or used to pay principal and interest on any bonds or funded indebtedness of the Village incurred for the sewer and water systems to the extent and in the manner permitted by the laws of Louisiana.

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

NOTE (8) - LEASED FIRE TRUCK

On December 16, 1995, the Village of Maurice entered into an agreement to lease to the Maurice Volunteer Fire Department a 1995 fire truck pumper freightliner Model FL80 which was purchased at a cost of \$196,752. The lease is for a term of 10 years at \$1.00 per year ending on the 16th day of December, 2005 at midnight. The Maurice Volunteer Fire Department paid \$10.00 for the 10 year lease in the first year.

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE (9) - LONG-TERM DEBT

Sales Tax Credit Due to Dowell-Schlumberger - represents a credit due to Dowell-Schlumberger for overpayment of sales taxes. The credit will be used by Dowell-Schlumberger to offset future sales tax liabilities.

Changes in long-term debt during the year ended June 30, 2004 are as follows:

|                   | <u>Sales Tax Credit</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance - 6/30/03 | \$222,417               |
| Payments          | <u>(14,757)</u>         |
| Balance - 6/30/04 | <u>207,660</u>          |

NOTE (10) - RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

During the year ended June 30, 2004, the Village of Maurice was awarded a Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for water line extension.

NOTE (11) - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

During the year ended June 30, 2004, the Village of Maurice was awarded a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$238,924 for a sewer line extension.

|                                 | <u>Funded by</u> |                     |                |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                 | <u>LCDBG</u>     | <u>Utility Fund</u> | <u>Total</u>   |
| Sewer line extension            |                  |                     |                |
| Fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 | \$157,586        | \$16,810            | \$174,396      |
| Fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 | <u>81,338</u>    | <u>84,088</u>       | <u>165,426</u> |
|                                 | <u>238,924</u>   | <u>100,898</u>      | <u>339,822</u> |

NOTE (12) - UNDEPOSITED FINES

On February 17, 2004, the former clerk reimbursed the Village \$7,167 for undeposited fines for the year ended June 30, 2003.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

|  | <u>Budget</u>    |                  | <u>Actual</u>    | Variance                   |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|  | <u>Original</u>  | <u>Final</u>     |                  | Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
| <u>REVENUES</u>                                  |                  |                  |                  |                            |
| Taxes  | \$50,900         | \$55,450         | \$56,313         | \$863                      |
| Licenses and permits                             | 40,400           | 53,200           | 60,702           | 7,502                      |
| Intergovernmental                                | 23,100           | 23,250           | 19,258           | (3,992)                    |
| Investment income                                | 5,700            | 3,800            | 4,077            | 277                        |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 4,600            | 4,310            | 4,725            | 415                        |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                            | <u>124,700</u>   | <u>140,010</u>   | <u>145,075</u>   | <u>5,065</u>               |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                              |                  |                  |                  |                            |
| Current operating                                |                  |                  |                  |                            |
| General and administrative                       | 217,600          | 237,800          | 224,483          | 13,317                     |
| Public safety                                    | 134,150          | 166,400          | 153,333          | 13,067                     |
| Capital outlay                                   | 890              | 3,400            | 4,905            | (1,505)                    |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>                        | <u>352,640</u>   | <u>407,600</u>   | <u>382,721</u>   | <u>24,879</u>              |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES UNDER</u>                  |                  |                  |                  |                            |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                              | <u>(227,940)</u> | <u>(267,590)</u> | <u>(237,646)</u> | <u>29,944</u>              |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>                   |                  |                  |                  |                            |
| Operating transfers in<br>from Mayor's Court     | 55,000           | 135,000          | 112,595          | (22,405)                   |
| Operating transfers in<br>to 1989 Sales Tax Fund | 69,000           | 80,500           | 84,243           | 3,743                      |
| <u>Total other financing<br/>    sources</u>     | <u>124,000</u>   | <u>215,500</u>   | <u>196,838</u>   | <u>(18,662)</u>            |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u>              |                  |                  |                  |                            |
| <u>SOURCES OVER (UNDER)</u>                      |                  |                  |                  |                            |
| <u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</u>               | <u>(103,940)</u> | <u>(52,090)</u>  | <u>(40,808)</u>  | <u>11,282</u>              |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</u>           |                  |                  | <u>274,763</u>   |                            |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, end of year</u>                 |                  |                  | <u>233,955</u>   |                            |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
1975 SALES TAX FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

|  | Budget           |                  | Actual           | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
|  | Original         | Final            |                  |  |
| <u>REVENUES</u>                            |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Taxes                                      |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Sales tax collection                       | \$152,000        | \$172,000        | \$184,133        | \$12,133                               |
| Interest income                            | 10,500           | 8,000            | 9,571            | 1,571                                  |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                      | <u>162,500</u>   | <u>180,000</u>   | <u>193,704</u>   | <u>13,704</u>                          |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                        |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Current operating                          |                  |                  |                  |  |
| General and administrative                 | 9,900            | 8,500            | 7,839            | 661                                    |
| Debt service                               | 14,000           | 11,000           | 9,838            | 1,162                                  |
| Capital outlay                             |                  | 100              | 97               | 3                                      |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>                  | <u>23,900</u>    | <u>19,600</u>    | <u>17,774</u>    | <u>1,826</u>                           |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</u>             |                  |                  |                  |  |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                        | <u>138,600</u>   | <u>160,400</u>   | <u>175,930</u>   | <u>15,530</u>                          |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>                |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Operating transfers out<br>to Utility Fund | (170,000)        | (163,000)        | (162,692)        | 308                                    |
| <u>Total other financing<br/>    uses</u>  | <u>(170,000)</u> | <u>(163,000)</u> | <u>(162,692)</u> | <u>308</u>                             |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u>        |                  |                  |                  |  |
| <u>SOURCES OVER (UNDER)</u>                |                  |                  |                  |  |
| <u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</u>         | <u>(31,400)</u>  | <u>(2,600)</u>   | 13,238           | <u>15,838</u>                          |
| <u>FUND BALANCE</u> , beginning of year    |                  |                  | <u>623,954</u>   |  |
| <u>FUND BALANCE</u> , end of year          |                  |                  | <u>637,192</u>   |  |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
1989 SALES TAX FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

|  | <u>Budget</u>   |                 | <u>Actual</u>   | <u>Variance<br/>Favorable<br/>(Unfavorable)</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
|  | <u>Original</u> | <u>Final</u>    |                 |   |
| <u>REVENUES</u>                            |                 |                 |                 |   |
| Taxes                                      |                 |                 |                 |   |
| Sales tax collection                       | \$76,000        | \$86,000        | \$92,067        | \$6,067   |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                      | <u>76,000</u>   | <u>86,000</u>   | <u>92,067</u>   | <u>6,067</u>                                    |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                        |                 |                 |                 |   |
| Debt service                               | 7,000           | 5,500           | 4,919           | 581   |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>                  | <u>7,000</u>    | <u>5,500</u>    | <u>4,919</u>    | <u>581</u>                                      |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</u>             |                 |                 |                 |   |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                        |                 |                 |                 |   |
|  | 69,000          | 80,500          | 87,148          | 6,648   |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>                |                 |                 |                 |   |
| Operating transfers out<br>to General Fund | (69,000)        | (80,500)        | (84,243)        | (3,743)   |
| <u>Total other financing<br/>    uses</u>  | <u>(69,000)</u> | <u>(80,500)</u> | <u>(84,243)</u> | <u>(3,743)</u>                                  |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u>        |                 |                 |                 |   |
| <u>SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES</u>           |                 |                 |                 |   |
| <u>AND OTHER USES</u>                      |                 |                 |                 |   |
|  | <u>-0-</u>      | <u>-0-</u>      | 2,905           | <u>2,905</u>                                    |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</u>     |                 |                 | <u>13,660</u>   |   |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, end of year</u>           |                 |                 | <u>16,565</u>   |   |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
MAYOR'S COURT FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

|  | <u>Budget</u>   |                  | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Variance</u>                          |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--|
|  | <u>Original</u> | <u>Final</u>     |                  | <u>Favorable</u><br><u>(Unfavorable)</u> |
| <u>REVENUES</u>                        |                 |                  |                  |  |
| Fines                                  | \$72,500        | \$155,300        | \$164,735        | \$9,435                                  |
| Interest income                        | 1,200           | 1,200            | 1,335            | 135                                      |
| Miscellaneous income                   | <u>1,500</u>    | <u>18,410</u>    | <u>18,777</u>    | <u>367</u>                               |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                  | <u>75,200</u>   | <u>174,910</u>   | <u>184,847</u>   | <u>9,937</u>                             |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                    |                 |                  |                  |  |
| Current operating                      |                 |                  |                  |  |
| General and administrative             | 20,550          | 39,910           | 37,583           | 2,327                                    |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>              | <u>20,550</u>   | <u>39,910</u>    | <u>37,583</u>    | <u>2,327</u>                             |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</u>         |                 |                  |                  |  |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                    | <u>54,650</u>   | <u>135,000</u>   | <u>147,264</u>   | <u>12,264</u>                            |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>            |                 |                  |                  |  |
| Operating transfers out                |                 |                  |                  |  |
| to General Fund                        | (55,000)        | (135,000)        | (112,595)        | 22,405                                   |
| <u>Total other financing</u>           | <u>(55,000)</u> | <u>(135,000)</u> | <u>(112,595)</u> | <u>22,405</u>                            |
| <u>uses</u>                            | <u>(55,000)</u> | <u>(135,000)</u> | <u>(112,595)</u> | <u>22,405</u>                            |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u>    |                 |                  |                  |  |
| <u>SOURCES UNDER EXPENDITURES</u>      |                 |                  |                  |  |
| <u>AND OTHER USES</u>                  | <u>(350)</u>    | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>34,669</u>    | <u>34,669</u>                            |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</u> |                 |                  | <u>117,061</u>   |  |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, end of year</u>       |                 |                  | <u>151,730</u>   |  |

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND

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

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|   | <u>2004</u>    | <u>2003</u>       |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                                       |                |                   |
| Cash  | \$28,091       | \$10,255          |
| Investments   | 208,769        | 265,067           |
| Receivables, net of allowance<br>for uncollectibles |                |                   |
| From other governments                              | 3,112          | 17,896            |
| Taxes   | 8,120          | 490               |
| Other   | <u>165</u>     | <u>          </u> |
| <u>Total assets</u>                                 | <u>248,257</u> | <u>293,708</u>    |
| <br><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>             |                |                   |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u>                                  |                |                   |
| Accounts payable                                    | \$8,241        | \$8,700           |
| Payroll taxes payable                               | 1,452          | 1,496             |
| Retirement payable                                  | 4,609          | 4,311             |
| Due to other governments                            |                | <u>4,438</u>      |
| <u>Total liabilities</u>                            | <u>14,302</u>  | <u>18,945</u>     |
| <br><u>FUND BALANCE</u>                             |                |                   |
| Unreserved, undesignated                            | <u>233,955</u> | <u>274,763</u>    |
| <u>Total fund balance</u>                           | <u>233,955</u> | <u>274,763</u>    |
| <u>Total liabilities and fund balance</u>           | <u>248,257</u> | <u>293,708</u>    |



VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|  | <u>2004</u>      |                  | <u>Variance</u>                          | <u>2003</u>      |
|--|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
|  | <u>Budget</u>    | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Favorable</u><br><u>(Unfavorable)</u> | <u>Actual</u>    |
| <u>REVENUES</u>  |                  |                  |  |                  |
| Taxes  | \$55,450         | \$56,313         | \$863                                    | \$52,363         |
| Licenses and permits   | 53,200           | 60,702           | 7,502                                    | 52,917           |
| Intergovernmental  | 23,250           | 19,258           | (3,992)                                  | 23,173           |
| Investment income  | 3,800            | 4,077            | 277                                      | 5,605            |
| Miscellaneous  | 4,310            | 4,725            | 415                                      | 5,296            |
| <u>Total revenues</u>  | <u>140,010</u>   | <u>145,075</u>   | <u>5,065</u>                             | <u>139,354</u>   |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>  |                  |                  |  |                  |
| Current operating  |                  |                  |  |                  |
| General and administrative   | 237,800          | 224,483          | 13,317                                   | 211,564          |
| Public safety  | 166,400          | 153,333          | 13,067                                   | 130,847          |
| Capital outlay   | 3,400            | 4,905            | (1,505)                                  | 2,410            |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>  | <u>407,600</u>   | <u>382,721</u>   | <u>24,879</u>                            | <u>344,821</u>   |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</u><br><u>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>  | <u>(267,590)</u> | <u>(237,646)</u> | <u>29,944</u>                            | <u>(205,467)</u> |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>   |                  |                  |  |                  |
| Operating transfers in<br>from Mayor's Court   | 135,000          | 112,595          | (22,405)                                 | 67,293           |
| Operating transfers in<br>to 1989 Sales Tax Fund   | 80,500           | 84,243           | 3,743                                    | 71,800           |
| Operating transfers in<br>to Utility Fund  | —                | —                | —  | 83,378           |
| <u>Total other financing<br/>sources</u>   | <u>215,500</u>   | <u>196,838</u>   | <u>(18,662)</u>                          | <u>222,471</u>   |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u><br><u>SOURCES OVER (UNDER)</u><br><u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</u> | <u>(52,090)</u>  | <u>(40,808)</u>  | <u>11,282</u>                            | <u>17,004</u>    |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</u>   |                  | <u>274,763</u>   |  | <u>257,759</u>   |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, end of year</u>   |                  | <u>233,955</u>   |  | <u>274,763</u>   |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|  | <u>2004</u>    |                | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) | 2003<br>Actual |
|--|----------------|----------------|--|----------------|
|  | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>Actual</u>  |  |                |
| <u>TAXES</u>   |                |                |  |                |
| Property tax   | \$17,450       | \$17,670       | \$220                                  | \$17,446       |
| Franchise - electric                                   | 32,000         | 32,144         | 144                                    | 29,392         |
| Franchise - cable television                           | 3,000          | 3,452          | 452                                    | 3,283          |
| Franchise - gas  | 3,000          | 3,047          | 47                                     | 2,242          |
| <u>Total taxes</u>                                     | <u>55,450</u>  | <u>56,313</u>  | <u>863</u>                             | <u>52,363</u>  |
| <u>LICENSES AND PERMITS</u>                            |                |                |  |                |
| Occupational licenses                                  | 52,000         | 59,322         | 7,322                                  | 52,457         |
| Building permits                                       | 1,200          | 1,380          | 180                                    | 460            |
| <u>Total licenses and permits</u>                      | <u>53,200</u>  | <u>60,702</u>  | <u>7,502</u>                           | <u>52,917</u>  |
| <u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</u>                               |                |                |  |                |
| State beer tax   | 5,500          | 5,538          | 38                                     | 6,116          |
| Vermillion Parish Police Jury -<br>for fire department | 17,400         | 13,164         | (4,236)                                | 16,412         |
| State revenue sharing                                  | 350            | 556            | 206                                    | 645            |
| <u>Total intergovernmental</u>                         | <u>23,250</u>  | <u>19,258</u>  | <u>(3,992)</u>                         | <u>23,173</u>  |
| <u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>                               |                |                |  |                |
| Interest income  | 3,800          | 4,077          | 277                                    | 5,605          |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>                                   |                |                |  |                |
| Accident reports                                       | 340            | 425            | 85                                     | 430            |
| Maintenance service fees                               | 3,600          | 3,661          | 61                                     | 3,661          |
| Other  | 370            | 639            | 269                                    | 1,205          |
| <u>Total miscellaneous</u>                             | <u>4,310</u>   | <u>4,725</u>   | <u>415</u>                             | <u>5,296</u>   |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                                  | <u>140,010</u> | <u>145,075</u> | <u>5,065</u>                           | <u>139,354</u> |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|   | <u>2004</u>    |                | Variance      |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|   | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>Actual</u>  | Favorable     | 2003           |
|   |                |                | (Unfavorable) | <u>Actual</u>  |
| <u>GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE</u>       |                |                |               |                |
| <u>Personal services</u>                |                |                |               |                |
| Salaries                                | \$100,000      | \$96,958       | \$3,042       | \$99,993       |
| Payroll taxes                           | 7,900          | 7,435          | 465           | 7,810          |
| Retirement                              | 7,500          | 7,119          | 381           | 5,938          |
| <u>Supplies</u>                         |                |                |               |                |
| Office supplies and postage             | 5,000          | 4,051          | 949           | 3,278          |
| Uniform rental                          | 2,500          | 2,766          | (266)         | 1,553          |
| Maintenance supplies                    | 3,000          | 2,487          | 513           | 1,090          |
| <u>Other</u>                            |                |                |               |                |
| Insurance                               | 28,000         | 29,779         | (1,779)       | 32,817         |
| Utilities                               | 23,000         | 20,606         | 2,394         | 18,847         |
| Automobile expense                      | 1,500          | 750            | 750           | 3,122          |
| Telephone                               | 4,500          | 3,859          | 641           | 3,074          |
| Professional expense                    | 15,000         | 13,269         | 1,731         | 9,700          |
| Repairs and maintenance                 | 16,000         | 16,454         | (454)         | 713            |
| Miscellaneous                           | 2,500          | 2,168          | 332           | 2,460          |
| Parks and recreation                    | 100            | 108            | (8)           | 169            |
| Dues and subscriptions                  | 900            | 441            | 459           | 695            |
| Advertising                             | 800            | 862            | (62)          | 928            |
| Election cost                           |                |                |               | 753            |
| Commission on tax collected             | 1,200          | 1,541          | (341)         | 1,396          |
| Volunteer fire department               | 17,800         | 13,314         | 4,486         | 16,712         |
| Trash collection                        | 600            | 516            | 84            | 516            |
| <u>Total general and administrative</u> | <u>237,800</u> | <u>224,483</u> | <u>13,317</u> | <u>211,564</u> |

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VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
GENERAL FUND  
DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|   | <u>2004</u>    |                | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) | 2003<br>Actual |
|---|----------------|----------------|--|----------------|
|   | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>Actual</u>  |  |                |
| <u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>                    |                |                |  |                |
| <u>Personal services</u>                |                |                |  |                |
| Salaries                                | \$102,000      | \$100,765      | \$1,235                                | \$89,938       |
| Payroll taxes                           | 8,000          | 7,712          | 288                                    | 6,720          |
| Retirement                              | 8,000          | 8,497          | (497)                                  | 4,903          |
| <u>Other</u>                            |                |                |  |                |
| Automobile equipment and<br>maintenance | 10,500         | 6,717          | 3,783                                  | 1,815          |
| Communications                          | 3,500          | 2,902          | 598                                    | 1,965          |
| Gas - autos                             | 7,800          | 8,513          | (713)                                  | 6,113          |
| Insurance                               | 18,000         | 12,824         | 5,176                                  | 16,394         |
| Miscellaneous                           |                | 250            | (250)                                  | 86             |
| Police supplies                         | 2,500          | 1,426          | 1,074                                  | 1,549          |
| Telephone                               | 2,500          | 1,166          | 1,334                                  | 1,349          |
| Dues and subscriptions                  | 100            | 66             | 34                                     | 15             |
| Professional                            | <u>3,500</u>   | <u>2,495</u>   | <u>1,005</u>                           |                |
| <u>Total public safety</u>              | <u>166,400</u> | <u>153,333</u> | <u>13,067</u>                          | <u>130,847</u> |
| <u>Capital Outlay</u>                   | <u>3,400</u>   | <u>4,905</u>   | <u>(1,505)</u>                         | <u>2,410</u>   |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>               | <u>407,600</u> | <u>382,721</u> | <u>24,879</u>                          | <u>344,821</u> |

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS1975 SALES TAX FUND

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

1989 SALES TAX FUND

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

MAYOR'S COURT FUND

To account for traffic fines and the expense related to their collection before being transferred to the General Fund.

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|                                     | 1975 SALES<br>TAX FUND | 1989 SALES<br>TAX FUND | MAYOR'S<br>COURT FUND | TOTALS<br>2004 | TOTALS<br>2003 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                       |                        |                        |                       |                |                |
| Cash                                | \$124,484              | \$1,000                | \$154,326             | \$279,810      | \$390,889      |
| Investments                         | 482,226                |                        |                       | 482,226        | 325,388        |
| Receivables                         | 564                    |                        |                       | 564            | 73             |
| Interest receivable                 | 31,130                 | 15,565                 |                       | 46,695         | 40,122         |
| Taxes                               |                        |                        |                       |                |                |
| Total assets                        | <u>638,404</u>         | <u>16,565</u>          | <u>154,326</u>        | <u>809,295</u> | <u>756,472</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u> |                        |                        |                       |                |                |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u>                  |                        |                        |                       |                |                |
| Accounts payable                    | \$1,212                |                        | \$2,282               | \$3,494        | \$1,355        |
| Due to LA Law Enforcement           |                        |                        | 314                   | 314            | 242            |
| Commission                          |                        |                        |                       |                | 200            |
| Bond deposit                        |                        |                        |                       |                |                |
| Total liabilities                   | <u>1,212</u>           | <u>-0-</u>             | <u>2,596</u>          | <u>3,808</u>   | <u>1,797</u>   |
| <u>FUND BALANCE</u>                 |                        |                        |                       |                |                |
| Unreserved, undesignated            | 637,192                | \$16,565               | 151,730               | 805,487        | 754,675        |
| Total fund balance                  | <u>637,192</u>         | <u>16,565</u>          | <u>151,730</u>        | <u>805,487</u> | <u>754,675</u> |
| Total liabilities and fund balance  | <u>638,404</u>         | <u>16,565</u>          | <u>154,326</u>        | <u>809,295</u> | <u>756,472</u> |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|  | <u>1975 SALES</u> | <u>1989 SALES</u> | <u>MAYOR'S</u>    | <u>TOTALS</u>    |                  |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | <u>TAX FUND</u>   | <u>TAX FUND</u>   | <u>COURT FUND</u> | <u>2004</u>      | <u>2003</u>      |
| <u>REVENUES</u>                        |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Taxes                                  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Sales tax collections                  | \$184,133         | \$92,067          |                   | \$276,200        | \$230,610        |
| Fines                                  |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Traffic fines                          |                   |                   | \$117,825         | 117,825          | 50,009           |
| Other fines                            |                   |                   | 2,900             | 2,900            | 3,720            |
| Court costs                            |                   |                   | 44,010            | 44,010           | 23,670           |
| Interest income                        | 9,571             |                   | 1,335             | 10,906           | 11,363           |
| Miscellaneous                          |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| 2% commission                          |                   |                   | 2,844             | 2,844            | 1,500            |
| DPS reimbursement                      |                   |                   | 13                | 13               |                  |
| Other                                  |                   |                   | 15,920            | 15,920           |                  |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                  | <u>193,704</u>    | <u>92,067</u>     | <u>184,847</u>    | <u>470,618</u>   | <u>320,872</u>   |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                    |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Current operating                      |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| General and administrative             | 7,839             |                   | 35,173            | 43,012           | 34,556           |
| Public safety                          |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Debt service                           | 9,838             | 4,919             | 2,410             | 14,757           | 17,273           |
| Capital outlay                         | 97                |                   |                   | 2,507            |                  |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>              | <u>17,774</u>     | <u>4,919</u>      | <u>37,583</u>     | <u>60,276</u>    | <u>51,829</u>    |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)</u> |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                    | <u>175,930</u>    | <u>87,148</u>     | <u>147,264</u>    | <u>410,342</u>   | <u>269,043</u>   |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>            |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| Operating transfers out                |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| to General Fund                        |                   | (84,243)          | (112,595)         | (196,838)        | (139,093)        |
| to Utility Fund                        | (162,692)         |                   |                   | (162,692)        | (183,516)        |
| <u>Total other financing uses</u>      | <u>(162,692)</u>  | <u>(84,243)</u>   | <u>(112,595)</u>  | <u>(359,530)</u> | <u>(322,609)</u> |

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VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|  | 1975 SALES<br>TAX FUND | 1989 SALES<br>TAX FUND | MAYOR'S<br>COURT FUND | TOTALS         |                |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
|  |                        |                        |                       | 2004           | 2003           |
|  | \$13,238               | \$2,905                | \$34,669              | \$50,812       | \$(53,566)     |
|  | <u>623,954</u>         | <u>13,660</u>          | <u>117,061</u>        | <u>754,675</u> | <u>808,241</u> |
|  | <u>637,192</u>         | <u>16,565</u>          | <u>151,730</u>        | <u>805,487</u> | <u>754,675</u> |

EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES  
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER  
USES

FUND BALANCE, beginning of year

FUND BALANCE, end of year



VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - 1975 SALES TAX FUND  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|  | <u>2004</u>      |                  | Variance      |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
|  | <u>Budget</u>    | <u>Actual</u>    | Favorable     | 2003             |
|  |                  |                  | (Unfavorable) | <u>Actual</u>    |
| <u>REVENUES</u>                        |                  |                  |               |                  |
| Taxes                                  |                  |                  |               |                  |
| Sales tax collection                   | \$172,000        | \$184,133        | \$12,133      | \$153,740        |
| Interest income                        | 8,000            | 9,571            | 1,571         | 10,108           |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                  | <u>180,000</u>   | <u>193,704</u>   | <u>13,704</u> | <u>163,848</u>   |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                    |                  |                  |               |                  |
| Current operating                      |                  |                  |               |                  |
| General and administrative             |                  |                  |               |                  |
| Insurance                              | 2,500            | 1,781            | 719           | 2,187            |
| Office supplies                        | 3,500            | 3,358            | 142           | 3,026            |
| Professional services                  | 2,500            | 2,700            | (200)         | 3,285            |
| Debt service                           |                  |                  |               |                  |
| Principal payments on                  |                  |                  |               |                  |
| sales tax credit                       | 11,000           | 9,838            | 1,162         | 11,515           |
| Capital outlay                         | 100              | 97               | 3             | ---              |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>              | <u>19,600</u>    | <u>17,774</u>    | <u>1,826</u>  | <u>20,013</u>    |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</u>         |                  |                  |               |                  |
| <u>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>            | <u>160,400</u>   | <u>175,930</u>   | <u>15,530</u> | <u>143,835</u>   |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>            |                  |                  |               |                  |
| Operating transfers out                |                  |                  |               |                  |
| to Utility Fund                        | (163,000)        | (162,692)        | 308           | (183,516)        |
| <u>Total other financing</u>           | <u>(163,000)</u> | <u>(162,692)</u> | <u>308</u>    | <u>(183,516)</u> |
| <u>uses</u>                            |                  |                  |               |                  |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u>    |                  |                  |               |                  |
| <u>SOURCES OVER (UNDER)</u>            |                  |                  |               |                  |
| <u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</u>     | <u>(2,600)</u>   | 13,238           | <u>15,838</u> | (39,681)         |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</u> |                  | <u>623,954</u>   |               | <u>663,635</u>   |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, end of year</u>       |                  | <u>637,192</u>   |               | <u>623,954</u>   |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - 1989 SALES TAX FUND  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|  | <u>2004</u>     |                 | Variance       | 2003            |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|  | <u>Budget</u>   | <u>Actual</u>   | Favorable      | <u>Actual</u>   |
|  |                 |                 | (Unfavorable)  |                 |
| <u>REVENUES</u>  |                 |                 |                |                 |
| Taxes  |                 |                 |                |                 |
| Sales tax collection   | \$86,000        | \$92,067        | \$6,067        | \$76,870        |
| <u>Total revenues</u>  | <u>86,000</u>   | <u>92,067</u>   | <u>6,067</u>   | <u>76,870</u>   |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>  |                 |                 |                |                 |
| Debt service   |                 |                 |                |                 |
| Principal payments on<br>sales tax credit  | 5,500           | 4,919           | 581            | 5,758           |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>  | <u>5,500</u>    | <u>4,919</u>    | <u>581</u>     | <u>5,758</u>    |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER<br/>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>                              | <u>80,500</u>   | <u>87,148</u>   | <u>6,648</u>   | <u>71,112</u>   |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>  |                 |                 |                |                 |
| Operating transfers out<br>to General Fund   | (80,500)        | (84,243)        | (3,743)        | (71,800)        |
| <u>Total other financing<br/>    uses</u>  | <u>(80,500)</u> | <u>(84,243)</u> | <u>(3,743)</u> | <u>(71,800)</u> |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER<br/>SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES<br/>AND OTHER USES</u> | <u>-0-</u>      | 2,905           | <u>2,905</u>   | (688)           |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</u>   |                 | <u>13,660</u>   |                | <u>14,348</u>   |
| <u>FUND BALANCE, end of year</u>   |                 | <u>16,565</u>   |                | <u>13,660</u>   |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - MAYOR'S COURT FUND  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|   | 2004             |                  | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) | 2003<br>Actual  |
|---|------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|
|   | Budget           | Actual           |  |                 |
| <u>REVENUES</u>                         |                  |                  |  |                 |
| Fines                                   |                  |                  |  |                 |
| Traffic fines                           | \$112,600        | \$117,825        | \$5,225                                | \$50,009        |
| Other fines                             | 2,700            | 2,900            | 200                                    | 3,720           |
| Court costs                             | 40,000           | 44,010           | 4,010                                  | 23,670          |
| Interest income                         | 1,200            | 1,335            | 135                                    | 1,255           |
| Miscellaneous income                    |                  |                  |  |                 |
| 2% commission                           | 2,500            | 2,844            | 344                                    | 1,500           |
| DPS reimbursement                       | 10               | 13               | 3                                      |                 |
| Other                                   | 15,900           | 15,920           | 20                                     |                 |
| <u>Total revenues</u>                   | <u>174,910</u>   | <u>184,847</u>   | <u>9,937</u>                           | <u>80,154</u>   |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                     |                  |                  |  |                 |
| Current operating                       |                  |                  |  |                 |
| General and administrative              |                  |                  |  |                 |
| LA Law Enforcement Commission           | 2,450            | 2,752            | (302)                                  | 1,470           |
| Office equipment maintenance            |                  |                  |  | 160             |
| Office supplies                         | 3,000            | 2,376            | 624                                    | 637             |
| Salaries                                | 6,000            | 5,968            | 32                                     | 5,400           |
| Crime lab                               | 3,000            | 3,000            |  | 1,000           |
| Professional services                   | 16,500           | 16,478           | 22                                     | 5,925           |
| Retirement                              | 500              | 428              | 72                                     | 304             |
| Payroll taxes                           | 500              | 457              | 43                                     | 413             |
| Telephone                               | 2,700            | 1,834            | 866                                    | 1,376           |
| Utilities - Municipal                   |                  |                  |  |                 |
| building                                | 2,500            | 1,674            | 826                                    | 1,630           |
| Court renovations                       | 300              | 151              | 149                                    | 65              |
| Undeposited fines                       |                  |                  |  | 7,298           |
| Miscellaneous                           | 50               | 55               | (5)                                    |                 |
| Capital outlay                          | 2,410            | 2,410            |  | 380             |
| <u>Total expenditures</u>               | <u>39,910</u>    | <u>37,583</u>    | <u>2,327</u>                           | <u>26,058</u>   |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</u>          |                  |                  |  |                 |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u>                     | <u>135,000</u>   | <u>147,264</u>   | <u>12,264</u>                          | <u>54,096</u>   |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>             |                  |                  |  |                 |
| Operating transfers out                 |                  |                  |  |                 |
| to General Fund                         | (135,000)        | (112,595)        | 22,405                                 | (67,293)        |
| <u>Total other financing</u>            |                  |                  |  |                 |
| <u>uses</u>                             | <u>(135,000)</u> | <u>(112,595)</u> | <u>22,405</u>                          | <u>(67,293)</u> |
| <u>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER</u>     |                  |                  |  |                 |
| <u>SOURCES UNDER EXPENDITURES</u>       |                  |                  |  |                 |
| <u>AND OTHER USES</u>                   | <u>-0-</u>       | <u>34,669</u>    | <u>34,669</u>                          | <u>(13,197)</u> |
| <u>FUND BALANCE</u> , beginning of year |                  | <u>117,061</u>   |  | <u>130,258</u>  |
| <u>FUND BALANCE</u> , end of year       |                  | <u>151,730</u>   |  | <u>117,061</u>  |

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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

The Honorable Mayor and Aldermen  
of the Village of Maurice  
Maurice, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Village of Maurice's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village of Maurice's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and; accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Village of Maurice in a separate letter dated December 8, 2004.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village of Maurice's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Village of Maurice, Louisiana's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the basic financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2004-1.

The Honorable Mayor and Aldermen  
of the Village of Maurice  
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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 basic financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we consider item 2004-1 to be a material weakness. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana, in a separate letter dated December 8, 2004.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana, its Board of Aldermen, the appropriate regulatory or Legislative Body and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*John S. Bowling, Sr.*

Opelousas, Louisiana  
December 8, 2004

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana.
2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana were disclosed during the audit. However, we noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance reported to the management of the Village of Maurice in a separate letter.
3. One material weakness relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported 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.
4. There was no single audit required under OMB Circular A-133.

A. 2004 FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Internal Control

2004-1 Accounting for Ad Valorem Taxes

Condition: The tax collector failed to update the 2003 property tax roll for payments received in the fiscal year. A schedule of past due accounts could not be prepared due to the tax roll not being updated for collections.

Criteria: The property tax roll should be updated as payments are received.

Cause: There is a failure in the internal control procedures concerning the accounting for the collection of ad valorem taxes.

Effect: Errors or irregularities could occur in the collection of money without being detected.

Recommendation: Procedures should be instituted to ensure that the accounting records for ad valorem taxes are properly maintained.

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

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

2003-1 Undeposited Fines

Corrective action taken.

SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

2003-2 Timely Submittal of Audit Report

Corrective action taken.

SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER

2003-3 Ad Valorem Taxes

Unresolved - REPEAT COMMENT



OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
ENTERPRISE FUND  
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 AND 2003

|   | <u>Utility Fund</u> |                |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
|   | <u>2004</u>         | <u>2003</u>    |
| <u>WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES</u>        |                     |                |
| <u>Personal Service</u>                 |                     |                |
| Salaries                                | \$13,428            | \$13,473       |
| Payroll taxes                           | 1,027               | 1,031          |
| Retirement                              | 1,222               | 842            |
|   | <u>15,677</u>       | <u>15,346</u>  |
| <u>Supplies</u>                         |                     |                |
| Materials and supplies                  | 107                 | 869            |
|   | <u>107</u>          | <u>869</u>     |
| <u>Other</u>                            |                     |                |
| System repairs and maintenance          | 9,644               | 26,940         |
| Water system insurance                  | 1,822               | 848            |
| Electricity                             | 7,264               | 6,162          |
| Operating expenses                      | 24,105              | 18,323         |
| Equipment maintenance and repairs       | 7,065               | 8,478          |
|   | <u>49,900</u>       | <u>60,751</u>  |
| <u>Total water department expenses</u>  | <u>65,684</u>       | <u>76,966</u>  |
| <u>SEWER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES</u>        |                     |                |
| <u>Personal Service</u>                 |                     |                |
| Salaries                                | 13,428              | 13,473         |
| Payroll taxes                           | 1,027               | 1,031          |
| Retirement                              | 875                 | 842            |
|   | <u>15,330</u>       | <u>15,346</u>  |
| <u>Other</u>                            |                     |                |
| Repairs and maintenance                 | 10,432              | 12,001         |
| Electricity                             | 13,728              | 12,286         |
| Insurance                               | 2,443               | 2,454          |
| Sewer truck expense                     | 5,254               | 1,258          |
| Operating expenses                      | 19,223              | 18,752         |
|   | <u>51,080</u>       | <u>46,751</u>  |
| <u>Total sewer department expenses</u>  | <u>66,410</u>       | <u>62,097</u>  |
| <u>GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE</u>       |                     |                |
| <u>Supplies</u>                         |                     |                |
| Office supplies                         | 529                 | 1,136          |
|   | <u>529</u>          | <u>1,136</u>   |
| <u>Other</u>                            |                     |                |
| Dues and subscriptions                  | 1,474               | 1,089          |
| Telephone                               | 2,168               | 1,286          |
| Miscellaneous                           | 3,306               | 743            |
| Professional services                   | 15,223              | 10,307         |
| Advertising                             | 174                 | 494            |
|   | <u>22,345</u>       | <u>13,919</u>  |
| <u>Depreciation</u>                     | <u>87,603</u>       | <u>79,964</u>  |
|   | <u>87,603</u>       | <u>79,964</u>  |
| <u>Total general and administrative</u> | <u>110,477</u>      | <u>95,019</u>  |
| <u>Total expenses</u>                   | <u>242,571</u>      | <u>234,082</u> |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO GOVERNING BODY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>POSITION</u>           | <u>COMPENSATION</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Barbara L. Picard | Mayor                     | \$9,000             |
| Paul Catalon      | Alderman                  | 2,400               |
| Gary Villien      | Alderman                  | 2,400               |
| Darin Desormeaux  | Alderman                  | <u>2,400</u>        |
|                   | <u>Total compensation</u> | <u>16,200.</u>      |

VILLAGE OF MAURICE, LOUISIANA  
COMBINED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - ALL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2004

| <u>HOLDER</u>                        | <u>MATURITY</u><br><u>DATE</u> | <u>INTEREST</u><br><u>RATE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u>  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>GENERAL FUND</u>                  |                                |                                |                |
| Bank of Abbeville                    | 8/29/04                        | 1.70%                          | \$66,424       |
| Bank of Abbeville                    | 10/15/04                       | 2.50%                          | 7,510          |
| Gulf Coast Bank                      | 10/05/04                       | 1.20%                          | 134,836        |
| <u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>         |                                |                                |                |
| 1975 Sales Tax Fund                  |                                |                                |                |
| Bank of Abbeville                    | 6/25/05                        | 1.75%                          | 218,184        |
| Gulf Coast Bank                      | 9/30/04                        | 1.20%                          | 114,041        |
| Gulf Coast Bank                      | 4/08/05                        | 1.20%                          | 150,000        |
| <u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>               |                                |                                |                |
| Utility Fund                         |                                |                                |                |
| Bank of Abbeville                    | 10/15/04                       | 2.50%                          | <u>10,234</u>  |
| <u>TOTAL INVESTMENTS - ALL FUNDS</u> |                                |                                | <u>701,229</u> |

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The Honorable Mayor and Aldermen  
of the Village of Maurice  
Maurice, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As part of our examination, we have issued our report on the general purpose financial statements, dated December 8, 2004, and our report on internal control and compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants dated December 8, 2004.

During the course of our examination, we became aware of the following matters which represent immaterial deviations of compliance or suggestions for improved internal controls.

The following is an immaterial instance of noncompliance with laws and regulations that has come to our attention.

2004-2 Water Bill Adjustments

Condition: The Village of Maurice made adjustments in the amount of \$592 to customer's water bills for leaks that were not caused by the municipality.

Criteria: Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14 generally prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of public funds, property or things of value to any person, association or corporation, public or private.

Cause: The Village of Maurice improperly adjusted customer's water bills.

Effect: The Village of Maurice made a donation of public funds which is expressly prohibited by Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Recommendation: Procedures should be instituted to ensure that adjustments to water bills comply with state law.

The Honorable Mayor and Aldermen  
of the Village of Maurice  
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The following are suggestions for improving your system, procedures, and operations:

2004-3 Ad Valorem Taxes

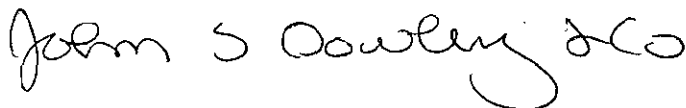
We recommend that the tax collector provide the Mayor and the Aldermen a yearly list of ad valorem taxes that are delinquent. The Mayor and the Aldermen would then review the list and determine if the accounts should be written off or turned over for collection.

2004-4 Utility System Policies and Billing System

We recommend that the Village of Maurice adopt a policy concerning the utility systems billings and disconnections. The policy should include a statement that the Village should only make adjustments to water bills for misread meters or leaks that are caused by the municipality. It should also state that all adjustments be approved by the Mayor and at least one alderman. The policy should include a cutoff date of when a customer should be disconnected for non payment. This cutoff date should be strictly enforced by the maintenance director without any prior approval needed.

We also recommend that a new billing software be purchased due to the age of the program and the problems that the clerks have experienced with it.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We will be pleased to discuss these comments and suggestions in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.



Opelousas, Louisiana  
December 8, 2004

# VILLAGE OF MAURICE

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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

**BARBARA L. PICARD**  
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December 23, 2004

**TROY CATALON**  
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218 East Vincent  
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**DARIN DESORMEAUX**  
Alderman  
(337) 898-9799 (Res.)  
231 E. Etienne Road  
Maurice, LA 70555

The Village of Maurice respectfully submits the following Corrective Action Plan for the year ended June 30, 2004.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm: John S. Dowling & Company, P.O. Box 1549, Opelousas, LA 70571-1549.

**GARY J. VILLIEN**  
Alderman - Mayor Pro-Tem  
(337) 898-9404 (Res)  
345 Andre' Ave.  
Maurice, LA 70555

Audit period: Year ended June 30, 2004.

The findings from the 2004 audit report and management letter are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the report.

**CALVIN E. WOODRUFF, JR.**  
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### FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

#### 2004-1 Accounting for Ad Valorem Taxes

Action Taken: The Village has turned over the collections and accounting for ad valorem taxes to the Village clerk. This will allow the clerk to update the accounting records as collections are made.

**BERNARD F. DUHON**  
Magistrate  
(337) 893-5066  
P.O. Box 638  
Abbeville, LA 70511-0638

### FINDINGS - FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

N/A

**GERALD DARTEZ**  
Prosecutor  
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212 Live Oak Dr.  
Lafayette, LA 70503

### FINDINGS - MANAGEMENT LETTER

#### 2004-2 Water Bill Adjustments

Action Taken: The Village is in the process of adopting a policy that will allow adjustments only for misread meters or leaks that are caused by the municipality.

**WARREN H. ROST**  
Marshal - Police Chief  
(337) 893-2540

**TRICIA MANCEAUX**  
Clerk / Secretary-Treasurer/  
Tax Collector

**JOAN DENT**  
Utility Clerk

#### 2004-3 Ad Valorem Taxes

Action Taken: The tax collector will provide the Mayor and the Aldermen a yearly list of Ad Valorem Taxes that are delinquent. The Mayor and Aldermen will then direct the tax collector of the necessary steps to take concerning the delinquent accounts.

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2004-4 Utility System Policies and Billing System

Action Taken: The Village is in the process of adopting a policy for adjustments and cutoffs. The Village will also purchase a new utility system software package.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Picard*

Barbara Picard, Mayor  
Village of Maurice