**Town of Alliance** 

Alliance, North Carolina

Audit Report

June 30, 2019

## **TOWN OF ALLIANCE**

# ALLIANCE, NORTH CAROLINA

**TOWN OFFICIALS** 

<u>Mayor</u>

Frank Willis

#### **Town Commissioners**

Will Riggs – Mayor Pro-Tem F. Mike Cuthrell Louis E. Daniels Harry Brooks

## **Town Clerk**

Linda K. Marshall

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council Town of Alliance, North Carolina

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Alliance, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on the audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining funds of Town of Alliance, North Carolina as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where appropriate, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison of the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 10 and 28 through 30, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards general accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Alliance, North Carolina. The individual fund statements and schedules, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund statements and schedules, are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or the basic financial statement themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, individual fund financial statements and schedules, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. The individual fund financial statements and schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Larry E. Carpenter, CPA, PA

Greenville, NC October 28, 2019 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Alliance, we offer readers of the Town of Alliance's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Alliance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

#### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town of Alliance exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$575,978.
- The government's total net position increased by \$18,385, due to increases in the general revenues, mainly due to property taxes, and decreases in general government expenses.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Alliance's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$476,817 an increase of \$1,386 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 1.78% percent of this total amount, or \$8,503, is non-spendable or restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unrassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$468,314.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town had Restricted Reserves of \$8,503.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to Town of Alliance's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Town through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Town of Alliance.



# **Components of the Annual Financial Report**

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The first two statements (Exhibits A-1 and A-2) in the basic financial statements are the Government-wide Financial Statements. They provide both short and long-term information about the Town's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits A-3 through A-9) are Fund Financial Statements. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are two parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements and; 2) the budgetary comparison statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the Notes. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, Supplemental Information is provided to show details about the Town's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

#### **Government-wide financial statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Town's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The governmentwide statements provide short and long-term information about the Town's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Town's total assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements consist of the governmental activities. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as public safety, sanitation and general administration. Franchise Taxes and investment earnings finance most of these activities.

The government-wide financial statements are on pages 11-12 of this report.

#### Fund financial statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 2) provide a more detailed look at the Town's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Alliance, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Town's budget ordinance. All of the funds of Town of Alliance are governmental funds.

**Governmental Funds:** Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the Town's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting that provides a short-term spending focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the Town's programs. The relationship between governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The Town of Alliance adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the Town, the management of the Town, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Town to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the Town complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the Town succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the Town Council; 2) the final budget as amended by the Town Council; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

**Notes to the financial statements:** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 18-26 of this report.

Interdependence with Other Entities: The Town depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the Federal Government and the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the Town is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to Federal and State laws and Federal and State appropriations. It is also subject to changes in investment earnings and asset values associated with U.S. Treasury Securities because of actions by foreign government and other holders of publicly held U.S. Treasury Securities.

#### Town of Alliance's Net Position

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Governmental				
	Activ	/ities		
	2019		2018	
\$	486,559	\$	430,575	
	95,819		79,288	
	-		-	
	582,378		509,863	
	6,400		2,370	
	-		-	
	-		-	
	6,400		2,370	
	95,819		79,288	
	8,503		10,748	
	471,656		417,457	
\$	575,978	\$	507,493	
	\$	Govern Activ 2019 \$ 486,559 95,819 - 582,378 6,400 - - - 6,400 95,819 8,503 471,656	Government Activities 2019 \$ 486,559 \$ 95,819 - 582,378 6,400 - - - 6,400 95,819 8,503 471,656	

Figure 2

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the Town of Alliance exceeded liabilities by \$575,978 as of June 30, 2019. The Town's net position increased by \$18,385 fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The Town of Alliance uses capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The Town also has funds restricted for stabilization by state statute and fund restricted for street. The remaining balance of \$494,493 is unrestricted, and not subject to external restrictions on how it may be used.

#### Town of Alliance's Changes in Net Position

#### Figure 3

	Governmental					
	Activities					
		2019		2018		
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$	20,178	\$	20,293		
Operating grants and contributions		17,387		17,607		
Capital grants and contributions		-		-		
General revenues:						
Property taxes		44,035		27,128		
Other taxes		47,896		47,786		
Investment earnings		3,822		2,687		
Other		1,847		718		
Total revenues		135,165		116,219		
Expenses:						
General government		46,957		37,519		
Public safety		19,836		19,836		
Transportation		4,436		28,635		
Environmental protection		45,551		40,822		
Total expenses		116,780		126,812		
Increase (decrease) in Net Position		18,385		(10,593)		
Net Position, July 1		557,593		492,036		
Net Position, June 30	\$	575,978	\$	507,493		

Governmental activities: Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$18,385.

Key elements of this increase are as follows:

• Increase in general government expenses

#### Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town of Alliance uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds.** The focus of the Town of Alliance's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town of Alliance's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Alliance. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Alliance's unassigned fund balance available in the General Fund was \$468,314 while total fund balance reached \$476,817. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 368.76% percent of total General Fund expenditures.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights:** The Town's revenues are in line with prior years, while general government expenses were lower than prior years.

#### Capital Asset and Debt Administration

**Capital assets.** The Town of Alliance's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2019, totaled \$95,819 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, land, and equipment.

## Town of Alliance's Capital Assets

(Net of Accumulated Depreciation) Figure 4

	 2019	2018		
Land	\$ 949	\$	949	
Buildings	2,414		2,414	
Improvements	74,889		58,254	
Infrastructure	 17,566		17,671	
Total	\$ 95,818	\$	79,288	

Additional information on the Town capital assets can be found in note 3 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-term Debt. As of June 30, 2019, the Town of Alliance did not have any outstanding debt.

#### Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Budgeted expenditures in the General Fund are expected to be comparable with prior years with the exception of expenditures related to the governing body. The governing body line budget includes a contingency of \$5,000.

#### **Requests for Information**

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town of Alliance finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to:

The Town of Alliance Post Office Box 39 Alliance, NC 28509 Telephone: (252) 745-4260 Attention: Mayor Frank Willis, Sr.

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

## Town of Alliance, North Carolina Statement of Net Position June 30, 2019

	Primary		
		ernmental ctivities	
	Activities		
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	474,714	
Taxes receivable, net		3,342	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		8,503	
Total Current Assets		486,559	
Noncurrent Assets			
Land and other no depreciable assets		949	
Other capital assets, net of depreciation		94,870	
Total Assets		582,378	
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Aggregated deferred outflows			
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources			
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		4,306	
Unearned revenues		2,094	
Total Current Liabilities		6,400	
Total Liabilities		6,400	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Aggregated deferred inflows			
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources			
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets		95,819	
Restricted for:			
Streets		8,503	
Unrestricted		471,656	
Total Net Position	\$	575,978	

## Town of Alliance, North Carolina Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

				Р	rogram Revenues	6		Net (Expense) Revenue
Functions/Programs	Expenses	-	Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Governmental Activities
Primary Government	 	_						
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$ 46,956	\$		\$		\$		\$ (46,956)
Public safety	19,836							(19,836)
Transportation	4,436				17,387			12,951
Environmental protection	45,551		20,178					(25,373)
Total Governmental Activities	 116,779		20,178		17,387			 (79,214)

## General Purpose Revenues and Transfers:

Re	ve	nu	es	

Ad valorem taxes	44,035
Unrestricted intergovernmental	47,896
Interest and fees	3,822
Miscellaneous Income	 1,846
Total General Revenues and Transfers	97599
Change in Net Position	18,385
Net Position, beginning, as previously reported	507,493
Prior period adjustment	 50,100
Net position, beginning, restated	557,593
Net Position at End of Period	\$ 575,978

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Town of Alliance, North Carolina Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2019

	Major Fund	
	Ger	neral Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	474,714
Taxes receivable, net		3,342
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		8,503
Total Assets		486,559
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Aggregated deferred outflows		
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	486,559
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	4,306
Unearned revenues		2,094
Total Liabilities		6,400
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Aggregated deferred inflows		3,342
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources		9,742
FUND BALANCE		
Restricted		
Streets		8,503
Unassigned		468,314
Total Fund Balance		476,817
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	\$	486,559

### Town of Alliance, North Carolina Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2019

Amounts reported for government activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total Net Position-Governmental Funds	\$	575,978
Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements.		3,342
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	Ŧ	95,819
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	476.817

## Town of Alliance, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Major Fund		
	General Fund		
Revenues			
Ad valorem taxes	\$	43,566	
Unrestricted intergovernmental		47,896	
Restricted intergovernmental		17,387	
Sales and services		20,178	
Miscellaneous Income		1,847	
Interest and fees		3,822	
Total Revenues		134,696	
Expenditures			
General government		48,253	
Public safety		19,836	
Transportation		19,670	
Environmental protection		45,551	
Total Expenditures		133,310	
Net Change in Fund Balance		1,386	
Fund Balance, Beginning, previously reported		425,331	
Prior period adjustment		50,100	
Fund Balance, Beginning, restated		475,431	
Fund Balance at End of Period	\$	476,817	

## Town of Alliance, North Carolina Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance with Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 1,836
Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	16,531
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	468
Changes in Net Position-Governmental Funds	\$ 18,835

#### Town of Alliance, North Carolina Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Budgete	d Amounts		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	Final to Actual
Revenues				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 43,566	\$ 6,566
Unrestricted intergovernmental	46,800	46,800	47,896	1,096
Restricted intergovernmental			17,387	17,387
Sales and services	20,000	20,000	20,178	178
Miscellaneous Income	600	600	1,847	1,247
Interest and fees	2,500	2,500	3,822	1,322
Total Revenues	106,900	106,900	134,696	27,796
Other Financing Sources				
Total Revenues and Other				
Financing Sources	106,900	106,900	134,696	27,796
Expenditures				
General government	50,590	50,590	48.253	2,337
Public safety	20,000	20,000	19,836	164
Transportation	13.000	13.000	19.670	(6,670)
Environmental protection	44,350	44,350	45,551	(1,201)
Total Expenditures	127,940	127,940	133,310	(5,370)
Other Financing Uses	,	,	,	
Appropriations	(21,040)	(21,040)		(21,040)
Total Expenditures and Other	<u> </u>			<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>
Financing Uses	106,900	106,900	133,310	(26,410)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	\$	1386	\$ 51,486
Fund Balance, Beginning, previously reported			425,331	
Prior period adjustment			50,100	
Fund Balance, Beginning, restated			475,431	
Fund Balance at End of Period			\$ 476,817	

**Notes To The Financial Statements** 

#### NOTE I - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Alliance is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and four commissioners. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the financial information of the Town.

#### B. Basis of Presentation

*Government-wide Statements:* The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the Town and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. 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 fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds is displayed. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund.** The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is a major fund for fund financial statement reporting purposes.

The Town does not have any non-major governmental fund.

#### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the Town are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2015, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2015 and for limited registration plates are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the utilities franchise tax collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue for the Town of Alliance because the tax is levied by Beaufort County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific costreimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

#### D. Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, the special revenue funds, and the Enterprise Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the project level for the multi-year fund. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or that change functional appropriations. The Town Manager has the authority to amend appropriations within departments. All other amendments must be approved by the governing board.

#### E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity

#### 1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)], authorizes the Town to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). The Town's investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. The securities of the NCCMT-Cash Portfolio, a SEC registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund, are valued at fair value, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT-Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value.

#### 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income. Therefore, all cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are consideredcash and cash equivalents.

#### 3. Restricted Assets

Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing, or widening local streets per G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Customer deposits are classified as restricted cash because they must be returned to the customer at the conclusion of service.

#### 4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1st (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6th. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2016. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid prior to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

#### 5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

#### 6. Inventory & Prepaid Items

The inventories of the Town are valued at cost (first-in, first-out), which approximates market. The inventories of the Town's enterprise funds consist of materials and supplies held for subsequent use. The cost of these inventories is expensed when consumed rather than when purchased.

#### 7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Infrastructure	30 years
Buildings	20-40 years
Improvements	10-20 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-10 years
Computers	4-5 years

#### 8. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town has one item that meets the criterion for this category—property taxes receivable.

#### 9. Net Position/Fund Balances

#### Net Position

Net position in government-wide financial statements are classified as net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through state statute.

#### Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

*Nonspendable Fund Balance* — This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The Town does not have any nonspendable fund balances for the governmental fund types.

*Restricted Fund Balance* — This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

*Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute* — portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)].

*Restricted for Streets—Powell Bill* — portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill funds.

*Committed Fund Balance* — portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of the Town of Alliance's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). The governing body can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of

the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or otherwise revise the limitation.

Assigned Fund Balance — portion of fund balance that the Town of Alliance intends to use for specific purposes.

*Subsequent years' expenditures*— portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next years' budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* — the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

#### NOTE I-STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Significant Violations of Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

- 1. Noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes NONE
- 2. Contractual Violations NONE
- 3. Deficit in Fund Balance or Net Position of Individual Funds NONE
- 4. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the expenditures made in the Towns General Fund exceeded the authorized appropriations made by the governing board for transportation, and environmental protection activities by \$6,670, and \$1,201 respectively. These over-expenditure occurred because of additional road improvements and paving cost the town incurred, and increases in trash expenses as well as safety contract expenses. Management and the Board will more closely review the budget reports to ensure compliance in future years.

#### NOTE III - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

#### A. Assets

#### 1. Deposits and Investments

All the deposits of the City are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the City's agents in these units' names. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the

State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the City these deposits are considered to be held by the City's agents in their names. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for noninterest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the City or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the City under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization. This risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The City has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The City complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2019, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$506,504 and a bank balance of \$483,217 Of the bank balance, \$483,217 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the pooling method. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

#### 2. Capital Assets

#### **Primary Government**

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2019, was as follows:

#### **General Fund Capital Assets**

	-	jinning Iances	Inc	creases	De	creases	inding Ilances
Capital assets not being depreciated:							 
Land	\$	949	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 949
Capital assets being depreciated:							
Buildings		24,136					24,136
Improvements		71,112		19,635			90,747
Equipment		5,802					5,802
Infrastructure		28,671					 28,671
Total capital assets being depreciated		129,720	\$	19,635	\$	-	 149,355
Less accumulated depreciation for:							
Buildings		21,722		-			21,722
Improvements		12,857		4,093		1,092	15,858
Equipment		5,802		-			5,802
Infrastructure		11,000		1,510		1,405	 11,104
Total accumulated depreciation		51,381	\$	5,603	\$	2,497	 54,486
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		78,339					 94,869
Total capital assets, net	\$	79,288					\$ 95,818

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

General Government	\$ 1,201
Streets	4,401
	\$ 5,603

#### **B.** Liabilities

#### 1. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The town has several inflows/outflows of resources:

Source		ount
Prepaid taxes (General Fund)	\$	-
Taxes receivable (General Fund), less penalties		3,342
Total	\$	3,342

#### 2. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General Fund balance that is available for appropriations:

Total Fund Balance-General Fund	\$ 476,817
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	-
Streets-Powell Bill	8,503
Subsequent year's expenditures	-
Working Capital / Fund Balance Policy	
Remaining Fund Balance	468,314

#### 3. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; natural disasters; and medical and dental claims for employees, retirees, and dependents. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years.

The Town carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. The Town does not carry flood insurance and the risk of flooding is minimal.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The town officials that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$16,000. The finance officer is individually bonded for \$50,000.

#### NOTE IV —SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

#### Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Town has received proceeds from several federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant monies.

#### NOTE V — PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 the Town determined that certain bank accounts had been omitted, as well as a misstatement of the prior year. Therefore, an adjustment to fund balance had been recorded to account for the two bank errors which increased beginning fund balance and net position by \$50,100.

#### NOTE VI — SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 28, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the town determined that additional bank account had been omitted as well as a misstatement of their operating account. Therefore, an adjustment to fund balance has been recorded to account for the bank account errors, which increase the beginning fund balance and net position by \$50,100.

**REQUIRED SUPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA** 

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

#### Schedule 1

			Variance Positive
	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues			
Ad Valorem Taxes			
Taxes		43,566	
Total	37,000	43,566	6,566
Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenues		0.070	
Sales and use tax		9,979	
Utility franchise tax		34,504	
Beer & wine tax		3,413	
Total	46,800	47,896	1,096
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues			
Powell Bill allocation		17,387	
Total	-	17,387	17,387
Sales and Services			
Garbage services		20,178	
Total	20,000	20,178	178
10101	20,000	20,170	

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Investment Earnings			
Interest		3,822	
Total	2,500	3,822	1,322
Other Revenues			
Miscellaneous		1,847	
Total	600	1,847	1,247
Total Revenue	\$ 106,900	\$ 134,696	\$ 27,796
Expenditures			
General Government			
Salaries and benefits		3,782	
Professional services		13,569	
Dues & subscriptions		1,841	
Telephone		2,330	
Utilities		11,928	
Insurance & bonds		3,501	
Repairs & maintenance		10,531	
Supplies		114	
Other operating expenses		658	
Total	50,590	48,254	2,336

	Dudget		Variance Positive
	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
Public Safety			
Fire department donation		19,836	
Total	20,000	19,836	164
Transportation			
Street maintenance		35	
Capital outlay		19,635	
Total	13,000	19,670	(6,670)
Environmental Protection			
Solid wastre disposal		44,864	
Other operating expenses		687	
Total	44,350	45,551	(1,201)

#### Schedule 1 Continued

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Total Expenditures	127,940	133,311	(5,371)
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(21,040)	1,385	22,425
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b> Appropriations Total	(21,040)		(21,040)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	1,385	\$ 1,385
Fund balance - July 1 Fund balance - June 30		475,431 \$ 476,816	

**OTHER SCHEDULES** 

## Town of Alliance, North Carolina General Fund Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Unco	ollected					Unc	ollected
	Ba	alance			Co	llections	Ba	alance
Fiscal Year	July	1, 2018	A	dditions	and	d Credits	June	30, 2019
2019	\$	-	\$	45,460	\$	43,853	\$	1,607
2018	\$	1,258	\$	-	\$	787	\$	471
2017		523			\$	183		340
2016		457			\$	90		367
2015		379			\$	72		307
2014		257			\$	7		251
		2,874		45,460		44,992		3,342

#### **Reconciliation with Revenues:**

Ad Valorem Tax - General Fund	\$ 43,566
Reconciling items:	
Interest collected	(291)
Releases and adjustments	 (1,717)
Total Collections and Credits	\$ 44,992

#### Town of Alliance, North Carolina General Fund Analysis of Current Tax Levy For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Property Valuation		Rate per \$100	Total Levy		Total Levy Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles		Registered Motor Vehicles	
Original Levy: Property tax at current year's tax rate	\$	90,920,000	0.05	\$	45,460	\$	40,607	\$	4,853
Total Net Levy for Current Year	\$	90,920,000							
Net levy					45,460		40,607		4,853
Less uncollected taxes at June 30, 2019					1,607		1,607		-
Current year's taxes collected				\$	43,853	\$	39,000	\$	4,853
Current levy collection percentage					96.47%		96.04%		100.00%