TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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Independent Auditor's Report

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina (the "Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina as of June 30, 2023, 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 then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Audit of 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, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's internal control. Accordingly, no
 such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 11; the Local Government Employees' Retirement System - Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and Contributions on page 54, the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance - Schedules of Changes in Total Pension Liability, and Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll on page 55; and the Other Post-Employment Benefits - Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on page 56, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina. The budgetary schedules and other schedules, as listed on the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The budgetary schedules and other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described above, the budgetary schedules and other schedules, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

In addition, the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 27, 2023 on our consideration of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and 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 on the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Bernard Robinson & Company, S.F.P.

As management of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina (the "Town"), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

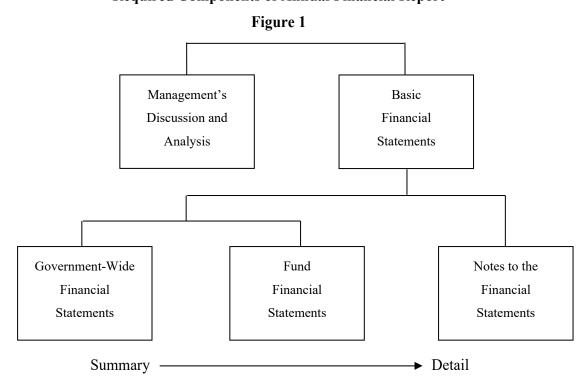
Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by approximately \$56,517,401 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by approximately \$8,261,000.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's total governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$31,955,000 with a net change of approximately \$5,603,000 in fund balance. Approximately 7% of this total amount or approximately \$2,266,974 is restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was approximately \$9,511,000, or 47% of total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

Required Components of Annual Financial Report



Basic Financial Statements

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

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 10) 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, supplemental information is provided to show details about the Town's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Town's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The 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 gauge the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into three categories: 1) governmental activities; and 2) business-type activities, and 3) component units. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, community planning and development, and general administration. Property taxes, other taxes, grants, and contributions finance most of these activities. The business-type activities consist of water and sewer services which are provided by the Town at a charge to the customer. The final category is the component unit. The Town does not have a component unit.

The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits 1 and 2 of the basic financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) provide a more detailed look at the Town's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Carolina Beach, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Town's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

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

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

Proprietary Fund - Enterprise Funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer operations. These funds are the same as those functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements - The information reported in the notes to the financial statements provides additional disclosure necessary to have a complete understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Financial Information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, the report presents certain required supplementary information for the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance and Other Post-Employment Benefits. Required supplementary information follows the notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's Net Position Figure 2

			Busine	ss-Type			
	Governmental Activities		Acti	Activities		Totals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Assets:							
Current and other assets	\$ 17,769,263	\$ 15,100,929	\$ 10,069,983	\$ 8,858,304	\$ 27,839,246	\$ 23,959,233	
Capital assets	38,874,699	32,836,181	44,083,635	44,744,922	82,958,334	77,581,103	
Deferred outflows of resources	4,272,861	3,583,254	1,094,235	895,958	5,367,096	4,479,212	
Total assets	60,916,823	51,520,364	55,247,853	54,499,184	116,164,676	106,019,548	
Liabilities:							
Long-term liabilities	21,372,281	18,332,497	26,940,397	28,437,674	48,312,678	46,770,171	
Other liabilities	4,188,670	3,949,419	2,922,901	2,485,337	7,111,571	6,434,756	
Deferred inflows of resources	3,400,340	3,636,182	822,686	921,762	4,223,026	4,557,944	
Total liabilities	28,961,291	25,918,098	30,685,984	31,844,773	59,647,275	57,762,871	
Net Position:							
Net invested in capital							
assets	30,439,340	25,925,040	21,569,260	20,243,698	52,008,600	46,168,738	
Restricted	2,266,974	2,743,410	-	-	2,266,974	2,743,410	
Unrestricted	(750,782)	(3,066,184)	2,992,609	2,410,713	2,241,827	(655,471)	
Total net position	\$ 31,955,532	\$ 25,602,266	\$ 24,561,869	\$ 22,654,411	\$ 56,517,401	\$ 48,256,677	

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets of the Town of Carolina Beach exceeded liabilities by \$56,517,401 as of June 30, 2023. The Town's net position increased by \$8,260,724 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. A large portion, \$52,008,600, reflects the Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt still outstanding that was issued to acquire those items. The Town of Carolina Beach uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Although the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town of Carolina Beach's net position, \$2,666,974, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$2,241,827 is unrestricted.

Several particular aspects of the Town's financial operations positively influenced the total unrestricted governmental net position:

- Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a tax collection percentage of 99.45%.
- Continued growth in tax base.

Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's Changes in Net Position Figure 3

	Business-Type					
	Governmen	tal Activities	Activ	vities	Totals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 9,446,445	\$ 7,832,562	\$ 9,648,195	\$ 9,543,421	\$ 19,094,640	\$ 17,375,983
Operating grants	211,512	213,420	-	-	211,512	213,420
Capital grants	24,500	37,627	214,770	38,360	239,270	75,987
General revenues:						
Property taxes	6,547,958	6,427,679	-	-	6,547,958	6,427,679
Other taxes	5,600,592	5,950,729	-	-	5,600,592	5,950,729
Other revenues	657,991	520,796	608,405	328,947	1,266,396	849,743
Total revenues	22,488,998	20,982,813	10,471,370	9,910,728	32,960,368	30,893,541
Expenses:						
General government	4,573,433	5,721,943	-	-	4,573,433	5,721,943
Public safety	5,888,963	5,459,404	-	-	5,888,963	5,459,404
Transportation	751,261	163,116	-	-	751,261	163,116
Environmental protection	3,728,712	3,589,875	-	-	3,728,712	3,589,875
Fleet	264,852	229,252	-	-	264,852	229,252
Cultural and recreation	1,163,712	1,123,878	-	-	1,163,712	1,123,878
Non departmental	269,665	259,993	-	-	269,665	259,993
Interest on long-term debt	245,134	103,221	-	-	245,134	103,221
Utility operations	-	-	7,813,912	8,050,893	7,813,912	8,050,893
Total expenses	16,885,732	16,650,682	7,813,912	8,050,893	24,699,644	24,701,575
Increase in net position	·			·		
before transfers	5,603,266	4,332,131	2,657,458	1,859,835	8,260,724	6,191,966
Transfers/Special items	750,000	400,000	(750,000)	(400,000)		
Increase in net position	6,353,266	4,732,131	1,907,458	1,459,835	8,260,724	6,191,966
Net position, July 1,	25,602,266	20,870,135	22,654,411	21,194,576	48,256,677	42,064,711
Net position, June 30,	\$ 31,955,532	\$ 25,602,266	\$ 24,561,869	\$ 22,654,411	\$ 56,517,401	\$ 48,256,677

Governmental Activities - Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$6,353,266. The key element of this increase was increases in charges for services and property and other taxes.

Business-Type Activities - Business-type activities increased the Town of Carolina Beach's net position by \$1,907,458. The key element of this increase was increases in charges for services.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

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

Governmental Funds - The Town's annual balance budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the Budget and Fiscal Control Act of the North Carolina General Statutes. The General Fund is the most significant fund budgeted. 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. Specifically, unassigned fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina. At the end of the current fiscal year, fund balance available in the General Fund was \$9,511,024, while the total fund balance reached \$12,605,882. The Town currently has an available fund balance of 47% of General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 62% of the same amount.

At June 30, 2023, the governmental funds of the Town of Carolina Beach reported a combined fund balance of \$13,407,195 with a net increase of \$2,486,405.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights - The Town's annual budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the Budget and Fiscal Control Act of the North Carolina General Statutes. The General Fund is the most significant fund budgeted. During the fiscal year, the Town revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

Proprietary Funds - The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Utility Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$2,992,609. The total change in net position for the utility fund was an increase of \$1,907,458 in the enterprise funds. Other factors concerning the finances of the fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the Town's business-type activities.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets - The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2023, totals \$82,958,334 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following additions (there were no significant demolitions or disposals):

- Parking lot
- Basinger Property
- Restroom renovations
- Vehicle purchases

Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's Capital Assets (net of Depreciation) Figure 4

	Business-Type					
	Government	al Activities	Activ	vities	Totals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land	\$ 17,847,066	\$ 14,150,275	\$ 475,957	\$ 475,957	\$ 18,323,023	\$ 14,626,232
Construction in progress	3,442,145	2,266,105	3,023,722	2,918,215	6,465,867	5,184,320
Buildings/Plant	7,598,230	6,646,109	38,870,046	39,467,246	46,468,276	46,113,355
Infrastructure	8,168,302	8,577,549	-	-	8,168,302	8,577,549
Equipment	812,545	173,732	1,234,393	1,222,169	2,046,938	1,395,901
Vehicles and motorized equipment	1,006,411	1,022,411	479,517	661,335	1,485,928	1,683,746
Total	\$ 38,874,699	\$ 32,836,181	\$ 44,083,635	\$ 44,744,922	\$ 82,958,334	\$ 77,581,103

Additional information of the Town's capital assets can be found in the Notes of the basic financial statements.

Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's Outstanding Debt Long-Term Debt Figure 5

	Business-Type					
	Governmen	Governmental Activities Activities Totals				otals
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,910,000	\$ 22,160,000	\$ 19,910,000	\$ 22,160,000
Revolving loans	-	-	430,477	738,933	430,477	738,933
Installment debt	9,005,846	7,357,876	1,133,774	1,652,912	10,139,620	9,010,788
Total	\$ 9,005,846	\$ 7,357,876	\$ 21,474,251	\$ 24,551,845	\$ 30,480,097	\$ 31,909,721

Long-Term Debt - As of June 30, 2023, the Town had total debt outstanding of \$30,480,097.

North Carolina General Statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. At June 30, 2023, the Town of Carolina Beach had a legal debt margin of approximately \$247,373,600.

Additional information regarding the Town's long-term debt can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following key economic indicators reflect the growth and prosperity of the Town.

- Planned mixed use development on a 10-acre parcel.
- Continued growth Room Occupancy Tax.
- Continued increase in building and planning permits.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

The Town has reported the annual cost and future obligations and commitments for other post-employment benefits (OPEB) in accordance with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75. Information is provided in Note 2.B. and Schedule A-2.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Governmental Activities - The Town Council approved \$30.6 million annual budget for fiscal year 2024 and established a tax rate at 21.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The Town Council has provided for the following projects for this fiscal year through the Capital Improvement Program and appropriations in the annual budget as follows:

- \$175,000 match for the expansion of the Mike Chappel Skate Park
- Phase II of the scheduled road paving project using Powell Bill funds
- \$473,832 from the SCIF grant issued in 2022 will be used to install a sidewalk on Ocean Blvd.
- Completion of the Brady Meyers accessible playground, new bathrooms, and picnic shelter at the Lake park using \$1.1 Million from the Brady Meyers and Land & Water Conservation grants.
- \$100,000 is budgeted to improve the Boardwalk beach accesses, by making them handicap accessible.
- Completion of the Marina Phase III bulkhead repairs using \$1,019,672 from the American Rescue Plan.

Business-Type Activities - There are several water/sewer/stormwater projects anticipated for the 2024 budget year.

- The remaining \$224,665 from the American Rescue Plan will be used for Stormwater improvements on Basin Road and several other stormwater improvement projects.
- The Lake Dredging project will continue and is funded by the \$2 million SERDF Grant.
- \$385,991 from the remaining \$1.4 million revenue bond fund will be used to rehab the Wastewater Treatment Oxidation Ditch.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Director of Finance, Town of Carolina Beach, 1121 North Lake Park Boulevard, Carolina Beach, NC 28428. You can also call (910) 458-5495, visit our website www.townofcarolinabeach.org or send an email to debbie.hall@carolinabeach.org for more information.



TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	Primary Government			
	Governmental	Business-Type		
	Activities	Activities	Total	
Acceta				
Assets Current assets:				
	\$ 11,515,552	\$ 5,675,623	\$ 17,191,175	
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 5,675,623		
Taxes receivables, net	176,701	050 220	176,701	
Accounts receivable, net	898,494	950,230	1,848,724	
Due from other governments	1,568,734	100,978	1,669,712	
Due from other funds	386,789	-	386,789	
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	3,222,993	3,343,152	6,566,145	
Total current assets	17,769,263	10,069,983	27,839,246	
Non Current Assets:				
Capital assets:				
Land and construction in progress	21,289,211	3,499,679	24,788,890	
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	17,585,488	40,583,956	58,169,444	
Total capital assets	38,874,699	44,083,635	82,958,334	
Total assets	56,643,962	54,153,618	110,797,580	
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Other post employment benefit deferrals	1,289,552	342,792	1,632,344	
Pension deferrals	2,983,309	751,443	3,734,752	
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,272,861	1,094,235	5,367,096	
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,554,732	595,560	2,150,292	
Utility deposit	1,334,732	96,841	96,841	
Liabilities to be paid from restricted assets	2,633,938	1,746,870	4,380,808	
Long-term liabilities due within one year Total current liabilities	1,429,837	1,769,695	3,199,532	
Total current habilities	5,618,507	4,692,596	10,311,103	
Long-term liabilities:				
Pension liabilities	4,889,340	1,172,069	6,061,409	
Other post employment benefit liability	6,598,834	1,754,121	8,352,955	
Due in more than one year	8,454,270	22,244,512	30,698,782	
Total liabilities	25,560,951	29,863,298	55,424,249	
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Other post employment benefit deferrals	3,043,498	809,030	3,852,528	
Pension deferrals	356,842	13,656	370,498	
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,400,340	822,686	4,223,026	
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	30,439,340	21,569,260	52,008,600	
Restricted for:	,,	, ,	,,	
Stabilization by State Statute	2,124,747	_	2,124,747	
Streets - Powell Bill	131,154	_	131,154	
Grant funds	11,073	_	11,073	
Unrestricted	(750,782)	2,992,609	2,241,827	
Total net position	\$ 31,955,532	\$ 24,561,869	\$ 56,517,401	
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		Program Revenues				
	Expenses	Operating Charges for Grants and Services Contributio		Capital Grants and Contributions		
Functions/Programs						
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 4,573,433	\$ 3,132,499	\$ -	\$ 24,500		
Transportation	751,261	-	211,512	-		
Public safety	5,888,963	14,375	-	-		
Environmental protection	3,728,712	2,060,418	-	-		
Fleet	264,852	-	-	-		
Cultural and recreation	1,163,712	4,239,153	-	-		
Non-departmental	269,665	-	-	-		
Interest on long-term debt	245,134					
Total governmental activities	16,885,732	9,446,445	211,512	24,500		
Business-type activities:						
Utility fund	7,813,912	9,648,195		214,770		
Total business-type activities	7,813,912	9,648,195		214,770		
Total primary government	\$ 24,699,644	\$ 19,094,640	\$ 211,512	\$ 239,270		

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Ad valorem taxes

Local option sales tax

Other taxes, licenses and fees

Investment earnings, unrestricted

Miscellaneous

Transfers

Total general revenues, excluding transfers and special items

Change in net position

Net position - beginning

Net position - ending

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
]	Primary Governmen	nt		
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total		
\$ (1,416,434)	\$ -	\$ (1,416,434)		
(539,749)	-	(539,749)		
(5,874,588)	-	(5,874,588)		
(1,668,294)	-	(1,668,294)		
(264,852)	-	(264,852)		
3,075,441	-	3,075,441		
(269,665)	-	(269,665)		
(245,134)		(245,134)		
(7,203,275)		(7,203,275)		
-	2,049,053	2,049,053		
-	2,049,053	2,049,053		
(7,203,275)	2,049,053	(5,154,222)		
6,547,958	-	6,547,958		
1,607,778	-	1,607,778		
3,992,814	-	3,992,814		
539,418	608,405	1,147,823		
118,573	-	118,573		
750,000	(750,000)			
13,556,541	(141,595)	13,414,946		
6,353,266	1,907,458	8,260,724		
25,602,266	22,654,411	48,256,677		
\$ 31,955,532	\$ 24,561,869	\$ 56,517,401		

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2023

Annote	General Fund	Marina Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets	¢ 10 671 357	¢	¢ 944.205	¢ 11 515 550
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,671,257	\$ -	\$ 844,295	\$ 11,515,552
Taxes receivables, net	176,701	457.510	121 250	176,701
Accounts receivable, net	309,726	457,518	131,250	898,494
Due from other governments	1,396,827	166,433	5,474	1,568,734
Due from other funds	441,206	-	-	441,206
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	970,111	1,056,687	1,196,195	3,222,993
Total assets	\$ 13,965,828	\$ 1,680,638	\$ 2,177,214	\$ 17,823,680
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,160,233	\$ 143,977	\$ 180,157	\$ 1,484,367
Due to other funds	-	21,176	33,241	54,417
Unearned revenues	-	1,112,722	1,565,266	2,677,988
Total liabilities	1,160,233	1,277,875	1,778,664	4,216,772
Deferred Inflow of Resources	199,713			199,713
Fund Balances				
Restricted for:				
Stabilization by State Statute	2,124,747	-	-	2,124,747
Streets - Powell Bill	131,154	-	-	131,154
Unspent loan funds	827,884	-	-	827,884
Grant funds	11,073	-	-	11,073
Assigned:				
Capital projects	-	402,763	398,550	801,313
Unassigned	9,511,024	_	-	9,511,024
Total fund balances	12,605,882	402,763	398,550	\$ 13,407,195
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
and fund balances	\$ 13,965,828	\$ 1,680,638	\$ 2,177,214	

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

Governmental Funds

June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit 1) are different because:		
Total fund balance		\$ 13,407,195
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Gross capital assets at historical cost Less: accumulated depreciation	53,018,161 14,400,859	38,617,302
Right to use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds		
Right to use assets at historical cost Less: accumulated amortization	384,967 127,570	257,397
Other assets utilized in the following period and therefore not reported in the fund:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to: OPEB are not reported in the funds Pensions are not reported in the funds		1,289,552 2,983,309
Deferred inflows of resources related to: OPEB are not reported in the funds Pensions are not reported in the funds		(3,043,498) (356,842)
Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources for fund statements		243,763
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Installment purchases Other post-employment benefits LGERS pension Law enforcement officers' pension Compensated absences	(9,257,946) (6,598,834) (4,257,241) (632,099) (626,161)	(21,372,281)
Other liabilities payable until the following period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Accrued interest		(70,365)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 31,955,532
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement		

$Statement\ of\ Revenues,\ Expenditures,\ and\ Changes\ in\ Fund\ Balances$

Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Revenues:	General Fund	Marina Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,547,958	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,547,958
Other taxes and licenses	90,466	φ -	φ -	90,466
Unrestricted intergovernmental	5,510,126	-	-	5,510,126
Restricted intergovernmental	254,591	1,238,808	1,192,068	2,685,467
Permits and fees	709,490	1,230,000	1,192,008	709,490
Sales and services	6,299,571	-	-	6,299,571
		- 27.01 <i>5</i>	- (1.09 <i>5</i>	
Investment earnings	440,418	37,015	61,985	539,418
Miscellaneous	125,787	1 275 022	1 254 052	125,787
Total revenues	19,978,407	1,275,823	1,254,053	22,508,283
Expenditures: Current:				
General government	6,955,552	_	_	6,955,552
Transportation	714,756	_	_	714,756
Public safety	5,786,502	1,620,571	1,804,525	9,211,598
Environmental protection	3,634,761	-	-	3,634,761
Fleet	251,982	_	_	251,982
Cultural and recreation	1,226,027	_	_	1,226,027
Non-departmental	269,665	_	_	269,665
Debt service:	207,003			200,000
Principal	1,263,670	_	_	1,263,670
Interest	199,883	_	_	199,883
Total expenditures	20,302,798	1,620,571	1,804,525	23,727,894
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(324,391)	(344,748)	(550,472)	(1,219,611)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers from other funds	750,000	193,251	297,280	1,240,531
Transfers to other funds	(490,531)	-	2,7,200	(490,531)
Lease liabilities issued	128,206	_	_	128,206
Long-term debt issued	2,827,810	_	_	2,827,810
Total other financing sources	3,215,485	193,251	297,280	3,706,016
Tour other marieing sources	3,213,103	175,251	277,200	3,700,010
Net change in fund balances	2,891,094	(151,497)	(253,192)	2,486,405
Fund balances, beginning	9,714,788	554,260	651,742	10,920,790
Fund balances, ending	\$ 12,605,882	\$ 402,763	\$ 398,550	\$ 13,407,195

Exhibit 6

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,486,405
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 depreciation was less than capital outlays and loss on disposal in the current period.	5,996,985
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	951,551
Benefit payments paid and administrative expense for the law enforcement officers' special separation allowance are not included on the Statement of Activities	13,663
Other post employment benefit payments and administrative costs made in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	142,355
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	
New long-term debt issued	(2,956,016)
Principal payments on long-term debt	1,263,670
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	(19,659)
Pension expense	(974,340)
Other post employment benefit plan expense	(103,834)
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Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources and are not reported as revenues in the funds. (12,071)

Difference in interest expense between fund statements (modified accrual)

Total changes in net position of governmental activities \$ 6,696,058

Law enforcement officers expense

and government-wide statements (full accrual)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -Annual Budget and Actual - General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,492,270	\$ 6,492,270	\$ 6,547,958	\$ 55,688
Other taxes and licenses	40,985	40,985	90,466	49,481
Unrestricted intergovernmental	4,592,280	4,592,280	5,510,126	917,846
Restricted intergovernmental	238,700	255,412	254,591	(821)
Permits and fees	785,235	785,235	709,490	(75,745)
Sales and services	6,047,352	6,047,352	6,299,571	252,219
Investment earnings	80,000	80,000	440,418	360,418
Miscellaneous	102,000	102,000	125,787	23,787
Total revenues	18,378,822	18,395,534	19,978,407	1,582,873
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	5,613,771	7,702,309	6,955,552	746,757
Transportation	863,420	869,290	714,756	154,534
Public safety	6,071,896	7,055,839	5,786,502	1,269,337
Fleet maintenance	335,250	338,250	251,982	86,268
Environmental protection	3,843,749	3,842,549	3,634,761	207,788
Cultural and recreation	1,202,134	1,260,925	1,226,027	34,898
Non-departmental	272,723	272,723	269,665	3,058
Debt service:				
Principal	1,263,670	1,263,670	1,263,670	_
Interest	65,410	111,916	199,883	(87,967)
Total expenditures	19,532,023	22,717,471	20,302,798	2,414,673
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,153,201)	(4,321,937)	(324,391)	3,997,546
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers from other funds	600,000	584,710	617,102	32,392
Transfers to other funds	-	(357,633)	(357,633)	-
Lease liabilities issued	-	- -	128,206	128,206
Long-term debt issued	-	2,827,810	2,827,810	_
Total other financing sources (uses)	600,000	3,054,887	3,215,485	160,598
Fund balance appropriated	650,020	1,358,742		(1,358,742)
Net changes in fund balances	\$ 96,819	\$ 91,692	2,891,094	\$ 2,799,402
Fund balances, beginning			9,714,788	
Fund balances, ending			\$12,605,882	
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Fund

June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds
	Utility
	Fund
Assets	
Current assets:	.
Cash and equivalents	\$ 5,675,623
Accounts receivable	950,230
Due from other governments	100,978
Restricted cash	3,343,152
Total current assets	10,069,983
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land and other non-depreciable assets	3,499,679
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	40,583,956
Total capital assets	44,083,635
Total non-current assets	44,083,635
Total assets	54,153,618
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,094,235
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Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	505 570
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	595,560
Utility deposits Due to other funds	96,841
Unearned revenues	483,630
	1,746,870
Current portion of long-term liabilities Total current liabilities	$\frac{1,769,695}{4,692,596}$
Total current liabilities	4,092,390
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital lease liabilities	21,925
Non-current portion of long-term liabilities	25,148,777
Total liabilities	29,863,298
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Total deferred inflows of resources	822,686
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	21,569,260
Unrestricted	2,992,609
Total net position	\$ 24,561,869

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Fund Position

Proprietary Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds
	Utility Fund
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Operating revenues:	Ф 0.207.712
Charges for services	\$ 9,207,712
Water and sewer taps	415,395
Other operating revenues	25,088
Total operating revenues	9,648,195
Operating expenses:	
Administration	689,604
Facilities and equipment	128,001
Stormwater	880,351
Water treatment and distribution	1,877,892
Waste collection and treatment	1,178,199
Repairs and maintenance	139,700
Amortization	14,626
Depreciation	1,883,779
Total operating expenses	6,792,152
Operating income	2,856,043
Non-operating revenues (expenses):	
Intergovernmental grants	214,770
Investment earnings	608,405
Miscellaneous	(73,913)
Interest and other charges	(947,847)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(198,585)
Net income before transfers	2,657,458
Transfers to other funds	(750,000)
Change in net fund position	1,907,458
Total net position - beginning	22,654,411
Total net position, ending	\$ 24,561,869

Exhibit 10

Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise Funds
	Utility
	Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 9,614,884
Cash paid for goods and services	(1,710,552)
Cash paid to employees for services	(2,517,833)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,386,499
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Transfers in (out)	(750,000)
Total cash flows used in noncapital financing activities	(750,000)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,237,118)
Intergovernmental grants	-
Principal payment on long-term debt	(1,578,788)
Interest payment on long-term debt	(642,225)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(3,458,131)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,178,368
Balances, beginning	7,840,407
Balances, ending	\$ 9,018,775

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Exhibit 10

Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

Proprietary Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise Funds
	Utility
	Fund
Operating income	\$ 2,856,043
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash	
provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,883,779
Amortization	14,626
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(73,913)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable	(14,614)
Due from other governments	(18,697)
Due to other funds	483,630
Deferred outflows of resources for pensions	(198,277)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	175,236
Utilities deposit	(6,532)
Deferred inflows of resources for OPEB	(99,076)
Other postemployment benefits payable	384,294
Total adjustments	2,530,456
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 5,386,499

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina (the "Town") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation, which is governed by an elected mayor and a four-member council.

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities and for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental and proprietary - are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

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

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Marina Project Fund – This fund is for the Marina Project. It accounts for all financial resources for the project. The primary revenue sources are grant funds. The primary expenditures are for the various Marina projects.

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Town reports the following non-major governmental funds:

Various Capital Project Funds – These funds (eight in total) are used to account for various capital projects of the Town.

The Town reports the following major enterprise fund:

Utility Fund – This fund is used to account for the Town's water and sewer and storm water drainage operations. Utility capital project funds have been consolidated into the Utility fund for financial reporting purposes. The budgetary comparison for the Utility fund and related capital project funds have been included in the supplemental information.

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 and accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues 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's 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. 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.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 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 beer and wine tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered shared revenue for the Town because the tax is levied by New Hanover County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Most intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes are reported as general revenues, rather than program revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General and the Enterprise Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. Project ordinances are adopted for various Capital Project Funds and the Enterprise Fund Capital Project Funds, which are consolidated with the operating funds for reporting purposes. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or that change functional appropriations by more than \$2,500. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several immaterial amendments to the original budget were necessary. 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.

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity

Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by the State law (G.S. 159-31). The Town may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. State law (G.S. 159-30(c)) authorizes the Town to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority;

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high-quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust ("NCCMT"). The Town's investments are reported at fair value. The NCCMT Government Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) money market mutual fund, is measured at fair value. Because the NCCMT Government Portfolio have a weighted average maturity of less than 90 days, they are presented as an investment with a maturity of less than 6 months.

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 Town considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources as they are needed. Customer deposits held by the Town before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. Money in the Powell Bill funds is classified as restricted cash because it can be expended only for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing, or widening of local streets per G.S. 136·41.1 through 136-41.4. Unspent debt proceeds in the General and Utility Fund are restricted for the purpose of the loan.

Restricted cash at June 30, 2023, consists of the following:

Governmental Activities

General Fund:	
Streets - Powell Bill	\$ 131,154
Unspent grant proceeds	2,044,459
Unspent ARPA Funds	219,496
Unspent debt proceeds	827,884
Total governmental activities	\$ 3,222,993
Business-Type Activities	
Utility Fund:	
Customer deposits	\$ 96,841
Unspent grant proceeds	1,746,870
Unspent debt proceeds	1,499,441
Total business-type activities	\$ 3,343,152
Total restricted cash	\$ 6,566,145

Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law (G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)), the Town levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1st (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6th. These taxes

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2022. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

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.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization costs are as follows: land, \$10,000; buildings, improvements, substations, lines, and other plant and distribution systems, \$5,000; infrastructure, \$20,000; furniture and equipment, \$5,000; and vehicles, \$10,000. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets received prior to June 15, 2015, are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 15, 2015, are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003, consist of the road network and water and sewer system assets that were acquired or that received substantial improvements subsequent to July 1, 1980, and reported at estimated historical cost using deflated replacement cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Infrastructure	30-40 years
Buildings	50 years
Improvements	25 years
Vehicles	6 years
Furniture and equipment	10 years
Computer equipment	3 years

Right to use assets

The Town has recorded a right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary changes necessary to place the lease into service. The right to sue assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element called deferred outflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense until then. The Town has three items that meets the criterion for this category – pensions and OPEB deferrals for the 2023 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. On the statement of net position, the Town has several items that meets the criterion for this category –pensions and OPEB deferrals, property taxes receivable, and assessments receivable.

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 are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method.

Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discount. Bond issuance costs, except for prepaid insurance costs, are expensed in the reporting period in which they are incurred. Prepaid insurance costs are amortized and expensed 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. Premiums received on debt issuances are 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.

Compensated Absences

The vacation policies of the Town provide for the accumulation of up to 30 days earned vacation leave, with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Town's government-wide and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. The Town has assumed a first-in, first-out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements. The Town's sick leave policies provide for 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 the Town does not have any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Investment in Capital Assets

	Governmental	Business-Type
	Activities	Activities
Capital assets	\$ 38,617,302	\$ 44,062,102
Long-term debt	(9,005,846)	(23,992,283)
Unexpended debt proceeds	827,884	1,499,441
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 30,439,340	\$ 21,569,260

Net Position

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

Fund Balances

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

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

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

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

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute - 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 a restriction is "imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation." RSS is reduced by inventories and prepaids as they are classified as nonspendable. Outstanding Encumbrances are included within RSS. RSS is included as a component of Restricted Net position and Restricted fund balance on the face of the balance sheet.

Restricted for Streets - portion of fund balance that is available for appropriation but legally segregated for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill funds.

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Restricted for Grant Funds – Portion of the fund balance that is restricted by grant agreements and unspent at year end.

Committed Fund Balance – This classification represents the portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority, the Town Council). The governing body can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation. Any changes or removal of specific purpose restrictions require majority action by the governing body.

Assigned Fund Balance – Assigned fund balance is the portion of fund balance that the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina intends to use for specific purposes. The Town's governing body has the authority to assign fund balance. The Manager and Finance Director, as granted in the officially adopted budget ordinance, have been granted limited authority to assign fund balance.

Assigned for Capital Projects - portion of fund balance that has been budgeted by the Board for various construction projects of the Town.

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

The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina has a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. The Finance Officer will use resources in the following order: bond/debt proceeds, Federal funds, State funds, local non-Town funds; and Town funds. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and, lastly, unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Town or when required by grant or other contractual agreements.

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	\$ 12,605,882
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	2,124,747
Streets- Powell Bill	131,154
Grant Funds	11,073
Remaining Fund Balance	\$ 10,338,908

The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina has not adopted a formal fund balance policy.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, 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

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's employer contributions are recognized when due and the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina 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. Assets

Deposits

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

At June 30, 2023, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$2,444,542 and a bank balance of \$2,086,465. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral under the Pooling Method. As of June 30, 2023, the Town's petty cash fund totaled \$600.

Investments

At June 30, 2023, the Town's investment balances were as follows:

Valuation

Investment Type	Measurement Method	Book Value	Maturity
NC Capital Management Trust:			
Cash Portfolio	Fair Value: Level 1	\$ 19,868,563	N/A
Term Portfolio	Fair Value: Level 1	1,443,615	0.15 years
		\$ 21,312,178	

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

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

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

Interest rate risk: The Town has no formal investment policy regarding interest rate risk. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the Town's internal investment policy limits their investment portfolio to the NC Capital Management Trust Cash Portfolio, which can be liquidated at the share price or NC Capital Management Trust Term Portfolio, which usually has a maturity of less than 12 months.

Credit risk: The Town has no formal policy regarding credit risk, but has an internal management procedures that limits the Town's investments to the provisions of G.S. 159-30 and restricts the purchase of securities to either the NC Capital Management Trust Cash Portfolio, which carries a credit rating of AAAm by Standard & Poor's as of June 30, 2023, or the NC Capital Management Trust Term Portfolio, which is unrated. The Term Portfolio is authorized to invest in obligations of the U.S. government and agencies, and in high grade money market instruments as permitted under G.S. 159-30 as amended.

Custodial credit risk: For any investment, the custodial risk is the risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town has no formal policy on custodial risk, but management procedures are that the Town shall utilize a third-party custodial agent for book entry transactions, all of which shall be held in the Town's name.

Concentration of credit risk: The Town's Board places no limit on the amount that the Town may invest in any one issuer. At year end, all of the Town's investments are held in either NC Capital Management Trust Cash Portfolio or the NC Capital Management Trust Term Portfolio, which represents 6.8% and 93.2% of the Town's total investment, respectively.

Receivables

Governmental activities receivables for the General Fund consist of \$176,701 for outstanding taxes; \$286,272 for customer accounts; \$23,454 for outstanding assessments; and \$994,653 due from other governments. For other governmental funds receivables consist of \$588,768 for accounts; and \$574,081 due from other governments.

Business-Type activities receivables for the Utility Fund consist of \$945,013 for customer accounts, \$5,217 for outstanding assessments and \$100,978 due from other governments.

The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position are net of allowances for doubtful accounts, if any.

Due from other governments consisted of the following:

	Governmental		Busi	ness-Type		
	Activities		Activities		A	Activities
Local option sales tax	\$	51,720	\$	32,450		
Grant reimbursements		1,403,167		-		
Sales tax reimbursement		113,847		68,528		
Total	\$	1,568,734	\$	100,978		

Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balances
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 14,150,275	\$ 3,696,791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,847,066
Construction in progress	2,266,105	2,980,444		(1,804,404)	3,442,145
Total capital assets not					
being depreciated	16,416,380	6,677,235		(1,804,404)	21,289,211
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	11,378,440	102,441	-	1,156,911	12,637,792
Infrastructure	12,762,995	57,308	-	-	12,820,303
Equipment	1,382,707	33,734	-	647,493	2,063,934
Vehicles and motorized equipment	4,235,181	180,444	208,704	-	4,206,921
Total capital assets					
being depreciated	29,759,323	373,927	208,704	1,804,404	31,728,950
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	4,732,331	307,231	-	-	5,039,562
Infrastructure	4,185,446	466,555	-	-	4,652,001
Equipment	1,208,975	42,414	-	-	1,251,389
Vehicles and motorized equipment	3,376,920	282,476	201,489		3,457,907
Total accumulated depreciation	13,503,672	1,098,676	201,489		14,400,859
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	16,255,651				17,328,091
Government activity capital assets, net	\$ 32,672,031				\$ 38,617,302

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

Governmental Activities:

General government	\$ 347,443
Transportation	35,703
Public safety	460,137
Environmental protection	181,563
Fleet	12,587
Cultural and recreation	61,242
Total depreciation expense	\$ 1,098,675

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Capital asset activity for the Business-Type Activities was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Transfer	Ending Balances
Utility Fund:	Bulances			Transfer	Bulances
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 475,957	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475,957
Construction in progress	2,918,215	740,863	-	(635,356)	3,023,722
Total capital assets not					
being depreciated	3,394,172	740,863		(635,356)	3,499,679
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Plant and distribution systems	59,212,619	304,370	562	635,356	60,151,783
Furniture and maintenance					
equipment	3,354,029	182,420	75,351	-	3,461,098
Vehicles	2,190,874	9,465			2,200,339
Total capital assets					
being depreciated	64,757,522	496,255	75,913	635,356	65,813,220
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Plant and distribution systems	19,745,373	1,542,721	6,357	-	21,281,737
Furniture and maintenance					
equipment	2,131,860	164,402	69,557	-	2,226,705
Vehicles	1,565,699	176,656			1,742,355
Total accumulated depreciation	23,442,932	1,883,779	75,914		25,250,797
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	41,314,590				40,562,423
Utility fund capital assets, net	\$ 44,708,762				\$ 44,062,102

Construction commitments

The Town has active construction projects as of June 30, 2023, in which the Town's commitments with contractors consist of the following: Lake Park Recreation Project for \$422,303 related to Brady Meyers accessible playground.

Right to Use Leased Assets

The Town has recorded several right to use leased assets. The assets are right to use assets for leased vehicles. The related leases are discussed in the Leases subsection of the Liabilities section of this note. The right to use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases.

Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government – Governmental Activities for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	E	Beginning					Ending
		Balance	I	ncreases	Decreases		Balance
Right to use assets							
Leased vehicles	\$	213,038	\$	171,929	\$	-	\$ 384,967
Total right to use assets		213,038		171,929		-	384,967
Less accumulated amortization for:							
Leased vehicles		48,888		78,682		-	127,570
Total accumulated amortization		48,888		78,682		-	127,570
Right to use assets, net	\$	164,150	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 257,397

Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government – Business-Type Activities for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	В	eginning]	Ending
	I	Balance	Increases		Decreases		Balance	
Right to use assets								
Leased vehicles	\$	55,813	\$	-	\$	-	\$	55,813
Total right to use assets		55,813		-		-		55,813
Less accumulated amortization for:								
Leased vehicles		19,654		14,626		-		34,280
Total accumulated amortization		19,654		14,626		-		34,280
Right to use assets, net	\$	36,159	\$	-	\$	-	\$	21,533

B. Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Vendors	 Other	 Total
Governmental Activities:	 _	 	
General Fund	\$ 929,448	\$ 301,150	\$ 1,230,598
Other Governmental Funds	324,134	-	324,134
Total governmental activities	\$ 1,253,582	\$ 301,150	\$ 1,554,732
Business-Type Activities:			
Utility Fund	\$ 499,451	\$ 96,109	\$ 595,560

Long Term Obligations

Leases

The Town has entered into several lease agreements for vehicles. The lease agreements qualify as other than short-term leases under GASB 87 and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

The lease agreements range in length, but there are no variable components for any of the leases. The monthly payments range from \$384-\$588. The lease liabilities were measured at a discount rate of 1.65%, which is stated in the lease agreements. The Town has recorded right to use assets with a total net book value of \$278,930 at June 30, 2023.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Governmental Business-Ty				
	P	Activities	A	Activities	
Year Ending June 30	_				
2024	\$	93,422	\$	14,100	
2025		86,779		9,401	
2026		47,130		-	
2027		22,487		-	
2028		9,009		-	
Total minimum lease payments		258,827		23,501	
Less amount representing interest		6,727		1,577	
Present value of the minimum lease payments		252,100	\$	21,924	

Installment Purchases

Installment purchase contracts at June 30, 2023 are comprised of the following:

Governmental Activities:

The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina currently has nine direct placement installment purchase contracts ranging from 1.71% to 2.53% interest-bearing notes. The land or assets purchased with the notes are collateral for the notes. The notes maturities range from 2025 to 2035. Various property or equipment associated with the direct placement installment purchase contracts are pledged as collateral against the debt.

\$ 9,005,846

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

	Governmental Activities					
		Principal		Interest		
Year Ending June 30		_		_		
2024	\$	1,339,083	\$	249,514		
2025		1,158,536		215,605		
2026		983,583		185,340		
2027		983,583		158,010		
2028		945,783		130,680		
2029-2033		3,476,028		289,633		
2034-2035		119,250		5,976		
Total	\$	9,005,846	\$	1,234,758		

Business-Type Activities:

The Utility Fund currently has four direct placement installment purchase contracts ranging from 0% to 3.28% interest-bearing notes. The notes maturities range from 2023 to 2034. Various property or equipment associated with the direct placement installment purchase contracts are pledged as collateral against the debt.

\$ 1,133,774

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

	Business-Type Activities					
		Principal	I	nterest		
Year Ended June 30						
2024	\$	199,867	\$	8,195		
2025		117,901		5,248		
2026		117,901		3,936		
2027		117,901		2,624		
2028		117,901		1,312		
2029-2033		389,507		-		
2034		72,796		-		
Total	\$	1,133,774	\$	21,315		

Revenue Bond

Revenue Bond at June 30, 2023 is comprised of the following:

The Utility Fund has an outstanding direct placement Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 issued for water and sewer system improvements. Principal installments are due annually on June 1 with semiannual interest payments due on December 1 and June 1, at an annual interest rate ranging from 2% to 5%. The bond matures in 2041.

\$ 19,910,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ended June 30	 Principal	 Interest
2024	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 889,300
2025	1,260,000	829,300
2026	1,200,000	766,300
2027	1,265,000	706,300
2028	1,325,000	643,050
2029-2033	4,845,000	2,365,350
2034-2038	5,180,000	1,365,000
2039-2041	 3,635,000	 294,600
Total	\$ 19,910,000	\$ 7,859,200

The Town has covenants related to the revenue bond for rates, fees, rentals and charges in Section 704 of the Bond Order, authorizing the issuance of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2016. Section 704(a) of the Bond Order requires a debt service coverage ratio of no less than 120% at the end of any year.

The debt services coverage ratio calculation for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

Operating revenues and investment earnings	\$ 10,256,600
Operating expenses, excluding OPEB (net of depreciation)	4,791,190
Net revenue available for debt service	5,465,410
Add 20% surplus account (expendable net position)	598,522
Adjusted net revenues	6,063,932
Senior debt service	2,085,300
Subordinate debt service	427,241
Total Debt Service	2,512,541
Add 20% senior debt service	417,060
Adjusted debt service	\$ 2,929,601
Coverage Test 1	
Adjusted net revenues/adjusted debt service	207%
Coverage Test 2	
Net revenues/total debt service	218%
Coverage Test 3	
Stormwater revenues	\$ 1,803,031
Stormwater expenses, plus 200% of required principal and interest on related debt	2,089,320
Deficit	\$ (286,289)

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NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

The Town has pledged future water and sewer customer revenues, net of specific operating expenses, to repay the water and sewer direct placement revenue bonds issued in June 2016. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for several Utility Fund capital projects and refinanced outstanding debt on several current and past capital projects of the Utility Fund. The bonds are payable solely from water and sewer customer net revenues in which annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 6% of net revenues. In the event of a default, the Town agrees to pay to the purchaser, on demand, all outstanding principal and interest due related to this agreement.

Revolving Loan Payables

On May 1, 2001, the Town received \$1,854,260 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency passed through the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program. The loan is repayable at 2.57% interest for 20 years. The loan repayment schedule based on the loan amount of \$1,854,260 calls for annual principal repayments and semi-annual interest repayments for 20 years. The loan was paid in full as of year-end.

On May 1, 2010, the Town was approved for a maximum loan amount of \$1,686,234 for a Federal revolving 50% forgiveness loan for treatment of a beach storm water pond. The loan is repayable at 0% interest for 20 years. The loan repayment schedule is based on the outstanding amount of the loan at year-end. The total amount outstanding at June 30, 2023 was \$286,537.

On May 1, 2010, the Town was approved for a maximum loan amount of \$1,000,000 for a Federal revolving 50% forgiveness loan for Lake Park Boulevard sewer rehabilitation. The loan is repayable at 0% interest for 20 years. The loan repayment schedule is based on the outstanding amount of the loan at year-end. The total amount outstanding at June 30, 2023 was \$143,940.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ended June 30]	Principal	In	terest
2024	\$	61,497	\$	-
2025		61,497		-
2026		61,497		-
2027		61,497		-
2028		61,497		-
2029-2030		122,992		-
Total	\$	430,477	\$	_

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of long-term debt as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances	Current Portion
Governmental Activities:					
Direct placement installment					
purchases	\$ 7,357,876	\$ 2,827,810	\$ 1,179,840	\$ 9,005,846	\$ 1,339,083
Compensated absences	606,502	19,659	-	626,161	_
Capital leases	166,191	169,736	83,827	252,100	90,754
Net pension liability (LGERS)	1,119,898	3,137,343	-	4,257,241	-
Total OPEB liability	8,290,501	-	1,691,667	6,598,834	-
Net pension obligation (LEO)	791,529	-	159,430	632,099	-
Total governmental activity					
long-term liabilities	\$ 18,332,497	\$ 6,154,548	\$ 3,114,764	\$ 21,372,281	\$ 1,429,837
Business-Type Activities: Direct placement installment	¢ 1 20 4 2 40	0	0.00466	© 1.122.774	¢ 100.07
purchases	\$ 1,394,240	\$ -	\$ 260,466	\$ 1,133,774	\$ 199,867
Direct placement revenue bonds	21,060,000	-	1,150,000	19,910,000	1,200,000
Capital leases	36,021	=	14,097	21,924	13,154
Deferred amounts:	0.000.010		202 =00	2.510.022	205.455
Issuance premiums	2,820,812	-	302,780	2,518,032	295,177
Revolving loans	584,705	=	154,228	430,477	61,497
Net pension liability (LGERS)	338,092	833,977	-	1,172,069	-
Total OPEB liability	2,203,804		449,683	1,754,121	-
Total business-type					·
long-term liabilities	\$ 28,437,674	\$ 833,977	\$ 2,331,254	\$ 26,940,397	\$ 1,769,695

The LGERS pension plan had a net pension plan asset as of June 30, 2023; however, the plan had a net pension liability at the beginning of the fiscal year. Compensated absences, net pension obligation, and other post-employment benefits are typically liquidated in the General Fund. Compensated absences are accounted for on a first-in, first-out basis.

At June 30, 2023, the Town had a legal debt margin of \$247,373,600.

Interfund Activity

Balances due to/from other funds at June 30, 2023, consisted of \$441,206 due to the General Fund from various Capital Project Funds (nonmajor funds), resulting from the time lag for reimbursable expenditures that occur and repayment between funds are made.

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2023, consist of the following:

Transfers to	Transfers from	Amount
General Fund	Utility Fund	\$ 750,000
Marina Project Fund	General Fund	193,251
Non Major Governmental Funds	General Fund	297,280
		\$ 1,240,531

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Transfers are used to move unrestricted revenues to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, to close out completed capital project funds or to cover cost allocation attributed to the Utility Fund.

Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description: The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina 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. LGERS provides retirement and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. 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 thirteen 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 the State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The LGERS is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 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, or by calling (919) 981-5454 or at 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. The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina 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 Carolina Beach, North Carolina's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 13.04% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 12.10% for general employees and firefighters, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina were \$951,551 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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.

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions</u>

At June 30, 2023, the Town reported a liability of \$5,429,310 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2022 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, 2022, the Town's proportion was 0.096%, which was an increase of 0.001% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense of \$1,506,451. At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred		Deferred	
	Outflows of		Inflows of	
	Resources		Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	233,944	\$	22,937
Net difference between projected and actual earnings				
on pension plan investments		1,794,444		-
Changes of assumptions		541,723		-
Changes in proportion and differences between Town				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		42,508		40,030
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date		951,551		-
	\$	3,564,170	\$	62,967

\$951,551 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows: 2024 – \$784,888; 2025 – \$708,213; 2026 – \$201,644; and 2027 – \$854,907.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.0%

Salary increases 3.50 to 8.10 percent, including inflation

and productivity factor

Investment rate of return 6.50%, 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, 2021 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, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	29.0%	1.4%
Global equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation protection	6.0%	4.0%
	100%	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2021 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 6.50%. 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 6.50 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 (5.50%) or one percentage point higher (7.50%) than the current rate:

	1%	Discount	1%
	Decrease	Rate	Increase
	(5.50%)	(6.50%)	(7.50%)
Town's proportionate share of the			
net pension liability (asset)	\$ 9,799,206	\$ 5,429,310	\$ 1,828,263

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

b. Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description - The Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina 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% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

All full-time law enforcement officers of the Town are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2021, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	2
Active plan members	27
	29

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

The Separation Allowance has no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the following criteria which are outlined in GASB Statements 73:

Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2021 valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.5%

Salary increases 3.25 to 7.75 percent, including inflation

and productivity factor

Discount rate 4.31%

The discount rate is based on the yield of the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as of December 31, 2021.

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

Contributions

The Town is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the benefit payments on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. The Town's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. There were no contributions made by employees. Administration costs of the Separation Allowance are financed through investment earnings. The Town paid \$27,327 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

<u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions</u>

At June 30, 2023, the Town reported a pension liability of \$632,099. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized pension expense of \$61,063. At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to Separation Allowance from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of		I	Deferred Inflows of	
			Iı		
	Resources		Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	3,654	\$	155,910	
Changes of assumptions		153,265		151,621	
Town benefit payments and plan administrative expenses					
made subsequent to the measurement date		13,663		-	
	\$	170,582	\$	307,531	

\$13,663 paid as benefits came due subsequent to the measurement date, are reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows: 2024 – (\$22,153); 2025 – (\$23,567); 2026 – (\$15,463); 2027 – (\$28,318); 2028 – (\$42,097) and thereafter – (\$19,014).

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 4.31 percent, as well as what the Town's total pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1%	Discount	1%
	Decrease	Rate	Increase
	(3.31%)	(4.31%)	(5.31%)
Total pension liability	\$ 700,149	\$ 632,099	\$ 571,482

Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability: The Town's annual pension cost and net pension obligation to the Separation Allowance for the current year were as follows:

Annual required contributions	\$ 59,603
Interest on net pension obligation	17,502
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	(148,946)
Difference between expected and actual experience	(60,262)
Benefit payments	(27,327)
Annual pension cost	(159,430)
Contributions made	 -
Increase in net pension obligation	(159,430)
Net pension obligation, beginning of year	 791,529
Net pension obligation, end of year	\$ 632,099

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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending December 31, 2019.

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description: The Town contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan ("Plan"), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the Town. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers is included in the *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) for the State of North Carolina. The State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy: Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the Town to contribute each month an amount equal to 5% of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the Plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$252,592 which consisted of \$147,659 from the Town and \$104,933 from the law enforcement officers.

minimum of 20 years of continuous service with the Town and meet the eligibility of the plan. The Town pays half the cost of coverage for the benefits of retirees with 15-19 years of continuous service. Any less than 15 years of continuous service and the Town does not cover the cost of coverage. Employees hired before July 1, 2015, will receive coverage paid for by the Town based on criteria met. Employees hired after July 1, 2015, are not eligible for coverage. Retirees who do not meet the aforementioned criteria have the option to purchase basic medical insurance for themselves and their dependents through the Town. The entire cost of this insurance is borne by the retirees. The Town maintains healthcare coverage through private insurers and has the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75. A separate report is not issued for the plan.

Membership of the post-employment health benefit plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2022, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	27
Active plan members	56
	83

Total OPEB Liability

The Town's total OPEB liability of \$8,352,955 was measured as of June 30, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 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, including wage inflation of 3.5%	
General Employees	3.25% to 8.41%
Firefighters	3.25% to 8.15%
Law Enforcement Officers	3.25% to 7.90%
Discount rate	3.54%
Healthcare cost trend rates	
Pre-Medicare	7.00% for 2021 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by
	2031
Medicare	5.125% for 2021 decreasing to
	an ultimate rate of 4.50% by
	2024

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

The discount rate is based on the June average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index published weekly by The Bond Buyer.

Changes in the Total OPEB liability

Service cost	\$ 347,057
Interest	232,492
Differences between expected and actual experience	(8,444)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(2,555,951)
Benefit payments	 (156,504)
Net changes	(2,141,350)
OPEB balance, beginning of year	 10,494,305
OPEB balance, end of year	\$ 8,352,955

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.21% to 3.54%, which is based on the Municipal Bond Index Rate of a 20-year tax exempt municipal bond (rating AA/Aa or higher) rate.

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 2015 through December 2019.

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 (2.54%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.54%) than the current discount rate:

		Current						
	1%	Discount Rate	1%					
	Decrease	(3.54)	Increase					
Total OPEB liability	\$ 10,106,625	\$ 8,352,955	\$ 7,002,426					

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:

	1%	1%		
	Decrease	Current	Increase	
Total OPEB liability	\$ 6,820,428	\$ 8,352,955	\$ 10,391,595	

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town Recognized OPEB expense of \$24,258. At June 30, 2023, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Def	erred		Deferred
	Outflows of]	Inflows of
	Resources			Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	-	\$	1,149,725
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,	489,989		2,702,803
Town benefit payments and plan administrative expenses				
made subsequent to the measurement date		142,355		-
Total	\$ 1,0	632,344	\$	3,852,528

\$142,355 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows: 2024 through 2025: (\$555,291), 2026: (\$500,289); 2027: (\$227,457), 2028: (\$433,514) and thereafter: (\$90,697).

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 employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan and not by the Town, the Town does not determine the number of eligible participants. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based on rates established annually by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The Town considers these contributions to be immaterial.

TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Total Expense, Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources of All Plans

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

	LGERS	LEOSSA	OPEB	Total
Plan Expense	\$ 1,056,451	\$ 61,063	\$ 24,258	\$ 1,141,772
Plan Liability	5,429,310	632,099	8,352,955	14,414,364
Proportionate share of the net plan				
liability	0.096%	N/A	N/A	
Deferred of Outflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and				
actual experience	233,944	3,654	-	237,598
Changes of assumptions	541,723	153,265	1,489,989	2,184,977
Net difference between projected				
and actual earnings on plan				
investments	1,794,444	-	-	1,794,444
Changes in proportion and				
differences between contributions				
and proportionate share of				
contributions	42,508	-	-	42,508
Benefit payments and administrative				
costs paid subsequent to the				
measurement date	951,551	13,663	142,355	1,107,569
Deferred of Inflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and				
actual experience	22,937	155,910	1,149,725	1,328,572
Changes of assumptions	=	151,621	2,702,803	2,854,424
Net difference between projected				
and actual earnings on plan				
investments	-	-	-	-
Changes in proportion and				
differences between contributions				
and proportionate share of				
contributions	40,030	=	-	40,030

The Town has several deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources are comprised of the following:

	S	tatement of	Gene	ral Fund
	N	let Position	Balance Sheet	
Benefit payments and administrative expenses for plans		_		
made subsequent to measurement date	\$	1,107,569	\$	-
Net difference between projected and actual		1,794,444		-
Changes in assumptions		2,184,977		-
Differences between expected and actual experience		237,598		-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		42,508		-
	\$	5,367,096	\$	-

Deferred inflows of resources at year end are comprised of the following:

	S	tatement of	General Fund		
	N	Vet Position	Bal	ance Sheet	
Taxes receivables	\$	-	\$	176,700	
Assessment receivables		-		23,013	
Changes in assumptions		2,854,424		-	
Differences between expected and actual experience		1,328,572		-	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings					
on plan investments		-		-	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer					
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		40,030		-	
	\$	4,223,026	\$	199,713	

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 insurance values of the property policy, and workers' compensation coverage up to the statutory limits. The pools are reinsured through commercial companies for single occurrence claims against general liability and property in excess of \$500,000 and \$300,000 up to statutory limits for workers' compensation. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the Town upon request. The property liability pool has an aggregate limit for the total property losses in a single year, with the reinsurance limit based upon a percentage of the total insurance values.

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.

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

The Town carries flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP). Because the Town is in an area of the State that has been mapped and designated an "A" area (an area close to a river, lake, or stream) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Town is eligible to purchase coverage of \$500,000 per structure through the NFIP. Each structure is insured at an appropriate level. In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The Finance Officer is individually bonded for \$50,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket for \$100,000.

NOTE 3 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

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 4 - CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The Town assisted a local not-for-profit organization to obtain a loan from a financial institution to provide financial assistance to develop local properties for the benefit of the residents of Carolina Beach. This debt is secured by properties owned by the not-for-profit and are payable solely from the payments received from the not-for-profit. The Town is not obligated in any manner for the repayment of this debt and accordingly, it is not reported as a liability in the accompanying financial statements. The Town contributes to the not-for-profit an annual amount to help in making the debt service payments of this debt. At year end, the amount outstanding is approximately \$887,431.



Local Government Employees' Retirement System Required Supplementary Information

Last Nine Fiscal Years*

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability:			
	2023	2022	2021
Proportionate of the net pension liability (asset)	0.096%	0.095%	0.089%
Proportionate of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 5,429,310	\$ 1,457,990	\$ 3,191,427
Covered-employee payroll	8,263,537	7,772,557	6,857,062
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	65.70%	18.76%	46.54%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.14%	91.63%	94.18%
Contributions:			
Contractually required contribution	\$ 814,971	\$ 654,794	\$ 654,794
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	814,971	654,794	 654,794
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ -	\$ -
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 8,263,537	\$ 7,772,557	\$ 6,857,062
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.86%	8.42%	9.55%

^{* -} The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.093%	0.097%	0.099%	0.099%	0.094%	 0.090%
\$ 2,552,866	\$ 2,294,529	\$ 1,509,543	\$ 2,000,089	\$ 406,069	\$ (454,753)
6,333,880	5,818,062	4,892,879	5,508,904	4,919,007	4,520,727
40.30%	39.44%	30.85%	36.31%	8.26%	-10.06%
91.47%	98.09%	99.07%	102.64%	94.35%	96.45%
\$ 532,260	\$ 463,303	\$ 408,178	\$ 332,667	\$ 295,139	\$ 269,615
532,260	463,303	408,178	332,667	295,139	 269,615
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 	\$ _
\$ 6,333,880	\$ 5,818,062	\$ 4,892,879	\$ 5,508,904	\$ 4,919,007	\$ 4,520,727
8.40%	7.96%	8.34%	6.04%	6.00%	5.96%

Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

 $\label{lem:condition} \textbf{Required Supplementary Information}$

Last Seven Fiscal Years

Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability:

	2023	2022	2021
Beginning balance	\$ 791,529	\$ 735,065	\$ 488,354
Service cost	59,603	65,181	41,120
Interest on the total pension liability	17,502	16,038	18,990
Differences between expected and actual			
experience in the measurement of the			
total pension liability	(60,262)	(80,251)	(48,370)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(148,946)	(27,599)	264,199
Benefit payments	(27,327)	(25,670)	(29,228)
Ending balance of the total pension liability	\$ 632,099	\$ 682,764	\$ 735,065

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

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

Total pension liability	\$ 632,099	\$ 682,764	\$ 735,065
Covered payroll	1,752,025	1,666,572	1,593,293
Total pension liability as a percentage of			
covered payroll	36.08%	40.97%	46.13%

Notes to the Schedules:

The Town of Carolina Beach has no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB 73 to pay related benefits.

2020	2019	2018	2017
\$ 503,725	\$ 597,760	\$ 503,725	\$ 496,594
37,802	41,722	36,109	32,649
21,764	18,427	18,884	17,207
(66,297)	12,860	21,406	_
20,588	(29,051)	46,648	(13,497)
(29,228)	(29,228)	(29,012)	(29,228)
\$ 488,354	\$ 612,490	\$ 597,760	\$ 503,725
\$ 488,354	\$ 612,490	\$ 597,760	\$ 503,725
1,739,444	1,617,865	1,539,776	1,402,866
28.08%	37.86%	38.82%	35.91%

Other Post-Employment Benefits

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Last Six Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021
Total OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 347,057	\$ 403,795	\$ 258,644
Interest	232,492	243,542	283,261
Differences between expected and actual			
experience	(8,444)	(872,239)	(22,074)
Changes of assumptions	(2,555,951)	176,317	2,395,577
Benefit payments	(156,504)	(145,820)	(121,398)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(2,141,350)	(194,405)	2,794,010
Total OPEB liability - beginning	10,494,305	10,688,710	7,894,700
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 8,352,955	\$ 10,494,305	\$ 10,688,710
Covered payroll	\$ 3,655,438	\$ 3,655,438	\$ 3,919,499
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	228.51%	287.09%	272.71%

Notes to Schedule

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

Fiscal Year	Rate		
2023	3.54%		
2022	2.16%		
2021	2.21%		
2020	3.50%		
2019	3.89%		

2020	2019	2018		
\$ 419,595	\$ 448,632	\$ 514,672		
328,110	299,775	264,641		
(1 210 400)	(24.205)	(2.628)		
(1,218,488)	(34,305)	(2,628)		
(4,922)	(589,512)	(1,042,422)		
(127,403)	(94,031)	(117,256)		
(603,108)	30,559	(382,993)		
8,497,808	8,467,249	8,850,242		
\$ 7,894,700	\$ 8,497,808	\$ 8,467,249		
\$ 3,919,499	\$ 4,892,879	\$ 4,892,879		
201.42%	173.68%	173.05%		



$Schedule\ of\ Revenues,\ Expenditures,\ and\ Changes\ in\ Fund\ Balances\ -\ Budget\ and\ Actual\ General\ Fund$

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	F	ariance Positive Legative)
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes:				
Taxes		\$ 6,529,372		
Penalties and interest		18,586		
Total ad valorem taxes	\$ 6,492,270	6,547,958	\$	55,688
Other taxes and licenses:				
Auto licenses		5,265		
Privilege licenses		85,201		
Total other taxes and licenses	40,985	90,466		49,481
Unrestricted intergovernmental:				
Local option sales taxes		3,056,600		
Utility sales tax		567,480		
ABC distribution		1,066,073		
Beer and wine tax		29,841		
Other taxes		703,196		
Cable franchise tax		86,936		
Total unrestricted intergovernmental	4,592,280	5,510,126		917,846
Restricted intergovernmental:				
Powell Bill allocation		211,512		
Other grants		43,079		
Total restricted intergovernmental	255,412	254,591		(821)
Permits and fees:				
Building permits		32,312		
Parking permits		306,142		
Assessments		44,654		
Inspection fees		326,382		
Total permits and fees	785,235	709,490		(75,745)
Sales and services:				
Rents		265,628		
Recreation fees		1,353,288		
Court fees		14,518		
Parking		2,605,719		
Refuse fees	6 047 252	2,060,418		252 210
Total sales and services	6,047,352	6,299,571		252,219
Investment earnings	80,000	440,418		360,418

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual General Fund (Continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	
Revenues (Continued):			(= : - 8 - : - :)	
Miscellaneous	\$ 102,000	\$ 125,787	\$ 23,787	
Total Revenues	18,395,534	19,978,407	1,582,873	
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Governing body:				
Salaries and employee benefits		80,327		
Other operating expenses		209,135		
Capital outlay		2,031,174		
Total	2,378,218	2,320,636	57,582	
Administration:				
Salaries and employee benefits		626,465		
Other operating expense		646,797		
Total	1,446,318	1,273,262	173,056	
Clerk:				
Salaries and employee benefits		130,067		
Other operating expenses		24,429		
Total	173,233	154,496	18,737	
Finance:				
Salaries and employee benefits		328,048		
Other operating expenses		106,387		
Total	510,160	434,435	75,725	
Human Resources:				
Salaries and employee benefits		436,399		
Other operating expenses		123,065		
Total	634,674	559,464	75,210	

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual General Fund (Continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget Actual		Variance Positive (Negative)	
Expenditures (Continued):				
Planning:		ф <i>(52.055</i>		
Salaries and employee benefits		\$ 652,055		
Other operating expense	ф 0 27 (0 2	74,786	ф. 100 04 2	
Total	\$ 827,683	726,841	\$ 100,842	
Parking:				
Other operating expense		644,170		
Capital outlay		36,761		
Total	805,947	680,931	125,016	
Beach Maintenance:				
Salaries and benefits		301,142		
Other operating expenses		252,016		
Capital outlay		30,685		
Total	700,128	583,843	116,285	
Marina:				
Salaries and benefits		97,991		
Other operating expenses		28,515		
Capital outlay		95,138		
Total	225,948	221,644	4,304	
Total general government	7,702,309	6,955,552	746,757	
Public Safety:				
Police:				
Salaries and employee benefits		2,691,726		
Other operating expenses		445,604		
Capital outlay		180,220		
Total	3,443,693	3,317,550	126,143	
Fire:				
Salaries and employee benefits		1,599,227		
Other operating expenses		298,836		
Capital outlay		59,774		
Total	2,952,440	1,957,837	994,603	

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual General Fund (Continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued):	Daaget	1 Ctual	(Tregutive)
Lifeguard:			
Salaries and employee benefits		\$ 410,480	
Other operating expenses		48,026	
Capital outlay		52,609	
Total	\$ 659,706	511,115	\$ 148,591
Total public safety	7,055,839	5,786,502	1,269,337
Transportation:			
Street and Highways:			
Street maintenance		714,756	
Total transportation	869,290	714,756	154,534
Fleet Maintenance:			
Other operating expenses		251,982	
Total fleet maintenance	338,250	251,982	86,268
Environmental Protection:			
Solid Waste:			
Salaries and employee benefits		925,033	
Other operating expenses		2,642,578	
Capital outlay		67,150	
Total environmental protection	3,842,549	3,634,761	207,788
Cultural and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation:			
Salaries and employee benefits		590,233	
Other operating expenses		526,545	
Capital outlay		109,249	
Total cultural and recreation	1,260,925	1,226,027	34,898
Non-Departmental:			
Other operating expenses		269,665	
Total non-departmental	272,723	269,665	3,058

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual General Fund (Continued)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	\$ 1,263,670	\$ 1,263,670	\$ -
Interest and other charges	203,608	199,883	3,725
Total debt service	1,467,278	1,463,553	3,725
Total expenditures	22,809,163	20,302,798	2,506,365
Revenue over (under) expenditures	(4,413,629)	(324,391)	4,089,238
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	584,710	617,102	32,392
Transfers out	(357,633)	(357,633)	-
Lease liabilities issued	-	128,206	128,206
Long-term debt issued	2,827,810	2,827,810	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	3,054,887	3,215,485	160,598
Fund balance appropriated	1,358,742		(1,358,742)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	2,891,094	\$ 2,891,094
Fund balances, beginning		9,714,788	
Fund balances, ending		\$12,605,882	

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds

June 30, 2023

	Lake Park Ocean Sidewalk A Project Project Fund Fund			American Rescue Plan Fund		Saint Joseph Bike Path Fund	
Assets							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	418,892	\$	14,100	\$	-	\$ 104,373
Accounts receivable		-		-		-	-
Due from other governments		-		-		5,169	-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		528,224		448,475		219,496	-
Total assets	\$	947,116	\$	462,575	\$	224,665	\$ 104,373
Liabilities and Fund Balances							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable and other current							
liabilities	\$	-	\$	5,100	\$	-	\$ 90,161
Due to other funds		-		-		-	-
Unearned revenues		912,588		428,013		224,665	-
Total liabilities		912,588		433,113		224,665	90,161
Fund Balances:							
Assigned:							
Capital projects		34,528		29,462		-	14,212
Total fund balances		34,528		29,462		_	14,212
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	947,116	\$	462,575	\$	224,665	\$ 104,373

cond Street ving Project Fund	Star Fish Lane Project Fund		Hamlet Bathroom Project Fund		Ţ	VAC Jnit Fund	Total Nonmajor overnmental Funds
\$ 306,930	\$	131,250 305 - 131,555	\$	- - - - -	\$	- - - -	\$ 844,295 131,250 5,474 1,196,195 2,177,214
\$ - - - -	\$	84,896 33,241 - 118,137	\$	- - - -	\$	- - - -	\$ 180,157 33,241 1,565,266 1,778,664
\$ 306,930 306,930 306,930	\$	13,418 13,418 131,555	\$	<u>-</u> 	\$	<u>-</u> -	\$ 398,550 398,550 2,177,214

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Lake Park Ocean Sidewa Project Project Fund Fund		Project	American Rescue Plan Fund		Saint Joseph Bike Path Fund		
Revenues:			'	_				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	87,412	\$	459,710	\$	513,696	\$	-
Investment earnings		32,998		28,086		-		_
Total revenues		120,410		487,796		513,696		-
Expenditures:								
Current:								
Capital outlay		87,412		459,711		513,696		100,233
Total expenditures		87,412		459,711		513,696		100,233
Revenues over (under)								
expenditures		32,998		28,085		-		(100,233)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Transfers from other funds		-		-		-		-
Long-term debt issued		_		_		-		-
Total other financing sources				-		-		
Net change in fund balances		32,998		28,085				(100,233)
Fund balances, beginning		1,530		1,377				114,445
Fund balances, ending	\$	34,528	\$	29,462	\$		\$	14,212

Second Stre Paving Proje Fund		Star Fish Lane Project Fund		Hamlet Bathroom Project Fund		HVAC Unit Fund		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds		
\$ -	\$	31,250	\$	- 1_	\$	900	\$	1,192,068 61,985		
-		131,250		1		900		1,254,053		
2,3	98	179,556		95,210		366,309		1,804,525		
2,3	98	179,556		95,210		366,309		1,804,525		
(2,3)	98)	(48,306)		(95,209)		(365,409)		(550,472)		
309,3	28	61,724		(32,393)		(41,379)		297,280		
309,3	28	61,724		(32,393)		(41,379)		297,280		
306,9	30	13,418		(127,602)		(406,788)		(253,192)		
_				127,602		406,788		651,742		
\$ 306,9	30 5	\$ 13,418	\$	-	\$	-	\$	398,550		

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Marina Project Fund

		Actual					
	Project	Prior	Current	Total to			
	Authorization	Years	Year	Date			
Revenues:							
Investment income	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 37,015	\$ 37,067			
Restricted intergovernmental	4,190,232	1,783,899	1,238,808	3,022,707			
Total revenues	4,190,232	1,783,951	1,275,823	3,059,774			
Expenditures:							
Capital outlay	5,945,060	2,791,268	1,620,571	4,411,839			
Total expenditures	5,945,060	2,791,268	1,620,571	4,411,839			
Revenues under expenditures	(1,754,828)	(1,007,317)	(344,748)	(1,352,065)			
Other financing sources:							
Long-term borrowing issued	520,000	520,000	-	520,000			
Transfers in	1,234,828	1,041,577	193,251	1,234,828			
Total other financing sources	1,754,828	1,561,577	193,251	1,754,828			
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ 554,260	(151,497)	\$ 402,763			
Fund balances, beginning			554,260				
Fund balances, ending			\$ 402,763				

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Hamlet Bathroom/Ocean Rescue Fund

		Actual					
	Project	Prior	Current	Total to			
	Authorization	Years	Year	Date			
Revenues:							
Investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 186	\$ 1	\$ 187			
Total revenues		186	1	187			
Expenditures:							
Capital outlay	1,285,245	1,157,829	95,210	1,253,039			
Total expenditures	1,285,245	1,157,829	95,210	1,253,039			
Revenues under expenditures	(1,285,245)	(1,157,643)	(95,209)	(1,252,852)			
Other financing sources:							
Transfers in (out)	85,245	85,245	(32,393)	52,852			
Long-term debt issued	1,200,000	1,200,000	-	1,200,000			
Total other financing sources	1,285,245	1,285,245	(32,393)	1,252,852			
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ 127,602	(127,602)	\$ -			
Fund balances, beginning			127,602				
Fund balances, ending			\$ -				

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Lake Park Recreation Project Fund

		Actual						
	Project	Prior	Current	Total to				
	Authorization	Years	Year	Date				
Revenues:								
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 87,412	\$ 87,412				
Investment earnings	-	1,530	32,998	34,528				
Total revenues	1,000,000	1,530	120,410	121,940				
Expenditures:								
Capital outlay	1,175,000		87,412	87,412				
Total expenditures	1,175,000		87,412	87,412				
Revenues under expenditures	(175,000)	1,530	32,998	34,528				
Other financing sources:								
Transfers in	175,000	-	-	-				
Total other financing sources	175,000			-				
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ 1,530	32,998	\$ 34,528				
Fund balances, beginning			1,530					
Fund balances, ending			\$ 34,528					

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Ocean Sidewalk Fund

			Actual					
		Project		Prior		Current	Total to	
	Αυ	thorization	Years		Year			Date
Revenues:								
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	900,000	\$	12,277	\$	459,710	\$	471,987
Investment earnings		20,557		1,377		28,086		29,463
Total revenues		920,557		13,654		487,796		501,450
Expenditures:								
Capital outlay		920,557		12,277		459,711		471,988
Total expenditures		920,557		12,277		459,711		471,988
Net change in fund balance	•	_	\$	1,377		28,085	\$	29,462
Net change in fund balance	<u> </u>		Ψ	1,377		20,003	<u>Ψ</u>	29,402
Fund balances, beginning						1,377		
Fund balances, ending					\$	29,462		

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual American Rescue Plan Fund

		Actual					
	Project	Prior	Current	Total to			
	Authorization	Years	Year	Date			
Revenues:							
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ 1,019,672	\$ 281,312	\$ 513,696	\$ 795,008			
Total revenues	1,019,672	281,312	513,696	795,008			
Expenditures:							
Capital outlay	1,019,672	281,312	513,696	795,008			
Total expenditures	1,019,672	281,312	513,696	795,008			
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -			
Fund balances, beginning							
Fund balances, ending			\$ -				

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual HVAC Unit Fund

			Actual						
	Pro	oject		Prior	(Current	Total to		
	Autho	rization		Years		Year	Date		
Revenues:									
Investment earnings	\$	-	\$	19	\$	900	\$	919	
Total revenues				19		900		919	
Expenditures:									
Capital outlay	6	87,953		281,184		366,309		647,493	
Total expenditures	6	87,953		281,184		366,309		647,493	
Revenues under expenditures	(6	87,953)		(281,165)		(365,409)		(646,574)	
Other financing sources:									
Transfers out		-		-		(41,379)		(41,379)	
Long-term debt issued	6	87,953		687,953		_		687,953	
Total other financing sources	6	87,953		687,953		(41,379)		646,574	
Net change in fund balance	\$	_	\$	406,788		(406,788)	\$		
Fund balances, beginning						406,788			
Fund balances, ending					\$	-			

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Saint Joseph Bike Path Fund

					Actual		
		Project	 Prior		Current	Total to	
	Au	thorization	Years	Year		Date	
Revenues:			 				
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	457,777	\$ -	\$		\$	-
Total revenues		457,777	 				
Expenditures:							
Capital outlay		572,222	-		100,233		100,233
Total expenditures		572,222	-		100,233		100,233
Revenues under expenditures		(114,445)			(100,233)		(100,233)
Other financing sources:							
Transfers in		114,445	114,445		-		114,445
Total other financing sources		114,445	114,445		-		114,445
Net change in fund balance	\$		\$ 114,445		(100,233)	\$	14,212
Fund balances, beginning					114,445		
Fund balances, ending				\$	14,212		

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Second Street Paving Project

		Actual						
	Project	Prior	Current	Total to				
	Authorization	Years	Year	Date				
Revenues:								
Restricted intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Total revenues								
Expenditures:								
Capital outlay	309,328	-	2,398	2,398				
Total expenditures	309,328	_	2,398	2,398				
Revenues under expenditures	(309,328)		(2,398)	(2,398)				
Other financing sources:								
Transfers in	309,328	-	309,328	309,328				
Total other financing sources	309,328	-	309,328	309,328				
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	306,930	\$ 306,930				
Fund balances, beginning								
Fund balances, ending			\$ 306,930					

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Star Fish Lane Project

				Actual					
	Project		Prior			Current		Total to	
	Au	thorization	Y	ears	Year		Date		
Revenues:			•			_		_	
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	131,250	\$	-	\$	131,250	\$	131,250	
Total revenues		131,250	-	-		131,250		131,250	
Expenditures:									
Capital outlay		192,974		-		179,556		179,556	
Total expenditures		192,974		-		179,556		179,556	
Revenues under expenditures		(61,724)		_		(48,306)		(48,306)	
Other financing sources:									
Transfers in		61,724		-		61,724		61,724	
Total other financing sources		61,724		-		61,724		61,724	
Net change in fund balance	\$		\$	-		13,418	\$	13,418	
Fund balances, beginning									
Fund balances, ending					\$	13,418			

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -

Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Utility Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Operating revenues:			
Customer charges:			
Water and sewer		\$ 6,654,378	
User fees		489,817	
Other municipals		260,486	
Stormwater fees		1,803,031	
Total customer charges	\$ 9,273,463	9,207,712	\$ (65,751)
Other Operating Revenues:			
Water and sewer taps	604,036	415,395	(188,641)
Other operating revenues	23,000	25,088	2,088
Total other operating revenues	627,036	440,483	(186,553)
Non-Operating Revenues:			
Interest	20,150	544,879	524,729
Total non-operating revenues	20,150	544,879	524,729
Total revenues	9,920,649	10,193,074	272,425
Expenditures:			
Water and Sewer Administration:			
Salaries and employee benefits		467,035	
Other operating expenditures		(161,725)	
Total water and sewer administration	618,207	305,310	312,897
Facilities and Equipment:			
Other operating expenditures		128,001	
Total facilities and equipment	153,651	128,001	25,650
Water Treatment:			
Salaries and employee benefits		426,791	
Chemicals		178,325	
Utilities		139,451	
Other operating expenditures		407,347	
Total water treatment	1,183,039	1,151,914	31,125
(Co	ontinued)		

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Utility Fund (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued):			
Water Distribution:			
Salaries and employee benefits		\$ 154,016	
Utilities		78,360	
Other operating expenditures	Ф 007.635	493,602	ф. 161.65 7
Total water distribution	\$ 887,635	725,978	\$ 161,657
Waste Collection and Treatment: Sewer Collection System:			
Salaries and employee benefits		737,139	
Other operating expenditures		441,060	
Total water collection and treatment	1,281,400	1,178,199	103,201
Stormwater Drainage:			
Salaries and employee benefits		646,612	
Other operating expenditures		233,739	
Total stormwater drainage	1,015,375	880,351	135,024
Repairs and Maintenance	1,641,815	1,124,968	516,847
Total operating expenditures	6,781,122	5,494,721	1,286,401
Non-Operating Expenses: Debt service:			
Interest		947,847	
Principal retirement		1,276,011	
Total debt service	2,539,647	2,223,858	315,789
Capital Outlay:			
System improvements	335,775	34,684	301,091
Total expenditures	9,656,544	7,753,263	1,903,281
Revenues over (under) expenditures	264,105	2,439,811	2,175,706
Other financing sources (uses):			
Appropriated fund balance	680,802	-	(680,802)
Transfer to other funds	(944,907)	(944,907)	<u> </u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	(264,105)	(944,907)	(680,802)
(Co	ontinued)		

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Utility Fund (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Rı	ıdget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues and other financing sources over		laget	7 Tetaar	(regative)
expenditures and other financing uses	\$		\$ 1,494,904	\$ 1,494,904
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) t	o full ac	crual:		
Capital project fund - capital outlay			(217,166)	
Capital project fund - intergovernmental grant			214,770	
Capital project fund - investment earnings			63,526	
Transfers into capital project fund			194,907	
Principal retirement			1,578,791	
Capital outlay			1,237,118	
Loss on disposal of capital assets			(73,913)	
Amortization of issuance premiums			(302,780)	
Changes in related pension liability			(384,294)	
Amortization			(14,626)	
Depreciation			(1,883,779)	
Total reconciling items			412,554	
Change in net position			\$ 1,907,458	

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Water Project From Inception and Year Ended June 30, 2023

			Actual					
		Project	Prior		Current			
	A	uthorization	Y	ears		Year	Total	
Revenues:								
Investment earnings	\$	-	\$	731	\$	63,526	\$	64,257
Restricted intergovernmental		2,000,000		38,360		214,770		253,130
Total revenues		2,000,000		39,091		278,296		317,387
Expenditures:								
Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects:								
Phases B, C, D, and E	\$	13,761,222	\$13,	681,411	\$	-	\$1	3,681,411
Wastewater Treatment Plant		731,963		731,963		-		731,963
Water Lines, Lakes and Wells		7,405,181	3,	791,615		214,768		4,006,383
Total expenditures		21,898,366	18,	204,989		214,768	1	8,419,757
Other financing sources:								
Transfers in		19,898,366	19,	898,366		-	1	9,898,366
Total other financing sources		19,898,366	19,	898,366		-	1	9,898,366
Revenues and other financing sources over								
expenditures and other financing uses	\$		\$ 1,	732,468	\$	63,528	\$	1,795,996

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TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP) - Northend Project

From Inception and Year Ended June 30, 2023

				Actual				
		Project		Prior	Cı	urrent		
	Αu	thorization		Years		Year		Total
Expenditures:								
Stormwater improvements	\$	909,549	\$	696,562	\$	-	\$	696,562
Total expenditures		909,549		696,562		-		696,562
Other financing sources:								
Transfers in		909,549		909,549		-		909,549
Total other financing sources		909,549		909,549		-		909,549
Other financing sources over								
expenditures	\$	_	\$	212,987	\$	-	\$	212,987

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual Second Street Utility Project

					Actual			
	Project		Prior		Current		Total to	
	Autho	orization	Y	ears	Year		Date	
Revenues:								
Restricted intergovernmental	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total revenues		-				-		
Expenditures:								
Capital outlay		194,907		-		2,398		2,398
Total expenditures		194,907		-		2,398		2,398
Revenues under expenditures	(194,907)				(2,398)		(2,398)
Other financing sources:								
Transfers in		194,907		-		194,907		194,907
Total other financing sources		194,907		-		194,907		194,907
Net change in fund balance	\$		\$	_		192,509	\$	192,509
Fund balances, beginning								
Fund balances, ending					\$	192,509		



General Fund

Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

June	30,	, 2023
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Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance July 1,2022		Balance			ncollected Balance ne 30, 2023
2022-2023	\$	-	\$ 6,537,598	\$ 6,501,393	3 \$	36,205
2021-2022		39,921	-	26,597		13,324
2020-2021		14,640	_	2,744	1	11,896
2019-2020		20,109	-	2,900		17,209
2018-2019		17,209	-	1,892	2	15,317
2017-2018		15,056	-	853	3	14,203
2016-2017		18,373	-	387	7	17,986
2015-2016		17,289	-	244	1	17,045
2014-2015		17,926	-	238	3	17,688
2013-2014		15,851	-	165	5	15,686
2012-2013		12,396	-	12,254	1	142
Total	\$	188,770	\$ 6,537,598	\$ 6,549,667	7	176,701
Less: allowance for uncollectible ad v Ad valorem taxes receivable - net Reconciliation of collections and cred			ble		\$_	176,701
Ad valorem taxes - general fund Reconciling items:					\$	6,529,372
Releases and refunds and other a	ajustmen	ts				1,709
Interest and penalties collected Total collections and credits						18,586
Total collections and credits					<u>\$</u>	6,549,667

Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

				Total	Levy
	Property Valuation (in Thousand)	Rate	Amount of Levy	Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original levy:					
Property taxes at current					
year rate	\$ 2,926,854,283	0.2150	\$ 6,292,737	\$ 6,292,737	\$ -
Registered motor vehicles at current year rates Registered motor vehicles	86,461,135	0.2150	185,891	-	185,891
at prior year rates	25,120,030	0.2150	54,055	_	54,055
Penalties	, , , -		4,556	4,556	-
Total	3,038,435,448		6,537,239	6,297,293	239,946
Discoveries: Current year taxes		-	2,833	2,833	
Abatements:					
Current year taxes	(1,150,702)	-	(2,474)	(2,474)	
Total property value	\$ 3,037,284,746				
Net levy			6,537,598	6,297,652	239,946
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2	2023		36,205	36,205	
Current year's taxes collected			\$ 6,501,393	\$ 6,261,447	\$ 239,946
Current levy collection percentage	age		99.45%	99.43%	100.00%



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the 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, and each major fund, and the aggregated remaining fund information of the Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina (the "Town") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 27, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control 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. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 Town'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 Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Bernard Robinson & Company, L. F. P.

Greensboro, North Carolina October 27, 2023



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and State Single Audit Implementation Act

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

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's (the "Town") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on the Town's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Town's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance and State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and State Single Audit Implementation Act will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Town's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Town's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Bernard Robinson & Company, L.E.P.

Greensboro, North Carolina October 27, 2023

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major State Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and State Single Audit Implementation Act

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

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited Town of Carolina Beach, North Carolina's (the "Town") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on the Town's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Town's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each major state program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), as described in the Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and State Single Audit Implementation Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and State Single Audit Implementation Act will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Town's compliance with the requirements of each major state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Town's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Town's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Bernard Robinson & Company, S. F. P.

Greensboro, North Carolina October 27, 2023

Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	State/ Pass-through Grantor's Number	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures
Federal Grants:				
Department of Homeland Security				
Passed-through N.C. Department of Public Safety			\$ 157,030	\$ -
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	FEMA-4393-DR-NC		
Department of Transportation				
Passed-through N.C. Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	STBG-DA	100,233	=
United States Treasury				
Passed through the State of North Carolina				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	NC0073	604,093	-
Total assistance - federal program			861,356	
State Grants:				
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality				
Public Beach & Coastal Waterfront Access Program		CW-36287	-	131,250
N.C. Office of State Budget and Management				
State Capital Infrastructure Funds		SL 2021.180	-	778,439
N.C. Department of Transportation				
Non-state System Street Aid Allocation				
(Powell Bill)	-	DOT-4		748,406
Total assistance - state program			-	1,658,095
Total federal expenditures			\$ 861,356	
Total state expenditures				\$ 1,658,095

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards (SEFSA) includes the federal and State grant activity of the Town of Carolina Beach under the programs of the federal government and the State of North Carolina for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this SEFSA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town of Carolina Beach, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Town of Carolina Beach.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements	
(i) Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
(ii) Internal control over financial reporting	
(a) Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes X No
(b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	${}$ Yes ${X}$ No
(iii) Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes X No
Federal Awards	
(i) Internal control over major programs	
(a) Material weakness(es) identified	Yes X No
(b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified	Yes X No
(ii) Type of auditor's report issued on compliance	<u> </u>
for major programs:	Unmodified
(iii) Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be	
reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)	
of Uniform Guidance	Yes X No
(iv) Identification of major programs:	
Assistance Listing Number(s)	Name of Federal Program
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
(v) Dollar threshold used to distinguish between	
type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
(vi) Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee	YesX_No

Section II - Findings relating to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards:

Deficiencies

None reported

Section III - Findings and questioned costs relating to the major programs which are required to be reported as defined by the Uniform Guidance [2 CFR 200.516(a)]:

Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2023	Year	Ended	June	30.	2023
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Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

State Awards			
(i) Internal control over major programs			
(a) Material weakness(es) identified	Yes	X	No
(b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified	Yes	X	No
(ii) Type of auditor's report issued on compliance			
for major programs:	Unmodified		
(iii) Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be			
reported in accordance with the State Single			
Audit Implementation Act	Yes	X	No
(iv) Identification of major State programs:			_
Program Name			
Non-state System Street Aid Allocation (Por	well Bill)		
State Capital Infrastructure Funds			

Section II - Findings relating to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards:

Deficiencies

None reported

Section III - Findings and questioned costs relating to the major programs which are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Implementation Act:

Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2023

None
