

**Town of St. Pauls  
St. Pauls, North Carolina**

**Audited Financial Statements**

**Year Ended June 30, 2020**



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**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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## **Financial Section**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of Town Council  
St. Pauls, North Carolina

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of St. Pauls, 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. The financial statements of the Town of St. Pauls' ABC Board and the St. Pauls' Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 the 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 financial statement 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, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where appropriate, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management’s Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 9, and the Other Postemployment Benefits’ Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, on page 51 and Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions on pages 49 through 50, the Local Government Employees’ Retirement System’s Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) and Contributions, on page 47. 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 the 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***

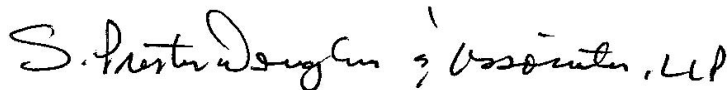
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of St. Pauls’ basic financial statements. The introductory information, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules, are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or 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, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory information and the statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide assurance on them.

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

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2020 on our consideration of the Town of St. Pauls internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that 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 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 Town of St. Pauls’ internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Lumberton, North Carolina  
November 19, 2020



## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
June 30, 2020**

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

As management of the Town of St. Pauls, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of St. Pauls for the fiscal year ending 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.

The MD&A is an opportunity for management to proactively address any issues that might be affecting the unit's financial status or questions that might be posed by readers of the financial statements. A thoughtful discussion and analysis of economic, financial, or budgetary factors that might influence the unit should be presented.

**Financial Highlights**

The assets and deferred outflows of the Town of St. Pauls exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the fiscal year by \$6,567,919 (net position).

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending net position of \$1,646,619. Approximately 62.51% of this total amount, or \$1,029,375, is invested in capital assets.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's change in net position was a positive \$3,648 of which the governmental funds lost \$96,345 and the business-type activities gained \$99,993.

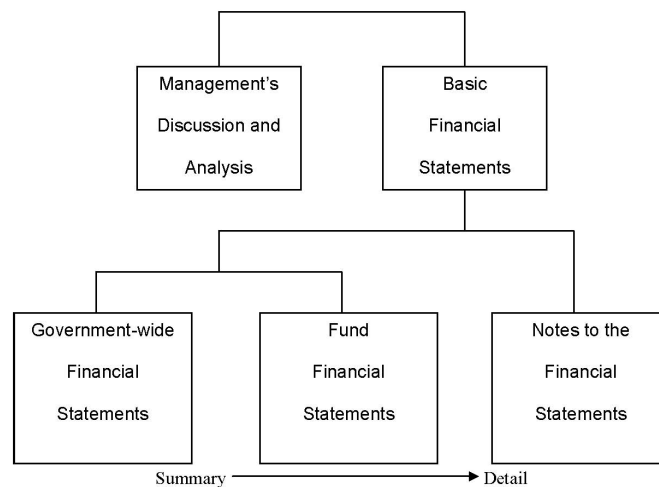
Total revenues for the year decreased by \$758,926 or 16.32% over last year. This was due to a decrease in operating and capital grants.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of St. Pauls' basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise 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 also contains other supplementary information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Town of St. Pauls.

**Required Components of Annual Financial Report**

**Figure 1**



**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Financial Statements**

The first two statements 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 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 statements, and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **Notes to the Financial Statements**. The notes explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, additional information is provided to show details about the Town's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the N.C. General Statutes can also 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, in a manner similar to the 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 they have changed. Net position is the difference between the Town's total assets and total liabilities. Measuring net position is one way to gage the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into two categories: 1) governmental activities, 2) business-type activities. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as general government, public safety, highways/streets, sanitation, economic development, culture and recreation, and debt service. 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. This includes the water and sewer services offered by the Town of St. Pauls.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10 and 11 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** The fund financial statements 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 St. Pauls, like other state and local governments, 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 the Town can be divided into two categories, governmental funds and proprietary funds.

**Governmental Funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same 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 monies that are unexpended 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 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 St. Pauls 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.

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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.

**Governmental Funds (continued).** 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 St. Pauls maintains one type of proprietary fund called an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses the enterprise fund to account for its water and sewer activity.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Water and Sewer Fund, which is considered a major fund of the Town.

**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 can be found on pages 20-46 of this report.

**Supplementary Information.** The combining statements, referred to earlier about Nonmajor governmental funds and details of the enterprise fund, can be found on pages 56-61 of this report.

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

**The Town of St. Pauls' Net Position**  
**Figure 2**

|                                     | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2020 | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2019 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2020 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2019 | Totals<br>2020      | Totals<br>2019      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Current and other assets            | \$ 1,965,038                       | \$ 1,863,321                       | \$ 323,977                          | \$ 328,930                          | \$ 2,289,015        | \$ 2,192,251        |
| Capital assets                      | 1,906,277                          | 1,809,918                          | 4,953,895                           | 5,040,963                           | 6,860,172           | 6,850,881           |
| <b>Total assets</b>                 | <b>3,871,315</b>                   | <b>3,673,239</b>                   | <b>5,277,872</b>                    | <b>5,369,893</b>                    | <b>9,149,187</b>    | <b>9,043,132</b>    |
| Deferred Outflows of<br>Resources   | 299,859                            | 293,144                            | 38,752                              | 39,010                              | 338,611             | 332,154             |
| Current liabilities                 | 398,193                            | 266,447                            | 155,575                             | 150,981                             | 553,768             | 417,428             |
| Long-term liabilities               | 1,985,829                          | 1,841,422                          | 223,241                             | 274,420                             | 2,209,070           | 2,115,842           |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>            | <b>2,384,022</b>                   | <b>2,107,869</b>                   | <b>378,816</b>                      | <b>425,401</b>                      | <b>2,762,838</b>    | <b>2,533,270</b>    |
| Deferred Inflows of<br>Resources    | 140,533                            | 115,550                            | 16,508                              | 11,931                              | 157,041             | 127,481             |
| Net position                        |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                     |                     |                     |
| Net investment in<br>capital assets | 1,029,375                          | 1,051,872                          | 4,808,148                           | 4,847,352                           | 5,837,523           | 5,899,224           |
| Restricted                          | 712,365                            | 611,062                            | -                                   | -                                   | 712,365             | 611,062             |
| Unrestricted                        | (95,121)                           | 80,030                             | 113,152                             | 124,219                             | 18,031              | 204,249             |
| <b>Total net position</b>           | <b>\$ 1,646,619</b>                | <b>\$ 1,742,964</b>                | <b>\$ 4,921,300</b>                 | <b>\$ 4,971,571</b>                 | <b>\$ 6,567,919</b> | <b>\$ 6,714,535</b> |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
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**June 30, 2020**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The assets of the Town exceeded liabilities by \$6,567,919 at the close of the current fiscal year. By far the largest portion of the Town's net position, 88.88%, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should note that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The restricted portion of net position \$712,365 or 10.85%, represents the Town's resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is \$18,031.

Property taxes were the largest revenue contributor for the governmental funds with 48.81% of total governmental fund revenues.

**Town of St. Pauls' Changes in Net Position**  
**Figure 3**

|   | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2020 | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2019 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2020 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2019 | Totals<br>2020      | Totals<br>2019      |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                        |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                     |                     |                     |
| <b>Program revenues</b>                 |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                     |                     |                     |
| Charges for services                    | \$ 385,960                         | \$ 398,566                         | \$ 785,685                          | \$ 725,666                          | \$ 1,171,645        | \$ 1,124,232        |
| Operating grants and contributions      | 151,142                            | 81,075                             | -                                   | 536,354                             | 151,142             | 617,429             |
| Capital grants and contributions        | -                                  | -                                  | -                                   | 295,478                             | -                   | 295,478             |
| <b>General revenues</b>                 |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                     |                     |                     |
| Property taxes                          | 1,515,679                          | 1,537,963                          | -                                   | -                                   | 1,515,679           | 1,537,963           |
| Other taxes                             | 788,368                            | 787,415                            | -                                   | -                                   | 788,368             | 787,415             |
| Grants and contributions not restricted | 85,592                             | 360                                | -                                   | -                                   | 85,592              | 360                 |
| Other                                   | 178,780                            | 287,817                            | 644                                 | 82                                  | 179,424             | 287,899             |
| <b>Total revenues</b>                   | <b>3,105,521</b>                   | <b>3,093,196</b>                   | <b>786,329</b>                      | <b>1,557,580</b>                    | <b>3,891,850</b>    | <b>4,650,776</b>    |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                        |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                     |                     |                     |
| General government                      | 917,861                            | 732,674                            | -                                   | -                                   | 917,861             | 732,674             |
| Public safety                           | 1,558,432                          | 1,415,908                          | -                                   | -                                   | 1,558,432           | 1,415,908           |
| Transportation                          | 479,571                            | 438,096                            | -                                   | -                                   | 479,571             | 438,096             |
| Economic development                    | 23,275                             | -                                  | -                                   | -                                   | 23,275              | -                   |
| Environmental Protection                | 133,349                            | 171,037                            | -                                   | -                                   | 133,349             | 171,037             |
| Cultural and Recreation                 | 14,060                             | 12,000                             | -                                   | -                                   | 14,060              | 12,000              |
| Interest on long-term debt              | 48,022                             | 19,304                             | -                                   | -                                   | 48,022              | 19,304              |
| Transfers                               | 27,296                             | -                                  | (27,296)                            | -                                   | -                   | -                   |
| Water and Sewer                         | -                                  | -                                  | 713,632                             | 740,906                             | 713,632             | 740,906             |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                   | <b>3,201,866</b>                   | <b>2,789,019</b>                   | <b>686,336</b>                      | <b>740,906</b>                      | <b>3,888,202</b>    | <b>3,529,925</b>    |
| <b>Change in net position</b>           | <b>(96,345)</b>                    | <b>304,177</b>                     | <b>99,993</b>                       | <b>816,674</b>                      | <b>3,648</b>        | <b>1,120,851</b>    |
| Net position - July 1                   | 1,742,964                          | 1,473,909                          | 4,971,571                           | 4,119,775                           | 6,714,535           | 5,593,684           |
| Restatement                             | -                                  | (35,122)                           | (150,264)                           | 35,122                              | (150,264)           | -                   |
| Net position - beginning restated       | 1,742,964                          | 1,438,787                          | 4,821,307                           | 4,154,897                           | 6,564,271           | 5,593,684           |
| <b>Net position - June 30</b>           | <b>\$ 1,646,619</b>                | <b>\$ 1,742,964</b>                | <b>\$ 4,921,300</b>                 | <b>\$ 4,971,571</b>                 | <b>\$ 6,567,919</b> | <b>\$ 6,714,535</b> |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Government-wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

Capital and operating grants for governmental activities furnished resources to support the five functions of the Town: general government, public safety, transportation, environmental protection, and economic and physical development.

**Business-type activities.** Business-type activities increased the Town's net position by \$99,993. Key elements are as follows:

- The Town increased 2020 charges for services by \$60,019 and lowered expenses by \$27,274 over fiscal year 2019.

**Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

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

**Governmental Funds.** The focus of the Town'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's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the Town of St. Pauls. At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$827,660 with a total fund balance of \$1,474,025. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 24.18% of total General Fund expenditures.

**Proprietary Funds.** The Town of St. Pauls' proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the governmental-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to a positive \$113,152. Other factors concerning this fund have been discussed in the Town's business-type activities.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

During the fiscal year, the Town revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories:

- Amendments that adjust for the estimates that are prepared for the original budget ordinance, which reflect actual cost.
- Amendments that recognize new funding from external sources, such as federal and State grants.
- Amendments that appropriate increases that becomes necessary to maintain services and obligations from prior years not completed.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration Capital Assets**

The Town of St. Pauls' investments in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2020, totals \$6,860,172 (net of accumulated depreciation). The investments in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, furniture and equipment, infrastructure (including distribution systems), and vehicles.

**Town of St. Pauls' Capital Assets**  
**(net of depreciation)**  
**Figure 4**

|                                  | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2020 | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2019 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2020 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2019 | Totals<br>2020      | Totals<br>2019      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Land & construction in progress  | \$ 256,211                         | \$ 256,211                         | \$ 204,131                          | \$ 1,974,570                        | \$ 460,342          | \$ 2,230,781        |
| Buildings & infrastructure       | 525,143                            | 534,076                            | 50,616                              | 51,237                              | 575,759             | 585,313             |
| Other improvements               | 265,476                            | 271,172                            | -                                   | -                                   | 265,476             | 271,172             |
| Equipment                        | 859,447                            | 748,459                            | 205,403                             | 218,319                             | 1,064,850           | 966,778             |
| Water & sewer infrastructure     | -                                  | -                                  | 4,493,745                           | 2,796,837                           | 4,493,745           | 2,796,837           |
| <b>Total capital assets, net</b> | <b>\$ 1,906,277</b>                | <b>\$ 1,809,918</b>                | <b>\$ 4,953,895</b>                 | <b>\$ 5,040,963</b>                 | <b>\$ 6,860,172</b> | <b>\$ 6,850,881</b> |

Additional information on the Town's capital assets can be found in the notes on page 29 of this report.

**Long-term debt.** As of June 30, 2020, and 2019, the Town of St. Pauls had total installment purchase debt outstanding of \$1,022,649 and \$951,658, respectively.

**Outstanding Debt**

Town of St. Pauls Outstanding Debt

|                               | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2020 | Governmental<br>Activities<br>2019 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2020 | Business-type<br>Activities<br>2019 | Totals<br>2020      | Totals<br>2019      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Direct placement              |                                    |                                    |                                     |                                     |                     |                     |
| Installment purchase          | \$ 876,902                         | \$ 758,047                         | \$ 145,747                          | \$ 193,611                          | \$ 1,022,649        | \$ 951,658          |
| Net pension liability (LGERS) | 396,612                            | 317,324                            | 50,167                              | 43,272                              | 446,779             | 360,596             |
| Total pension liability (LEO) | 243,820                            | 212,577                            | -                                   | -                                   | 243,820             | 212,577             |
| OPEB                          | 559,990                            | 598,371                            | 76,362                              | 81,596                              | 636,352             | 679,967             |
| Compensated absences          | 4,673                              | 88,976                             | 479                                 | 6,413                               | 5,152               | 95,389              |
| <b>Total outstanding debt</b> | <b>\$ 2,081,997</b>                | <b>\$ 1,975,295</b>                | <b>\$ 272,755</b>                   | <b>\$ 324,892</b>                   | <b>\$ 2,354,752</b> | <b>\$ 2,300,187</b> |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

***Town of St. Pauls Outstanding Debt***

The Town of St. Pauls total debt increased by \$54,565 (23.72%) during the past fiscal year. Town does not have any general obligation or revenue bonds. Debts are not payables for the construction of the new fire station in the Governmental Activities.

North Carolina's general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a governmental unit can issue to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for the Town of St. Pauls is presently at \$18,892,295 (the amount of additional debt the town could obligate itself to under NC General Statute).

Additional information pertaining to the Town of St. Pauls' long-term debt can be found in the notes on page 43 of this report.

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

- The unemployment rate for the Town and surrounding area is 8.8% at June 30, 2021, which is a decrease from a rate of 6.2% a year ago. This comparison is higher than the state's rate of 7.6% , but lower than the national rate of 11.2%.

Budget highlights for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 include anticipating budgeted revenues to remain approximately the same as the prior year amounts. Budgeted expenditures are expected to remain approximately the same.

**Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of St. Pauls' 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 Finance Director, 210 West Blue Street, St. Pauls NC 28384.



## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2020**

|  | Primary Government  |                     |                     | Component Units   |                   |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | Governmental        | Business-type       | Total               | Town of St. Pauls | St. Pauls Tourism |
|  | Activities          | Activities          |                     | ABC Board         | Dev. Authority    |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Current assets:  |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 1,106,865        | \$ 452,087          | \$ 1,558,952        | \$ 138,618        | \$ 53,682         |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents                             | 168,480             | 75,367              | 243,847             | -                 | -                 |
| Taxes receivables, net   | 145,808             | -                   | 145,808             | -                 | -                 |
| Accounts receivables, net  | 24,336              | 66,073              | 90,409              | -                 | 30,985            |
| Due from other governments                                       | 160,362             | 72,900              | 233,262             | -                 | -                 |
| Inventory  | -                   | 16,737              | 16,737              | 259,574           | -                 |
| Prepaid balances   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 4,365             | -                 |
| Internal balances  | 359,187             | (359,187)           | -                   | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                                      | <u>1,965,038</u>    | <u>323,977</u>      | <u>2,289,015</u>    | <u>402,557</u>    | <u>84,667</u>     |
| Noncurrent assets:   |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Capital assets (Note 3):   |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Land, non-depreciable improvements, and construction in progress | 256,211             | 204,131             | 460,342             | 15,000            | -                 |
| Other capital assets, net of depreciation                        | 1,650,066           | 4,749,764           | 6,399,830           | 68,945            | -                 |
| <b>Total capital assets</b>                                      | <u>1,906,277</u>    | <u>4,953,895</u>    | <u>6,860,172</u>    | <u>83,945</u>     | <u>-</u>          |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <u>3,871,315</u>    | <u>5,277,872</u>    | <u>9,149,187</u>    | <u>486,502</u>    | <u>84,667</u>     |
| <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                            |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Pension deferrals  | 289,867             | 37,390              | 327,257             | 17,217            | -                 |
| OPEB deferrals   | 9,992               | 1,362               | 11,354              | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>                      | <u>299,859</u>      | <u>38,752</u>       | <u>338,611</u>      | <u>17,217</u>     | <u>-</u>          |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Current liabilities:   |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                            | 274,502             | 30,694              | 305,196             | 167,697           | 4,198             |
| Customer deposits  | -                   | 75,367              | 75,367              | -                 | -                 |
| Due to component unit  | 27,523              | -                   | 27,523              | -                 | -                 |
| Current portion of long-term liabilities                         | 96,168              | 49,514              | 145,682             | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                                 | <u>398,193</u>      | <u>155,575</u>      | <u>553,768</u>      | <u>167,697</u>    | <u>4,198</u>      |
| Long-term liabilities:   |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Net pension liability  | 396,612             | 50,167              | 446,779             | 27,309            | -                 |
| Total pension liability  | 243,820             | -                   | 243,820             | -                 | -                 |
| Total OPEB liability   | 559,990             | 76,362              | 636,352             | -                 | -                 |
| Due in more than one year  | 785,407             | 96,712              | 882,119             | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   | <u>2,384,022</u>    | <u>378,816</u>      | <u>2,762,838</u>    | <u>195,006</u>    | <u>4,198</u>      |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                             |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Pension deferrals  | 23,357              | 530                 | 23,887              | 64                | -                 |
| OPEB deferrals   | 117,176             | 15,978              | 133,154             | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>                       | <u>140,533</u>      | <u>16,508</u>       | <u>157,041</u>      | <u>64</u>         | <u>-</u>          |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Net investment in capital assets                                 | 1,029,375           | 4,808,148           | 5,837,523           | 83,945            | -                 |
| Restricted for:  |                     |                     |                     |                   |                   |
| Stabilization by State Statute                                   | 543,885             | -                   | 543,885             | -                 | 27,523            |
| Transportation   | 168,480             | -                   | 168,480             | -                 | -                 |
| Working capital  | -                   | -                   | -                   | 45,648            | -                 |
| Unrestricted   | (95,121)            | 113,152             | 18,031              | 179,056           | 52,946            |
| <b>Total net position</b>  | <u>\$ 1,646,619</u> | <u>\$ 4,921,300</u> | <u>\$ 6,567,919</u> | <u>\$ 308,649</u> | <u>\$ 80,469</u>  |

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

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

| Functions/Programs   | Expenses            | Program Revenues        |  |  | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position |                             |                     | Town of<br>St. Pauls<br>ABC Board | St. Pauls<br>Tourism<br>Dev. Authority |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|  |                     | Charges for<br>Services | Operating<br>Grants and<br>Contributions | Capital<br>Grants and<br>Contributions | Primary Government                                |                             |                     |                                   |  |
|  |                     |                         |  |  | Governmental<br>Activities                        | Business-type<br>Activities | Total               |                                   |  |
| <b>Primary government:</b>                                   |                     |                         |  |  |   |                             |                     |                                   |  |
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>                              |                     |                         |  |  |   |                             |                     |                                   |  |
| General government   | \$ 917,861          | \$ 10,750               | \$ -                                     | \$ -                                   | \$ (907,111)                                      | \$ -                        | \$ (907,111)        | \$ -                              | \$ -                                   |
| Public safety  | 1,558,432           | 166,062                 | 19,304                                   | -                                      | (1,373,066)                                       | -                           | (1,373,066)         | -                                 | -                                      |
| Transportation   | 479,571             | 8,630                   | 65,838                                   | -                                      | (405,103)   | -                           | (405,103)           | -                                 | -                                      |
| Economic and physical develop.                               | 23,275              | -                       | 66,000                                   | -                                      | 42,725  | -                           | 42,725              | -                                 | -                                      |
| Cultural and recreation                                      | 14,060              | -                       | -  | -                                      | (14,060)  | -                           | (14,060)            | -                                 | -                                      |
| Environmental protection                                     | 133,349             | 200,518                 | -  | -                                      | 67,169  | -                           | 67,169              | -                                 | -                                      |
| Interest on long-term debt                                   | 48,022              | -                       | -  | -                                      | (48,022)  | -                           | (48,022)            | -                                 | -                                      |
| <b>Total governmental activities</b>                         | <b>3,174,570</b>    | <b>385,960</b>          | <b>151,142</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>(2,637,468)</b>                                | <b>-</b>                    | <b>(2,637,468)</b>  | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-</b>                               |
| <b>Business-type activities:</b>                             |                     |                         |  |  |   |                             |                     |                                   |  |
| Water and sewer  | 713,632             | 785,685                 | -  | -                                      | -   | 72,053                      | 72,053              | -                                 | -                                      |
| <b>Total business-type activities</b>                        | <b>713,632</b>      | <b>785,685</b>          | <b>-</b>                                 | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>  | <b>72,053</b>               | <b>72,053</b>       | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-</b>                               |
| <b>Total primary government</b>                              | <b>\$ 3,888,202</b> | <b>\$ 1,171,645</b>     | <b>\$ 151,142</b>                        | <b>\$ -</b>                            | <b>(2,637,468)</b>                                | <b>72,053</b>               | <b>(2,565,415)</b>  | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-</b>                               |
| <b>Component units:</b>                                      |                     |                         |  |  |   |                             |                     |                                   |  |
| Town of St. Pauls ABC Board                                  | \$ 1,488,187        | \$ 1,573,033            | \$ -                                     | \$ -                                   | -   | -                           | -                   | 84,846                            | -                                      |
| St. Pauls Tourism Dev. Authority                             | 35,359              | -                       | -  | -                                      | -   | (35,359)                    | (35,359)            | -                                 | (35,359)                               |
| <b>Total component units</b>                                 | <b>\$ 1,523,546</b> | <b>\$ 1,573,033</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>                              | <b>\$ -</b>                            | <b>-</b>  | <b>(35,359)</b>             | <b>(35,359)</b>     | <b>84,846</b>                     | <b>(35,359)</b>                        |
| <b>General revenues:</b>                                     |                     |                         |  |  |   |                             |                     |                                   |  |
| Taxes:   |                     |                         |  |  |   |                             |                     |                                   |  |
| Property taxes, levied for general purpose                   |                     |                         |  |  | 1,515,679   | -                           | 1,515,679           | -                                 | -                                      |
| Other taxes  |                     |                         |  |  | 788,368   | -                           | 788,368             | -                                 | 34,799                                 |
| Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs |                     |                         |  |  | 85,592  | -                           | 85,592              | -                                 | -                                      |
| Investment earnings, unrestricted                            |                     |                         |  |  | 8,696   | -                           | 8,696               | 29                                | 30                                     |
| Miscellaneous, unrestricted                                  |                     |                         |  |  | 170,084   | 644                         | 170,728             | -                                 | 120                                    |
| <b>Total general revenues not including transfers</b>        |                     |                         |  |  | <b>2,568,419</b>                                  | <b>644</b>                  | <b>2,569,063</b>    | <b>29</b>                         | <b>34,949</b>                          |
| Transfers  |                     |                         |  |  | (27,296)  | 27,296                      | -                   | -                                 | -                                      |
| <b>Total general revenues and transfers</b>                  |                     |                         |  |  | <b>2,541,123</b>                                  | <b>27,940</b>               | <b>2,569,063</b>    | <b>29</b>                         | <b>34,949</b>                          |
| <b>Change in net position</b>                                |                     |                         |  |  | <b>(96,345)</b>                                   | <b>99,993</b>               | <b>3,648</b>        | <b>84,875</b>                     | <b>(410)</b>                           |
| <b>Net position, beginning, previously restated</b>          |                     |                         |  |  | <b>1,742,964</b>                                  | <b>4,971,571</b>            | <b>6,714,535</b>    | <b>223,774</b>                    | <b>80,879</b>                          |
| Restatement  |                     |                         |  |  | -   | (150,264)                   | (150,264)           | -                                 | -                                      |
| <b>Net position, beginning, restated</b>                     |                     |                         |  |  | <b>1,742,964</b>                                  | <b>4,821,307</b>            | <b>6,564,271</b>    | <b>223,774</b>                    | <b>80,879</b>                          |
| <b>Net position, ending</b>                                  |                     |                         |  |  | <b>\$ 1,646,619</b>                               | <b>\$ 4,921,300</b>         | <b>\$ 6,567,919</b> | <b>\$ 308,649</b>                 | <b>\$ 80,469</b>                       |

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

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2020**

|   | <b>Major Fund<br/>General</b> | <b>Total<br/>Non-Major<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total<br/>Governmental<br/>Funds</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>  |                               |                                      |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 1,106,410                  | \$ 455                               | \$ 1,106,865                            |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents  | 168,480                       | -                                    | 168,480                                 |
| Taxes receivable, net   | 145,808                       | -                                    | 145,808                                 |
| Accounts receivable, net  | 24,336                        | -                                    | 24,336                                  |
| Due from other funds  | 293,187                       | 66,000                               | 359,187                                 |
| Due from other governments  | 160,362                       | -                                    | 160,362                                 |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>\$ 1,898,583</b>           | <b>\$ 66,455</b>                     | <b>\$ 1,965,038</b>                     |
| <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>   |                               |                                      |   |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                      | \$ 251,227                    | \$ 23,275                            | \$ 274,502                              |
| Due to component unit   | 27,523                        | -                                    | 27,523                                  |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>278,750</b>                | <b>23,275</b>                        | <b>302,025</b>                          |
| <b><u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u></b>                                   |                               |                                      |   |
| Property taxes receivable   | 145,808                       | -                                    | 145,808                                 |
| <b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>                                    | <b>145,808</b>                | <b>-</b>                             | <b>145,808</b>                          |
| <b><u>FUND BALANCES</u></b>   |                               |                                      |   |
| Restricted  |                               |                                      |   |
| Stabilization by State Statute  | 477,885                       | -                                    | 477,885                                 |
| Streets - Powell Bill   | 168,480                       | -                                    | 168,480                                 |
| Assigned  |                               |                                      |   |
| Economic development  | -                             | 43,180                               | 43,180                                  |
| Unassigned  | 827,660                       | -                                    | 827,660                                 |
| <b>Total fund balances</b>  | <b>1,474,025</b>              | <b>43,180</b>                        | <b>1,517,205</b>                        |
| <b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of<br/>resources and fund balances</b> | <b>\$ 1,898,583</b>           | <b>\$ 66,455</b>                     | <b>\$ 1,965,038</b>                     |

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

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Page 10) are different because:

|   |                    |                            |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds  |                    | \$ 1,517,205               |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds.             |                    |                            |
| Gross capital assets at historical cost   | \$ 5,541,554       |                            |
| Accumulated depreciation  | <u>(3,635,277)</u> | 1,906,277                  |
|   |                    |                            |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds  |                    | 289,867                    |
|   |                    |                            |
| Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB are not reported in the funds  |                    | 9,992                      |
|   |                    |                            |
| Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements   |                    | 145,808                    |
|   |                    |                            |
| Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds        |                    |                            |
| Gross long-term debt beginning  | (847,023)          |                            |
| Long-term debt included as net position below (includes the addition of long-term debt and principal payments during the year.) | (34,552)           |                            |
| Net pension liability   | (396,612)          |                            |
| OPEB liability  | (559,990)          |                            |
| Total pension liability   | <u>(243,820)</u>   | (2,081,997)                |
|   |                    |                            |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds   |                    | (23,357)                   |
|   |                    |                            |
| Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB are not reported in the funds   |                    | <u>(117,176)</u>           |
|   |                    |                            |
| <b>Net position of governmental activities</b>  |                    | <b><u>\$ 1,646,619</u></b> |

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

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|  | <u>Major Fund</u><br><u>General</u> | <u>Total</u><br><u>Non-Major</u><br><u>Funds</u> | <u>Total</u><br><u>Governmental</u><br><u>Funds</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |                                     |  |   |
| Ad valorem taxes   | \$ 1,581,910                        | \$ -   | \$ 1,581,910  |
| Other taxes and licenses                                 | 715                                 | -  | 715   |
| Unrestricted intergovernmental                           | 787,653                             | -  | 787,653   |
| Restricted intergovernmental                             | 94,946                              | -  | 94,946  |
| Permits and fees   | 8,630                               | -  | 8,630   |
| Sales and services                                       | 397,918                             | -  | 397,918   |
| Other revenue  | 233,980                             | 66,000   | 299,980   |
| <b>Total revenues</b>                                    | <u>3,105,752</u>                    | <u>66,000</u>                                    | <u>3,171,752</u>                                    |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                                     |                                     |  |   |
| General government                                       | 928,899                             | -  | 928,899   |
| Public safety  | 1,479,063                           | -  | 1,479,063   |
| Transportation   | 477,762                             | -  | 477,762   |
| Economic and physical development                        | -                                   | 23,275   | 23,275  |
| Cultural and recreational                                | 14,060                              | -  | 14,060  |
| Environmental protection                                 | 293,733                             | -  | 293,733   |
| Debt service   | 229,167                             | -  | 229,167   |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                                | <u>3,422,684</u>                    | <u>23,275</u>                                    | <u>3,445,959</u>                                    |
| <b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b> | <u>(316,932)</u>                    | <u>42,725</u>                                    | <u>(274,207)</u>                                    |
| <b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>                    |                                     |  |   |
| Transfers to other funds                                 | (27,296)                            | -  | (27,296)  |
| Proceeds from installment agreement                      | 300,000                             | -  | 300,000   |
| <b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>              | <u>272,704</u>                      | <u>-</u>   | <u>272,704</u>                                      |
| <b>Net change in fund balances</b>                       | (44,228)                            | 42,725   | (1,503)   |
| <b>Fund balances, beginning</b>                          | <u>1,518,253</u>                    | <u>455</u>                                       | <u>1,518,708</u>                                    |
| <b>Fund balances, ending</b>                             | <u>\$ 1,474,025</u>                 | <u>\$ 43,180</u>                                 | <u>\$ 1,517,205</u>                                 |

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

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**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 are different because:**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (1,503)

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

|  |                  |        |
|--|------------------|--------|
| Capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized | \$ 261,526       |        |
| Depreciation expense for governmental assets       | <u>(165,167)</u> | 96,359 |

|  |  |         |
|--|--|---------|
| Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities |  | 114,396 |
|--|--|---------|

|   |  |        |
|---|--|--------|
| Benefit payments paid and administrative expense for the LEOSSA are not included in the Statement of Activities |  | 16,049 |
|---|--|--------|

OPEB benefit payments and administrative costs made in the current fiscal year are not included in the Statement of Activities

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

|  |  |          |
|--|--|----------|
| Change in unavailable revenue for tax revenues |  | (66,231) |
|--|--|----------|

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 an effect on net position. These amounts are the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

|                                      |                |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| New long-term debt issued            | (300,000)      |           |
| Principal payments on long-term debt | <u>181,145</u> | (118,855) |

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.

|                               |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Compensated absences          | 84,303           |                  |
| Other postemployment benefits | (16,225)         |                  |
| Pension revenue (expense)     | <u>(204,638)</u> | <u>(136,560)</u> |

|   |  |                                  |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Total changes in net position of governmental activities</b> |  | <b><u><u>\$ (96,345)</u></u></b> |
|---|--|----------------------------------|

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**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|   | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u>      | <b>Variance with<br/>Final Budget<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</b> |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                            |                        |                     |                    |   |
| Ad valorem taxes                            | \$ 1,568,650           | \$ 1,588,003        | \$1,581,910        | \$ (6,093)  |
| Other taxes and licenses                    | -                      | -                   | 715                | 715   |
| Unrestricted intergovernmental              | 836,311                | 780,475             | 787,653            | 7,178   |
| Restricted intergovernmental                | 84,700                 | 98,475              | 94,946             | (3,529)   |
| Permits and fees                            | 7,500                  | 17,666              | 8,630              | (9,036)   |
| Sales and services                          | 499,740                | 463,852             | 397,918            | (65,934)  |
| Other revenues                              | 214,501                | 313,592             | 233,980            | (79,612)  |
| <b>Total revenues</b>                       | <u>3,211,402</u>       | <u>3,262,063</u>    | <u>3,105,752</u>   | <u>(156,311)</u>  |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                        |                        |                     |                    |   |
| Current:                                    |                        |                     |                    |   |
| General government                          | 905,790                | 1,006,642           | 928,899            | 77,743  |
| Public safety                               | 1,738,646              | 1,586,726           | 1,479,063          | 107,663   |
| Transportation                              | 643,121                | 489,669             | 477,762            | 11,907  |
| Environmental protection                    | 201,101                | 301,011             | 293,733            | 7,278   |
| Cultural and recreational                   | 14,060                 | 14,060              | 14,060             | -   |
| Debt service:                               |                        |                     |                    |   |
| Principal retirement                        | 95,760                 | 53,955              | 181,145            | (127,190)   |
| Interest                                    | 19,980                 | 10,870              | 48,022             | (37,152)  |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                   | <u>3,618,458</u>       | <u>3,462,933</u>    | <u>3,422,684</u>   | <u>40,249</u>   |
| <b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>   | <u>(407,056)</u>       | <u>(200,870)</u>    | <u>(316,932)</u>   | <u>185,030</u>  |
| <b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>      |                        |                     |                    |   |
| Transfers (to) other funds                  | -                      | -                   | (27,296)           | 27,296  |
| Installment loan proceeds                   | -                      | 200,870             | 300,000            | 99,130  |
| <b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b> | <u>-</u>               | <u>200,870</u>      | <u>272,704</u>     | <u>126,426</u>  |
| Fund balance appropriated                   | <u>407,056</u>         | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>           | <u>-</u>  |
| <b>Net change in fund balance</b>           | <u>\$ -</u>            | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>(44,228)</u>    | <u>\$ (44,228)</u>  |
| <b>Fund balance, beginning</b>              |                        |                     | <u>1,518,253</u>   |   |
| <b>Fund balance, ending</b>                 |                        |                     | <u>\$1,474,025</u> |   |

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**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Statement of Fund Net Position**  
**Proprietary Fund**  
**June 30, 2020**

|   | <b>Water and<br/>Sewer Fund</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Operating revenues:</b>                                      |                                 |
| Water sales   | \$ 312,120                      |
| Sewer charges   | 435,829                         |
| Tap fees  | 22,995                          |
| Late fees   | 11,350                          |
| Transfer and reconnection fees                                  | 3,391                           |
| <b>Total operating revenues</b>                                 | <b>785,685</b>                  |
| <b>Operating expenses:</b>                                      |                                 |
| <b>Water:</b>   |                                 |
| Salaries  | 78,608                          |
| Employee benefits   | 8,989                           |
| Contracted service  | 17,215                          |
| Other operating expenses  | 117,480                         |
| Repairs and maintenance   | 32,978                          |
| Purchases for resale  | 23,275                          |
| Depreciation  | 66,253                          |
| <b>Total water</b>  | <b>344,798</b>                  |
| <b>Sewer:</b>   |                                 |
| Salaries  | 49,679                          |
| Employee benefits   | 18,985                          |
| Contracted service  | 60,078                          |
| Other operating expenses  | 130,749                         |
| Repairs and maintenance   | 36,795                          |
| Depreciation  | 66,253                          |
| <b>Total sewer</b>  | <b>362,539</b>                  |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>                                 | <b>707,337</b>                  |
| <b>Operating income (loss)</b>                                  | <b>78,348</b>                   |
| <b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses):</b>                        |                                 |
| Interest  | (6,295)                         |
| Insurance reimbursement   | 644                             |
| <b>Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)</b>                    | <b>(5,651)</b>                  |
| <b>Income (loss) before contributions<br/>    and transfers</b> | <b>72,697</b>                   |
| Transfers from general fund                                     | 27,296                          |
| <b>Change in net position</b>                                   | <b>99,993</b>                   |
| <b>Net position, beginning, previously reported</b>             | 4,971,571                       |
| Restatement   | (150,264)                       |
| <b>Net position, beginning, restated</b>                        | 4,821,307                       |
| <b>Net position, ending</b>                                     | <b>\$ 4,921,300</b>             |

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**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position**  
**Proprietary Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|   | <b>Water and<br/>Sewer Fund</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Operating revenues:</b>                                  |                                 |
| Water sales   | \$ 312,120                      |
| Sewer charges   | 435,829                         |
| Tap fees  | 22,995                          |
| Late fees   | 11,350                          |
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| <b>Total operating revenues</b>                             | <b>785,685</b>                  |
| <b>Operating expenses:</b>                                  |                                 |
| <b>Water:</b>   |                                 |
| Salaries  | 78,608                          |
| Employee benefits   | 8,989                           |
| Contracted service  | 17,215                          |
| Other operating expenses                                    | 117,480                         |
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| Depreciation  | 66,253                          |
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| Other operating expenses                                    | 130,749                         |
| Repairs and maintenance                                     | 36,795                          |
| Depreciation  | 66,253                          |
| <b>Total sewer</b>  | <b>362,539</b>                  |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>                             | <b>707,337</b>                  |
| <b>Operating income (loss)</b>                              | <b>78,348</b>                   |
| <b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses):</b>                    |                                 |
| Interest  | (6,295)                         |
| Insurance reimbursement                                     | 644                             |
| <b>Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)</b>                | <b>(5,651)</b>                  |
| <b>Income (loss) before contributions<br/>and transfers</b> | <b>72,697</b>                   |
| Tranfers from general fund                                  | 27,296                          |
| <b>Change in net position</b>                               | <b>99,993</b>                   |
| <b>Net position, beginning, previously reported</b>         | 4,971,571                       |
| <i>Restatement</i>  | (150,264)                       |
| <b>Net position, beginning, restated</b>                    | 4,821,307                       |
| <b>Net position, ending</b>                                 | <b>\$ 4,921,300</b>             |

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

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|   | <b>Water and<br/>Sewer Fund</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>   |                                 |
| Cash received from customers  | \$ 785,685                      |
| Cash paid for goods and services  | (347,358)                       |
| Cash paid to employees  | (153,078)                       |
| Increase (decrease) in meter deposits   | 4,029                           |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>   | <b>289,278</b>                  |
| <b>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities</b>   |                                 |
| Transfers from other funds  | 27,296                          |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities</b>   | <b>27,296</b>                   |
| <b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities</b>   |                                 |
| Acquisition and construction of assets  | (45,438)                        |
| Payment of debt-related interest - all  | (6,295)                         |
| Other   | 644                             |
| Debt principal repayment  | (47,864)                        |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities</b>                                   | <b>(98,953)</b>                 |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>   |                                 |
| Interest on investments   | -                               |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>   | <b>-</b>                        |
| <b>Net increase (decrease) in cash</b>  | <b>217,621</b>                  |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents - beginning, previously reported</b>   | <b>460,097</b>                  |
| <i>Restatement</i>  | (150,264)                       |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents - restated</b>   | <b>309,833</b>                  |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents - end of year</b>  | <b>\$ 527,454</b>               |
| <b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</b>         |                                 |
| <b>Operating income (loss)</b>  | <b>\$ 78,348</b>                |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities -</b> |                                 |
| Depreciation  | 132,506                         |
| Change in assets and liabilities:   |                                 |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable  | (7,934)                         |
| (Increase) decrease in due from other governments   | 13,200                          |
| (Increase) decrease in inventory  | 1,044                           |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | 64,902                          |
| Increase (decrease) in meter deposits   | 4,029                           |
| Increase (decrease) in net pension liability  | 6,895                           |
| (Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources - pensions  | 25                              |
| Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pensions   | (398)                           |
| (Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB  | 283                             |
| Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB   | 4,975                           |
| Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability   | (5,234)                         |
| Increase (decrease) in compensated absences   | (3,363)                         |
| <b>Total adjustments</b>  | <b>210,930</b>                  |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>   | <b>\$ 289,278</b>               |

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

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina 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 St. Pauls is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and a six-member council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town and its component units, two legally separate entities for which the Town is financially accountable. The discretely presented component units presented below are reported in separate columns in the Town's financial statements in order to emphasize that they are legally separate from the Town.

Town of St. Pauls ABC Board – The members of the ABC Board's governing board are appointed by the Town. In addition, the ABC Board is required by State statute to distribute its surpluses to the General Fund of the Town. 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 Town of St. Pauls ABC Board, 948 W. Broad Street, St. Pauls, N.C. 28384.

St. Pauls Tourism Development Authority (TDA) – The authority was created under House Bill 1568 by the General Assembly of North Carolina and authorized the Town to levy a room occupancy tax and remit to the TDA. The members of the TDA's governing board are appointed by the Town. The TDA, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a proprietary fund (discrete presentation). Complete financial statements for the TDA may be obtained from the Town of St. Pauls administrative offices at the Town of St. Pauls.

**B - Basis of Presentation**

*Government-wide Statements:* The statement of net position and 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 and 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 – government and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as Nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from the 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.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**B - Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting (continued)**

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. Primary expenditures are for public safety, street maintenance and construction, and sanitation services.

The Town reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

**UDAG Loan Repayment Fund** - This fund accounts for money paid back to the Town by an industry which received a low interest loan from the Federal government. The loan was paid back to the Town, which must designate its use for economic development only.

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.

**Water and Sewer – Capital Projects Fund** – This fund is to account for the construction of water and sewer facilities.

**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 the 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 and expenses 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 enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The Town also recognizes as operating revenue 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.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**C - Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)**

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 a revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 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 a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the utilities franchise tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered shared revenue for the Town of St. Pauls because the tax is levied by Robeson County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Most intergovernmental revenue and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. Grant revenue that is unearned at year-end is recorded as deferred revenue.

**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 and the Enterprise Funds. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Enterprise Capital Projects Fund. The Enterprise Fund projects are consolidated with their respective operating funds for reporting purposes. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the departmental level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. The Town clerk is authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund up to \$2,500; however, the governing board must approve any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund or exceed \$2,500. During the year, several amendments to the original budget were necessary, the effects of which were not material. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

**E - Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity**

**1. Deposits and Investments**

All deposits of the Town, the ABC Board, and TDA are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town, ABC Board, and TDA may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town, ABC Board, and TDA 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, the ABC Board, and TDA to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by 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 nonguaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and banker's acceptances and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT).

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**E - Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (continued)**

1. Deposits and Investments (continued)

The Town's, ABC Board's and the TDA'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) external investment pool, is measured at fair value. The NCCMT-Term Portfolio is bond fund, has no rating and is measured at fair value. As of June 30, 2020, the Term portfolio has a duration of .15 years. Because the NCCMT Government and Term Portfolios have a weighted average maturity of less than 90 days, they are presented as an investment with a maturity of less than 6 months.

In accordance with State law, the Town of St. Pauls has invested in securities that are callable and which provide for periodic interest rate increases in specific increments until maturity. These investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because it 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. Customer deposits held by the Town before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. The unexpended grant proceeds of Water and Sewer Fund are classified as restricted assets for the enterprise fund because their use is completed restricted to the purpose for which the grants were originally issued.

| <b><u>Town of St. Pauls's Restricted Cash</u></b> |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Governmental Activities                           |                     |
| General Fund                                      |                     |
| Streets   | \$          168,480 |
| Total Governmental Activities                     | 168,480             |
| Business-type Activities                          |                     |
| Water and Sewer Fund                              |                     |
| Customer deposits                                 | 75,367              |
| Total Business-type Activities                    | 75,367              |
| Total Restricted Cash                             | \$          243,847 |



**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**E - Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (continued)**

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 other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2019. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid prior to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenue is reported net of such discounts.

5. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

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

6. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The inventories of the Town, the ABC Board, and TDA are valued at cost (first-in, first-out), which approximates market.

The inventories of the Town's enterprise fund and those of the ABC Board consist of materials and supplies held for subsequent use. The costs of these inventories are expensed when sold or consumed.

7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain threshold and an estimated life in excess of two years. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Minimum capitalization costs are as follows: land, \$500; buildings, improvements, \$500; infrastructure, \$500; furniture and equipment, \$500; and vehicles, \$500. 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 purchases or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical 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 using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

|                | <u>Estimated Useful Lives</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Buildings      | 40                            |
| Motor vehicles | 5                             |
| Equipment      | 7                             |
| Plant assets   | 50                            |

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

|             | <u>Estimated Useful Lives</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Buildings   | 25                            |
| Equipment   | 10                            |
| Parking lot | 10                            |
| Computer    | 5                             |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**E - Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (continued)**

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town has one item that meet this criterion – pension deferrals for the 2020 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town has two items that meet the criteria for this category – property taxes receivable and pension related 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. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

10. Compensated Absences

The vacation policies of the Town and ABC Board provide for the accumulation of up to thirty days of earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Town, the current portion of the accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material; therefore, no expenditure or liability has been reported in the governmental funds. For the Town's proprietary fund and ABC Board, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded within the fund as the leave is earned.

Both the Town and ABC Board's sick leave policy provide 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 the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since neither the Town nor the ABC Board has any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

11. Net Position / Fund Balances

Net Position

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

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**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**E - Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (continued)**

Fund Balances

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

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

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

*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* – North 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 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.

*Restricted for Debt* – portion of fund balance that is restricted by USDA loan covenants that requires the Town to set aside a reserve for debt payments.

Assigned fund balance – portion of fund balance that the Town intends to use for specific purposes.

*Economic Development* – portion of fund balance that is appropriated for economic development expenditures only.

*Subsequent year's expenditures* – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation; however the budget ordinance authorizes the manager to modify the appropriations by resource or appropriation within funds up to \$100,000.

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

The Town of St. Pauls 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, 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.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**E - Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity (continued)**

12. Defined Benefit Cost-Sharing Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and additions to/deductions from LGERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LGERS. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Town of St. Pauls' employer contributions are recognized when due and the Town of St. Pauls has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of LGERS. Investments are reported at fair value.

**NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS**

**A - Significant Violations of Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions**

**1. Noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes**

According to G.S. 159-28(a), the Finance Officer is required to perform the preaudit process on all purchase orders, credit card purchases, employment agreements, internet orders, and service contracts. The process includes checking to see if there is an appropriation in the budget ordinance or project ordinance for amounts due this fiscal year, checking to see if sufficient funds remain in the appropriation to cover amount that will come due this fiscal year, memorialize contract/agreement/order in writing, and affix signed preaudit certificate to writing that evidences the contract/agreement/order.

The Town did not perform the preaudit process described above on purchases made during fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, therefore, the Town was not in compliance with G.S. 159-28(a). The Town will establish procedures to ensure that the preaudit process is performed as required by G.S. 159-28(a).

**2. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 the expenditures made in the Town's General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund exceeded the authorized appropriations made by the governing board for general governments in the debt service department by \$164,342 and 5,159 respectively along with \$18,142 in other financing uses in Water and Sewer department. Management and Council 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 the 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 or the ABC Board's agents in these units' names. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Town and the ABC Board, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's and the ABC Board's agents in their names.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
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**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**A – Assets (Continued)**

1. Deposits (continued)

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, the ABC Board, or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town and the ABC Board under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization. This risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The 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 \$1,168,592 and a bank balance of \$1,186,497. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the pooling method. The carrying amount of deposits for the ABC Board was \$138,618 and the bank balance was \$153,033. The carrying amount of deposits for the TDA was \$53,682 and the bank balance was \$53,174. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. At June 30, 2020, the Town’s cash on hand totaled \$1,025.

2. Investments

At June 30, 2020, the Town had \$633,182, invested with North Carolina Capital Management Trust Cash Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAm by Standard and Poor’s. The Town has no policy regarding credit risk.

3. Receivables - Allowance 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 allowance for doubtful accounts:

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| General Fund:       |           |
| Accounts receivable | \$ 16,717 |
| Total               | 16,717    |
| Enterprise Funds:   |           |
| Accounts receivable | 68,891    |
| Total               | 68,891    |
| Total               | \$ 85,608 |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**A - Assets (continued)**

4. Capital Assets

**Primary Government**

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2020, was as follows:

| <b>Governmental activities:</b>                    | Beginning           |                |           | Ending              |
|--|---------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
|  | Balances            | Increases      | Decreases | Balances            |
| <b>Capital assets not being depreciated:</b>       |                     |                |           |                     |
| Land   | \$ 256,211          | \$ -           | \$ -      | \$ 256,211          |
| Construction in progress                           | -                   | -              | -         | -                   |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated         | <u>256,211</u>      | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>  | <u>256,211</u>      |
| <b>Capital assets being depreciated:</b>           |                     |                |           |                     |
| Buildings  | 1,102,387           | 13,857         | -         | 1,116,244           |
| Other improvements                                 | 685,756             | -              | -         | 685,756             |
| Total capital assets being depreciated:            | <u>3,235,674</u>    | <u>247,669</u> | <u>-</u>  | <u>3,483,343</u>    |
|  | <u>5,023,817</u>    | <u>261,526</u> | <u>-</u>  | <u>5,285,343</u>    |
| <b>Less accumulated depreciation for:</b>          |                     |                |           |                     |
| Buildings  |                     |                |           |                     |
| 2025   | 568,311             | 22,790         | -         | 591,101             |
| Other improvements                                 | 414,584             | 5,696          | -         | 420,280             |
| Equipment and vehicles                             | <u>2,487,215</u>    | <u>136,681</u> | <u>-</u>  | <u>2,623,896</u>    |
| Total accumulated depreciation                     | <u>3,470,110</u>    | <u>165,167</u> | <u>-</u>  | <u>3,635,277</u>    |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net        | <u>1,553,707</u>    |                |           | <u>1,650,066</u>    |
| <b>Governmental activities capital assets, net</b> | <u>\$ 1,809,918</u> |                |           | <u>\$ 1,906,277</u> |

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

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| General government         | \$ 29,500         |
| Public safety              | 126,517           |
| Transportation             | 8,700             |
| Environmental protection   | 450               |
| Total depreciation expense | <u>\$ 165,167</u> |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
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**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**A - Assets (continued)**

4. Capital Assets (continued)

|   | Beginning           |           |           | Ending              |
|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
|   | Balances            | Increases | Decreases | Balances            |
| <b>Water and sewer fund:</b>                    |                     |           |           |                     |
| <b>Capital assets not being depreciated:</b>    |                     |           |           |                     |
| Land  | \$ 24,040           | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 24,040           |
| Construction in progress                        | 1,950,530           | 45,438    | 1,815,877 | 180,091             |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated      | 1,974,570           | 45,438    | 1,815,877 | 204,131             |
| <b>Capital assets being depreciated:</b>        |                     |           |           |                     |
| Buildings                                       | 118,993             | -         | -         | 118,993             |
| Plant and distribution systems                  | 5,124,170           | 1,815,877 | -         | 6,940,047           |
| Equipment                                       | 900,879             | -         | -         | 900,879             |
| Total capital assets being depreciated:         | 6,144,042           | 1,815,877 | -         | 7,959,919           |
| <b>Less accumulated depreciation for:</b>       |                     |           |           |                     |
| Buildings                                       | 67,756              | 621       | -         | 68,377              |
| Plant and distribution systems                  | 2,327,333           | 118,969   | -         | 2,446,302           |
| Equipment                                       | 682,560             | 12,916    | -         | 695,476             |
| Total accumulated depreciation                  | 3,077,649           | 132,506   | -         | 3,210,155           |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net     | 3,066,393           |           |           | 4,749,764           |
| <b>Water and sewer fund capital assets, net</b> | <b>\$ 5,040,963</b> |           |           | <b>\$ 4,953,895</b> |

**Discretely presented component unit**

Below are the balances for the ABC Board for the year ended June 30, 2020:

|           | Useful Life | Cost       | Accumulated Depreciation | Net Value |
|-----------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Land      | N/A         | \$ 15,000  | \$ -                     | \$ 15,000 |
| Building  | 25 years    | 94,339     | 58,874                   | 35,465    |
| Equipment | 5-10 years  | 156,870    | 123,390                  | 33,480    |
|           |             | \$ 266,209 | \$ 182,264               | \$ 83,945 |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations

*a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System*

*Plan Description.* The Town of St. Pauls is a participating employer in the statewide 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 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.* 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 St. Pauls 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 St. Pauls' contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2020, was 9.70% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 8.95% for general employees, 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 St. Pauls were \$124,341 for the year ended June 30, 2020.



**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
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**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

*a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (continued)*

*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 \$446,779 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 0.01636%, which was a decrease of 0.00116%, from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Town recognized pension expense of \$205,234. At June 30, 2020, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

|   | <b>Deferred<br/>Outflows of<br/>Resources</b> | <b>Deferred<br/>Inflows of<br/>Resources</b> |
|---|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience  | \$ 76,500                                     | \$ -   |
| Changes of assumptions  | 72,818  | -  |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments                          | 10,898  | -  |
| Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 24,635  | 2,758  |
| Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date   | 124,341                                       | -  |
| Total   | <b>\$ 309,192</b>                             | <b>\$ 2,758</b>                              |

\$124,341 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| <b>Year ended June 30:</b> |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 2021                       | \$ 86,798 |
| 2022                       | 31,929    |
| 2023                       | 46,736    |
| 2024                       | 16,628    |
| 2025                       | -         |
| Thereafter                 | -         |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
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**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

*a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (continued)*

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

*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          | 3.5 to 8.1 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:

| <u>Asset Class</u>   | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected<br/>Real Rate of Return</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 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%                   |   |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
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**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

*a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (continued)*

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

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2016 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 3.00%. 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 liability 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%<br>Decrease<br>▼ (6.00%) | Discount<br>Rate<br>▼ (7.00%) | 1%<br>Increase<br>▼ (8.00%) |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) | \$ 1,021,865                | \$ 446,779                    | \$ (31,234)                 |

*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.

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**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

*b. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance*

*1. Plan Description.* The Town of St. Pauls 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. 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 increase 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.

The Separation Allowance covers all full-time law enforcement officers of the Town. At December 31, 2018, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Retirees receiving benefits  | -  |
| Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits | -  |
| Active plan members  | 10 |
| Total  | 10 |

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.

3. Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age 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        | 2.5 percent   |
| Salary increases | 3.50 to 7.35 percent, including inflation and productivity factor |
| Discount rate    | 3.26 percent  |

The discount rate is based on the yield of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of December 31, 2018.

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. Administration costs of the Separation Allowance are financed through investment earnings. The Town paid \$0 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

*b. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance (continued)*

**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 \$243,820. 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 \$15,823.

|  | <b><u>Deferred<br/>Outflows of<br/>Resources</u></b> | <b><u>Deferred<br/>Inflows of<br/>Resources</u></b> |
|--|--|---|
| Differences between expected and actual experience   | \$ 5,501   | \$ 14,663   |
| Changes of assumptions   | 12,565   | 6,466   |
| Town benefit payments and plan administrative<br>expense made subsequent to measurement date | -  | -   |
| Total  | <b>\$ 18,066</b>                                     | <b>\$ 21,129</b>                                    |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

No amount was reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| <b>Year ended June 30:</b> |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 2021                       | \$ (1,860) |
| 2022                       | (1,860)    |
| 2023                       | (2,362)    |
| 2024                       | 1,189      |
| 2025                       | 1,830      |
| Thereafter                 | -          |

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:

|   | <u>1%<br/>Decrease<br/>(2.26%)</u> | <u>Discount<br/>Rate<br/>(3.26%)</u> | <u>1%<br/>Increase<br/>(4.26%)</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) | \$262,811                          | \$ 243,820                           | \$ 226,010                         |

**Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability**  
**Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance**

|  | <b>2020</b> |
|--|-------------|
| Beginning balance  | \$ 212,577  |
| Service Cost   | 9,945       |
| Interest on the total pension liability  | 7,738       |
| Changes of benefit terms   | -           |
| Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability | 6,652       |
| Changes of assumptions or other inputs   | 6,908       |
| Benefit payments   | -           |
| Other changes  | -           |
| Ending balance of the total pension liability  | \$ 243,820  |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

**Total Expense, Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources of 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> |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pension Expense  | \$ 205,234   | \$ 15,823     | \$ 221,057   |
| Pension Liability  | 446,779      | 243,820       | 690,599      |
| Proportionate share of the net pension liability   | 0.01636%     | n/a           |              |
| <br>Deferred of Outflows of Resources  |              |               |              |
| Differences between expected and actual experience   | 76,500       | 5,501         | 82,001       |
| Changes of assumptions   | 72,818       | 12,565        | 85,383       |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments                             | 10,898       | -             | 10,898       |
| Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 24,635       | -             | 24,635       |
| Benefit payments and administrative costs paid subsequent to the measurement date                    | 124,341      | -             | 124,341      |
| <br>Deferred of Inflows of Resources   |              |               |              |
| Differences between expected and actual experience   | -            | 14,663        | 14,663       |
| Changes of assumptions   | -            | 6,466         | 6,466        |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments                             | 2,758        | -             | 2,758        |
| Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions | -            | -             | -            |

2. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

***c. Other Postemployment Benefits***

**Healthcare Benefits**

According to a Town resolution, the Town provides post-employment health care benefits to retirees of the Town, provided they participate in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and have at least five years of creditable service with the Town. In addition, the Town pays the full cost of these benefits with a minimum of twenty years of creditable service with the Town. Retirees who do not meet the aforementioned criteria have the option to purchase coverage themselves and their dependents through the Town for eighteen months. The entire cost of this insurance is borne by the retirees. The Town maintains health care coverage through private insurers.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

2. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

*c. Other Postemployment Benefits*

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, 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.

Membership of the Plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2020:

|   | <b>General<br/>Employees</b> | <b>Law Enforcement<br/>Officers</b> |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Retirees and dependents receiving benefits                          | 2                            | -                                   |
| Terminated plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving benefits | -                            | -                                   |
| Active plan members   | 12                           | 10                                  |
| Total   | 14                           | 10                                  |

**Total OPEB Liability**

The Town's total OPEB liability of \$636,352 was measured as of June 30, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019. Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement unless otherwise specified:

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Inflation                   | 2.50% |
| Salary increases            | 3.50% |
| Discount rate               | 3.50% |
| Healthcare cost trend rates |       |
| Pre-Medicare                | 7.00% |
| Medicare                    | 5.00% |

The discount rate is based on the yield of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of the measurement date.



**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

*c. Other Postemployment Benefits*

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

|  | <b>Total OPEB Liability</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Balance at June 30, 2018</b>                    | \$ 679,967                  |
| <b>Changes for the year</b>                        |                             |
| Service cost                                       | 16,733                      |
| Interest   | 26,099                      |
| Changes of benefit terms                           | -                           |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | (59,391)                    |
| Changes in assumptions or other inputs             | (8,818)                     |
| Benefit payments                                   | (18,238)                    |
| <b>Net changes</b>                                 | <b>(43,615)</b>             |
| <b>Balance at June 30, 2019</b>                    | <b>\$ 636,352</b>           |

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.89% to 3.50%.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Total Data Set for Healthy Annuitants Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January, 2010 through December, 2014.

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* 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 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:

|                             | <b>1% Decrease</b> | <b>Discount Rate (3.5%)</b> | <b>1% Increase</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total OPEB liability</b> | \$ 531,602         | \$ 636,352                  | \$ 772,321         |

*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:

|                             | <b>1% Decrease</b> | <b>Discount Rate (3.5%)</b> | <b>1% Increase</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total OPEB liability</b> | \$ 760,906         | \$ 636,352                  | \$ 538,644         |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

1. Pension Plan and Postemployment Obligations (continued)

*c. Other Postemployment Benefits*

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

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$18,438. 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<br>of Resources | Deferred Inflows<br>of Resources |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Differences between expected and actual experience                                | \$ 11,354                         | \$ 49,949                        |
| Changes of assumption   | -                                 | 83,205                           |
| Benefit payments and administrative costs made subsequent to the measurement date | -                                 | -                                |
| Total   | \$ 11,354                         | \$ 133,154                       |

\$0 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| Year ended June 30: |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 2020                | \$ (24,394) |
| 2021                | (24,394)    |
| 2022                | (24,394)    |
| 2023                | (24,394)    |
| 2024                | (19,161)    |
| Thereafter          | (5,063)     |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

**2. Other Employment Benefits**

The Town has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Government Employees' 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 benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employees death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. All death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of the contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. The Town considers these contributions to be immaterial.

**3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

The Town has several deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources is comprised of the following:

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Differences between expected and actual experience  | \$ 93,355                |
| Changes of assumptions  | 85,383                   |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments                          | 10,898                   |
| Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 24,635                   |
| Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date   | <u>124,341</u>           |
| Total   | <u><u>\$ 338,612</u></u> |

Deferred inflows of resources at year-end is comprised of the following:

|   | <b><u>Statement of Net Position</u></b> | <b><u>General Fund Balance Sheet</u></b> |
|---|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience  | \$ 64,612                               | \$ -                                     |
| Changes of assumptions  | 89,671                                  | -  |
| Tax Receivable, less penalties (General Fund)   | -                                       | 145,808                                  |
| Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 2,758                                   | -  |
| Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date   | <u>-</u>                                | <u>-</u>                                 |
| Total   | <u><u>\$ 157,041</u></u>                | <u><u>\$ 145,808</u></u>                 |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

**4. Risk Management**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town participates in three self-funded risk-financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools, the Town obtains general liability and auto liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence, property coverage up to the total insured values of the property policy, workers' compensation coverage up to statutory limits, and employee health coverage. The liability and property exposures are reinsured through commercial carriers for claims in excess of retentions as selected by the Board of Trustees each year. Stop loss insurance is purchased by the Board of Trustees to protect against large medical claims that exceed certain dollar cost levels. Specific information on the limits of the reinsurance, excess and stop loss policies purchased by the Board of Trustees can be obtained by contacting the Risk Management Services Department of the NC League of Municipalities. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the Town upon request.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the finance officer is individually bonded for \$50,000. The remaining employees that have access to cash are covered under a blanket insurance policy.

The Town carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**5. Long-Term Obligations**

**a. Installment Purchase**

On March 2, 2004, the Town entered into two direct borrowing notes payable agreements with USDA-Rural Development to finance a new fire station. The financing contract requires principal payments beginning in the fiscal year 2004 with an interest rate of 4.50%. The notes totaled \$275,000 and are to be repaid over 40 annual payments. The balance of these loans at June 30, 2020 was \$207,742.

On July 6, 2017, the Town entered into a direct borrowing note payable agreement with BB&T to finance a Ladder Fire Truck. The financing contract requires principal payments beginning in the fiscal year 2018 with an interest rate of 2.13%. The notes totaled \$450,000 and are to be repaid over 10 annual payments. The balance of these loans at June 30, 2020 was \$324,811.

On December 18, 2017, the Town entered into a direct borrowing note payable agreement with BB&T to finance a Police Vehicles. The financing contract requires principal payments beginning in the fiscal year 2020 with an interest rate of 2.78%. The notes totaled \$60,000 and are to be repaid over 3 annual payments. The balance of these loans at June 30, 2020 was \$17,709.

On January 15, 2018, the Town entered into a direct borrowing note payable agreement with First Bank to finance a Computer Software System. The financing contract requires principal payments beginning in the fiscal year 2018 with an interest rate of 3.75%. The notes totaled \$64,184 and are to be repaid over 5 annual payments. The balance of these loans at June 30, 2020 was \$26,641.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

5. Long-Term Obligations (continued)

a. Installment Purchase (continued)

On December 10, 2019, the Town entered into a direct borrowing note payable agreement with First Bank to finance a Fire Truck. The financing contract requires principal payments beginning in the fiscal year 2020 with an interest rate of 2.70%. The notes totaled \$300,000 and are to be repaid over 15 annual payments. The balance of these loans at June 30, 2020 was \$300,000.

On January 27, 2016, the Town entered into a direct borrowing note payable agreement with First Bank to finance the replacement of sewer lines and manholes for the Water and Sewer Fund. The financing contract requires annual payments beginning January 27, 2017 with an interest rate of 2.75%. The note totaled \$104,000 and is to be repaid over 10 years. The balance of this loan at June 30, 2020 was \$55,468.

On December 4, 2017, the Town entered into a direct borrowing note payable agreement with BB&T to finance a new Vacuum Truck. The financing contract requires principal payments beginning fiscal year 2018 with an interest rate of 1.96%. The notes totaled \$59,500 and are to be repaid over 5 annual payments. The balance of these loans at June 30, 2020 was \$24,495.

On July 1, 2017, the Town entered into a direct borrowing note payable agreement with Lumbee Bank to finance a new Press Belt. The financing contract requires principal payments beginning fiscal year 2018 with an interest rate of 4.26%. The notes totaled \$130,363 and are to be repaid over 5 annual payments. The balance of these loans at June 30, 2020 was \$65,783.

Annual debt service payments of the governmental type activities installment purchase as of the year ended, including interest are as follows:

| Years Ending June 30: | Governmental-Type Activities |            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------|
|                       | Principal                    | Interest   |
| 2021                  | \$ 96,168                    | \$ 25,785  |
| 2022                  | 80,319                       | 23,433     |
| 2023                  | 68,482                       | 21,167     |
| 2024                  | 70,161                       | 19,488     |
| 2025                  | 71,913                       | 17,736     |
| 2026-2030             | 232,800                      | 64,129     |
| 2031-2035             | 161,375                      | 37,939     |
| 2036-2040             | 44,608                       | 14,600     |
| 2041-2043             | 51,075                       | 6,006      |
| Total                 | \$ 876,902                   | \$ 230,283 |

| Years Ending June 30: | Business-Type Activities |           |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                       | Principal                | Interest  |
| 2021                  | \$ 49,514                | \$ 4,647  |
| 2022                  | 51,221                   | 2,930     |
| 2023                  | 10,823                   | 1,237     |
| 2024                  | 11,121                   | 2,034     |
| 2025                  | 11,427                   | 634       |
| 2026-2030             | 11,642                   | 460       |
| Total                 | \$ 145,747               | \$ 11,941 |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**B - Liabilities (continued)**

5. Long-Term Obligations (continued)

b. Changes in Debt

|   | Beginning<br>Balances | Increases         | Decreases           | Ending<br>Balance   | Current<br>Portion |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Governmental activities:                        |                       |                   |                     |                     |                    |
| Direct placement                                |                       |                   |                     |                     |                    |
| Installment purchases                           | \$ 758,047            | \$ 300,000        | \$ (181,145)        | \$ 876,902          | \$ 96,168          |
| Net pension liability (LGERS)                   | 317,324               | 79,288            | -                   | 396,612             | -                  |
| Total pension liability (LEO)                   | 212,577               | 31,243            | -                   | 243,820             | -                  |
| Other postemployment benefits                   | 598,371               | -                 | (38,381)            | 559,990             | -                  |
| Compensated absences                            | 88,976                | 5,600             | (89,903)            | 4,673               | -                  |
| Governmental activity<br>long-term liabilities  | <u>\$ 1,975,295</u>   | <u>\$ 416,131</u> | <u>\$ (309,429)</u> | <u>\$ 2,081,997</u> | <u>\$ 96,168</u>   |
| Business-type activities:                       |                       |                   |                     |                     |                    |
| Water and Sewer Fund                            |                       |                   |                     |                     |                    |
| Direct placement                                |                       |                   |                     |                     |                    |
| Installment purchases                           | \$ 193,611            | \$ -              | \$ (47,864)         | \$ 145,747          | \$ 49,514          |
| Net pension liability (LGERS)                   | 43,272                | 6,895             | -                   | 50,167              | -                  |
| Other postemployment benefits                   | 81,596                | -                 | (5,234)             | 76,362              | -                  |
| Compensated absences                            | 6,413                 | 1,850             | (7,784)             | 479                 | -                  |
| Business-type activity<br>long-term liabilities | <u>\$ 324,892</u>     | <u>\$ 8,745</u>   | <u>\$ (60,882)</u>  | <u>\$ 272,755</u>   | <u>\$ 49,514</u>   |

**C - Interfund Balances and Activity**

Balances due to/from other funds at June 30, 2020, consist of the following:

| <u>Receivable Fund</u> | <u>Payable Fund</u> | <u>Amount</u>     |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund           | Water & Sewer Fund  | \$ 359,187        |
| Total                  |                     | <u>\$ 359,187</u> |

The Interfund balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that goods and services are provided and payments between funds had yet to be made, specifically in regards to the activity associated with water and sewer capital projects. Repayment of entire amount within one year of the date of the financials is considered by management to be likely.

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2020, consist of the following:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| From General Fund to Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund         | \$ 27,296        |
| From Water and Sewer Fund to Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund | 18,142           |
| Total  | <u>\$ 45,438</u> |

The transfers are used to cover operating expenses for the Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

**NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (continued)**

**D - Net Investment in Capital Assets**

|                                 | <b>Governmental</b> | <b>Business-type</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Capital assets                  | \$ 1,906,277        | \$ 4,953,895         |
| less: long-term debt            | (876,902)           | (145,747)            |
| Net investment in capital asset | \$ 1,029,375        | \$ 4,808,148         |

**E - Fund Balance**

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 | \$ 1,474,025 |
| Less:                             |              |
| Stabilization by State Statute    | 477,885      |
| Streets - Powell Bill             | 168,480      |
| Remaining Fund Balance            | \$ 827,660   |

**NOTE 4 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES**

**Federal and State Assisted Programs**

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

**NOTE 5 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION**

The Town, along with several other counties and municipalities participate in the Lumber River Council of Governments (COG). The participating governments established a Council to coordinate various funding received from Federal and State agencies. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council's governing board. The Town paid \$772 to the Council during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

**NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 19, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 7 - RESTATEMENT**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Town duplicated a deposit at year end June 30, 2019 which overstated assets and revenues by \$150,264. Therefore, an adjustment to the beginning net position in the Water and Sewer fund has been recorded in the amount of \$150,264. The net effect of the adjustment decreased beginning net position balance by \$150,264

## Required Supplementary Financial Data

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**This section contains additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles.**

- Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability for Local Government Employees' Retirement System
- Schedule of Contributions to Local Government Employees' Retirement System
- Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability
- Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
- Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios



**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Town of St. Pauls' Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Last Seven Fiscal Years**

|   | <u>2020</u>  | <u>2019</u>  | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u>  | <u>2016</u>  | <u>2015</u>  | <u>2014</u>  |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| St. Pauls' proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)  | 0.01636%     | 0.01520%     | 0.01701%    | 0.01482%     | 0.01586%     | 0.01804%     | 0.01960%     |
| St. Pauls' proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)   | \$ 446,779   | \$ 360,596   | \$ 259,866  | \$ 314,531   | \$ 71,179    | \$ (106,390) | \$ 236,255   |
| St. Pauls' covered-employee payroll   | \$ 1,332,617 | \$ 1,112,287 | \$ 712,488  | \$ 1,034,363 | \$ 1,035,364 | \$ 1,033,664 | \$ 1,033,664 |
| St. Pauls' proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 33.53%       | 32.42%       | 36.47%      | 30.41%       | 6.87%        | -10.29%      | 22.86%       |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability  | 91.63%       | 94.18%       | 91.47%      | 98.09%       | 99.07%       | 102.64%      | 94.35%       |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Town of St. Pauls' Contributions**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Last Seven Fiscal Years**

**Local Government 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                                  | \$ 124,341     | \$ 96,609     | \$ 87,930     | \$ 41,460     | \$ 68,369     | \$ 51,078     | \$ 59,849     |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>124,341</u> | <u>96,609</u> | <u>87,930</u> | <u>41,460</u> | <u>68,369</u> | <u>51,078</u> | <u>59,849</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess)                                     | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>   | <u>\$ -</u>   | <u>\$ -</u>   | <u>\$ -</u>   | <u>\$ -</u>   | <u>\$ -</u>   |
| St. Pauls' covered-employee payroll                                  | \$ 1,332,617   | \$ 1,189,990  | \$ 1,112,287  | \$ 712,488    | \$ 1,035,364  | \$ 1,033,664  | \$ 1,033,664  |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll            | 9.33%          | 8.12%         | 7.91%         | 5.82%         | 6.60%         | 4.94%         | 5.79%         |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability**  
**Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance**  
**June 30, 2020**

|   | <u>2020</u>       | <u>2019</u>       | <u>2018</u>       | <u>2017</u>       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning balance                             | \$ 212,577        | \$ 227,184        | \$ 201,992        | \$ 190,035        |
| Service cost                                  | 9,945             | 9,077             | 10,303            | 9,976             |
| Interest on the total pension liability       | 7,738             | 7,126             | 7,744             | 6,784             |
| Changes of assumption and other inputs        | 13,560            | (30,810)          | 7,145             | (4,803)           |
| Ending balance of the total pension liability | <u>\$ 243,820</u> | <u>\$ 212,577</u> | <u>\$ 227,184</u> | <u>\$ 201,992</u> |

The amounts presented are each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending December 31.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll**  
**Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance**  
**June 30, 2020**

|  | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total pension liability                                    | \$ 243,820  | \$ 2,022    | \$ 227,184  | \$ 201,992  |
| Covered payroll  | 567,750     | 445,848     | 515,364     | 445,529     |
| Total pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll | 42.94%      | 47.68%      | 44.08%      | 45.34%      |

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

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**  
**June 30, 2020**

| <b>Total OPEB Liability</b>                             | <b>2020</b>     | <b>2019</b>     | <b>2018</b>     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Service cost  | 16,733          | 17,944          | 20,669          |
| Interest  | 26,099          | 24,465          | 22,286          |
| Changes of benefit terms                                | -               | -               | -               |
| Differences between expected and actual experience      | (59,391)        | 7,163           | 10,292          |
| Changes in assumptions or other inputs                  | (8,818)         | (41,848)        | (76,011)        |
| Benefit payments  | (18,238)        | (29,682)        | (31,211)        |
| <b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>               | <b>(43,615)</b> | <b>(21,958)</b> | <b>(53,975)</b> |
| <b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>                 | <b>679,967</b>  | <b>701,925</b>  | <b>755,900</b>  |
| <b>Total OPEB liability - ending</b>                    | <b>636,352</b>  | <b>679,967</b>  | <b>701,925</b>  |
| <br>  |                 |                 |                 |
| Covered Payroll   | 582,432         | 494,995         | 494,995         |
| Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll | 109.26%         | 137.37%         | 141.80%         |

Notes to Schedule

Changes of assumptions: Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflects the effects of changes in the discount rate of each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

| <b><u>Fiscal year</u></b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 2020                      | 3.50%       |
| 2019                      | 3.89%       |
| 2018                      | 3.56%       |

## **Individual Fund Statements and Schedules**

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**General Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|  | <u>Budget</u>    | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Variance<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                       |                  |                  |   |
| <b>Ad valorem taxes:</b>               |                  |                  |   |
| Taxes                                  | \$               | \$ 1,566,689     | \$  |
| Interest                               |                  | 15,221           |   |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>1,588,003</u> | <u>1,581,910</u> | <u>(6,093)</u>                              |
| <b>Other taxes and licenses:</b>       |                  |                  |   |
| Privilege licenses                     |                  | 715              |   |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>-</u>         | <u>715</u>       | <u>715</u>                                  |
| <b>Unrestricted intergovernmental:</b> |                  |                  |   |
| Payment in lieu of taxes               |                  | 4,294            |   |
| Local option sales taxes               |                  | 581,714          |   |
| Utility franchise tax                  |                  | 157,037          |   |
| Beer/wine excise tax                   |                  | 9,252            |   |
| ABC profit distribution                |                  | 27,002           |   |
| Gasoline tax refund                    |                  | 8,354            |   |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>780,475</u>   | <u>787,653</u>   | <u>7,178</u>                                |
| <b>Restricted intergovernmental:</b>   |                  |                  |   |
| ABC revenue for law enforcement        |                  | 5,994            |   |
| Solid waste tipping fee                |                  | 1,642            |   |
| Controlled substance                   |                  | 2,168            |   |
| Powell Bill allocation                 |                  | 65,838           |   |
| Grants                                 |                  | 19,304           |   |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>98,475</u>    | <u>94,946</u>    | <u>(3,529)</u>                              |
| <b>Permits and fees:</b>               | <u>17,666</u>    | <u>8,630</u>     | <u>(9,036)</u>                              |
| <b>Sales and services:</b>             |                  |                  |   |
| School resource officer                |                  | 155,206          |   |
| Sales of cemetery lots                 |                  | 30,392           |   |
| Rents of buildings                     |                  | 10,750           |   |
| Facilities, officer, and jail fees     |                  | 2,694            |   |
| Garbage collection fees                |                  | 198,876          |   |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>463,852</u>   | <u>397,918</u>   | <u>(65,934)</u>                             |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**General Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -**  
**Budget and Actual (continued)**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|                             | <u>Budget</u>    | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Variance<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Other revenues:</b>      |                  |                  |   |
| Investment earnings         | \$               | \$ 8,696         | \$  |
| Sale of property            |                  | 61,080           |   |
| Donations                   |                  | 85,592           |   |
| Sales tax refund            |                  | 29,717           |   |
| Insurance reimbursement     |                  | 29,463           |   |
| Miscellaneous               |                  | 19,432           |   |
| <b>Total other revenues</b> | <u>313,592</u>   | <u>233,980</u>   | <u>(79,612)</u>                             |
| <b>Total revenues</b>       | <u>3,262,063</u> | <u>3,105,752</u> | <u>(156,311)</u>                            |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>        |                  |                  |   |
| <b>General government:</b>  |                  |                  |   |
| Salaries                    |                  | 14,041           |   |
| Employee benefits           |                  | 1,074            |   |
| Professional services       |                  | 61,900           |   |
| Other operating expenses    |                  | 195,925          |   |
| Capital outlay              |                  | 22,900           |   |
| <b>Total</b>                | <u>328,860</u>   | <u>295,840</u>   | <u>33,020</u>                               |
| <b>Administration:</b>      |                  |                  |   |
| Salaries                    |                  | 220,006          |   |
| Employee benefits           |                  | 106,024          |   |
| Other operating expenses    |                  | 96,825           |   |
| Professional services       |                  | -                |   |
| Capital outlay              |                  | -                |   |
| <b>Total</b>                | <u>453,977</u>   | <u>422,855</u>   | <u>31,122</u>                               |
| <b>Public buildings:</b>    |                  |                  |   |
| Contracted services         |                  | 40,676           |   |
| Other operating expenses    |                  | 155,671          |   |
| Capital outlay              |                  | 13,857           |   |
| <b>Total</b>                | <u>223,805</u>   | <u>210,204</u>   | <u>13,601</u>                               |



**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**General Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -**  
**Budget and Actual (continued)**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|                                       | <u>Budget</u>    | <u>Actual</u>    | <u>Variance<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Public safety:</b>                 |                  |                  |   |
| <b>Police</b>                         |                  |                  |   |
| Salaries                              | \$               | \$ 747,196       | \$  |
| Employee benefits                     |                  | 259,031          |   |
| Other operating expenses              |                  | 133,941          |   |
| Contracted services                   |                  | 9,316            |   |
| Capital outlay                        |                  | 44,758           |   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <u>1,231,388</u> | <u>1,194,242</u> | <u>37,146</u>                               |
| <b>Medical responders</b>             |                  |                  |   |
| Salaries                              |                  | 17,143           |   |
| Employee benefits                     |                  | 1,301            |   |
| Other operating expenses              |                  | 40,544           |   |
| Capital outlay                        |                  | 25,180           |   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <u>97,734</u>    | <u>84,168</u>    | <u>13,566</u>                               |
| <b>Fire</b>                           |                  |                  |   |
| Salaries                              |                  | 38,025           |   |
| Employee benefits                     |                  | 2,909            |   |
| Retirement                            |                  | 1,900            |   |
| Contracted services                   |                  | 3,467            |   |
| Other operating expenses              |                  | 154,352          |   |
| Capital outlay                        |                  | -                |   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <u>257,604</u>   | <u>200,653</u>   | <u>56,951</u>                               |
| <b>Contribution to Crime Stoppers</b> |                  |                  |   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>                                    |
| <b>Total public safety</b>            | <u>1,586,726</u> | <u>1,479,063</u> | <u>107,663</u>                              |
| <b>Transportation</b>                 |                  |                  |   |
| <b>Streets and highways:</b>          |                  |                  |   |
| Salaries                              |                  | 208,451          |   |
| Employee benefits                     |                  | 78,815           |   |
| Other operating expenses              |                  | 119,601          |   |
| Capital outlay                        |                  | 15,500           |   |
| Contracted services                   |                  | 5,420            |   |
| Powell Bill expenditures              |                  | 49,975           |   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <u>489,669</u>   | <u>477,762</u>   | <u>11,907</u>                               |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**General Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -**  
**Budget and Actual (continued)**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|   | <u>Budget</u>    | <u>Actual</u>       | <u>Variance<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</u> |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---|
| <b>Environmental protection:</b>          |                  |                     |   |
| <b>Solid waste:</b>                       |                  |                     |   |
| Salaries                                  | \$               | \$ 63,560           | \$  |
| Employee benefits                         |                  | 36,627              |   |
| Other operating expenses                  |                  | 54,215              |   |
| Capital outlay                            |                  | 139,331             |   |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <u>301,011</u>   | <u>293,733</u>      | <u>7,278</u>                                |
| <b>Economic development:</b>              |                  |                     |   |
| <b>Tourism development</b>                |                  |                     |   |
| NC STEP                                   |                  | -                   |   |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>                                    |
| <b>Culture and recreation:</b>            |                  |                     |   |
| <b>Parks and recreation</b>               |                  |                     |   |
| Refund of taxes                           |                  | -                   |   |
| Contribution to library                   |                  | 14,060              |   |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <u>14,060</u>    | <u>14,060</u>       | <u>-</u>                                    |
| <b>Debt service:</b>                      |                  |                     |   |
| Principal retirement                      |                  | 181,145             |   |
| Interest and fees                         |                  | 48,022              |   |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <u>64,825</u>    | <u>229,167</u>      | <u>(164,342)</u>                            |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                 | <u>3,462,933</u> | <u>3,422,684</u>    | <u>40,249</u>                               |
| <b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b> | <u>(200,870)</u> | <u>(316,932)</u>    | <u>(116,062)</u>                            |
| <b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>    |                  |                     |   |
| Installment loan proceeds                 | 200,870          | 300,000             | 99,130                                      |
| Transfers to other funds                  | -                | (27,296)            | 27,296                                      |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <u>200,870</u>   | <u>272,704</u>      | <u>71,834</u>                               |
| Fund balance appropriated                 | -                | -                   | -   |
| <b>Net change in fund balances</b>        | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>(44,228)</u>     | <u>\$ (44,228)</u>                          |
| <b>Fund balance, beginning</b>            |                  | <u>1,518,253</u>    |   |
| <b>Fund balance, ending</b>               |                  | <u>\$ 1,474,025</u> |   |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina  
Combining Balance Sheet  
Nonmajor Governmental Fund  
June 30, 2020**

|   | <b>UDAG Loan<br/>Repayment<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total<br/>Nonmajor<br/>Governmental<br/>Fund</b> |
|---|---|---|
| <br><b><u>Assets</u></b>                        |   |   |
| Cash  | \$ 455                                  | \$ 455  |
| Due from water and sewer fund                   | 66,000                                  | 66,000  |
| <b>Total assets</b>                             | <b>\$ 66,455</b>                        | <b>\$ 66,455</b>                                    |
| <br><b><u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u></b> |   |   |
| <b><u>Liabilities:</u></b>                      |   |   |
| Accounts payable                                | \$ 23,275                               | \$ 23,275   |
| <br><b><u>Fund balances:</u></b>                |   |   |
| Restricted                                      |   |   |
| Economic development                            | 43,180                                  | 43,180  |
| Unassigned                                      | -                                       | -   |
| <b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>      | <b>\$ 66,455</b>                        | <b>\$ 66,455</b>                                    |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Fund**  
**June 30, 2020**

|                                    | <b>UDAG Loan<br/>Repayment<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total<br/>Nonmajor<br/>Governmental<br/>Fund</b> |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b><u>Revenues:</u></b>            |   |   |
| Grant revenue                      | \$ 66,000                               | \$ 66,000   |
| Total revenues                     | \$ 66,000                               | \$ 66,000   |
| <br><b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>    |   |   |
| Economic and physical development  |   |   |
| Operating expenditures             |   |   |
| Total expenditures                 | \$ 23,275                               | \$ 23,275   |
| Revenues over (under) expenditures | 42,725                                  | 42,725  |
| Net change in fund balance         | 42,725                                  | 42,725  |
| Fund balance, beginning            | 455                                     | 455   |
| Fund balance, ending               | \$ 43,180                               | \$ 43,180   |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Special Revenue Fund – UDAG Loan Repayment Fund**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|   | <b>UDAG Loan<br/>Repayment<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total<br/>Nonmajor<br/>Governmental<br/>Fund</b> |
|---|---|---|
| <b><u>Revenues:</u></b>                   |   |   |
| Grant revenue                             | \$ 66,000                               | \$ 66,000   |
| Total revenues                            | \$ 66,000                               | \$ 66,000   |
| <b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>               |   |   |
| <b>Economic and physical development</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Operating expenditures</b>             |   |   |
| Total expenditures                        | \$ 23,275                               | \$ 23,275   |
| <b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b> | 42,725                                  | 42,725  |
| Net change in fund balance                | 42,725                                  | 42,725  |
| <b>Fund balance, beginning</b>            | 455                                     | 455   |
| <b>Fund balance, ending</b>               | \$ 43,180                               | \$ 43,180   |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Water and Sewer Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP)**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|                                 | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>Actual</u>  | <u>Variance<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| <b><u>Revenues:</u></b>         |                |                |   |
| <b>Charges for services:</b>    |                |                |   |
| Water sales                     | \$             | \$ 312,120     | \$  |
| Sewer charges                   |                | 435,829        |   |
| Tap fees                        |                | 22,995         |   |
| Late fees                       |                | 11,350         |   |
| Transfer and reconnection fees  |                | 3,391          |   |
| <b>Total operating revenues</b> | <u>792,589</u> | <u>785,685</u> | <u>(6,904)</u>                              |
| <b>Nonoperating revenues:</b>   |                |                |   |
| Insurance reimbursement         |                | 644            |   |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <u>-</u>       | <u>644</u>     | <u>644</u>                                  |
| <b>Total revenues</b>           | <u>792,589</u> | <u>786,329</u> | <u>(6,260)</u>                              |
| <b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>     |                |                |   |
| <b>Water:</b>                   |                |                |   |
| Salaries                        |                | 78,608         |   |
| Employee benefits               |                | 22,241         |   |
| Contracted service              |                | 17,215         |   |
| Other operating expenses        |                | 117,480        |   |
| Repairs and maintenance         |                | 32,978         |   |
| Purchase for resale             |                | 23,275         |   |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <u>306,518</u> | <u>291,797</u> | <u>14,721</u>                               |
| <b>Sewer:</b>                   |                |                |   |
| Salaries                        |                | 49,679         |   |
| Employee benefits               |                | 18,985         |   |
| Contracted service              |                | 60,078         |   |
| Other operating expenses        |                | 130,749        |   |
| Repairs and maintenance         |                | 36,795         |   |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <u>362,113</u> | <u>296,286</u> | <u>65,827</u>                               |
| <b>Debt service:</b>            |                |                |   |
| Principal                       |                | 47,864         |   |
| Interest                        |                | 6,295          |   |
| <b>Total debt service</b>       | <u>49,000</u>  | <u>54,159</u>  | <u>(5,159)</u>                              |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Water and Sewer Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**Budget and Actual (Non - GAAP) (continued)**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|  | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>Actual</u>     | <u>Variance<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</u> |
|--|----------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>Capital outlay:</b>   |                |                   |   |
| Water  | \$             | \$ -              | \$  |
| Sewer  |                | -                 |   |
| <b>Total capital outlay</b>  | <u>74,958</u>  | <u>-</u>          | <u>74,958</u>                               |
| <br>   |                |                   |   |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>  | <u>792,589</u> | <u>642,242</u>    | <u>150,347</u>                              |
| <br>   |                |                   |   |
| <b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>                                | <u>-</u>       | <u>144,087</u>    | <u>144,087</u>                              |
| <br>   |                |                   |   |
| <b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>                                   |                |                   |   |
| Transfers  | -              | (18,142)          | -   |
| <b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>                              | <u>-</u>       | <u>(18,142)</u>   | <u>(18,142)</u>                             |
| <br>   |                |                   |   |
| Fund balance appropriated  | -              | -                 | -   |
| <br>   |                |                   |   |
| <b>Revenues over expenditures<br/>        and other financing (uses)</b> | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ 125,945</u> | <u>\$ 125,945</u>                           |

**Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Revenues over (under) expenditures<br/>and other financing (uses)</b> | <u>\$ 125,945</u> |
|--|-------------------|

**Reconciling items:**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Princial retirement                                   | 47,864           |
| Transfers from other funds                            | 45,438           |
| Change in accrued vacation pay                        | 5,934            |
| Increase in net pension liability                     | 6,895            |
| Increase in deferred outflows of resources - pensions | 25               |
| Decrease in deferred inflows of resources - pensions  | 398              |
| Decrease in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB     | (259)            |
| Increase in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB      | (4,975)          |
| Decrease in OPEB liability                            | 5,234            |
| Depreciation  | <u>(132,506)</u> |
| <b>Total reconciling items</b>                        | <u>(25,952)</u>  |
| <br>  |                  |
| <b>Change in net position</b>                         | <u>\$ 99,993</u> |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Water and Sewer – Capital Projects Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget and Actual (Non – GAAP)**  
**From Inception and For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|  | <b>Project<br/>Authorization</b> | <b>Prior<br/>Years</b> | <b>Actual</b>           |                          | <b>Variance<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|  |                                  |                        | <b>Current<br/>Year</b> | <b>Total to<br/>Date</b> |   |
| <b><u>Revenues:</u></b>  |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| <b>Restricted intergovernmental</b>                            |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| Golden Leaf grant  | 820,000                          | 815,877                | -                       | 815,877                  | (4,123)                                     |
| AIA grant  | 150,000                          | 48,553                 | -                       | 48,553                   | (101,447)                                   |
| Clean Water  | 100,000                          | 86,100                 | -                       | 86,100                   | (13,900)                                    |
| <b>Total revenues</b>  | <b>1,070,000</b>                 | <b>950,530</b>         | <b>-</b>                | <b>950,530</b>           | <b>(119,470)</b>                            |
| <br>   |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| <b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>                                    |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| Golden Leaf Construction                                       | 820,000                          | 815,877                | -                       | 815,877                  | 4,123                                       |
| AIA Administration   | 150,000                          | 48,553                 | 45,438                  | 93,991                   | 56,009                                      |
| Clean Water Administration                                     | 100,000                          | 86,100                 | -                       | 86,100                   | 13,900                                      |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                                      | <b>1,070,000</b>                 | <b>950,530</b>         | <b>45,438</b>           | <b>995,968</b>           | <b>74,032</b>                               |
| <br>   |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| <b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>                      | <b>-</b>                         | <b>-</b>               | <b>(45,438.00)</b>      | <b>(45,438.00)</b>       | <b>(45,438.00)</b>                          |
| <br>   |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| <b><u>Other financing sources (uses):</u></b>                  |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| Transfer from other fund:                                      |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| General Fund   | -                                | -                      | (27,296)                | (27,296)                 | (27,296)                                    |
| Water and Sewer Fund   | -                                | -                      | (18,142)                | (18,142)                 | (18,142)                                    |
| <b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>                    | <b>-</b>                         | <b>-</b>               | <b>(45,438)</b>         | <b>(45,438)</b>          | <b>(45,438)</b>                             |
| <br>   |                                  |                        |                         |                          |   |
| Revenues and other sources over<br>expenditures and other uses | <b>\$ -</b>                      | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ (90,876)</b>      | <b>\$ (90,876)</b>       | <b>\$ (90,876)</b>                          |



## Other Schedules

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**This section contains additional information on property taxes**

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- Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
- Analysis of Current Tax Levy

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable**  
**June 30, 2020**

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Uncollected<br/>Balances<br/>June 30, 2019</u> | <u>Additions</u>    | <u>Collections<br/>and<br/>Credits</u> | <u>Uncollected<br/>Balances<br/>June 30, 2020</u> |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|--|---|
| 2019-2020          | \$ -  | \$ 1,534,911        | \$ 1,460,080                           | \$ 74,831   |
| 2018-2019          | 120,478   | -                   | 106,949                                | 13,529  |
| 2017-2018          | 24,666  | -                   | 19,762                                 | 4,904   |
| 2016-2017          | 8,185   | -                   | 2,752                                  | 5,433   |
| 2015-2016          | 13,435  | -                   | 3,750                                  | 9,685   |
| 2014-2015          | 5,146   | -                   | (1,000)                                | 6,146   |
| 2013-2014          | 7,443   | -                   | 724                                    | 6,719   |
| 2012-2013          | 15,231  | -                   | 8,719                                  | 6,512   |
| 2011-2012          | 6,624   | -                   | (8,552)                                | 15,176  |
| 2010-2011          | 5,193   | -                   | 2,320                                  | 2,873   |
| 2009-2010          | 5,638   | -                   | 5,638                                  | -   |
|                    | <u>\$ 212,039</u>                                 | <u>\$ 1,534,911</u> | <u>\$ 1,601,142</u>                    | <u>145,808</u>                                    |

Less: allowance for uncollectible accounts - General Fund -

**Ad valorem taxes receivable - net** \$ 145,808

**Reconciliation to revenues:**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Ad valorem taxes - General Fund         | \$ 1,581,910   |
| Penalties collected on ad valorem taxes | 15,221         |
| Reconciling items:                      |                |
| Taxes written off                       | 7,511          |
| Interest collected                      | <u>(3,500)</u> |

**Total collections and credits** \$ 1,601,142

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

|   | Town-Wide Levy        |      |                     | Total Levy   |                                 |
|---|-----------------------|------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|   | Property<br>Valuation | Rate | Total<br>Levy       | Property<br>Excluding<br>Registered<br>Motor<br>Vehicles | Registered<br>Motor<br>Vehicles |
| <b>Original levy</b>                      |                       |      |                     |  |                                 |
| Property taxed at<br>current year's rate  | \$ 236,140,154        | 0.65 | \$ 1,534,911        | \$ 1,366,700   | \$ 168,211                      |
| <b>Releases</b>                           |                       |      | -                   | -  | -                               |
| <b>Net levy</b>                           |                       |      | 1,534,911           | 1,366,700  | 168,211                         |
| <b>Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2020</b> |                       |      | (74,831)            | (73,966)   | (865)                           |
| <b>Current year's taxes collected</b>     |                       |      | <u>\$ 1,460,080</u> | <u>\$ 1,292,734</u>                                      | <u>\$ 167,346</u>               |
| <b>Current levy collection percentage</b> |                       |      | <u>95.12%</u>       | <u>94.59%</u>  | <u>99.49%</u>                   |

## **Compliance Section**

# S. Preston Douglas & Associates, LLP

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### **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***

#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Town Council  
Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina

We have audited, 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, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the Town of St. Pauls' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2020. The financial statements of the Town of St. Pauls' ABC Board and the St. Pauls' Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of St. Pauls' internal control over financial reporting 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 St. Pauls' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be a significant deficiency, item 2020-001, 2020-002 and 2020-003.

### Compliance and Other Matters

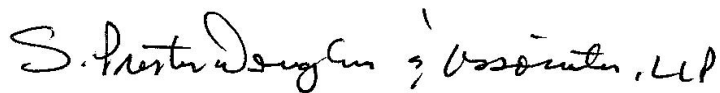
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of St. Pauls' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material 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 did not disclose instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standard*.

### Town of St. Pauls' Response to Findings

The Town of St. Pauls' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Town's response was not subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion in it.

### Purpose of this 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.

 S. Preston Douglas & Associates, LLP

Lumberton, North Carolina  
November 19, 2020

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Findings and Responses**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Financial Statements**

|  |                  |                          |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|
| Type of auditor's report issued:   | Unmodified       |                          |
| Internal control over financial reporting:   |                  |                          |
| • Material weakness(es) identified?  | <u>   </u> yes   | <u>  X  </u> no          |
| • Significant deficiency(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses | <u>  X  </u> yes | <u>   </u> none reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted                                     | <u>  X  </u> yes | <u>   </u> no            |

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Findings and Responses (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

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**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

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SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY / NONCOMPLIANCE

**Finding: 2020 – 001      Excess Expenditures over Appropriations**

**Criteria:** G.S. 159-8(a) states that all moneys received and expended by a local government or public authority should be included in the budget ordinance.

**Condition:** The Finance Officer underestimated department expenditures when preparing budget amendments.

**Effect:** Money was spent that had not been appropriated.

**Identification of a repeat finding:** This is a repeat finding from the immediate previous audit, 2019-001.

**Cause:** Money was spent that had not been formally appropriated in the current fiscal year.

**Recommendation:** Institute a process to ensure that only those amounts appropriated are actually spent.

**Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:** Town officials agree with this finding and recommended action to ensure that only those amounts appropriated are actually spent.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

**Finding: 2020 – 002      Preaudit Process**

**Criteria:** According to G.S. 159-28(a), the Finance Officer is required to perform the preaudit process on all purchase orders, credit card purchases, employment agreements, internet orders, and service contracts.

**Condition:** The Finance Officer has not properly implemented the preaudit stamp and procedures.

**Effect:** The Town was in violation of the statute and money was spent that had not been formally appropriated in the current fiscal year.

**Identification of a repeat finding:** This is a repeat finding from the immediate previous audit, 2019-002.

**Cause:** Personnel responsible for purchasing and issuing checks have not properly implemented the requirement.

**Recommendation:** The Finance Officer should implement internal controls that will educate staff on the preaudit requirement. All preprinted documents that require the preaudit certificate should contain the proper form described in the criteria above. A stamp with the preaudit certificate should be available, if necessary, for the issuers of the documents or checks. The stamp should be kept in custody to prevent unauthorized use.

**Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:** Town officials agree with this finding and recommended action to ensure that only those amounts appropriated are actually spent.



**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Findings and Responses (continued)**  
**June 30, 2020**

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**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

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SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

**Finding: 2020 – 003      Material Prior Period Adjustment**

**Criteria:** Balance sheet accounts should be accurately presented to ensure that financial reporting is accurate and reliable.

**Condition:** Ending balance sheet accounts at June 30, 2019 were materially overstated. Details of the prior period adjustments are shown in Note 7.

**Effect:** June 30, 2020 audited financial statements presented overstated balance sheet accounts which could cause the users of the financial statements to be misinformed about the Town’s financial position.

**Cause:** The Financial Officer did not adequately review the June 30, 2019 audited financial statements and underlying accounting records before issuance.

**Identification of a repeat finding:** This is not a repeat finding.

**Recommendation:** We recommend that financial staff perform a careful review of the audit before issuance and review the year-end financial close procedures.

**Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:** The Town of St. Pauls agrees with this finding and will adhere to the correction action plan on page 69 in this audit report.

ELBERT GIBSON  
MAYOR

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ATTORNEY

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## Section II – Financial Statement Findings

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### SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

**Finding: 2020 – 001      Excess Expenditures over Appropriations**

Name of Contact Person: Astrid Ramirez Finance Officer

Corrective Action: The Town will monitor the budget and expenditures and make amendments accordingly.

Proposed Completion Date: The Town will implement the above procedures immediately.

### SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

**Finding: 2020 – 002      Preaudit Process**

Name of Contact Person: Astrid Ramirez, Finance Officer

Corrective Action: The Finance Officer will implement internal control procedures to ensure that all purchases go through the preaudit process.

Proposed Completion Date: The Town will implement the above procedures immediately.

### SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

**Finding: 2020 – 003      Material Prior Period Adjustments**

Name of Contact Person: Astrid Ramirez, Finance Officer

Corrective Action: The Chief Financial Officer will closely review the audited financial statements and underlying accounting records before issuance. The Chief Financial Officer will review year end closing procedures and implement new procedures where necessary to prevent future occurrences

Proposed Completion Date: The Town will implement the above procedures immediately.

**Town of St. Pauls, North Carolina**  
**Schedule of Prior Year Findings**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**Finding: 2019-001**

**Status:** Money is being spent that is not formally appropriated in the current fiscal year.

**Finding: 2019-002**

**Status:** The Finance Officer has not properly implemented the preaudit stamp and procedures.

**Finding: 2018-001**

**Status:** Money is being spent that is not formally appropriated in the current fiscal year.

**Finding: 2018-002**

**Status:** The Finance Officer has not properly implemented the preaudit stamp and procedures.