

**Town of Forest City, North Carolina**

**Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2020**



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(As of June 30, 2020)**

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**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

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

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Forest City, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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 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 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.

## ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Forest City, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where appropriate, and the budgetary comparison for 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 on pages 4-11, the Retiree Health Benefit Fund's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability and Contributions on pages 56-57, the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions on pages 58-59, the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension's Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability on page 60, and the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedules of Changes in Total Pension Liability and Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll on page 61 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 generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing 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 Forest City. The individual fund statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200*, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and the State Single Audit Implementation Acts, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 to the basic financial statements 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 individual fund statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 8, 2021 on our consideration of the Town of Forest City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of the report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Forest City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Donald Killian CPA Group, P.A.*

Asheville, North Carolina  
January 8, 2021



**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

As management of the Town of Forest City, we offer readers of the Town of Forest City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Forest City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. 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.

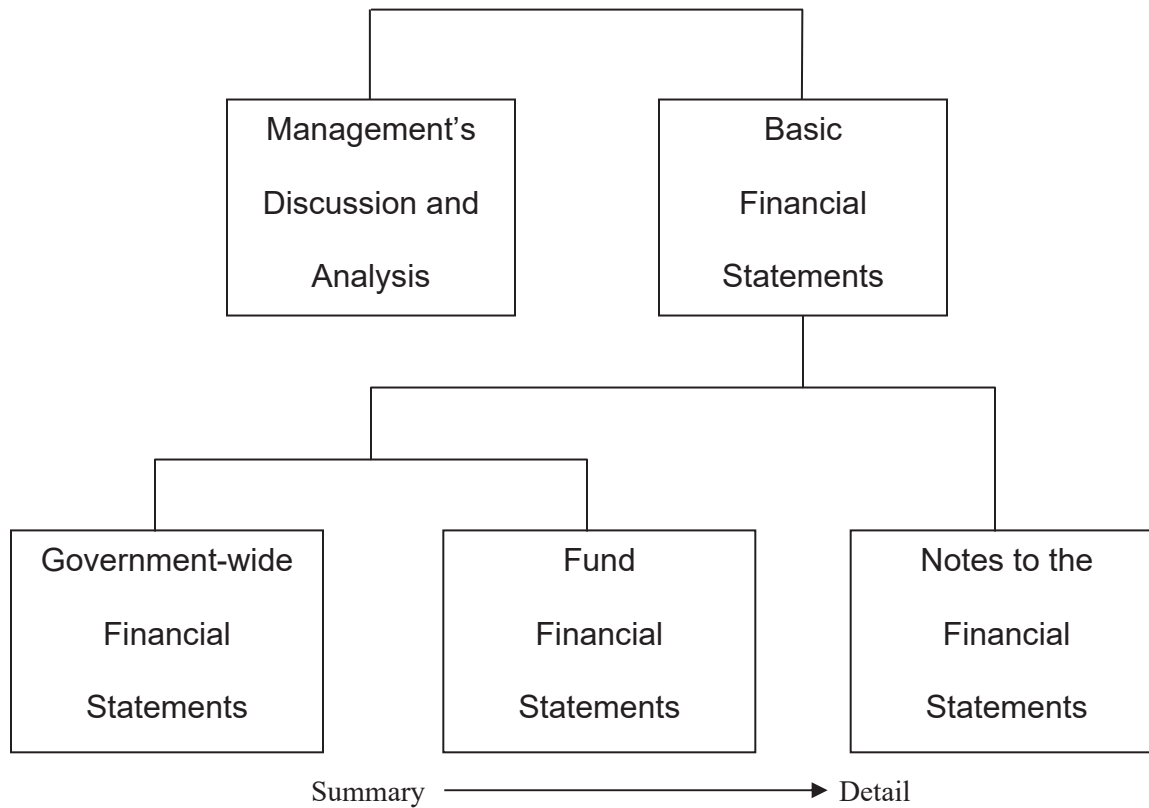
**Financial Highlights**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Forest City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$63,076,988 (*net position*).
- The government's total net position increased by \$324,320, consisting of a decrease in the governmental activities net position of \$495,579 and an increase in the business-type activities net position of \$819,899.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Forest City's governmental fund reported ending fund balance of \$5,404,915 with a net decrease of \$171,061 in fund balance. Approximately 48% of this total amount, or \$2,599,375, is restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, fund balance available for appropriation in the General Fund was \$4,175,863, or 25% of net General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year, and total fund balance for the General Fund was \$5,404,915 or 33% of net General Fund expenditures.
- The Town of Forest City's long-term installment and revolving loan obligations increased by \$704,475 or 65% during the current fiscal year due to issuance of new debt netted against principal payments made on existing debt.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to Town of Forest City'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 Forest City.

**Required Components of Annual Financial Report**  
**Figure 1**



**Basic Financial Statements**

The first two statements (Exhibits 1 and 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 3 through 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 three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statement; and 3) the proprietary fund 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 North Carolina 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 government-wide 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 are divided into three categories: 1) governmental activities, 2) business-type activities, and 3) component units. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and State and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the Town charges customers to provide. These include the water and sewer and electric services offered by the Town of Forest City. The final category is the component unit. Although legally separate from the Town, the ABC Board is important to the Town. The Town exercises control over the Board by appointing its members and the Board is required to distribute its profits to the Town.

The government-wide financial statements are Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) 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 Forest City, 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 Forest City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary 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* which 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 government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The Town of Forest City 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 board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 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.

**Proprietary Funds** – The Town of Forest City has one kind of proprietary fund. *Enterprise Funds* are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town of Forest City uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer activity and for its electric operations. These funds are the same as the functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

**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 23 of this report.

**Other Information** – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the Town of Forest City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension and OPEB benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 56 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.

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

**Town of Forest City's Net Position  
Figure 2**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 6,339,079	\$ 6,505,436	\$ 14,155,054	\$ 13,999,739	\$ 20,494,133	\$ 20,505,175
Capital assets	21,931,321	21,213,237	41,437,211	40,965,110	63,368,532	62,178,347
Deferred outflows of resources	2,471,426	2,006,898	1,001,029	818,788	3,472,455	2,825,686
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	30,741,826	29,725,571	56,593,294	55,783,637	87,335,120	85,509,208
Current liabilities	1,259,215	1,200,757	813,061	1,021,701	2,072,276	2,222,458
Long-term liabilities	12,872,414	10,661,100	4,887,086	4,365,617	17,759,500	15,026,717
Deferred inflows of resources	3,111,821	3,869,759	1,314,535	1,637,606	4,426,356	5,507,365
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	17,243,450	15,731,616	7,014,682	7,024,924	24,258,132	22,756,540
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	20,486,876	20,591,967	41,089,750	40,498,949	61,576,626	61,090,916
Restricted	1,599,375	1,901,898	-	-	1,599,375	1,901,898
Unrestricted (deficit)	(8,587,875)	(8,499,910)	8,488,862	8,259,764	(99,013)	(240,146)
Total net position	\$ 13,498,376	\$ 13,993,955	\$ 49,578,612	\$ 48,758,713	\$ 63,076,988	\$ 62,752,668

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the Town of Forest City exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$63,076,988 as of June 30, 2020. The Town's net position increased by \$324,320 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. However, the largest portion of net position (97%) reflects the Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, and equipment). The Town of Forest City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of Forest City's net investment in capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town of Forest City's net position, \$1,599,375 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. This leaves an unrestricted deficit of (\$99,013).

Several particular aspects of the Town’s financial operations influenced the total unrestricted net position:

- Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a tax collection percentage of 99.07%. The statewide average in fiscal year 2020 was 98.78%.
- Code enforcement and building permit revenues were lower than anticipated, due mainly to a COVID-19 related shutdown of many large industrial improvement projects.
- Continued cost saving efforts utilized by Town department heads, which resulted in actual expenditures being much less than the budget in many areas.
- Property tax revenue, as well as sales tax revenues, increased due to economic growth and was not impacted by COVID-19 as anticipated.

**Town of Forest City’s Changes in Net Position**  
**Figure 3**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,816,187	\$ 1,901,982	\$ 16,841,702	\$ 17,293,499	\$ 18,657,889	\$ 19,195,481
Operating grants and contributions	49,304	29,330	-	-	49,304	29,330
Capital grants and contributions	236,597	1,032,987	857,018	97,909	1,093,615	1,130,896
General revenues:						
Property taxes	5,585,331	4,540,604	-	-	5,585,331	4,540,604
Other taxes	1,638,736	1,404,132	-	-	1,638,736	1,404,132
Grants and other contributions, not restricted to specific programs	1,656,941	1,603,309	-	-	1,656,941	1,603,309
Other	262,729	306,721	114,698	128,637	377,427	435,358
Total revenues	11,245,825	10,819,065	17,813,418	17,520,045	29,059,243	28,339,110
Expenses:						
General government	6,037,126	4,826,017	-	-	6,037,126	4,826,017
Public safety	4,617,100	4,422,309	-	-	4,617,100	4,422,309
Transportation	1,512,472	1,769,338	-	-	1,512,472	1,769,338
Environmental protection	1,357,281	1,258,675	-	-	1,357,281	1,258,675
Cultural and recreation	2,154,988	1,930,422	-	-	2,154,988	1,930,422
Economic development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	13,037	17,422	-	-	13,037	17,422
Water and sewer	-	-	5,513,080	4,972,030	5,513,080	4,972,030
Electric	-	-	7,529,839	8,210,448	7,529,839	8,210,448
Total expenses	15,692,004	14,224,183	13,042,919	13,182,478	28,734,923	27,406,661
Increase in net position before transfers	(4,446,179)	(3,405,118)	4,770,499	4,337,567	324,320	932,449
Transfers	3,950,600	2,646,485	(3,950,600)	(2,646,485)	-	-
Increase in net position	(495,579)	(758,633)	819,899	1,691,082	324,320	932,449
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	13,993,955	14,752,588	48,758,713	47,067,631	62,752,668	61,820,219
Net position, end of year	\$ 13,498,376	\$ 13,993,955	\$ 49,578,612	\$ 48,758,713	\$ 63,076,988	\$ 62,752,668

**Governmental activities.** Governmental activities decreased the Town's net position by \$4,446,179, before transfers from the enterprise funds. This decrease is largely due to pension and OPEB related expenses as well as budgeted reliance on enterprise fund transfers.

**Business-type activities.** Business-type activities increased the Town of Forest City's net position by \$4,770,499, before transfers of \$3,950,600 to the general fund. This increase is due to cost saving efforts which resulted in actual expenditures being less than budgeted.

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

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

**Governmental Funds.** The focus of the Town of Forest City'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 Forest City's financing requirements.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Forest City. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of Forest City's fund balance available in the General Fund was \$4,175,862, while total fund balance was \$5,404,915. The Town currently has an available fund balance of 25% of net General Fund expenditures, and total fund balance represents 33% of the same amount.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights.** Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services. Budgetary amendments during the year were for adjustments to the budget estimates of completing large projects from prior year, such as a new town park and rail trail; amendments to recognize the receipt of grants from RHI Legacy Foundation for various town projects; and for the unexpected repair or replacement of equipment necessary to provide essential services.

Actual revenues are generally higher than the budget due to the use of conservative revenue estimation. Expenditures tend to be lower than the budget. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, revenues were \$182,374 less than the budgeted amounts, due largely to expected capital grant contributions not received in the current year. Expenditures were \$2,720,802 less than the budgeted amounts, and the Town was able to comply with its budgetary requirements.

**Proprietary Funds.** The Town of Forest City's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$3,211,447 and the total change in net position for the Water and Sewer Fund was \$1,036,740. Unrestricted net position of the Electric Fund was \$5,277,415 and the total decrease in net position for the Electric Fund was \$216,841.

### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital assets.** The Town of Forest City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2019, totals \$63,368,532 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include land, buildings, water and sewer lines, electric lines machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

The major capital asset transactions during the year included water line and manhole replacements, renovations to several parks with grant funds, and the continuation of replacing aging utility poles.

**Town of Forest City's Capital Assets  
(net of depreciation)**

**Figure 4**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Land	\$ 7,656,757	\$ 7,654,217	\$ 293,597	\$ 293,597	\$ 7,950,354	\$ 7,947,814
Construction in progress	959,869	536,023	1,083,472	264,654	2,043,341	800,677
Buildings	15,850,941	15,596,660	-	-	15,850,941	15,596,660
Infrastructure	1,239,876	1,233,581	73,057,670	72,930,693	74,297,546	74,164,274
Equipment	5,092,067	4,745,605	7,925,186	6,900,231	13,017,253	11,645,836
Vehicles	4,346,648	4,028,385	-	-	4,346,648	4,028,385
	35,146,158	33,794,471	82,359,925	80,389,175	117,506,083	114,183,646
Accumulated depreciation	(13,214,837)	(12,581,234)	(40,922,714)	(39,424,065)	(54,137,551)	(52,005,299)
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 21,931,321</u>	<u>\$ 21,213,237</u>	<u>\$ 41,437,211</u>	<u>\$ 40,965,110</u>	<u>\$ 63,368,532</u>	<u>\$ 62,178,347</u>

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

**Long-term Debt.** As of June 30, 2020, the Town of Forest City had total installment debt outstanding of \$1,453,061 which is secured with the assets purchased with these funds, and a state revolving loan of \$338,845.

**Town of Forest City's Outstanding Debt  
Figure 5**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Direct placement installment loans	\$ 1,444,445	\$ 621,270	\$ 8,616	\$ 103,112	\$ 1,453,061	\$ 724,382
Direct placement revolving loan	-	-	338,845	363,049	338,845	363,049
	<u>\$ 1,444,445</u>	<u>\$ 621,270</u>	<u>\$ 347,461</u>	<u>\$ 466,161</u>	<u>\$ 1,791,906</u>	<u>\$ 1,087,431</u>

The Town of Forest City's total long-term debt increased by \$704,475, or 65%, during the past fiscal year due the issuance of new debt netted against loan repayments.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for Town of Forest City is approximately \$152,000,000.

Additional information regarding the Town of Forest City's long-term debt can be found in Note 3 of this report.

**Impact of Coronavirus on the Town**

The impact of Covid-19 for the Town included lost revenues in the utility funds, delays in project completion, and increased expenses related to sanitization procedures and distancing employees. Late fees for utility accounts were waived for 6 months, while allowing customers to make payments on past due balances that accumulated from March through July 31st. Construction on needed projects were delayed during the stay at home orders.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The Town has been gaining economic momentum for several years now. All indications are that this trajectory will continue into the future, however possibly at a slower rate due to COVID-19. Retail spaces along Main Street continue to bring visitors downtown and future events at the amphitheater will be scheduled as soon as it is safe to gather. The Thermal Belt Rail Trail continues to be a major asset to the Town as people seek outdoor activities. The proximity of a larger future farmer's market should enhance that experience.

Property taxes remain at \$.28/\$100 for fiscal year 2020-2021. An increase in property tax revenue is expected once new construction resumes and specifically improvements that were postponed at Facebook.

The Enterprise Fund is stable, which helps the Town to provide sustainable rates to our citizens and businesses. This also allows the Town to plan for necessary future capital needs to maintain our existing utility infrastructure. This year's budget saw water, sewer, and electric rates remain the same as the previous five years. Rates for electricity may be adjusted during the year to pass on rate changes charged to the Town by our wholesale energy provider, Duke Energy.

**Requests for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Forest City's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information, should be addressed to the Office of the Director of Finance, Town of Forest City, 128 N. Powell Street, Forest City, NC 28043.



## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2020

	Primary Government			Forest City ABC Board
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,606,659	\$ 11,449,519	\$ 15,056,178	\$ 289,082
Taxes receivable, net	88,608	-	88,608	-
Accrued interest receivable	14,500	-	14,500	-
Accounts receivable, net	137,641	2,295,447	2,433,088	-
Due from other governments	1,093,198	-	1,093,198	-
Interfund balances	4,658	(4,658)	-	-
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	6,646
Inventories	11,746	-	11,746	205,533
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,382,069	379,758	1,761,827	-
Total current assets	<u>6,339,079</u>	<u>14,120,066</u>	<u>20,459,145</u>	<u>501,261</u>
Noncurrent assets:				
Note receivable	-	34,988	34,988	-
Capital assets:				
Land and construction in progress	8,616,626	1,377,069	9,993,695	50,000
Other capital assets, net	13,314,695	40,060,142	53,374,837	192,630
Total capital assets	<u>21,931,321</u>	<u>41,437,211</u>	<u>63,368,532</u>	<u>242,630</u>
Total assets	<u>28,270,400</u>	<u>55,592,265</u>	<u>83,862,665</u>	<u>743,891</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Pension deferrals	1,243,890	470,422	1,714,312	18,087
OPEB deferrals	1,227,536	530,607	1,758,143	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,471,426</u>	<u>1,001,029</u>	<u>3,472,455</u>	<u>18,087</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	802,946	320,484	1,123,430	235,431
Current portion of long-term liabilities	456,269	112,819	569,088	-
Payable from restricted assets:				
Customer deposits	-	379,758	379,758	-
Total current liabilities	<u>1,259,215</u>	<u>813,061</u>	<u>2,072,276</u>	<u>235,431</u>
Long-term liabilities:				
Net pension liability - LGERS	1,963,472	830,806	2,794,278	25,671
Total pension liability - LEOSSA	1,043,440	-	1,043,440	-
Net OPEB liability	8,375,432	3,620,317	11,995,749	-
Due in more than one year	1,490,070	435,963	1,926,033	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>12,872,414</u>	<u>4,887,086</u>	<u>17,759,500</u>	<u>25,671</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,131,629</u>	<u>5,700,147</u>	<u>19,831,776</u>	<u>261,102</u>

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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2020

	<b>Primary Government</b>			<b>Forest City ABC Board</b>
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Prepaid taxes	9,919	-	9,919	-
Pension deferrals	116,189	23,947	140,136	-
OPEB deferrals	2,985,713	1,290,588	4,276,301	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,111,821</u>	<u>1,314,535</u>	<u>4,426,356</u>	-
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	20,486,876	41,089,750	61,576,626	242,630
Restricted for:				
Stabilization by State statute	1,217,306	-	1,217,306	-
Streets	382,069	-	382,069	-
Working capital	-	-	-	82,545
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(8,587,875)</u>	<u>8,488,862</u>	<u>(99,013)</u>	<u>175,701</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 13,498,376</u>	<u>\$ 49,578,612</u>	<u>\$ 63,076,988</u>	<u>\$ 500,876</u>

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TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 2

Statement of Activities  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government			Forest City ABC Board
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$ 6,037,126	\$ 128,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,908,459)	\$ -	\$ (5,908,459)	\$ -
Public safety	4,617,100	-	42,304	-	(4,574,796)	-	(4,574,796)	-
Transportation	1,512,472	5,016	-	233,597	(1,273,859)	-	(1,273,859)	-
Environmental protection	1,357,281	1,293,256	7,000	-	(57,025)	-	(57,025)	-
Cultural and recreation	2,154,988	389,248	-	3,000	(1,762,740)	-	(1,762,740)	-
Interest on long-term debt	13,037	-	-	-	(13,037)	-	(13,037)	-
Total governmental activities	15,692,004	1,816,187	49,304	236,597	(13,589,916)	-	(13,589,916)	-
Business-type activities:								
Water and sewer fund	5,513,080	5,691,783	-	790,922	-	969,625	969,625	-
Electric fund	7,529,839	11,149,919	-	66,096	-	3,686,176	3,686,176	-
Total business-type activities	13,042,919	16,841,702	-	857,018	-	4,655,801	4,655,801	-
Component unit								
ABC Board	2,781,567	2,795,561	-	-	-	-	-	13,994
Total	\$ 28,734,923	\$ 18,657,889	\$ 49,304	\$ 1,093,615	(13,589,916)	4,655,801	(8,934,115)	13,994
General revenues:								
Taxes:								
Property taxes, levied for general purpose					5,585,331	-	5,585,331	-
Other taxes					1,638,736	-	1,638,736	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					1,656,941	-	1,656,941	-
Unrestricted investment earnings					43,155	93,001	136,156	1,009
Gain on sale of fixed assets					53,684	21,697	75,381	-
Miscellaneous					165,890	-	165,890	2,758
Total general revenues before transfers					9,143,737	114,698	9,258,435	3,767
Transfers					3,950,600	(3,950,600)	-	-
Total general revenues					13,094,337	(3,835,902)	9,258,435	3,767
Changes in net position					(495,579)	819,899	324,320	17,761
Net position, beginning of year, as restated					13,993,955	48,758,713	62,752,668	483,115
Net position, end of year					\$ 13,498,376	\$ 49,578,612	\$ 63,076,988	\$ 500,876

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2020

	Major Fund	Total Governmental
	General Fund	Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,606,659	\$ 3,606,659
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,382,069	1,382,069
Taxes receivable, net	88,608	88,608
Accounts receivable, net	137,641	137,641
Due from other governments	1,093,198	1,093,198
Due from the Everest Textile Fund	4,658	4,658
Inventories	11,746	11,746
Total assets	\$ 6,324,579	\$ 6,324,579
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 802,946	\$ 802,946
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	116,718	116,718
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Non-spendable		
Inventory	11,746	11,746
Restricted for:		
Stabilization by State statute	1,217,306	1,217,306
Streets	382,069	382,069
Unspent debt proceeds	1,000,000	1,000,000
Assigned - subsequent year expenditures	2,068,755	2,068,755
Unassigned	725,039	725,039
Total fund balances	5,404,915	5,404,915
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 6,324,579	\$ 6,324,579

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2020

**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit 1) are different because:**

Fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 5,404,915
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	21,931,321
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds.	1,243,890
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB are not reported in the funds.	1,227,536
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are inflows of resources in the funds.	14,500
Liabilities for earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements.	106,799
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Notes payable	(1,444,445)
Net OPEB liability	(8,375,432)
Total pension liability - LEOSSA	(1,043,440)
Net pension liability - LGERS	(1,963,472)
Compensated absences	(501,894)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds.	(116,189)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB are not reported in the funds.	<u>(2,985,713)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 13,498,376</u>

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	<u>Major Fund</u>	
	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 5,572,234	\$ 5,572,234
Other taxes and licenses	1,638,736	1,638,736
Unrestricted intergovernmental	1,656,941	1,656,941
Restricted intergovernmental	285,901	285,901
Permits and fees	105,379	105,379
Sales and services	1,701,906	1,701,906
Investment earnings	43,155	43,155
Miscellaneous	361,931	361,931
Total revenues	<u>11,366,183</u>	<u>11,366,183</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Current:		
General government	5,933,828	5,933,828
Public safety	4,672,927	4,672,927
Transportation	1,653,432	1,653,432
Environmental protection	1,341,614	1,341,614
Cultural and recreation	2,749,865	2,749,865
Debt service:		
Principal	176,825	176,825
Interest	13,037	13,037
Total expenditures	<u>16,541,528</u>	<u>16,541,528</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(5,175,345)</u>	<u>(5,175,345)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>		
Installment obligations issued	1,000,000	1,000,000
Sale of capital assets	53,684	53,684
Transfer from other funds	3,950,600	3,950,600
Total other financing sources	<u>5,004,284</u>	<u>5,004,284</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(171,061)</u>	<u>(171,061)</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year, as originally reported	5,469,635	5,469,635
Restatement (Note 8)	106,341	106,341
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated	<u>5,575,976</u>	<u>5,575,976</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 5,404,915</u>	<u>\$ 5,404,915</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Exhibit 4**

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, 2020

**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit 2) are different because:**

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (171,061)

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 was more than depreciation in the current period.

Capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized	\$ 1,637,269	
Depreciation expense for governmental assets	<u>(919,185)</u>	718,084

Contributions to the LGERS pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included in the statement of activities.		407,663
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Benefit payments paid and administrative expenses for the LEOSSA are not included on the statement of activities.		23,224
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OPEB benefit payments and administrative costs made in the current fiscal year are not included on the statement of activities.		294,702
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. In addition, some revenues reported in the fund statements are not reported as revenues in the statement of activities.

Change in accrued interest receivable on taxes	13,097	
Change in unavailable tax and sanitation revenues	<u>8,902</u>	21,999

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Installment obligations issued		(1,000,000)
Principal payments on long-term debt		176,825

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. These include amounts consolidated from the internal service fund.

Compensated absences	(34,704)	
Pension expense - LGERS	(846,655)	
Pension expense - LEO	(75,591)	
OPEB benefit	<u>(10,065)</u>	<u>(967,015)</u>

Total changes in net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ (495,579)</u>
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TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

Exhibit 5

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Budget and Actual - General Fund  
 For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 5,564,476	\$ 5,564,476	\$ 5,572,234	\$ 7,758
Other taxes	1,431,020	1,431,020	1,638,736	207,716
Unrestricted intergovernmental	1,543,689	1,560,289	1,656,941	96,652
Restricted intergovernmental	665,000	674,000	285,901	(388,099)
Permits and fees	170,000	170,000	105,379	(64,621)
Sales and services	1,559,200	1,735,200	1,701,906	(33,294)
Investment earnings	69,000	69,000	43,155	(25,845)
Miscellaneous	122,800	344,572	361,931	17,359
Total revenues	<u>11,125,185</u>	<u>11,548,557</u>	<u>11,366,183</u>	<u>(182,374)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General government	5,916,364	6,565,994	5,933,828	632,166
Public safety	4,863,242	6,075,864	4,672,927	1,402,937
Transportation	2,006,302	2,007,806	1,653,432	354,374
Environmental protection	1,331,174	1,331,174	1,341,614	(10,440)
Cultural and recreation	2,310,173	3,049,087	2,749,865	299,222
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	219,411	219,411	176,825	42,586
Interest and other charges	12,994	12,994	13,037	(43)
Total expenditures	<u>16,659,660</u>	<u>19,262,330</u>	<u>16,541,528</u>	<u>2,720,802</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>(5,534,475)</u>	<u>(7,713,773)</u>	<u>(5,175,345)</u>	<u>2,538,428</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>				
Appropriated fund balance	1,511,875	2,691,173	-	(2,691,173)
Installment obligations issued	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Sale of capital assets	72,000	72,000	53,684	(18,316)
Transfer from water and sewer fund	3,950,600	3,950,600	3,950,600	-
Total other financing sources	<u>5,534,475</u>	<u>7,713,773</u>	<u>5,004,284</u>	<u>(2,709,489)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(171,061)</u>	<u>\$ (171,061)</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year, as originally reported			5,469,635	
Restatement (Note 8)			<u>106,341</u>	
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated			<u>5,575,976</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 5,404,915</u>	

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PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
Statements of Fund Net Position  
June 30, 2020

	<b>Major Enterprise Funds</b>		
	<b>Water and Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Electric Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,185,975	\$ 5,263,544	\$ 11,449,519
Accounts receivable			
Billed - net	508,361	790,941	1,299,302
Unbilled	291,459	704,686	996,145
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	111,910	267,848	379,758
Total current assets	<u>7,097,705</u>	<u>7,027,019</u>	<u>14,124,724</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Land	177,882	115,715	293,597
Construction in progress	1,083,472	-	1,083,472
Depreciable capital assets, net	36,486,780	3,573,362	40,060,142
Total capital assets	<u>37,748,134</u>	<u>3,689,077</u>	<u>41,437,211</u>
Industrial development loan	34,988	-	34,988
Total noncurrent assets	<u>37,783,122</u>	<u>3,689,077</u>	<u>41,472,199</u>
Total assets	<u>44,880,827</u>	<u>10,716,096</u>	<u>55,596,923</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pension deferrals	343,271	127,151	470,422
OPEB deferrals	383,275	147,332	530,607
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>726,546</u>	<u>274,483</u>	<u>1,001,029</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	207,456	113,028	320,484
Due to the General Fund	4,658	-	4,658
Compensated absences, current	60,000	20,000	80,000
Current portion of long-term debt	32,819	-	32,819
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits	111,910	267,848	379,758
Total current liabilities	<u>416,843</u>	<u>400,876</u>	<u>817,719</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences, net of current portion	92,741	28,580	121,321
Net OPEB liability	2,615,073	1,005,244	3,620,317
Net pension liability - LGERS	606,246	224,560	830,806
Long-term debt, net of current portion	314,642	-	314,642
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,628,702</u>	<u>1,258,384</u>	<u>4,887,086</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,045,545</u>	<u>1,659,260</u>	<u>5,704,805</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pension deferrals	17,474	6,473	23,947
OPEB deferrals	932,234	358,354	1,290,588
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>949,708</u>	<u>364,827</u>	<u>1,314,535</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	37,400,673	3,689,077	41,089,750
Unrestricted	3,211,447	5,277,415	8,488,862
Total net position	<u>\$ 40,612,120</u>	<u>\$ 8,966,492</u>	<u>\$ 49,578,612</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	<b>Major Enterprise Funds</b>		
	<b>Water and Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Electric Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 5,581,232	\$ 10,926,956	\$ 16,508,188
Late payment fees	-	183,565	183,565
Connection fees	39,470	8,012	47,482
Other operating revenue	71,081	31,386	102,467
Total operating revenues	<u>5,691,783</u>	<u>11,149,919</u>	<u>16,841,702</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Administration	742,064	582,735	1,324,799
Operations	762,332	1,420,788	2,183,120
Water plant	845,285	-	845,285
Waste treatment	1,171,207	-	1,171,207
Pump station and storage	640,823	-	640,823
Electric power	-	5,224,870	5,224,870
Depreciation	1,350,498	301,375	1,651,873
Total operating expenses	<u>5,512,209</u>	<u>7,529,768</u>	<u>13,041,977</u>
Operating income	<u>179,574</u>	<u>3,620,151</u>	<u>3,799,725</u>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>			
Interest income	45,418	47,583	93,001
Capital contributions	790,922	66,096	857,018
Interest expense	(871)	(71)	(942)
Total nonoperating revenue (expense)	<u>835,469</u>	<u>113,608</u>	<u>949,077</u>
Income before other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,015,043</u>	<u>3,733,759</u>	<u>4,748,802</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Sale of capital assets	21,697	-	21,697
Transfer to the general fund	-	(3,950,600)	(3,950,600)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>21,697</u>	<u>(3,950,600)</u>	<u>(3,928,903)</u>
Change in net position	1,036,740	(216,841)	819,899
Net position, beginning of year	<u>39,575,380</u>	<u>9,183,333</u>	<u>48,758,713</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 40,612,120</u>	<u>\$ 8,966,492</u>	<u>\$ 49,578,612</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
Statements of Cash Flows  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	<b>Major Enterprise Funds</b>		
	<b>Water and Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Electric Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash received from customers	\$ 5,555,161	\$ 11,479,143	\$ 17,034,304
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,070,304)	(764,267)	(2,834,571)
Cash paid to employees	(1,998,917)	(6,437,676)	(8,436,593)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,485,940</u>	<u>4,277,200</u>	<u>5,763,140</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>			
Transfers to other funds	-	(3,950,600)	(3,950,600)
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>			
Cash received from grants	790,922	66,096	857,018
Proceeds on sale of assets	21,697	-	21,697
Cash advance from the general fund	(18,419)	-	(18,419)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,729,410)	(574,714)	(2,304,124)
Principal retirement	(102,088)	(16,612)	(118,700)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(871)	(71)	(942)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,038,169)</u>	<u>(525,301)</u>	<u>(1,563,470)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Payments on note receivable	141,963	-	141,963
Interest on investments	45,418	47,583	93,001
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>187,381</u>	<u>47,583</u>	<u>234,964</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	635,152	(151,118)	484,034
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5,662,733	5,682,510	11,345,243
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 6,297,885</u>	<u>\$ 5,531,392</u>	<u>\$ 11,829,277</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>			
Operating income	\$ 179,574	\$ 3,620,151	\$ 3,799,725
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	1,350,498	301,375	1,651,873
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(140,685)	318,679	177,994
(Increase) decrease in other prepaid items	20,281	6,901	27,182
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources for pensions	56,436	20,905	77,341
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources for OPEB	(187,505)	(72,077)	(259,582)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,207	5,014	19,221
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	4,063	10,545	14,608
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	11,330	(1,510)	9,820
Increase (decrease) in total OPEB liability	330,235	126,943	457,178
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability - LGERS	80,889	29,962	110,851
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pensions	(1,781)	(659)	(2,440)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	(231,602)	(89,029)	(320,631)
Total adjustment	<u>1,306,366</u>	<u>657,049</u>	<u>1,963,415</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,485,940</u>	<u>\$ 4,277,200</u>	<u>\$ 5,763,140</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Entity:**

The accounting policies of the Town of Forest City (the “Town”) and its discretely presented component unit 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 Forest City is a municipal corporation which is governed by an elected Mayor and a five-member Council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town and its component unit, a legally separate entity for which the Town is financially accountable. The discretely presented component unit identified below is reported in a separate column in the Town’s financial statements in order to emphasize that it is legally separate from the town.

Town of Forest City ABC Board

The members of the ABC Board’s governing board are appointed by the Forest City Town Council. In addition, the ABC Board is required by state statute to distribute its surpluses to the Town’s General Fund. The ABC Board, which has a June 30 year end, is presented as if it were a proprietary fund (discrete presentation). Complete financial statements for the ABC Board may be obtained from the entity’s administrative offices at Forest City ABC Board, 430 Oak Street, Forest City, N.C., 28043.

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. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed, in whole or in part, by fees charged to external parties.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of 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. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental and proprietary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund.* The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, street maintenance and construction, sanitation services, recreation, and general governmental activities.

The Town reports the following major enterprise funds:

*Water and Sewer Fund.* This fund is used to account for the Town's water and sewer operations. The non-GAAP budgetary comparison for this fund is included in the supplemental information. This fund also covers acquisition and construction of major water and sewer capital facilities and infrastructure, which are accounted for in the Water and Sewer Capital Project Fund, which is combined with the Water and Sewer Fund (operating fund) for financial statement purposes. The non-GAAP budgetary comparison for the capital project fund has been included in the supplementary information.

*Electric Fund.* This fund is used to account for the Town's electric operations. An Electric Rate Stabilization Fund has been consolidated into the Electric Fund for financial reporting purposes. The non-GAAP budgetary comparisons for these funds are included in the supplemental information.

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 and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements.* The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund 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. Non-exchange 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.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Town's enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The Town also recognizes as operating revenues the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the water and sewer system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

*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 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, 2013, 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 on behalf of all municipalities 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, 2013 and for limited registration plates are shown as receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as beer and wine tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town, are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered shared revenue for the Town because the tax is levied by Rutherford County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Most 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 cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is 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 and enterprise funds. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Capital Projects Fund. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the department level for all annually budgeted funds and at the functional level for the multi-year funds. The Town Manager is authorized to transfer appropriation within a fund up to \$5,000; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund or exceed \$5,000 must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were made 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 and ABC Board may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town and ABC Board 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 and the ABC Board 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 and the ABC Board's investments are reported at fair value. Non-participating interest earning investment contracts are accounted for at cost. The NCCMT Government Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund, is measured at fair value. Because the NCCMT Government Portfolio has a weighted average maturity of less than 90 days, it is presented as an investment with a maturity of less than 6 months.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income and considers all cash and investments to be cash and cash equivalents. The ABC Board considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

3. Restricted Assets

Customer deposits are held by the Town before any services are supplied are restricted to the services for which the deposit was collected. Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing, or widening of local streets per G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4.

Governmental Activities

General Fund:

Streets	\$ 382,069
Unspent debt proceeds	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,382,069</u>

Business-type Activities

Water and Sewer Fund:

Customer deposits	\$ 111,910
Electric Fund:	
Customer deposits	<u>267,848</u>
Total Business-type Activities	<u>\$ 379,758</u>



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 1<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1<sup>st</sup> (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6<sup>th</sup>. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2019. As allowed by state law, the Town periodically establishes a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes which 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 written off in prior years.

6. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The inventories of the Town and the ABC Board are valued at cost (first-in, first-out), which approximates market. The Town's General Fund inventory consists of expendable supplies that are recorded as expenditures as used rather than when purchased.

The inventories of the Town's general fund and those of the ABC Board consist of materials and supplies held for subsequent use and resale, respectively. The cost of these inventories is expensed when consumed or sold, respectively, rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements and expensed as the items are used.

7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization costs are \$5,000 for all assets. Donated capital assets received prior to June 30, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 30, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003, consist of streets and water and sewer system assets that were acquired or that received substantial improvements subsequent to July 1, 1980, and are reported at estimated historical cost using deflated replacement cost. 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 on a straight-line basis over the following useful lives to the cost of the assets:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Streets, highways, curbing, and sidewalks	50 years
Water and sewer systems	50 years
Buildings	40 years
Electric distribution system	25 years
Tractors, backhoes	15 years
Furniture	10 years
Vehicles	10 years
Vehicles – police	5 years
Equipment	5 years

Property, plant and equipment of the ABC Board are depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Furniture and equipment	5-10 years
Building	30 years
Building improvements	10-29 years

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net 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. The Town has two items that meet this criterion: contributions made to pension and OPEB plans in the current year and other pension and OPEB deferrals.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net 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 several items that meet this criterion: property taxes receivable, prepaid property taxes, other receivables, and pension and OPEB deferrals.

9. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type Statement of Net Position. In the fund financial statements for governmental fund types, the face amount of debt issued is reported in other financing sources.

10. Compensated Absences

The Town’s vacation policy provides that an employee can carry-over one-half of the vacation hours earned in any calendar year; vacation hours can be accumulated up to 240 hours per employee; vacation hours in excess of 240 at December 31, are converted to sick-leave hours for consideration at retirement. For the Town’s government-wide and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded

as the leave is earned. The Town has assumed a first-in and first-out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements.

ABC Board employees may accumulate earned vacation and such leave is fully vested when earned. Accumulated earned vacation at June 30, 2020 amounted to \$16,707. The current portion of accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material.

Both the Town's and ABC Board sick leave policy provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Town has no obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

#### 11. Net Position

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

#### 12. 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:

**Non-Spendable 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.

**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* – Carolina G.S. 159-8 prohibits units of government from budgeting or spending a portion of their fund balance. This is one of several statutes enacted by the North Carolina State Legislature in the 1930's that were designed to improve and maintain the fiscal health of local government units. Restricted by State statute (RSS), is calculated at the end of each fiscal year for all annually budgeted funds. The calculation in G.S. 159-8(a) provides a formula for determining what portion of fund balance is available for appropriation. The amount of fund balance not available for appropriation is what is known as "restricted by State statute". Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget. Per GASB guidance, RSS is considered a resource upon which a restriction is "imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation." RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as nonspendable. Outstanding Encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of Restricted Net position and Restricted fund balance on the face of the balance sheet.

*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 of vote by quorum of the Town of Forest City’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 revise the limitation. Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires a majority action by the Town Council.

Assigned Fund Balance – portion of fund balance that the Town of Forest City intends to use for specific purposes. The Town Council has the authority to assign fund balance.

Subsequent year’s expenditures – This portion of fund balance is appropriated in next year’s budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed.

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

The Town of Forest City has a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-Town funds, and Town funds. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and, lastly, unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Town.

### 13. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures at the Statement of Net Position date and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates are used to determine depreciation expense and allowance for doubtful accounts. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### 14. Defined Benefit Pension and OPEB Plans

The Town participates in three cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plans that are administered by the State; the Local Governmental Employees’ Retirement System (LGERS), the Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance (LEOSSA), and the Retiree Health Benefits Fund (OPEB). For purposes of measuring the net pension or OPEB asset or liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to defined benefit plans, and pension or OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net positions of the state-administered defined benefit pension plans and additions to/deductions from the state-administered defined benefit pension plans’ fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the state administered defined benefit pension plans. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The County’s employer contributions are recognized when due and the County has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the state-administered defined benefit pension plans.

For purposes of measuring the net pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Firefighters’ and Rescue Squad Workers’ Pension Fund (FRSWPF) and additions to/deductions from FRSWPF’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by FRSWPF. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Note 2 – Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**Excess of expenditures over appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the expenditures made for the Sanitation department in the Town's General Fund exceeded the authorized appropriations made by the governing board for these activities by \$16,363. This over-expenditure occurred because of higher than expected year-end accruals for contracted services. Management and the Board will more closely review the budget reports to ensure compliance in future years.

**Note 3 – Detail Notes on All Funds****A. Assets**

1. Deposits: All the deposits of the Town and ABC Board 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 Town's agent in the Town's name. 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 Town for the Town, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest-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 Town or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and 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 Town has no 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 Town complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured. The ABC Board has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2020, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$8,426,203 and a bank balance of \$8,448,859. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the pooling method. At June 30, 2020, the Town's petty cash fund totaled \$3,600.

The carrying amount of the deposits of the ABC Board was \$285,527 and the bank balance was \$422,808; all of the ABC Board's bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. The ABC Board had drawer funds of \$3,555.

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents:

The components of cash and cash equivalents:		Reported in the financial statements as:	
Deposits in banks	\$ 8,426,203	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,056,178
Petty cash on hand	3,600	Restricted cash	<u>1,761,827</u>
Investments	<u>8,388,202</u>		<u>\$ 16,818,005</u>
	<u>\$ 16,818,005</u>		

2. Investments: At June 30, 2020, the Town’s investments were as follows:

Investment Type	Valuation Measurement Method	Book Value	Maturity	Rating
NC Capital Management Trust - Government Portfolio	Fair Value Level 1	\$ 8,388,202	N/A	AAAm

All investments are measured using the market approach: using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or a group of assets.

Level of fair value hierarchy: Level 1: Debt securities valued using directly observable, quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets.

*Interest Rate Risk.* The Town has no formal investment policy regarding interest rate risk.

*Credit Risk.* The Town has no formal policy regarding credit risk. The Town’s investment in the NC Capital Management Trust Government Portfolio carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor’s as of June 30, 2020.

*Custodial Credit Risk.* For an investment, the custodial risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town has no formal policy on custodial credit risk.

3. Receivables - Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2020 are net of the following allowances for doubtful accounts:

Government Activities	
Taxes receivable	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
Business-type Activities	
Electric accounts receivable	\$ 42,500
Water and sewer accounts receivable	<u>8,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 51,000</u>

4. Due From Other Governments

Due from other governments consisted of the following at June 30, 2020:

Due from Other Governments	
Local option sales tax	\$ 566,536
Utility franchise tax	265,257
ABC Distribution	51,023
Solid waste tax	1,342
Property taxes unremitted	27,159
Sales tax refund	181,881
Total	<u>\$ 1,093,198</u>

5. Industrial Development Loan Receivable

In accordance with an “Economic Development Agreement” dated September 19, 2011, the Town of Forest City agreed to advance \$950,000 to an industry as part of an incentive package to locate a manufacturing facility within Rutherford County. In accordance with a “Water Supply Agreement” as dated October 3, 2012 (supersedes Raw Water Supply Agreement as dated September 119, 2011), the industry will pay a fee “... for the various payments and services provided by the Town in connection with the construction of the Facilities (the Construction Contributions)...” in the amount of \$11,905 for 84 equal payments. This fee shall be in addition to the monthly billing for actual water usage and shall commence when the Town initially supplies water to the site.

Twelve payments were received during the year ended June 30, 2020 totaling \$142,857. Imputed interest is being recognized at the annual rate of .876%. Interest income for the current year was \$895.

6. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

Governmental Activities	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 7,654,217	\$ 2,540	\$ -	\$ 7,656,757
Construction in progress	536,023	423,846	-	959,869
Total non-depreciable capital assets	8,190,240	426,386	-	8,616,626
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Buildings	15,596,660	254,281	-	15,850,941
Equipment	4,745,605	497,303	150,841	5,092,067
Infrastructure	1,233,581	6,295	-	1,239,876
Vehicles	4,028,385	453,004	134,741	4,346,648
Total depreciable capital assets	25,604,231	1,210,883	285,582	26,529,532
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	5,602,164	415,615	-	6,017,779
Equipment	3,424,490	243,365	150,841	3,517,014
Infrastructure	410,851	25,432	-	436,283
Vehicles	3,143,729	234,773	134,741	3,243,761
Total accumulated depreciation	12,581,234	919,185	285,582	13,214,837
Depreciable capital assets, net	13,022,997			13,314,695
Governmental capital assets, net	\$21,213,237			\$21,931,321

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

Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 85,970
Public safety	312,440
Transportation	110,332
Environmental protection	382
Culture and recreation	410,061
Total depreciation expense	\$ 919,185



Capital asset activity for business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

<u>Business-type activities:</u>	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Water and Sewer:				
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 177,882	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,882
Construction in progress	264,654	1,056,974	238,156	1,083,472
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>442,536</u>	<u>1,056,974</u>	<u>238,156</u>	<u>1,261,354</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Equipment	5,292,014	422,397	-	5,714,411
Plant & water lines	61,003,108	345,320	153,224	61,195,204
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>66,295,122</u>	<u>767,717</u>	<u>153,224</u>	<u>66,909,615</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Equipment	3,667,513	1,165,630	-	4,833,143
Plant & water lines	25,558,048	184,868	153,224	25,589,692
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>29,225,561</u>	<u>1,350,498</u>	<u>153,224</u>	<u>30,422,835</u>
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>37,069,561</u>			<u>36,486,780</u>
Water and Sewer capital assets, net	<u>\$37,512,097</u>			<u>\$37,748,134</u>
Electric Fund:				
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 115,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,715
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>115,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,715</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Equipment	2,111,368	99,407	-	2,210,775
Plant & lines	11,424,434	438,032	-	11,862,466
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>13,535,802</u>	<u>537,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,073,241</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Equipment	1,369,903	95,609	-	1,465,512
Plant & lines	8,828,601	205,766	-	9,034,367
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>10,198,504</u>	<u>301,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,499,879</u>
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>3,337,298</u>			<u>3,573,362</u>
Electric Fund capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,453,013</u>			<u>\$ 3,689,077</u>

### Construction Commitments

The Town had no construction commitments at June 30, 2020.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

Capital asset activity for the Forest City ABC Board for the period ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Land	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Buildings	314,605	-	-	314,605
Furniture and equipment	169,644	1,909	-	171,553
Total depreciable capital assets	484,249	1,909	-	486,158
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	163,066	10,730	-	173,796
Furniture and equipment	114,655	5,077	-	119,732
Total accumulated depreciation	277,721	15,807	-	293,528
Depreciable capital assets, net	206,528			192,630
ABC capital assets, net	<u>\$ 256,528</u>			<u>\$ 242,630</u>

**B. Liabilities**1. Payables

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2020 were as follows:

	Vendors	Retainage	Salaries and Benefits	Total
Governmental Activities:				
General Fund	\$ 391,837	\$ -	\$ 411,109	\$ 802,946
Business-type Activities:				
Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 93,299	\$ 44,163	\$ 69,994	\$ 207,456
Electric Fund	86,905	-	26,123	113,028
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 180,204</u>	<u>\$ 44,163</u>	<u>\$ 96,117</u>	<u>\$ 320,484</u>

2. Pension Plan Obligationsa. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

*Plan Description.* The Town is a participating employer in the State-wide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of

Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at [www.osc.nc.gov](http://www.osc.nc.gov).

*Benefits Provided.* LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service (age 55 for firefighters). Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age (15 years of creditable service for firefighters and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty) or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

*Contributions.* Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Town of Forest City employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The Town of Forest City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2020, was 9.7% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 8.95% for general employees and firefighters, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town of Forest City were \$580,158 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

*Refunds of Contributions.* Town employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of LGERS may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60 day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by LGERS.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

At June 30, 2020, the Town reported a liability of \$2,794,278 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2019 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Town’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town’s long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2019, the Town’s proportion was 0.10232%, which was an increase of 0.00025% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Town recognized pension expense of \$1,208,516. At June 30, 2020, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 478,451	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	455,421	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	68,157	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	80,541
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	580,158	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,582,187</u>	<u>\$ 80,541</u>

\$580,158 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension asset in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2021	\$ 466,102
2022	131,077
2023	255,000
2024	69,309
Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ 921,488</u>

*Actuarial Assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 8.10 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	29.0%	1.4%
Global equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	100.0%	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2018 asset, liability, and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.0%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 6,391,028	\$ 2,794,278	\$ (195,347)

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance

1. Plan Description.

The Town administers a public employee retirement system (the “Separation Allowance”), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the Town’s qualified sworn law enforcement officers under the age of 62 who have completed at least 30 years of creditable service or have attained 55 years of age and have completed five or more years of creditable service. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

All full-time law enforcement officers of the Town are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2018 (valuation date), the Separation Allowance’s membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	2
Terminated plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	-
Active plan members	<u>31</u>
Total	<u><u>33</u></u>

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

*Basis of Accounting.* The Town has chosen to fund the Separation Allowance on a pay-as-you-go basis. Pension expenditures are made from the General Fund, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The Separation Allowance has no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria which are outlined in GASB Statement 73.

3. Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age normal actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2018 valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 7.35 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	3.26 percent

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index at December 31, 2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

Mortality rates are based on the RP-2000 Mortality tables with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

4. Contributions

The Town is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the amounts necessary to cover the benefits earned on a pay-as-you-go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. There were no contributions made by employees. The Town’s obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. Administrative costs of the Separation Allowance are financed through investment earnings. The Town paid \$27,980 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

At June 30, 2020, the Town reported a total pension liability of \$1,043,440. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2019 based on a December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2019 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Town recognized pension expense of \$75,591.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 44,526	\$ 20,462
Changes of assumptions and other inputs	64,375	39,133
Town benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	23,224	-
Total	\$ 132,125	\$ 59,595

\$23,224 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2021	\$ 10,250
2022	10,250
2023	11,534
2024	9,355
2025	1,321
Thereafter	6,596
	<u>\$ 49,306</u>

*Sensitivity of the Town’s total pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Town’s total pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.26 percent, as well as what the Town’s total pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.26 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.26 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.26%)	Current Discount Rate (3.26%)	1% Increase (4.26%)
Total pension liability	\$ 1,144,709	\$ 1,043,440	\$ 951,622

**Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability**

Total pension liability as of December 31, 2019	\$ 930,199
Changes for the year:	
Service cost at end of year	45,553
Interest	33,350
Change in benefit terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	26,344
Changes of assumptions and other inputs	35,974
Benefit payments	(27,980)
Other	-
Net changes	<u>113,241</u>
Total pension liability as of December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 1,043,440</u>

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

*Plan Description.* The Town contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the Town. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Plan is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State’s CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699, or by calling (919)981-5454.



*Funding Policy.* Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the Town to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the Plan.

The Town made contributions of \$78,613 for the reporting year. No amounts were forfeited.

d. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Non-Law Enforcement Employees

*Plan Description.* Effective October of 1992, all non-law enforcement employees of the Town participate in the 401(k) Supplemental Retirement Income Plan of North Carolina. Participation begins when the employee becomes eligible for participation in the Local Governmental Employees Retirement System. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Plan is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699, or by calling (919)981-5454.

*Funding Policy.* Effective July 1, 2016, the Town elected to match up to \$40.00 per pay period the contributions of all non-law officer employees. The Town's contributions for the current fiscal year were \$94,540. No amounts were forfeited.

***Total Expense, Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense for all pension plans:

	<u>LGERS</u>	<u>LEOSSA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 2,794,278	N/A	\$ 2,794,278
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.10232%	N/A	N/A
Total pension liability	N/A	\$ 1,043,440	1,043,440
Pension expense	1,204,903	75,591	1,280,494

**Deferred Outflows of Resources:**

Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 478,451	\$ 44,526	\$ 522,977
Changes of assumptions	455,421	64,375	519,796
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	68,157	-	68,157
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-	-
Town contributions (LGERS) and benefit payments (LEOSSA) made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>580,158</u>	<u>23,224</u>	<u>603,382</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,582,187</u>	<u>\$ 132,125</u>	<u>\$ 1,714,312</u>

**Deferred Inflows of Resources:**

Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 20,462	\$ 20,462
Changes of assumptions	-	39,133	39,133
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>80,541</u>	-	<u>80,541</u>
Total	<u>\$ 80,541</u>	<u>\$ 59,595</u>	<u>\$ 140,136</u>

e. **Firefighter's and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund**

*Plan Description.* The State of North Carolina contributes, on behalf of the Town of Forest City, to the Firefighter's Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund (FRSWPF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation administered by the State of North Carolina. FRSWPF provides pension benefits for eligible fire and rescue squad workers who have elected to become members of the fund. Article 86 of G.S. Chapter 58 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Firefighter's and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required

supplementary information for the Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at [www.osc.nc.gov](http://www.osc.nc.gov).

*Benefits Provided.* FRSWPF provides retirement and survivor benefits. The present retirement benefit is \$170 per month. Plan members are eligible to receive the monthly benefit at age 55 with 20 years of creditable service as a firefighter or rescue squad worker, and have terminated duties as a firefighter or rescue squad worker. Eligible beneficiaries of members who die before beginning to receive the benefit will receive the amount paid by the member and contributions paid on the member's behalf into the plan. Eligible beneficiaries of members who die after beginning to receive benefits will be paid the amount the member contributed minus the benefits collected.

*Contributions.* Plan members are required to contribute \$10 per month to the plan. The State, a non-employer contributor, funds the plan through appropriations. The Town does not contribute to the plan. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 58-86 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the State contributed \$18,302,000 to the plan. The Town's proportionate share of the State's contribution is \$6,528.

*Refunds of Contributions.* Plan members who are no longer eligible or choose not to participate in the plan may file an application for a refund of their contributions. Refunds include the member's contributions and contributions paid by others on the member's behalf. No interest will be paid on the amount of the refund. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by FRSWPF.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

At June 30, 2020, the Town reported no liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability, as the State provides 100% pension support to the Town through its appropriations to the FRSWPF. The total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Town and supported by the State was \$12,943. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2019 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers. As the Town is not projected to make any future contributions to the plan, its proportionate share at the measurement date of June 30, 2019 and at June 30, 2018 was 0%.

For the year ended June 30, 2020 the Town recognized pension expense of \$6,814 and revenue of \$6,814 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2020, the Town reported no deferred outflows of resources and no deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

*Actuarial Assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	Not applicable
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

For more information regarding actuarial assumptions, including mortality tables, the actuarial experience study, the consideration of future ad hoc COLA amounts, the development of the projected long-term investment returns, and the asset allocation policy, refer to the discussion of actuarial assumptions for the LGERS plan in Section a. of this note.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

### 3. Post-Employment Healthcare Benefits

*Plan Description.* The Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF) has been established as a fund to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. RHBF is established by General Statute 135-7, Article 1. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan, exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, and community colleges. In addition, LEAs, charter schools, and some select local governments also participate.

Management of the plan is vested in the State Health Plan Town of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – eight appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer the State Superintendent and the Director of the Office of State Human Resources who serve as ex-officio members. RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the State Health Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Health Plan Town of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the State Health Plan.

The financial statements and other required disclosures for the plan are presented in the State of North Carolina's CAFR, which can be found at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/public-information/reports>.

*Benefits Provided.* Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. The healthcare benefits for retired and disabled employees who are not eligible for Medicare are the same as for active employees. The plan options change when former employees become eligible for Medicare. Medicare retirees have the option of selecting one of two fully-insured Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PDP) options of the self-funded Traditional 70/30 preferred Provider Organization plan option that is also offered to non-Medicare members. If the Traditional 70/30 Plan is selected by a Medicare retiree, the self-funded State Health Plan coverage is secondary to Medicare.

Those former employees who are eligible to receive medical benefits from RHBF are long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) and retirees of the TSERS, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program (ORP),

and a small number of local governments, with five or more years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement, with the following exceptions: for employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006, and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007, future coverage as retired employees and retired members of the General Assembly is subject to the requirement that the future retiree have 20 or more years of retirement service credit in order to receive coverage on a noncontributory basis. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007 with 10 but less than 20 years of retirement service credit are eligible for coverage on a partially contributory basis. For such future retirees, the State will pay 50% of the State Health Plan's noncontributory premium.

Section 35.21 (c) and (d) of Session Law 2017-57 repeals retiree medical benefits for employees first hired January 1, 2021. RHBF's benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135-7, Article 1 and Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. RHBF does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

*Contributions.* By General Statute, accumulated contributions from employers to RHBF and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. By statute, contributions to RHBF are irrevocable. Also by law, fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to RHBF. However, RHBF assets may be used for reasonable expenses to administer the RHBF, including costs to conduct required actuarial valuations of state—supported retired employees' health benefits. Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis are determined by the General Assembly in the Appropriations Bill. For the current fiscal year, the Town contributed 6.51% of covered payroll which amounted to \$419,399.

***OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

At June 30, 2020, Town reported a liability of \$11,995,749 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018. The total OPEB liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2019 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Town's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Town's present value of future salary, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2019, the Town's proportion was 0.03791%, an increase of .00112% from the prior year.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$11,725. At June 30, 2020, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 604,737
Changes of assumptions and other inputs	576,572	3,606,448
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	7,988	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	754,184	65,116
Town benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	419,399	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,758,143</u>	<u>\$ 4,276,301</u>

\$419,399 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year ended June 30:</u>	
2021	\$ (964,732)
2022	(964,732)
2023	(963,577)
2024	(226,156)
2025	181,640
Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ (2,937,557)</u>

*Actuarial Assumptions.* Actuarial assumptions for the June, 30, 2019 measurement were as follows

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	5.5% grading down to 3.5%
Investment rate of return	7.20%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Health care cost trends:	medical 6.5% decreasing to 5.0% by 2024 prescription drug 9.50% decreasing to 5.0% administrative 3.00%

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2018 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified. The total OPEB liability was calculated through the use of update procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2019. The update procedures incorporated the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation. The entry age normal cost method was utilized.

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, general, law enforcement officer), and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	29.0%	1.4%
Global equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	100.0%	

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability for the RHBF was 3.17%. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers would be made at the current statutorily determined contribution rate. Based on the above assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, a municipal bond rate of 3.17% was used as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability. The 3.87% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2019.

*Sensitivity of the Board’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the Board’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.50 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (4.50 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.50%)	Current (3.50%)	1% Increase (4.50%)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 14,253,844	\$ 11,995,749	\$ 10,185,494

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates*

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Town, as well as what the Town’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	Current Trend Rates (6.5% Medical, 7.5% Prescription, 3.0% Administration)		
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>3.0% Administration</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$9,876,592	\$ 11,995,749	\$14,779,297

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CAFR for the State of North Carolina.

4. Other Employment Benefits

The Town has also elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Government Employee’s Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multi-employer, state administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the system, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the system at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefits payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employees 12 highest months’ salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee’s death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. Since all death benefit payments are made from Death Benefit Plan and not by the Town, the Town does not determine the number of eligible participants. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based upon rates established annual by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The Town considers post-employment contributions to be immaterial.

5. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources at year-end are comprised of the following:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Governmental Deferred Inflows of Resources	Net position Deferred Inflows of Resources
Contributions to pension plan in the current fiscal year	\$ 580,158	\$ -	\$ -
Benefit payments made and admin expenses for LEOSSA	23,224	-	-
Benefit payments made and admin expenses for OPEB	419,399	-	-
Pension and OPEB deferrals	2,449,674	-	4,416,437
Prepaid taxes	-	9,919	9,919
Taxes receivable, net (General Fund)	-	88,608	-
Other receivables (General Fund)	-	18,191	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,472,455</u>	<u>\$ 116,718</u>	<u>\$ 4,426,356</u>



6. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damages to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town secures insurance coverage for these risks from several commercial insurance companies. The Town’s insurance coverage includes: (1) general liability, \$13 million; (2) fire coverage on buildings at estimated replacement costs and up to \$5 million for flood and earthquake; (3) errors and omissions liability, \$13 million; (4) auto liability, \$13 million and (5) public officials liability, \$13 million. Various deductibles apply to coverage amounts. In addition, the Town secures workers’ compensation coverage up to the statutory limits and an employer’ liability limit of \$1 million. All of these coverages, except for worker’s compensation which is purchased through the North Carolina Interlocal Risk Management Agency, are secured through commercial insurance companies.

There has been no significant reductions in the Town’s insurance coverage in the prior year; settled claims have not exceeded coverage in the past three fiscal years.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town’s employees that have access to \$100 or more of the Town’s funds at any given time are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$100,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket employee dishonesty bond for \$25,000.

7. Long-Term Obligations

Installment Purchases

The Town has incurred installment debt to finance various pieces of equipment. Notes payable in both the General Fund and the Sewer Fund are secured by the equipment and vehicles. Principal and interest requirements are appropriated when due. Details of the Town’s installment debt are as follows:

Direct Placement Installment Notes Payable

\$2,500,000; direct placement installment note issued February 15, 2008; collateral is the Municipal Baseball Facility as partially funded by proceeds; 3.66% annual rate, reduced to 2.43% effective February 21, 2013; \$13,899 due monthly plus interest through February 2023.	\$ 444,445
\$1,000,000; direct placement installment note issued June 3, 2020 to finance the purchase of a Ladder Truck; 2.39% annual rate for a term of 120 months; collateral is property purchased; \$9,377 due monthly including interest through June 2030.	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total installment notes payable - governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,444,445</u>
\$260,200; direct placement installment note issued to finance sewer plant improvement; 1.93% annual rate for a term of 59 months; collateral is property purchased or improved; \$4,626 due monthly including interest through January 2021.	<u>8,616</u>
Total installment notes payable - business-type activities	<u>\$ 8,616</u>

Annual debt service for governmental and business-type activities are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2021	\$ 256,269	\$ 31,867	\$ 8,616	\$ 207
2022	258,434	25,751	-	-
2023	205,096	19,636	-	-
2024	96,256	16,269	-	-
2025	98,581	13,943	-	-
2026-2030	529,809	32,813	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,444,445</u>	<u>\$ 140,279</u>	<u>\$ 8,616</u>	<u>\$ 207</u>

Direct Placement Revolving Loan:

\$994,197; direct placement revolving loan from the NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, issued May 3, 2013, to fund sewer rehabilitation; loan forgiveness of \$451,350 through the NC Clean Water State Revolving Fund at the conclusion of the project (June 30, 2014); collateral is property purchased or improved; 0.0% annual interest for a term of 20 years with annual payments of \$24,203 through May 2024

\$ 338,845

Annual debt service requirements for the revolving loan are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Business-Type Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 24,203	\$ -	\$ 24,203
2022	24,203	-	24,203
2023	24,203	-	24,203
2024	24,203	-	24,203
2025	24,203	-	24,203
2026-2030	121,015	-	121,015
2031-2035	96,815	-	96,815
Total	<u>\$ 338,845</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 338,845</u>

At June 30, 2020, the Town had a legal debt margin of approximately \$152,000,000.

**Changes in Long-Term Liabilities**

A summary of all long-term obligations presented in the government-wide Statement of Activities is as follows:

	Balance 7/1/2019	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2020	Current Portion of Balance
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
Direct placement					
installment notes	\$ 621,270	1,000,000	176,825	1,444,445	256,269
Net OPEB liability	7,317,771	1,057,661	-	8,375,432	-
Total pension liability - LEOSSA	930,199	113,241	-	1,043,440	-
Net pension liability - LGERS	1,701,494	261,978	-	1,963,472	-
Compensated absences	467,190	501,894	467,190	501,894	200,000
Total	<u>\$ 11,037,924</u>	<u>\$ 2,934,774</u>	<u>\$ 644,015</u>	<u>\$ 13,328,683</u>	<u>\$ 456,269</u>
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>					
Direct placement revolving loan	\$ 363,049	\$ -	\$ 24,204	\$ 338,845	\$ 24,203
Direct placement					
installment note	103,112	-	94,496	8,616	8,616
Net pension liability - LGERS	719,955	110,851	-	830,806	-
Net OPEB liability	3,163,139	457,178	-	3,620,317	-
Compensated absences	191,501	201,321	191,501	201,321	80,000
Total	<u>\$ 4,540,756</u>	<u>\$ 769,350</u>	<u>\$ 310,201</u>	<u>\$ 4,999,905</u>	<u>\$ 112,819</u>

Compensated absences are accounted for on a FIFO basis.

8. Interfund Balances and Activity:

Transfer between funds at June 30, 2020 consisted of:

	Purpose	Amount
To the General Fund		
from the Electric Fund	to support operations	\$ 2,589,534
To the Parks & Recreation Fund		
from the Electric Fund	to support operations	<u>1,361,066</u>
		<u>\$ 3,950,600</u>

A balance of \$4,658 is due from the Everest Textile Capital Project Fund to the general fund, for reimbursement of expenditures.

9. Net Investment in Capital Assets

Net investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2020 is calculated as follows:

	Governmental	Business-Type
Capital assets	\$ 21,931,321	\$ 41,437,211
Less: Long-term debt	(1,444,445)	(347,461)
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 20,486,876</u>	<u>\$ 41,089,750</u>

**Note 4 – Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies**

*Federal and State Assisted Programs* - The Town has received proceeds from 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 5 – Fund Balance**

The Town does not have a minimum fund balance policy. The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General Fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total Fund Balance - General Fund	\$ 5,404,915
<u>Less:</u>	
Non-spendable - inventory	(11,746)
Stabilization by State statute	<u>(1,217,306)</u>
Available Fund Balance	<u>\$ 4,175,863</u>

Outstanding encumbrances are amounts needed to pay any commitments related to purchase orders and contracts that remain unperformed at year-end. There were no encumbrances in the General Fund at June 30, 2020.

**Note 6 – Related Organization**

The five-member board of the Forest City Housing Authority is appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Forest City. The Town is accountable for the Housing Authority because it appoints the governing board; however, the Town is not financially accountable for the Housing Authority. The Town of Forest City is also disclosed as a related organization in the notes to the financial statements for the Forest City Housing Authority. Complete financial statements for the Housing Authority can be obtained from its office at 147 East Spruce Street, Forest City, North Carolina 28043.

**Note 7 – Joint Venture**

The Town and the members of the Town's fire department each appoint two members to the five-member local board of trustees for the Firemen's Relief Fund is funded by a portion of the fire and lightning insurance premiums that insurers remit to the State. The State passes these moneys to the local board of the Firemen's Relief Fund. The funds are used to assist fire fighters in various ways. The Town of Forest city receives no financial benefit and has no equity interest in the joint venture, so no equity has been reflected in these financial statements at June 30, 2020. The Firemen's Relief Fund does not issue separate audited financial statements. Instead, the local board of trustees files an annual financial report with the State Firemen's Association. This report can be obtained from the Association at 323 West Jones Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.

**Note 8 – Change in Accounting Principle – Deferred Inflows for Certain Unavailable Revenues**

In prior years, management considered all amounts receivable for garbage collection to be unavailable revenues that were shown as a deferred outflow of resources in the general fund. During FY20, the policy was changed to only consider amounts outstanding greater than 60 days as unavailable. Receivables less than 60 days outstanding are now considered available revenues and their collectability is evaluated by management. The change resulted in an increase to beginning fund balance in the general fund of \$106,341.

**Note 9 – Uncertainties from COVID-19 Pandemic**

The COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, including Rutherford County, North Carolina, where the Town is located, has caused severe business disruptions as state and local governments have declared states of emergency and issued stay-at-home orders for all but the most essential activities. As a result, economic uncertainties have arisen which are likely to negatively impact the Town in various ways.

A loss of revenue could take place. Sales tax revenue is particularly vulnerable to economic uncertainties. The Town may also experience staffing shortages due to employee departures from the workforce or from exposure to the virus. Other financial impacts could occur, though such potential impact is unknown at this time. The overall financial impact and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

**Note 10 – Concentration of Tax Base**

One taxpayer represented approximately 69% of the Town's tax base for the 2019 tax year. Taxes collected from this taxpayer amounted to \$3,678,500 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Also, economic development incentive payments were made to this taxpayer in the amount of \$3,678,500 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Economic development incentive payments equal to 100% of the property taxes paid will continue to be made to this taxpayer until the year 2033.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL DATA

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET)  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS \*

**Retiree Health Benefit Fund**

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) (%)	0.03791%	0.03679%	0.03698%	0.00000%
Town's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 11,995,749	\$ 10,480,910	\$ 12,123,671	\$ 15,328,314
Town's covered payroll	6,311,245	5,495,988	5,844,823	5,523,798
Town's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	190.07%	190.70%	207.43%	277.50%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	4.40%	4.40%	3.52%	2.41%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ended June 30.

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

**Retiree Health Benefit Fund**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 419,399	\$ 395,715	\$ 359,732	\$ 339,230
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>419,399</u>	<u>395,715</u>	<u>359,732</u>	<u>339,230</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's covered payroll	\$ 6,439,430	\$ 6,311,245	\$ 5,945,988	\$ 5,844,823
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.51%	6.27%	6.05%	5.80%



**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS \*

**Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.10232%	0.10207%	0.10143%	0.10191%	0.10440%	0.10180%	0.09960%
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 2,794,278	\$ 2,421,449	\$ 1,549,569	\$ 2,162,872	\$ 468,676	\$ (600,302)	\$ 1,200,562
Town's covered payroll	6,311,245	5,945,988	5,844,823	5,634,708	5,523,798	5,205,002	5,093,077
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	44.27%	40.72%	26.51%	38.38%	8.48%	( 11.53%)	23.57%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	90.86%	91.63%	94.18%	91.47%	98.08%	102.64%	94.35%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ended June 30.

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS

**Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 580,158	\$ 502,657	\$ 457,501	\$ 435,264	\$ 382,838	\$ 698,720	\$ 651,941
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>580,158</u>	<u>502,657</u>	<u>457,501</u>	<u>435,264</u>	<u>382,838</u>	<u>698,720</u>	<u>651,941</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's covered payroll	\$ 6,439,430	\$ 6,311,245	\$ 5,945,988	\$ 5,844,823	\$ 5,634,708	\$ 5,523,798	\$ 5,205,002
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.01%	7.96%	7.69%	7.45%	6.79%	12.65%	12.53%

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS\*

**Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (%)	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%
Town's proportion of the net pension liability (\$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with Town of Forest City	<u>12,943</u>	<u>17,899</u>	<u>16,001</u>	<u>11,887</u>	<u>12,644</u>	<u>3,904</u>
Total	<u>\$ 12,943</u>	<u>\$ 17,899</u>	<u>\$ 16,001</u>	<u>\$ 11,887</u>	<u>\$ 12,644</u>	<u>\$ 3,904</u>
Town's covered payroll	\$ 402,909	\$ 376,550	\$ 351,916	\$ 357,586	\$ 360,194	\$ 720,000
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-payroll	3.21%	4.75%	4.55%	3.32%	3.51%	0.54%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	89.69%	89.69%	89.35%	84.94%	91.40%	93.42%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS\***

**Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability**

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Beginning balance	\$ 930,199	\$ 941,539	\$ 791,272	\$ 780,051
Changes for the year:				
Service cost at end of year	45,553	49,500	41,451	45,100
Interest	33,350	29,459	30,112	27,169
Change in benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	26,344	(29,078)	39,985	-
Changes of assumptions and other inputs	35,974	(42,620)	61,065	(23,041)
Benefit payments	(27,980)	(18,601)	(22,346)	(38,007)
Other	-	-	-	-
Net changes	<u>113,241</u>	<u>(11,340)</u>	<u>150,267</u>	<u>11,221</u>
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$ 1,043,440</u>	<u>\$ 930,199</u>	<u>\$ 941,539</u>	<u>\$ 791,272</u>

**Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll**

Total pension liability	\$ 1,043,440	\$ 930,199	\$ 941,539	\$ 791,272
Covered payroll	1,627,185	1,569,246	1,533,432	1,569,111
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	64.13%	59.28%	61.40%	50.43%

Notes to the schedule:

The Town of Forest City has no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 73 to pay related benefits.

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior year ended December 31.

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>			
<b>Ad Valorem Taxes:</b>			
Taxes		\$ 5,558,048	
Penalties and interest		14,186	
Total	\$ 5,564,476	5,572,234	\$ 7,758
<b>Other Taxes and Licenses:</b>			
Local option sales tax		1,600,522	
Privilege licenses		1,030	
Fire district tax		37,184	
Total	1,431,020	1,638,736	207,716
<b>Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenues:</b>			
Utility sales tax		738,772	
Telecommunications sales tax		85,773	
Piped natural gas tax		23,299	
Video programming tax		33,165	
Court costs and fees		1,770	
Beer and wine tax		31,953	
Hold harmless revenue		469,874	
Policing subsidies and fees		35,550	
ABC profit distributions		204,092	
Payments-in-lieu		32,693	
Total	1,560,289	1,656,941	96,652
<b>Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues:</b>			
Powell Bill allocation		233,597	
Unauthorized substance tax		16,658	
Police grant - vests		1,519	
ABC allocations		18,169	
State Fire Fund		5,958	
Solid waste disposal		7,000	
Contributions - Rail Trail Head		3,000	
Total	674,000	285,901	(410,903)
<b>Permits and fees:</b>			
Building permits		79,016	
Code enforcement fees		26,363	
Total	170,000	105,379	(64,621)

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Sales and Services:			
Recreation department		389,248	
Waste collection fees		1,272,084	
Cemetery lots		12,270	
Fire protection fees		5,016	
Other sales and services		23,288	
Total	1,735,200	1,701,906	(33,294)
Investment Earnings	69,000	43,155	(25,845)
Miscellaneous:			
Rents		64,980	
Other		296,951	
Total	344,572	361,931	17,359
Total revenues	11,548,557	11,366,183	(205,178)
Expenditures:			
General Government:			
Governing board:			
Salaries and employee benefits		54,060	
Operating expenditures		41,753	
Total	115,593	95,813	19,780
Administration:			
Salaries and employee benefits		471,431	
Operating expenses		273,118	
Capital outlay		446,254	
Economic development incentive		3,678,500	
Total	5,184,224	4,869,303	314,921
Finance and Legal:			
Salaries and employee benefits		244,739	
Operating expenditures		91,801	
Total	444,522	336,540	107,982
Planning and Zoning:			
Salaries and employee benefits		368,070	
Operating expenditures		76,060	
Capital outlay		32,820	
Total	522,605	476,950	45,655

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Clubhouse:			
Salaries and employee benefits		2,374	
Operating expenditures		17,437	
Total	38,132	19,811	18,321
Downtown Activities:			
Salaries and employee benefits		147,179	
Operating expenditures		311,586	
Total	584,272	458,765	125,507
Administrative expense reimbursement	(323,354)	(323,354)	-
Total general government	6,565,994	5,933,828	632,166
Public Safety:			
Police department:			
Salaries and employee benefits		2,475,035	
Operating expenditures		386,651	
Capital outlay		184,927	
Total	3,261,168	3,046,613	214,555
Fire department:			
Salaries and employee benefits		1,145,203	
Operating expenditures		383,641	
Capital outlay		97,470	
Total	2,814,696	1,626,314	1,188,382
Total public safety	6,075,864	4,672,927	1,402,937
Transportation:			
Streets and highways:			
Salaries and employee benefits		806,093	
Operating expenditures		425,936	
Capital outlay		271,881	
Total	1,817,526	1,503,910	313,616



**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Warehouse and garage			
Salaries and employee benefits		280,688	
Operating expenditures		148,670	
Total	470,116	429,358	40,758
Administrative expense reimbursement	(279,836)	(279,836)	-
Total transportation	2,007,806	1,653,432	354,374
Environmental Protection:			
Sanitation:			
Contracted services		1,311,098	
Operating expenditures		18,439	
Total	1,313,174	1,329,537	(16,363)
Cemetery:			
Operating expenditures		6,423	
Capital outlay		5,654	
Total	18,000	12,077	5,923
Total environmental protection	1,331,174	1,341,614	(10,440)
Cultural and Recreation:			
Parks and recreation:			
Salaries and employee benefits		949,375	
Other operating expenditures		530,630	
Capital outlay		1,113,318	
Total	2,875,354	2,593,323	282,031
Library:			
Salaries and employee benefits		110,488	
Other operating expenditures		46,054	
Total	173,733	156,542	17,191
Total cultural and recreation	3,049,087	2,749,865	299,222

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement		176,825	
Interest and fees		13,037	
Total	232,405	189,862	42,543
Total expenditures	19,262,330	16,541,528	2,720,802
Revenues under expenditures	(7,713,773)	(5,175,345)	2,538,428
Other Financing Sources:			
Appropriated fund balance	2,691,173	-	(2,691,173)
Installment obligations issued	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Sale of capital assets	72,000	53,684	(18,316)
Transfer from Water and Sewer Fund	3,950,600	3,950,600	-
Total other financing sources	7,713,773	5,004,284	(2,709,489)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	(171,061)	\$ (171,061)
Fund balance, beginning of year, as originally reported		5,469,635	
Restatement (Note 8)		106,341	
Fund balance, beginning of year, as restated		5,575,976	
Fund balance, end of year		\$ 5,404,915	

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WATER AND SEWER FUND**

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>			
<b>Operating revenues:</b>			
Water sales	\$ 3,530,000	\$ 3,453,416	\$ (76,584)
Sewer charges	1,681,000	2,127,816	446,816
Tap and connection fees	40,000	39,470	(530)
Other	67,928	71,081	3,153
Total operating revenues	5,318,928	5,691,783	372,855
<b>Non-operating revenues:</b>			
Interest earnings	60,896	45,418	(15,478)
Total non-operating income	60,896	45,418	(15,478)
Total revenues	5,379,824	5,737,201	357,377
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Administration:</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits		302,834	
Operating expenditures		445,485	
Total administration	806,805	748,319	58,486
<b>Water Operations:</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits		397,876	
Operating expenditures		279,099	
Capital outlay		256,160	
Total water operations	1,317,745	933,135	384,610
<b>Water Plant:</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits		438,356	
Operating expenditures		381,092	
Capital outlay		166,267	
Total water plant	1,017,233	985,715	31,518

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WATER AND SEWER FUND**

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Sewer Operations:</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits		187,527	
Operating expenditures		102,009	
Capital outlay		316,365	
Total sewer operations	629,719	605,901	23,818
<b>Waste Treatment Plants:</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits		443,653	
Operating expenditures		436,545	
Capital outlay		42,960	
Total water treatment plants	1,171,877	923,158	248,719
<b>Pump Station and Storage:</b>			
Salaries and employee benefits		242,878	
Operating expenditures		337,969	
Capital outlay		52,491	
Total pump station and storage	845,587	633,338	212,249
<b>Debt service:</b>			
Principal		102,088	
Interest		871	
	102,959	102,959	-
Total expenditures	5,891,925	4,932,525	959,400
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(512,101)	804,676	1,316,777
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>			
Note principal payments received	141,962	141,962	-
Sale of capital assets	-	21,697	21,697
Appropriated fund balance	370,139	-	(370,139)
Total other financing sources	512,101	163,659	(348,442)
Revenues and other sources over expenditures	\$ -	968,335	\$ 968,335

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WATER AND SEWER FUND**

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:			
Reconciling items:			
Principal retirement of debt		102,088	
Capital outlay		725,857	
Revenues under expenditures of the capital project fund		(69,756)	
Capital outlay of the capital project fund		860,678	
Note principal received		(141,962)	
Decrease in deferred outflows of resources - LGERS		(56,436)	
Increase in net pension liability - LGERS		(80,889)	
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources - LGERS		1,781	
Increase in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB		187,505	
Decrease in net OPEB liability		(330,235)	
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB		231,602	
Increase in compensated absences		(11,330)	
Depreciation		(1,350,498)	
Total reconciling items		68,405	
Change in net position		\$ 1,036,740	

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WATER & SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND  
EVEREST TEXTILE PROJECT

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)  
From inception and for the year ended June 30, 2020

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Actual Current Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:				
Community Development Block Grant	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 199,083	\$ 790,922	\$ 990,005
Expenditures:				
Water Improvements	122,400	-	-	-
Sewer Improvements	1,319,600	210,797	847,922	1,058,719
Planning	5,000	-	-	-
Administration	30,000	11,996	12,756	24,752
Contingency	<u>23,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>222,793</u>	<u>860,678</u>	<u>1,083,471</u>
Revenues under expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (23,710)</u>	<u>\$ (69,756)</u>	<u>\$ (93,466)</u>

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

ELECTRIC FUND

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Operating revenues:			
Electricity Sales	\$ 12,365,000	\$ 10,926,956	\$ (1,438,044)
Late payment penalties	250,000	183,565	(66,435)
Connection fees	18,208	8,012	(10,196)
Other operating revenue	20,000	31,386	11,386
Total operating revenues	12,653,208	11,149,919	(1,503,289)
Non-operating revenues:			
Grant proceeds	-	66,096	66,096
Interest earnings	60,000	47,583	(12,417)
Total non-operating revenue	60,000	113,679	53,679
Total revenues	12,713,208	11,263,598	(1,449,610)
Expenditures:			
Administration:			
Salaries and employee benefits		174,409	
Operating expenditures		396,349	
Total administration	601,910	570,758	31,152
Operations:			
Salaries and employee benefits		594,872	
Operating expenditures		482,394	
Repairs and maintenance		315,321	
Capital outlay		551,102	
Total operations	2,313,198	1,943,689	369,509
Electric power purchased:	7,100,000	5,224,870	1,875,130
Debt service:			
Principal		16,612	
Interest		71	
Total expenditures	10,032,583	7,756,000	2,276,583
Revenues over expenditures	2,680,625	3,507,598	826,973

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

ELECTRIC FUND

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Transfer to General Fund	(3,950,600)	(3,950,600)	-
Appropriated fund balance	1,269,975	-	(1,269,975)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,680,625)	(3,950,600)	(1,269,975)
 Revenues over expenditures and other uses	 \$ -	 (443,002)	 \$ (443,002)
 Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:			
Reconciling items:			
Principal retirement of debt		16,612	
Capital outlay		525,459	
Decrease in deferred outflows of resources - LGERS		(20,905)	
Increase in net pension liability - LGERS		(29,962)	
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources - LGERS		659	
Increase in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB		89,029	
Increase in net OPEB liability		(126,943)	
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB		72,077	
Decrease in compensated absences		1,510	
Depreciation		(301,375)	
Total reconciling items		226,161	
Change in net position		\$ (216,841)	



**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

ELECTRIC RATE STABILIZATION FUND

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

From inception and for the year ended June 30, 2020

		Actual		
Project Authorization	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers from Electric Fund	\$ 1,394,493	\$ 1,394,493	\$ -	\$ 1,394,493
Transfer to Electric Fund	(1,394,493)	(252,218)	-	(252,218)
Total other financing sources	\$ -	\$ 1,142,275	-	\$ 1,142,275

OTHER SCHEDULES

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance 6/30/2019	Additions	Collections And Credits	Uncollected Balance 6/30/2020
2019-2020	\$ -	\$ 5,573,355	\$ 5,521,662	\$ 51,693
2018-2019	36,701	-	19,467	17,234
2017-2018	23,811	-	7,425	16,386
2016-2017	17,057	-	3,738	13,319
2015-2016	22,218	-	2,805	19,413
2014-2015	10,696	-	3,278	7,418
2013-2014	15,713	-	1,162	14,551
2012-2013	10,349	-	201	10,148
2011-2012	10,207	-	260	9,947
2010-2011	8,817	-	318	8,499
2009-2010	4,243	-	4,243	-
	<u>\$ 159,812</u>	<u>\$ 5,573,355</u>	<u>\$ 5,564,559</u>	168,608

Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts:

General Fund (80,000)

Ad valorem taxes receivable, net \$ 88,608

Reconciliation with revenues:

Ad valorem taxes - General Fund \$ 5,572,234

Reconciling items:

Interest and penalties collected (14,186)

Taxes written off and credits 4,243

Adjustments and releases 2,268

Total collections and credits \$ 5,564,559

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

GENERAL FUND  
 Analysis of Current Tax Levy  
 For the year ended June 30, 2020

	<u>Property Valuation</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	
				Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original levy:					
Property taxed at current year's rate	\$ 2,005,119,643	0.280	\$ 5,614,335	\$ 5,488,297	\$ 126,038
Discoveries	3,878,571	0.280	10,860	10,860	-
Abatements	<u>(18,514,286)</u>	0.280	<u>(51,840)</u>	<u>(51,840)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property valuation	<u>\$ 1,990,483,929</u>				
Net levy			5,573,355	5,447,317	126,038
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2020			<u>(51,693)</u>	<u>(51,693)</u>	<u>-</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$ 5,521,662</u>	<u>\$ 5,395,624</u>	<u>\$ 126,038</u>
Current levy collection percentage			99.07%	99.05%	100.00%

## COMPLIANCE SECTION



**GOULD KILLIAN  
CPA GROUP, P.A.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements  
Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

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

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Forest City, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, which collectively comprise the Town of Forest City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Forest City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Forest City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Forest City's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Forest City, North Carolina's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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*.

## Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Donald Killian CPA Group, P.A.*

Asheville, North Carolina  
January 8, 2021



**Report On Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Federal Program And On Internal Control Over Compliance In Accordance With OMB Uniform Guidance And The State Single Audit Implementation Act**

**Independent Auditors' Report**

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

***Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the Town of Forest City, North Carolina's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on the Town of Forest City, North Carolina's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Town of Forest City, North Carolina's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Town of Forest City, North Carolina's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Forest City, North Carolina's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Town of Forest City, North Carolina's compliance.

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the Town of Forest City, North Carolina complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020.



***Report on Internal Control over Compliance***

Management of the Town of Forest City, North Carolina is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Town of Forest City, North Carolina’s internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Forest City, North Carolina’s internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and therefore, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Donald Killian CPA Group, P.A.*

Asheville, North Carolina  
January 8, 2021

**Town of Forest City, North Carolina**

*Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards*  
For the year ended June 30, 2020

<u>Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal (Direct &amp; Pass-through) Expenditures</u>	<u>State Expenditures</u>
<b>Federal Awards:</b>				
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)				
Passed-through NC Department of Environmental Quality				
Division of Water Infrastructure				
CDBG - Everest Sewer Project	14.228	15-E-2789	\$ 790,522	\$ -
Total federal awards			790,522	-
<b>State Awards:</b>				
N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT)				
Powell Bill Funds		DOT - 4	-	211,156
Oak Street Project			-	66,096
Total NCDOT			-	277,252
Total State awards			-	277,252
Total federal and State awards			\$ 790,522	\$ 277,252

**Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards:**

**Note 1: Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of Town of Forest City under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Town of Forest City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Town of Forest City.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported in the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**Note 3: Indirect Cost Rate**

The Town has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

**II. Financial Statement Findings**

None reported

**III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None reported.

**TOWN OF FOREST CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

**Finding 2019-001**

**Status:** This finding has been corrected.